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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 2297 M

DATED 27-10-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Elections.

Informing the Chairman Munl. Council, Nellore, with remark, that Govt. is not prepared at present, to restore to the Munl. Council, the privilege of electing its own Chairman; & that a notifn. declaring that one-third of the total number of Councillors shall be appointed by election has just been issued.

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 3349

Current Nos 2983 M & 3349 M of 1897

From E. Scott Esquire,
Acting Collector of
Nellore

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Dated 22nd September 1897.

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The Government of S. not prepared at present to estore to the municipal council of Nellore the privilege of electing its own chairman.

2. A notification declaring that one-third of the total number of municipal councillors shall be appointed by election has just been issued.

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P.A.
5/10/97

16/10/97

Will the elections in Nellore be by the town as a whole or by wards? I see the Collr. recommends the former course. But Nellore is a place where there is a good deal of Hindu vs. Mohammadan feeling. Would not ward elections be the most likely to secure an equitable representation of both classes? I do not know, by the way, whether the notifn. mentioned in para 2 provides for the way in which the elections are to be held.

To
The Petitioners
.. Chairman, M.C. Nellore,
through the Collector.

28/9/97

Desp. 3/11/97

SUBJECT.

Submitting report called regarding the restoratio the privilege of electing cillors and the Chai the Nellore Municipa

The Collector is requested to repor in view of the strong feeling that between the Hindus & Mussalmans the System of Elections by war be the most likely to secure representation of both cl not be introduced.

(1) Please see para 3 [illegible] in pencil, which will be inked in after it is approved by the Secretary —

(2) No — The Collrs of all the districts concerned except Nellore have been asked to report on the point

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COLLECTOR
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CURRENT No. 2983M

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

From T. V. Venkatarama Aiyar & others
Nellore

No. 915 dated 28th August 1897.

~~**Order**~~

Referred to the Collector of Nellore for remarks.

E. Forbes
Secretary/Dept.

V.R.
26/8/97

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To
The Collector of Nellore

SUBJECT.

Praying that in the circumstances stated the privilege of electing Councillors and the Chairman may be restored to the Nellore municipality.

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To

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR OF FORT ST. GEORGE, IN COUNCIL.

The humble memorial of the people of Nellore.

Most Respectfully Sheweth :—

1. That your memorialists are all inhabitants of the town of Nellore and are persons, who, whether as rate-payers or as residents, are interested in the proper administration of the Nellore Municipal Council.

2. That the town of Nellore was constituted a municipality under the provisions of Act III of 1871 and the municipal council then brought into existence has continued to exercise jurisdiction over the municipal area for the last 26 years.

3. That soon after the passing of the District Municipalities' Act No. IV of 1884, the Government was pleased, by notification No. 24 published in the Fort St. George Gazette Extraordinary dated 19th March 1885, to grant to the people of Nellore the privilege of electing to the council, three-fourths of the total number of councillors, which the municipality was to be composed of and did, further by notification No. 334 of the 6th August 1889, bestow on the municipal council itself the power and the privilege to elect the chairman who was to preside over its deliberations.

4. That the power thus conferred on them was only partially exercised by the people in the years 1886 and 1887 and that it was not till October 1888, that the full complement of fourteen members was sent up to the council by the rate-payers of the various wards into which the municipality was divided.

5. That the council thus composed was exercising its functions till the close of the year 1890, when, the Government, by order No. 1875(M) dated the 8th December 1890, directed that the power to elect municipal councillors should be taken away from the people and that the right to nominate them should thenceforward wholly vest in the Governor-in-Council.

6 That even before 1889, the power of appointing chairmen had been vested in, and had been from time to time exercised by, the councillors of the Nellore municipality and that at the time when G. O. No. 1875 which likewise deprived the councillors of the privilege of selecting their own chairman was promulgated, the municipality was presided over by an elected chairman who was, according to Government, making considerable efforts to successfully carry on the work of the municipal council.

