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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 2021 M.

DATED 16-9-97.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Appointment of Secretary

Proc. Directing, with remarks, that under sub-section (2) of Sec. 39A, of the Madras Dt. Municipalities Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, the appointment of a Secretary for the Guntur Mun'ty shall, for the present, be postponed.

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The Collector,
Kistna.

Dis No. 174/General, of 97.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding with remarks letter from the Municipal chairman, Guntur, deprecating the appointment of a Secretary to that municipal council.

For **Orders**

In the circumstances stated, the Council may be exempted from the liability to appoint a Secretary under Sec. 39-A, of the Madras Distt Municipalities Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, for the present.

V.R.
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I do not think very cogent cause has been shown against the appt. of a Secretary. ~~If however~~ it is decided that there shd be one, the M.C. will be asked what powers it is proposed to delegate to him

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I should let the M.C. have its way, but should remark that

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Govt. agree with the Clr. that the cost need not deter the Muncy. from appg. a Secy., the strong probability being that the appt. wd. more than pay for itself on acct. both of greater efficiency in collection & greater economy in expenditure

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No 434. Municipal Office, Guntur
Dated 19th July 1897

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT
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From

MRRy P. Venkatakrishnayya naidu garu B.A
Chairman, Municipal Council,
Guntur

To

The Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department,
Madras.

(thro' the Divisional Officer and Collector, Kistna)

Sir,

Dis 679/97

With reference to G.O No 1465 M, dated 21st June 1897, calling upon this Council to submit its opinion on the question of appointing a Secretary as required by Section 39-A(2) of the District Municipalities' Act Amendment Act, I have the honor to submit herewith, for the orders of the Government, a Copy of the resolution passed by this Council at a meeting held on the 17th Instant to the effect that a Secretary is not required for this Municipality.

(2). A Copy of my memorandum bearing on this question and the protest of the six dissenting Councillors are also forwarded for reference.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

P. Venkatakrishnayya
19-7-97.
Chairman

Endorsement on letter No. 434 dated 19th. July 1897 from the Chairman Municipal Council, Guntur.

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government Local and Municipal Department.

2 Guntur is 22nd in the list of 30 municipalities having an average income of R 30000 or upwards. The municipality is well administered at present and in the face of the opinion of the majority of the Council, need not I think be made to have a Secretary. But I dont think the cost should be considered as a reason against having a Secretary, as the municipality could well afford R 1800 a year.

The ave of income being Rs 41918

H M Walter

Collector

Kistna Collectorate
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11th August 1897

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The Chairman,
Municipal Council,
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Submitted to the Coll. for favor of transmission to Govt. I am inclined to agree with the majority that no paid secretary is necessary. The main grounds advanced for the appointment by the dissentients are

(1) that an honorary Chairman cannot have time to repress encroachments

(2) that the sanitation of the town requires improvement & that a paid Secretary ~~Chairman~~ will be able to do more in this direction than an honorary Chairman is.

(3) That ~~owing~~ to the contemplated water-works scheme for Guntur is shortly to be worked out a full-timed official would be far better for ~~supervision~~ carrying out the work than an honorary Chairman.

As regards (1) the present Chairman has not been unmindful of it. He made provision in the last budget for getting the town surveyed but Govt. was pleased to order that the work will be carried out by the Survey Dept. It is not known whether Govt. has issued any orders in regard to this yet but it is evident that encroachments can never be satisfactorily dealt with unless there is a regular survey made of the town. Without this no amount of energy can avail to prevent them.

As regards (2) I believe that the fault has not been hitherto with the Chairmen holding office but with the kind of staff hitherto employed for this purpose. The recent orders of Govt. in regard to the employment of a better trained staff secure all that is necessary.

As regards (3) I think there is force in the contention of the dissentients but as the scheme has not yet emerged out of the region of possibilities, it can hardly form a factor in the consideration of the question under discussion. Commended — Dy Collr in charge
4.8.97

SUBJECT.

Submitting, for orders of the Government, a copy of the resolution passed by the Municipal Council at a meeting held on the 17th Instant to the effect that a Secretary is not required for this Municipality

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Has the Survey of the town of Guntur been commenced
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Extract from the proceedings of the Municipal Council, Guntur at a meeting held on the 14th July 1897

Present

M.R.Ry. P. Venkatakrishnayya Naidu garu B.A. Chairman
W. C. Lewis Esquire
A. P. Fernandez Esquire
Revd. L. B. Wolf M.A.
" Y. Narasingarao pantulu garu
" A. M. Sundarasiva Ayyangal B.A.
" T. Mallikharjunarao pantulu garu
" M. Subbarao pantulu garu B.A.
" T. Gunnadham garu
" Ch. Subbarayudu garu
" G. Kristamma garu
" P. Venkatareddy garu B.A.
" V. Bhavanacharlu garu
Mir Mahbubali Sahib garu
Chowdagar Mohamed Ibrahim Sahib garu

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II Read G.O. No. 1465 M dated 21st June 1897 requesting the Council to submit its opinion on the question of appointing a Secretary as required by section 39-A of the Amendment Act with a memo of the Chairman thereon.

