

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1774 M

DATED 13-8-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Appointment of Secretary

Requesting the Collector of Malabar to report on the memorial submitted by certain mnl: Councillors of Tellicherry, protesting against the Council's decision to postpone the — for the mnl until the end of the current financial year.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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 rrent No. 2479 m of 1897, dated 30th June 1897, from The Chairman M.C. Tellicherry
 " " 2559. m " 1897, " 8th July 1897, " The Municipal Councilors, Tellicherry
 " " " 189 , " " "

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ORDER. No. 1774 H. mis. dt 13. 8. 97

The collector is requested to report on the accompanying memorial submitted by some of the municipal councillors of Tellicherry, protesting against the Council's decision to postpone the appointment of a secretary until the end of the current financial year.

(From orders)

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Collector of Malabar,
with Current No 2559. m. in original
to be returned. Dated 18/8/97

n G. O., dated 189 , No.
Gen. No. of 189 , dated from the
rent No. 2479 M of 1897, dated 30-6-1897 from the Chairman, M.C.
2559 M " " 14-7-1897 from the Municipal Council of Tellicherry.

SUBJECT.

FOR ORDERS.

With the first of the letters read above, the Chairman of the Municipal Council of Tellicherry forwards a resolution of the Council requesting that, in the existing unsatisfactory state of its finances it may be permitted to postpone, until the beginning of the next financial year, the appointment of a Secretary under section 39-A of the Madras District Municipalities Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897. He states that it will be impracticable to create the new appointment without considerably retrenching the expenditure under the various heads, and that, considering the large retrenchments already made in the establishment and other charges when submitting the budget for the current year, it is questionable whether any further reductions can be effected. The closing balance of the budget for 1897-98, is Rs. 3840, but of this sum, as much as Rs. 1640 has already been allotted under G.O. Nos. 1065 & 1115 M.

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dated 3rd and 7th May, respectively, and it is stated that a bill for the cost of medicines amounting to Rs.1272-15-10 is still outstanding and that there will be a decrease of Rs.1,300, under taxes, as the revised assessments of the house and land taxes, cannot be adopted in the current year, with reference to subsection (3) of section 66 of Act IV of 1884 as amended by Act III of 1897.

2. The second letter read above is a memorial from some of the Municipal Councillors submitting a letter addressed by them to the Chairman on the subject of the Council's resolution above referred to. They state that the Council is not in such sore straits in respect of its finances as it has been represented to be, that the large increase resulting from the assessment of the tax on arts in accordance with the schedule A as amended by Act III of 1897, has not been taken into account in calculating the financial position and that savings amounting to Rs.1940 may be effected in the expenditure under the several heads noted in the margin, besides ~~more~~ ^{Rose} under other heads. They further state that the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 66 of the Act cannot debar the council from ~~the~~ ^{levying} the increase resulting from the revision of the house-tax registers which was undertaken before the Act came into force, and make out that even leaving out of account the anticipated increases in assessment, there will be a saving of Rs.4,500 in the current year.

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New works-buildings	250	✓
Repairs-communications	460	✓
Repairs-Buildings and		
Drainage	280	✓
Epidemic reserve	700	✓
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year. As the appointment of a Secretary on Rs.100 will involve an expenditure of only Rs.700 in the current year and considering that the municipality is "sawanting in systematic and effective supervision and management which any Chairman who has his own concerns to ~~look~~ ^{attend} to cannot possibly find time for" they request that a Secretary may be appointed as soon as possible.

3. It is not likely that as stated by the petitioners the adoption of the amended schedule A, will result in a "large increase" in the revenue from tax on arts, seeing that complaints have been received from various quarters that the operation of the new Act has caused a decrease instead of an increase in revenue derived from this source. ~~the~~ revised house and land tax assessment be brought into force in the current year, vide G.O.No.1587 M.dated 13th July 1897. It is not understood how the petitioners make out a saving of Rs.4,500, but if that be correct, there will be a balance of Rs.1,930 after allowing for ^{the} decrease in house-tax (Rs.1,300) and the cost of medicines due for previous years amounting to Rs.(1,270), and the extra expenditure required on account of the Secretary will be met from this amount. It is therefore submitted that the municipal council may be asked to reconsider its resolution of the 24th June 1897, in the light of the remarks contained in the memorial.