7. That the Government having, however, come to the conclusion that a radical change of system was necessary in Nellore (vide G. O. No. 195 of the 17th February 1891) declined to reconsider its decision as embodied in G. O. No. 1875 already referred to and all the municipal councillors and the chairman of the municipality of Nellore have since been appointed as occasion arose, by His Excellency the Governor-in-Council.

8. That your memorialists deem it unnecessary to refer to the subsequent vicissitudes of the Nellore Municipal Council or to the circumstance that an official chairman was first thought necessary, but that this officer had subsequently to give way to a salaried full-timed chairman, who again was compelled to resign the appointment, when the Government, on a memorial submitted by the people of Nellore and on a representation from the Collector, had to come to the conclusion that the municipal revenues were hardly sufficient to support in office a full-timed official on a high salary.

9. That, since then, the office of chairman has been successively held by officials of Government, the present chairman being the Probationary Dy. Collector attached to the staff of the Collector of Nellore.

10. That your memorialists beg leave to point out that whatever faults the people or the councillors may have been guilty of—and your memorialists are free to admit that they have been guilty of very many faults—the punishment inflicted on them has been out of all proportion to the offence alleged against them and that, looking to the length of time during which the G. O. No. 1875 has been in force, your memorialists venture to submit that the time has come when they can request, at the hands of Government, a reconsideration of its decision, as to the manner in which the chairman and the councillors of the Nellore Municipality are to be, in future, appointed.

11. That your memorialists had, in common with the inhabitants of all other municipal towns within this presidency, watched with anxious interest the progress through the Legislative Council of the act to amend the District Municipalities' Act IV of 1884, and do now feel sincerely grateful to Government for the passing into law of a measure, which aims at dealing with municipal institutions in a liberal and sympathetic spirit.

12. That your memorialists are in hopes, that the Government in its executive capacity will deal with the Nellore Municipal Council in the same spirit of liberality which it evinced in the passing of the Municipal Amendment Act, and will permit the people of Nellore to enjoy the full benefit of the provisions contained in Secs. 10 and 13 of the act, so as to enable them to return to the municipal council the full complement of members which prior to the issuing of G. O. No. 1875, they, under the rules then in force, were entitled to return.

13. That your memorialists are aware that the municipality of Nellore cannot take advantage of the provision now made in the municipal act for the appointment of a full-time secretary as they can scarcely afford to pay adequately for the services of a competent officer; that they are not certain what the intentions of Government may be and whether the ultimate decision enjoins or not the appointment of a ministerial officer notwithstanding the impoverished condition of the municipal finances.

14. That your memorialists believe that, with the appointment of a paid secretary, the duties of chairmen cease to be either difficult or onerous and that the appointment can be safely left to be made by municipal councils however new they may be to their work, and in whatever backward districts they may have been constituted.

15. That even in cases where no paid secretary has been appointed, your memorialists beg to point out that an elected chairman has chances of devoting more time to the duties of his office than a Government official whose time more or less will be fully occupied, and that, the gentleman, who gets appointed to the chairmanship by the suffrages of his fellow councillors, possesses the further advantage of being in touch with the councillors and through them with the rate-payers resident within municipal limits.

16. That your memorialists have observed with satisfaction that in commemoration of the joyful event, unprecedented in the annals of English History, to wit, the Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen Empress, the municipalities of Trichinopoly and Conjeeveram have had restored to them the power of election, of which they had been temporarily deprived, and they are equally in hopes that the year of universal rejoicing will be associated in their minds with the regranting of a boon of which they, unlike the people of the towns above referred to, have been longer and for less grave causes, deprived.

17. In conclusion, your memorialists earnestly pray that the Government may be pleased to reconsider its decision embodied in G. O. No. 1875 and to direct that in future the power of electing councillors shall vest in the people of Nellore and that the nomination of chairman, may as heretofore, continue to be made by the councillors of the Nellore Municipality.

Nellore
16 August
1897

1 T. V. Venkatarama Aiyar

Chairman Public meeting of the inhabitants of Nellore.

