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G.O., No. 1690 M.

DATED 29-7-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition

Requesting the Collector of Nellore to report on certain petitions protesting against the proposed appointment of a Secretary for the Nellore Munly: under the amended Act

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Current No. 2332. M of 1897 dated 16th June 1897 from the Private Secy to His Excellency the Governor.

Misc Order. No. 1690 M. mis. d/ 29.7.97.

The Collector is requested to report on the accompanying petitions objecting to the proposal of the municipal council to appoint a secretary.

V.R.
27/7/97

To. The Collector of Nellore.
with Current Nos 2204, 2235, 2332 M
(in original, to be returned)

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Current No. 2332 M of 1897, dated 16th June 1897 from the Private Secy. to His Excel The Governor

SUBJECT.

FOR ORDERS.

With the first of the letters
read above, the Chairman, Muni-
cipal Council, Nellore, forwards a
resolution of the Council, appointin
M. R. Ry D. C. Krishnayya, one of th
Councillors, as its Secretary on a s
lary of Rs 100. The average annu
income realized by the Munici
Council during the three conse
financial years ending with 18 ie
being Rs 41,920, the maximum
of the Secretary according to th
fixed in G.O. No. 1465 M dated
June 1897 is Rs 150. The salary
proposed, viz: Rs 100, is reasonable
may be approved.

2. The Candidate selecte
the place is stated to be a grad
in Arts of twelve years' standin
resident of Nellore for ten years a

s Employed as the first Assistant Master of the Free Church Mission High School on a salary of Rs 70. But, as he seems to have no experi-nce whatever of Office or executive work, it is submitted that the Council may be asked to nominate Government Official of some standing and experience for the place.

3. The second letter read above a telegram and the third and rth letters are petitions, protest- against the appointment of the etary chiefly on the grounds t the present resources of the nicipality are found to be fficient to meet the sanitary rther wants of the town, such improvement of drainage water-supply, construction of latrines and repair of etc., that as under the amend- Act, the Municipality might er in its revenue from the tax arts, trades, callings etc., the ointment of a Secretary would n a further increase of taxation urther neglect of sanitation etc., e town and that as the existing arrangement under which th collection of Municipal revenues (a it is believed is one of the Chief fun tions of the Secretary) is supervised by a Revenue Inspector, is working satisfactorily, the appointment of a Secretary is unnecessary. It is also stated that a paid Chairman who was appointed some years ago was withdrawn by Government on the representation of the Municipal Council that it was unable to maintain him, and as the present system of a Chairman with a x Carriage allowance and a Revenue Inspector is working satisfactorily, the Memorialists request that the Municipal Council may be exempted from the liability to appoint a Secretary under section 39-A of Act IV of 1884 as amended by Act III of 1897. 7.

Vide G.O. 532 m / 11th April 1891 (in the Confidential file) E

G.O. 1526 m / 29-11-94 - D

The carriage allce wd cease?

4. The closing balance of the

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udget for 1897-98 is Rs.3490 or 7.9 ercent of the estimated receipts. The rate of the tax on buildings and ands has recently been raised from ½ to 8½ per cent of their annual alue and this will bring in an dditional income of about Rs.1900. The plea of want of funds does not therefore appear to be tenable, but before passing final orders in the matter, the Collector may perhaps be asked to report on the objection petitions.

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Yes

5. It is proposed to delegate to the Secretary the Chairman's powers in the subsections (1) and (3) of Section 42 and also his powers under sections 52 (6), 90, 95, 103 (1) and (2) and 170. There seems to be no reason why more of the Chairman's powers should not be delegated to the Secretary.

V.R.
13/7/97

Ask Collector to report on the petitions

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Ans

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 2176 M

From the Collector of Nellore

Order.

No. 824

Dated 3rd June 1897
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SUBJECT.

Submitting resolution of the Municipal Council, Nellore, regarding the appointment of a Secretary, with remarks.

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CURRENT No. 2176M.

N. No. 824/Eng. dated 3rd June 1897.

Forwarded.

2. It is to be regretted the Chairman & Probationary Deputy Collector did not see the propriety of taking no part in the election of the Secretary, seeing that one of the two Candidates, the Successful one, is his brother-in-law. His vote does not however, appear to be invalid, and the non-selected candidate — V. Hanumanta Rao is altogether unfit to be Secretary. M.R.Ry. D. C. Kristnayya is

on the other hand

sufficiently qualified.

E. Seik.
ag. Collector.

Collector's Office
Nellore
3rd June 1897

To
The Secretary to Government,
Local & Municipal department,
Madras.