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CURRENT No. 2479

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Sub-Collector
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5th July 97. Calicut.
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From The Chairman
Municipal Council
Tellicherry.

No. 243

Dated 30th June 1897.

Received 8 JUL. 1897

Registered 8-7-1897

Enclosures . 1.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding Proceedings of the Council
at a special meeting and requesting that
under the present financial difficulties
Government will be pleased to exempt
this Municipality from the matter of
appointing a Secretary during the current
financial year.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
	2469	1977	
	1465	21-6-77	
	1115	7-5-77	
	1065	3-5-77	
	635	20-3-77	

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

No. 243
Municipal Office
Tellicherry 30th June 1897.
2479
From Mr. P. R. T. C. Varayana Kurup and B. A. B. L.
Chairman.
Municipal Council,
Tellicherry.

To
The Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department
Fort St. George,
through the Sub Collector of Malabar
Tellicherry.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of the Proceedings of a special meeting of the Municipal Council convened on the 24th instant on the requisition of six Councillors to consider the question of appointing a Secretary for this Municipality under the provisions of the District Municipalities Act, Amendment Act 1897. It will be seen from the Proceedings that as many as eleven out of sixteen members present at the meeting considered it inexpedient to make the appointment during the current year owing to the present financial state of the Municipality which is far from being satisfactory and therefore decided on addressing Government for exemption from the operation of Section 39. A. of the Act this year.

2. An examination of the actuals of the past three financial years, though the income during those years exceeded Rs 30,000 per annum, discloses the fact that it will be impracticable to create the new appointment without considerably retrenching expenditure under the various heads and thus very materially disturbing the Budget.

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Budget provisions for this year. Large retrenchments have already been made in the establishment and other charges when submitting the Budget proposals of the current year and it is questionable whether any further retrenchments can be considered, justifiable with due regard to the efficiency of the administration.

3. The only other course left to the Council is to make provision out of the closing balance, but hardly any balance to cover the extra expenditure to be incurred on account of the appointment is expected from the transactions provided for in the Budget, the closing balance of Rs 3840 having to be appropriated for allotments subsequently made by the Council and sanctioned by Government in its orders dated 3rd and 7th May 1897, nos 1065 and 1115. Mr. Ellis respectively and for payment of an outstanding bill for cost of medicines amounting to Rs 1272-15-10 besides other liabilities of the last year. The balance remaining after meeting these demands will be counterbalanced by a decrease of Rs 1300 under taxes as the anticipated increase under House and Land taxes, which are being revised now, is not to take effect this year under the requirements of section 66 (3) of the amendment Act (vide my letter no 236 dated 26th June 1897).

Rs 1260 + Rs 380
= 1640
1272-15-10
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4. I have therefore the honor to request that Government will in consideration of these facts grant the exemption sought for by the Council in the matter of the appointment of a Secretary here this year.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Chairman.

Proceedings of the Municipal Council Tellicherry at a special meeting held on Thursday the 24th June 1897.

Present. Mr. A. R. T. C. Narayana Kurup a/c Chairman.

Mr. J. Murphy Esq

H. Ramenay a/c

A. V. Bawa a/c

V. B. Poetter a/c

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E. S. Fernandez Esq

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V. Karunakara Menon a/c

A. F. Lemerle Esq

C. Ahmed Kutty Haji a/c

H. Fernandez Esq

P. Ambadi Marar a/c

Enock Haji Ayub Sett a/c

1. Read letter dated 14th June 1897 from Councillor Mr. H. Fernandez and 5 other Councillors requesting that a special meeting may be convened for considering the question of appointing a Secretary for this Municipality on Rs 100 rising by annual increments to Rs 150.

Carried by a majority of 11 against 5, that looking to the present financial state of this Municipality the Government be addressed to exempt this Municipality from the operation of section 39. A. of the District Municipalities Act Amendment Act during the current year.

(Signed) T. C. Narayana Kurup

(True copy)

Chairman.

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