2 J. H. Pastor
3 V. Venkatachellamiyer.
4 S. N. Srinivasachari
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7 A. Seshadri Aiyangar
8 M. Chengayya
9 Venkata Subba Rao.
10 P. Ramachandra Iyer
11 A. Pichumani Iyer
12 D. Venkoba Rao.
13 C. R. Arunachelam pillai

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16 G. Appamah Sastry
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18 V. Lakshmaniah
19 S. Subba Row.
20 Narasimham
21 C. V[illegible]
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23 D. Subba Row
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Extra no 2/14. Date 11th September 1897.

From

M.R.Ry
T. Sitaram Puntulu garu,
Deputy Collector.

To The Collector of Nellore.

Sir,

With reference to your memo Ref. No 377 GB/Eng dated 11th September 1897 Calling for my personal opinion as to the admissibility or othe wise of granting the elective franchise to the Nellore Municipality, I regret to have to stat that my experience of 3 years does not enabl me to unhesitatingly recommend the gran of either of the two privileges referred to especi at present when party feeling is rampant in Council.

These privileges were unsuccessfu tried and withdrawn and there has since no material advancement. The town, be outside the circle of officials, pleaders a

School masters neither know nor care for—
these privileges nor do they appreciate them.
It may be said that the people in order to
learn the act of Self-Government ought to
make a beginning but the present does not
seem to be a fit time again to make a—
beginning of the experiment which has once
failed for causes of which some now exist.
Experience has shown that it is not easy to
find a competent non-Official willing
o take up the chairman's place and there
s no guarantee that under the elective—
ystem competent men will be forthcoming.

The present request for an elective
hairman does not seem to have emanated
ither from the Council or from the ratepayers
large. but from a few interested persons
ose motives it is unnecessary to divine
t.

Should it be considered that the
experiments may be tried again I think that
not less than half the number of Councillors
should be nominated to keep up representation
of all classes and professions.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obdt. Servant.

(Signed) P. Sita Rao

Deputy Collector.

(True Copy)

for Acting Collector.

23/9/97.

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NELLORE COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.
DATED 22nd Septem 1897

Dated 23rd
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT
CURRENT No. 3349 M

No. 1421/Eng

From E. Scott Esquire,

Ag Collector of Nellore.

To the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal department, Madras.

Sir,

In reply to endorsement no 915 dated 28th August 1897, on a petition[x] from some inhabitants of Nellore Town, I have the honor to enclose a copy of letter extra no 8/4 dated 11th September 1897 from my Head Quarter Deputy Collector. He is against the appointment of councillors or of the Chairman by election. The Chairman of the Council M.R.Ry P. Sitaramayya garu, Probationary Deputy Collector is in favour of allowing one third of the total number of councillors to be elected, while he considers the Chairman should continue to be nominated.

[x] /1 ewith returned.

2. That it would be unwise and unsafe in the interests of the public to permit

the election of all the Councillors there can, I tink, be no doubt. Carefully selected as they re at present, the Councillors do not work— ogether as they should and appear to be split into two factions precisely as was the case towards the end of 1887. I have seen at no time any sign that the majority of the Councillors take more interest in the State of the town and in its improvement than they did when G.O. dated 8th December 1890 No 1875 M. Mis was passed. On the contrary signs of utter indifference to the — comfort and health of the taxpayers are observable on all sides. This indifference is however not— improbably partly due to the fact that all the— Councillors are nominated and it is for this reason that I recommend that the suggestion of the chairman that one-third of the Council be elected, be accepted by Government. If — Government approve of this proposal I strongly recommend that the election should be for the

town as a whole and not for wards. It is only where there is much public spirit that election by wards ~~would~~ can be satisfactory, and previous elections by wards in Nellore do not justify their repetition.

3. The election of a Chairman by the— Council is out of the question at present, and is not, I am sure, desired by the majority of the people of Nellore.

4. The following classification of those who have signed the petition to Government is— interesting and shows what little consideration it deserves.

Vakils	12
Schoolmasters	14
others	16
Schoolboys between the age of 9 and 18	193
Persons not known	114
Total	349

The name of one person appears 4 times, and of two— others twice.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your ~~most~~ obedient Servant
E.
Acting Collector.

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