The Council is of opinion 8 to 6 that a Secretary is not required for this Municipality for the present. One councillor declined to vote.

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(Sd) P. Venkatakristayya
Chairman, M.C.
17/7/97

(True Extract)

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P. Venkatakrishnayya
Chairman 19/7/97.

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R.M.C. 17/9/97 8 P.M

We the following Councillors, present

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Memorandum to the Council

The Government is pleased to ask the Council to submit its opinion on the question of appointing a Secretary. The question is one of very great importance & will have to be settled after mature consideration & proper judgment. The fact that the revenue of the Municipality is over Rs 30,000 will not in any way make it obligatory on the Council to nominate a Secretary from the very fact that the Government has been pleased to ask the Council to give out its opinion on the matter. Clause 2 of section 39 A says that the Council "shall appoint" a Secretary, but the rider there added — "unless the Governor in Council otherwise directs" gives ~~sufficient~~ sufficient scope to the Council as the custodians of the Municipal funds to respectfully suggest the advisability or otherwise of making such an appointment. The Government is the final arbiter in the matter, but the Council are the advisers & should therefore keep the Government informed of the financial condition & other circumstances therewith connected for it to come to a just decision.

(Encl)

(2). I think that when the Legislature proposed the appointment of a Secretary, it contemplated its necessity in the case of such Municipalities as had failed to realize the gravity of the trust reposed in them & thus failed to discharge their duties to the satisfaction of the Government & with credit to themselves; but in the case of a Municipality which has been managing its affairs effectively & efficiently so as not to afford any room for incurring the displeasure of the Government, it is, I think the intention of the Legislature to exempt it from any additional and burdensome strain on its funds, & it is only the Governor-in-Council is empowered to direct the non-appointment in such cases.

(3). This Municipality stands in this latter position. From every point of view, it has been so discharging its duties as not to get into the bad graces of the Government; the Government is in fact pleased with it. The various Administration reports testify to this. The Government in its review has been remarking the work of this Municipality satisfactory & creditable. I beg to refer you to the Annual reports for the past five or six years. Vaccination, Vital statistics, roads, sanitation & other branches have been receiving due attention from the Council. No branch has suffered from want of supervision or lack of interest.

The admn was "efficient" in 1893-94, "fairly efficient" in 1894-95 and "efficient & satisfactory" in 1895-96. Therefore for 1896-97 "more satisfactory".

8/7/97 8 p.m.

We, the following Councillors, present

(4). Nor the office accounts unsatisfactory. They are maintained in so satisfactory a condition that in the General Review for 1894-95 by the Accountant General embodied in G.O. No 251 M dated 19th February 1897, only one minor defect (private scavenging fees not collected in advance) was noted against this Municipality and that it was noted "to continue to be the best worked" Municipality. Year after year the account branch has been declared as good & satisfactory.

(5). The correspondence branch is also good. There is not a paper kept in the office undisposed off. Nothing is left in arrears.

(6). The Collection work is satisfactory. The D.C.B. Statements are maintained properly and checked with care. What little balance remains as outstandings at the close of the year is not due to indifference or negligence or want of effective control, but to the absence of the parties from the town or some such cause.

(7). The public also are satisfied with the good working of this Municipality. Petitions are disposed of as expeditiously as possible. Whatever grievances the public may have are enquired into & redressed without delay. All the Councillors, especially the Divisional Councillors evince much interest in all matters municipal.

(8). Besides these, there are other reasons which make it imperative on the part of the Council to postpone for the present the appointment of a Secretary. Under the New Act, the income from professional tax will surely go down by about 2 or 3 thousand rupees, and in the land tax also, there will be a perceptible decrease. Through the increase of house tax to $8\frac{1}{2}$ per cent may to some extent, augment the revenue, the net results from the Amended Act will, for the present, reduce the income whatever the ultimate anticipations may be.

(9). Again the Council has a great many improvement in hands for which funds are required. The water supply scheme which is being formulated by the Sanitary Engineer & his able Assistant is one that must occupy the foremost attention of the Council for it is the want of the town. There are the new Hospital buildings estimated to cost Rs 40,000, and there are additions to be made to the Market buildings. To effect these & other necessary improvements, many of these being valuable recommendations by the Sanitary Commissioner, the Council will have to husband their resources & effect saving to the extent they can. The Municipality cannot be said to be rich; its income & expenditure balance almost equally.

(10). In these circumstances why burden the Municipality with an additional & unnecessary strain? I beg

to say that a Secretaryship is a luxury & no necessity. With a Vice-Chairman who will help the Chairman & thus relieve him of a portion of his work, & with a slight encouragement to the present hard-working office staff, the work of this Municipality can be managed capitally well.