Cur. no. 565.A/Eng. of 97.

Local & Munl. (189) Department.

CURRENT No.

COLLECTOR
NELLORE
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From The Chairman
Municipal Council
Nellore.

No. 633.

Order

Submitted.
The person selected for the post of Secretary is a Municipal Councillor and a graduate of 12 years standing and has been a resident at Nellore for over 10 years. He is now the first Asst Master in the Free Church Mission High School on a salary of Rs 70 per mensem and bears an unblemished character.
He is a relative of the Pro: Dy Collector who now happens to be the Chairman. This fact does not seem to affect the merits

P.T.O.

Dated 26th May 1897.
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SUBJECT.

Submitting proposals for appointing Secretary &c under Section 39 A of the Act.

of the nomination made by the Council as the Asst: Dy Collector may at any moment be transferred or be relieved of his duties as Chairman.

Nellore
27th May 1897 } P. Sita Row
Hd Qr Dy Collector

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FORM No. MUN.

No. 633 MUN.

NELLORE MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
Dated 26th May 1897.

Desp. 26 May 1897.

Enc.

From
P. Sitaramayya Garu M. a
Chairman, Municipal Council,
Nellore.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Madras.

~~Sir,~~
Through
The Head Quarter Deputy Collector,
Nellore.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith Copies of Council's resolutions together with the proposition statement regarding the appointment of a Secretary his pay and the duties proposed to be delegated to him under Section 39 A (2) (3) (b) and (d) of the District Municipalities Act IV of 1884 and to request that Sanction of Government may be obtained for the same.

S.R.V. Press,
NELLORE.

The nominee is a Municipal Councillor

nd he is a graduate and teacher in one of

he Local High Schools.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

P. Sitaramayya

Chairman.

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FORM No. 11

F. No. $\frac{7.}{\text{MUN.}}$

EXTRACT FROM RESOLUTION BOOK OF THE NELLORE MUNICIPALITY.

No. 34 dated 18th May 1897.

Subject or Proposition Read note regarding the appointment of a Secretary to the Municipality.

Resolution 1, Proposed by Mr. Scott that the salary to be attached to the appointment of a Secretary should be Rs 100 per mensum.

Seconded by Mr. D. V. Vencatramayya Garu

For	Against
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Resolved that the pay to be attached to the Secretary's place should be Rs 100 per mensum.

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4. Proposed by Mr. Scott that Mr. S. Hanumantha Ro be appointed Secretary.

Seconded by Mr. V. Suryanarayana Row Pantulu

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FORM No. 11

5. Proposed by Mr. D. V. Vencatramayya Garu that Mr. D. C. Kristnayya be appointed Secretary

Seconded by Mr. Seetha Row Pantulu Garu

For S. Hanumantha Row — For D. C. Kristnayya Garu

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Resolved:- that M.R.Ry. D. C. Kristnayya Garu B.A. be appointed Secretary.

(Sd.) P. Sitaramayya
Chairman

(True Extract)

P. Sitaramayya
Chairman.

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owers to be delegated to the Secretary.

Sectio. 42(1)	1. Appointment of permanent Servants in the office and those Connected with the Collection of Taxes Subject to the rules prescribed by the Governor in Council.
Section 42(2)	2. Secretary may fine suspend, reduce or dismiss any of Such Servants and appoint any others in their stead.
Section 52(B)	3. Matters Connected with Collection of Revenue including granting of receipts.
	4. Office Routine Work
	5. Miscellaneous Correspondence Work
Section 103.(2)	6. Prosecuting for non-payment of Taxes.
82 and 95	7 Power of receiving and Selling property Seized for non-payment of taxes on Vehicles, and animals, professions, lands and Buildings and water and drainage taxes and tolls on Vehicles and animals.
Sections 103(1), 90, 95	
	8. Issuing of liscences under Section 83 with reference to Vehicles and animals

Granting of permission for erecting temporary pandals.

P. Sitaramayya
Chairman

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F. No.

EXTRACT FROM RESOLUTION BOOK OF THE NELLORE MUNICIPALITY.

No. 36 dated 25 May 1897.

Subject or Proposition Read list of powers to be delegated to the Secretary under Section 39(3)D of the Act.

Resolution Approved.

(Sd) P. Sitaramayya.
Chairman.

(True Copy)

P. Sitaramayya
Chairman.

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Nellore MUNICIPALITY

Statement of Proposition for revision of Establishment.

Order sanctioning present establishment.		Office to which the proposition refers.	Nature of charge.								Proposition.		Grounds of proposition.
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Ans.

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 2204 m.