Guntur }
14-7-97 }

(Signed) I. Venkatakrishnayya
Chairman

(True Copy)

I. Venkatakrishnayya
Chairman 17-7-97

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MC 18/7/97 8 P.M.

CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
18 JUL. 97
GUNTUR.

We, the following Councillors, present at the municipal meeting held on 17th July 1897, beg to submit our protest against the resolution passed by a majority of 8 against 6, that no paid Secretary need be appointed for the present.

The reasons of the Chairman as per his memo, for his proposal not to have a paid secretary are briefly as follows____

(1) The alleged present satisfactory administration of the Municipality.

(2) The poor financial condition on account of expected reduction in professional and land taxes.

(3) The heavy item of water-supply scheme to be taken up in hand shortly and the construction of new hospital buildings &c.

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We do not deny that the Municipality

Municipality has been for some years past administered on the whole, fairly, but we cannot for a moment say that the Municipality does not require more efficient supervision. Every one must admit that a paid officer whose duty it is to devote full time will do more satisfactory work than a gentleman who discharges his duties for the sake of honor and whose other avocations do not permit him to devote as much time as is necessary for the efficient management of municipal affairs. 11 It is true that our Municipality has some natural advantages such as pretty fair roads due to the hardness of the soil and the cheapness of road materials. But we are not prepared to admit that this is

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superior to other Municipalities in other respects. To say that the Municipality is perfect in every respect and nothing is wanting, is what no reasonable man can dare say.

(1) The encroachments that are constantly made by private individuals in almost every nook and corner of the Town must be put and any delay in that direction, will we fear, gradually block up public streets and lanes that are already too narrow. In forwarding the administration report for the year 189-94, the then subcollector F. C. Parsons Esq, remarked that encroachments are too numerous & ~~the~~ matters have not been [illegible]ned since then, as new [illegible] are

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are springing up in every Corner the Town. One who Constantly wa through the streets and lanes of Agraharam, Sangadigunta, Chin bazaar and other Crowded parts the Town, will, we dare say, be Convinced that the sanitation in interior is not as satisfactory as ought to be. A Constant check o the so-called Conservancy overse totties and scavengers, is high necessary to ensure proper sanita The latest remarks of the Dist Sanitary officer regarding the sanitary Condition of the Town clearly show that sanitation is n so satisfactory as is supposed be. If an officer who Can devote full time dives deep in the matter, we Can dare say

that the financial Condition w
also be improved to a large ext
By this we do not mean to critic
the present administration and we
do not think that the present Chair
man with his onerous other
avocations (Teachership in a College
and chairmanship of a Primary
Examination Board) can devote so
much time and manage so efficiently
as he can, if assisted by a paid
Secretary who can devote full time.
The experience of Mr. Mallikarjuna
Rao who held the Chairman's office
for about seven years up to 10th
February 1893 and of Mr. Bavanachar
who succeeded him and continued
as chairman until 9th August 1895,
tells them that the work cannot b
done as efficiently as it o [illegible]
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Council otherwise directs" in section 48, is an extraordinary power reserved to itself by the Government and it is our humble opinion that it is intended to be used very sparingly. We cannot expect any substantial work from an Honorary Vice-Chairman. The proposed water scheme if carried out in such a short time as the Chairman expects goes in favour of the appointment of a full timed man who will have to supervise the work in addition to other important duties. The reasons for appointing a paid Chairman, some time ago, to the Conjeevaram Municipality in order to check encroachments and to supervise the water scheme [illegible] of tax,

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Guntur
17th July 1897

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Sanskrit High School and
Municipal Councillor

T. Mallesankaram
Pleader, M. Coun

V. S. [illegible]achari, Plea
Late Chairman & Municipal
Councillor

G. Krishnamurti, Merchant.

K. Subba Rao B.A.
Municipal Councillor

P. Venkata Reddy B.A.
M.C.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings :—

Again G.O., No. dated 189 .

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Current No. 2955-M of 1897, dated 11th August 1897, from the Collector of Kistna

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Misc. ORDER. No. 2021 M. mis. d/ 16-9-97

Under subsection (2) of section 39-A of the Madras District Municipalities Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, His Excellency the Governor in council, is please in the circumstances stated, to dire that the appointment of a secretar for the municipal council of Guntur shall for the present be postponed.

2. The Government, howeve agrees with the Collector in consi ing that the cost need not deter the council from appointing a secretary as it ~~may~~ ~~is highly pro-~~ ~~bable~~ may reasona be anticipate that the appointment wou more than pay for itself bot by reason of increased efficie in the Collection & management of ~~the~~ the revenues a

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greater economy in expenditure.
(From orders).

V.R.
13/9/97

Under [illegible] 3 of
section 39 A of the Madras District
Municipalities Act IV of 1884 as [illegible]
by Act III of 1897 the Govt. [illegible]
the Governor in Council is pleased
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To
The Chairman M. C. Guntur
through the Collector of Kist[illegible]

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