Order

From Mr. J. H. Caster
Chairman.
Public meeting
Nellore.

No.

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SUBJECT.

Protesting against the appointment of a Municipal Secretary.

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CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS -5. JUN. 1897

To (Person) His Excellency the Governor in Council	From (Person) J. H. Caston Chairman Public meeting

CURRENT No. 2204 M.

Public meeting protests against appointment municipal secretary memorial follows

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 2235 1/2

From V. Seshu Charlu & others
Nellore

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SUBJECT.

Praying that in the circumstances stated the Nellore Municipality may be exempted from the obligation to appoint a Secretary.

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LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
No. 2235 M

CHIEF SECRETARY
14 JUN 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To

His Excellency the Governor in Council,
for the Presidency of
Fort Saint George & its dependencies.

May it Please Your Excellency.

The humble memorial of the ratepayers and inhabitants of Nellore.

Respectfully Sheweth,

That the Municipality of Nellore has, for several years past, been in receipt of an annual income of over Rs. 30,000 and therefore comes within the purview of sub-section (2) of Section 39 A of the Madras District Municipalities Act as amended; and that your memorialists beg leave to approach your Excellency in Council with a prayer that the Municipality of Nellore be exempted from the operation of that sub-section, in consideration of the state of affairs set out hereunder.

2. Your memorialists beg to state that medical relief takes away a considerable portion of the Municipal Revenue and that the expenditure on this account has probably no chances of being reduced in the near future, because of the prevailing rate of exchange.

The balance of the Municipal Revenue, your memorialists beg to state, has never been found adequate to supply the sanitary and other Municipal wants of Nellore. And the local Municipality has faced all such wants with the stereotyped answer of "want of funds." Important recommendations of the Sanitary Commissioner have year after year received the same answer.

3. Your Excellency's memorialists beg to state that the sewers in Nellore Town are in a condition very dangerous to the public health and the Municipality has absolutely done nothing from year's end to year's end to remove or render innocuous, the pestilential contents of these sewers and drains.

During the exceptional hot weather experienced at Nellore and the prevalence of hot winds from the West, the Municipality has never been able to water the streets "for want of funds" and the streets themselves have been allowed to lapse into a state of great disrepair.

The lighting of the town is of the most wretched description. The lamps are few and far between, most of them going out before all traffic on the thoroughfares has ceased.

The Public latrines provided are very few and do not at all meet the requirements of a growing population of the capital town of the District.

The paucity of the latrines has resulted in the daily occurrence of innumerable cases of nuisance committed mostly with impunity in crowded quarters of the town and in the vicinity of institutions like the Reading Room, the Rajaha's High School and the Church of England.

Your memorialists beg to add that private scavenger service, under the control of the Municipality has been far from satisfactory. This branch of the service has been so undermanned that many of the houses are visited only once in two days.

Your memorialists beg to state that there is a Branch Dispensary at Nellore, presided over by an Hospital Assistant, which as well in quality as in quantity of the remedial relief afforded by it, has kept almost abreast of the Civil Dispensary itself and yet the Civil Surgeon has over and over urged on the Municipality (though, happily for humanity, without success) the necessity of abolishing this Branch Dispensary, because of "want of funds."

4. Your memorialists have given above some of the more important sanitary wants of the town, which the Municipality has not been able to meet, more from paucity of funds than from any dereliction of duty.

5. Your memorialists beg to add that they have reason to believe, that under the Amendment Act, by which the incidence of taxation on the various trades, callings &c., has been more equitably apportioned, the Municipality might suffer in revenue, by a decrease of between two and three thousand Rupees per annum. Such being the state of things, here, the employment of a Secretary would either mean the enhancement of existing taxation and the levy of new imposts, only for enabling the Municipality to maintain its ground, without more; or the further neglect of the sanitation &c., of the town.

Your memorialists beg to state that the above outlook is not very encouraging, in a place like Nellore, where the trade is inconsiderable and arts and industries are nil.

6. Your memorialists beg to invite the attention of your Excellency's Government to an arrangement which has worked satisfactorily at the Nellore Municipal Office. There is an officer in the employ of the Municipality on a salary of about Rs. 25 per mensem. He is designated "Revenue Inspector" and is charged with the collection of all the Municipal Revenue, which, your memorialists believe is one of the chief functions of "the Secretary" under the Amendment Act. No doubt, the Amendment Act contemplates and provides for the delegation to the Secretary of some of the powers of the Chairman.

But your memorialists would submit, that, if they have correctly construed the Act, the legal necessity to delegate is only in the matter of the disciplinary powers over the servants of the Municipality. Over and above this the delegation of powers is a matter left to the discretion of the Municipality. Section 32, as amended, has preserved the very expedient provision enabling the Chairman to delegate any of his powers to any Councillor; and provision is also made in the Amendment Act for the appointment of a Vice-Chairman. Your memorialists beg to state that in view of the useful work which the "Revenue Inspector" is doing and the liberty of action allowed by the Act in the matter of the delegation, the Nellore Municipality should be able to do without a paid Secretary.

7. Your memorialists further beg to state that some years ago there was a paid Chairman at the head of this Municipality. About three years ago, the townsmen of Nellore awoke to a consciousness that they could not afford to pay the Chairman and started an agitation, the result of which was that Government was pleased to exonerate the Municipality from the burthen of a salaried Chairman.

8. Since then the practice has been to pay a horse allowance of sixty Rupees per mensem to the Chairman.

Your memorialists respectfully submit that if they had to pay salaries to a Secretary and a "Revenue Inspector" and horse allowance to a Chairman, their financial position would not be ameliorated than when they had a salaried Chairman.

9. Your memorialists would not tresspass further on your Excellency's time. Your memorialists conclude with the prayer that your Excellency in Council may be pleased in consideration of the premises set forth above, to exempt the Municipality of Nellore from the obligation to appoint a Secretary; and the memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated 5th June 1897.

Wesley Charles

V. Venkatachellam Iyer
First Grade Pleader Nellore

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CHIEF SECRETARY
11 JUN. 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To

His Excellency the Governor in Council,
for the Presidency of
Fort Saint George & its dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The humble memorial of the ratepayers and inhabitants of Nellore.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That the Municipality of Nellore has, for several years past, been in receipt of an annual income of over Rs. 30,000 and therefore comes within the purview of sub-section (2) of Section 39 A of the Madras District Municipalities Act as amended; and that your memorialists beg leave to approach your Excellency in Council with a prayer that the Municipality of Nellore be exempted from the operation of that sub-section, in consideration of the state of affairs set out hereunder.

2. Your memorialists beg to state that medical relief takes away a considerable portion of the Municipal Revenue and that the expenditure on this account has probably no chances of being reduced in the near future, because of the prevailing rate of exchange.

The balance of the Municipal Revenue, your memorialists beg to state, has never been found adequate to supply the sanitary and other Municipal wants of Nellore. And the local Municipality has faced all such wants with the stereotyped answer of "want of funds." Important recommendations of the Sanitary Commissioner have year after year received the same answer.

3. Your Excellency's memorialists beg to state that the sewers in Nellore Town are in a condition very dangerous to the public health and the Municipality has absolutely done nothing from year's end to year's end to remove or render innocuous, the pestilential contents of these sewers and drains.

During the exceptional hot weather experienced at Nellore and the prevalence of hot winds from the West, the Municipality has never been able to water the streets "for want of funds" and the streets themselves have been allowed to lapse into a state of great disrepair.

The lighting of the town is of the most wretched description. The lamps are few and far between, most of them going out before all traffic on the thoroughfares has ceased.

The Public latrines provided are very few and do not at all meet the requirements of a growing population of the capital town of the District.

The paucity of the latrines has resulted in the daily occurrence of innumerable cases of nuisance committed mostly with impunity in crowded quarters of the town and in the vicinity of institutions like the Reading Room, the Rajaha's High School and the Church of England.

Your memorialists beg to add that private scavenger service, under the control of the Municipality has been far from satisfactory. This branch of the service has been so undermanned that many of the houses are visited only once in two days.

Your memorialists beg to state that there is a Branch Dispensary at Nellore, presided over by an Hospital Assistant, which as well in quality as in quantity of the remedial relief afforded by it, has kept almost abreast of the Civil Dispensary itself and yet the Civil Surgeon has over and over urged on the Municipality (though, happily for humanity, without success) the necessity of abolishing this Branch Dispensary, because of "want of funds."

4. Your memorialists have given above some of the more important sanitary wants of the town, which the Municipality has not been able to meet, more from paucity of funds than from any dereliction of duty.

5. Your memorialists beg to add that they have reason to believe, that under the Amendment Act, by which the incidence of taxation on the various trades, callings &c., has been more equitably apportioned, the Municipality might suffer in revenue, by a decrease of between two and three thousand Rupees per annum. Such being the state of things, here, the employment of a Secretary would either mean the enhancement of existing taxation and the levy of new imposts, only for enabling the Municipality to maintain its ground, without more; or the further neglect of the sanitation &c., of the town.

Your memorialists beg to state that the above outlook is not very encouraging, in a place like Nellore, where the trade is inconsiderable and arts and industries are nil.

6. Your memorialists beg to invite the attention of your Excellency's Government to an arrangement which has worked satisfactorily at the Nellore Municipal Office. There is an officer in the employ of the Municipality on a salary of about Rs. 25 per mensem. He is designated "Revenue Inspector" and is charged with the collection of all the Municipal Revenue, which, your memorialists believe is one of the chief functions of "the Secretary" under the Amendment Act. No doubt, the Amendment Act contemplates and provides for the delegation to the Secretary of some of the powers of the Chairman.

But your memorialists would submit, that, if they have correctly construed the Act, the legal necessity to delegate is only in the matter of the disciplinary powers over the servants of the Municipality. Over and above this the delegation of powers is a matter left to the discretion of the Municipality. Section 32, as amended, has preserved the very expedient provision enabling the Chairman to delegate any of his powers to any Councillor; and provision is also made in the Amendment Act for the appointment of a Vice-Chairman. Your memorialists beg to state that in view of the useful work which the "Revenue Inspector" is doing and the liberty of action allowed by the Act in the matter of the delegation, the Nellore Municipality should be able to do without a paid Secretary.

7. Your memorialists further beg to state that some years ago there was a paid Chairman at the head of this Municipality. About three years ago, the townsmen of Nellore awoke to a consciousness that they could not afford to pay the Chairman and started an agitation, the result of which was that Government was pleased to exonerate the Municipality from the burthen of a salaried Chairman.

8. Since then the practice has been to pay a horse allowance of sixty Rupees per mensem to the Chairman.

Your memorialists respectfully submit that if they had to pay salaries to a Secretary and a "Revenue Inspector" and horse allowance to a Chairman, their financial position would not be ameliorated than when they had a salaried Chairman.

9. Your memorialists would not tresspass further on your Excellency's time. Your memorialists conclude with the prayer that your Excellency in Council may be pleased in consideration of the premises set forth above, to exempt the Municipality of Nellore from the obligation to appoint a Secretary; and the memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated 5th June 1897.

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To

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,
OOTACAMUND.

THE MEMORIAL OF THE NELLORE RATE-PAYERS ASSOCIATION BY M. V. SUBBA ROW, SECRETARY (BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.]

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :—

1. That for about the past 7 years the Municipal Council of Nellore has been an entirely nominated council and *de facto* has not represented the rate-payers, and has managed Municipal funds free of all control or criticism by the rate-payers to whom they have not felt themselves responsible.

2. That the annual allotments of Municipal income in the yearly budgets have been so made during this period, that from *want of funds,* the sanitary condition of the town has gone from bad to worse with the drainage, which has not been attended to for the past 30 years or more ; and want of funds has been the reason constantly alleged for the neglect of providing adequate medical relief, and other matters seriously affecting public health and convenience, such as an adequate drinking water supply &c., have had to lie over in neglect from year to year.

3. That it is believed that if the Municipal office staff and establishment be reorganised and a more thoughtful and capable allotment of Municipal funds be made in the annual budgets, the present Municipal income will be found sufficient to bestow far greater attention and benefits on the town and rate-payers than it has been able to do for years past.

4. That as at present allotted Municipal income is incapable of providing Rs. 1,200 a year for salary of a Secretary except to the further neglect of the town's drainage, sanitation, medical relief, conservancy, et cætera.

5. That at the last Municipal meeting of the Councillors, one of their number and a brother-in-law of the Chairman was appointed as Secretary to the Nellore Municipality on a salary of Rupees 100 per mensem, and it is said it was the Chairman's vote that secured the appointment to his relative.

6. That Mr. Chinni Kristniah, the newly appointed Secretary of the Nellore Municipality, has had no experience of the details of office work in general or of Municipal work in particular ; he was nominated to and joined the Council only about September last, his attendance at the monthly meetings being his only contact with and experience of Municipal work.

7. That such appointment made and given as above stated was made without any publicity and without any effort to obtain a trained or experienced officer with previous knowledge of the details of Municipal work. The post was not advertised for.

(*a*) Wherefore it is prayed that it may please Your Excellency to call for the record in this matter.

(*b*) It is further prayed that it may please Your Excellency, under the circumstances above-stated, to disallow and cancel the appointment of the Municipal Secretary as at present made, and by virtue of the powers vested in Your Excellency in the provisions of the Municipal Act as at present amended to order that, until the funds of the Municipality are better able to meet the expense of a paid Secretary, such appointment be held in abeyance. And for any other order as it may please Your Excellency to make in the premises. and

As in duty bound Ever pray.

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