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MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS.

General Department.

Madras, 20 October 1897

From

LIEUT.-COL. SIR GEORGE MOORE, KT., C. I. E.,

President, Municipal Commission.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Local and Municipal Department,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit herewith for the ----

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information of Government full proceedings as also copies of abstract proceedings of the Meetings of the Commissioners held on 28th June, and 12th, 14th and 20th July 1897.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Geo. Moore

Lt. Col.

President, Munl. Commn.

Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the City of Madras, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Monday, the 28th June 1897, at 5 p. m., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT:

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir George Moore, Kt., C. I. E., *President*.

H. Ormerod, Esq.

M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu.

M.R.Ry. R. Balakistnama Chetty Garu.

M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal.

M.R.Ry. Salla Gurusawmy Chetty Garu.

M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu.

M.R.Ry. P. M. Sivangnana Mudaliar Avargal.

M.R.Ry. P. V. Kistnaswamy Chetty Garu.

M.R.Ry. M. Varadarajulu Chetty Garu.

M.R.Ry. C. S. Theagaroya Mudaliar Avargal.

M.R.Ry. M. Ramakistnaiya Pantulu Garu.

J. DeCaster, Esq.

M.R.Ry. V. Vurdappah Naidu Garu.

The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu.

M.R.Ry. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Naidu Garu.

N. Subramanyam, Esq.

M.R.Ry. M. K. Lakshmanachariar Avargal.

M.R.Ry. Rai Bahadur A. Dhanakoti Mudaliar Avargal.

R. F. Grant, Esq.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel G. L. Walker.

M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur V. Krishnama Chariyar Avargal.

M.R.Ry. C. Tirumalayya Naidu Garu.

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. Maitland.

M.R.Ry. V. C. Desika Chariyar Avargal.

M.R.Ry. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal.

Order of Knighthood.

MR. W. S. VENKATARAMANJULU NAIDU:—Gentlemen, before we go to the business on the agenda paper, I wish to propose a resolution which is certain to commend itself to all of you. The resolution is "that the Commissioners view with gratification the deserved honour that has been conferred upon their President by his promotion to the order of Knighthood, and, in congratulating him very heartily, tender their best wishes for his long enjoyment of health and prosperity." Gentlemen, I need not tell you of our President's past services, of his uniform courtesy and of the great industry which he applies in carrying on the administration of the Municipality.

Mr. V. Vurdappah Naidu seconded the resolution which was carried with acclamation.

The President in replying said:—

GENTLEMEN,—I feel deeply grateful to you for your kind recognition of the honour that has been conferred upon me. I can only say that in receiving the honour, I feel that it is more an honour that has been conferred on the Madras Municipality than upon me personally. If it were not for the fact that the Municipality of Madras was an example to the other two great Municipalities, I do not think this honour would have been conferred upon me. And so long as we continue to work as we have been doing, and as I hope we shall continue to do, I have no doubt the Madras Municipality will excel every other Municipality in its work and the estimation in which it is held. In

education is far advanced the question of suffrage for women is still unsettled, what should be said of country like India where the social condition of women is extremely backward. The other day I was talking with a gentleman on the subject and he remarked that nature has ordained a certain set of duties to women and certain others to men and that if the one should attempt to assume the functions of the other, domestic and social equilibrium must be disorganised. This I think is a very pertinent remark and I doubt not that it must commend itself to you. In the next place, supposing the privilege is conceded as proposed, is the alteration likely to effect Municipal administration to any appreciable extent? From experience, we know that even males, especially the respectable class, have an aversion for attending polling stations and that in many cases they do not care to exercise the privilege except for special reasons. If such is the state of things in the case of males, need it be said that it must be worse so in the case of females. Immediately after the last General Meeting I thought it advisable to ascertain from the various District Municipalities, how far the right of voting conceded to women by their Act, was availed of, so that I may form an idea as to what is likely to be the result if the Madras Act is amended as proposed, and the information I gathered does not favour the proposal. Eight Municipalities gave me the number of female voters, but were unable to say whether any or how many of them attended the polling station. I therefore leave these out of account. In Tuticorin out of 27 and Vellore out of 16 none attended the polling station. In Bellary out of 130, 13 attended. In Salem 21 out of 123; Madura 48 out of 240; Conjevaram 7 out of 64; and Mayavaram 2 out of 41. In Cannanore, it seems that out of 97 Mahomedans, 29 Hindus and 4 Christians, only a few of the latter two, attended at the polling station and out of 48 in Tinnevely only a few dancing girls voted at elections. The same was the case in some of the other Municipalities. So far as I have been able to gather, irrespective of the class of women that attended polling stations, the number that availed themselves of the privilege was hardly 10 p.c. I suppose that if the Madras Act is amended and women are allowed to vote there is no chance of anything better. However all this may be I think as I have said before that the proposal is premature and that sometime must elapse before the privilege is extended to the female sex.

MR. J. DECASTER :—I wish to say a few words on the subject, and I propose to speak in favour of the resolution, in favour of women being allowed to vote. I think it is an act of simple justice that they like other rate-payers should be allowed to vote. In all the other Municipalities females are allowed to vote and it looks somewhat curious and invidious that we only should have a contrary rule.

SURGEON LIEUT.-COL. G. L. WALKER :—I think, Sir, after very accurate information that we have received from Mr. Pragasa Mudaliar very few of us will be in doubt about the matter. I fancy a great majority of us will agree with him and Mr. Desikachariar, that the time has by no means arrived when females in this Presidency should have this franchise conferred upon them. We have seen in the District Municipalities Act that franchise thrown open to women, but we have also heard from Mr. Pragasa Mudaliar how very small a proportion takes advantage of it. I would vote against the proposition on the ground that education among women has not progressed to such an extent as to make them sufficiently independent, sufficiently self-reliant and sufficiently well informed on matters generally to enable them to exercise the franchise with discretion or advantage to the public.

MR. P. THEAGAROYA CHETTY :—I am very glad some statistics are put before us. Most of the female voters in the 5th and the 7th divisions who own property are Mahomedans and nobody in this room will ever dream of seeing a Mahomedan lady at the polling station. With regard to the second and third divisions there are 185 and 182 voters respectively; but the other day when I had been to inspect some of the houses in connection with the house tax, no lady came and told me what the rent was but only a male relative of hers. Mr. Pragasa Mudaliar has shewn by figures only one class of people will come forward and I think by voting for this proposition he will be encouraging a class that we should not otherwise encourage.

MR. P. M. SIVANGANA MUDALIAR :—Mr. Vurdappah Naidu says that we are doing great injustice to ladies; but I may point out that "owners" include "agents." If women are not allowed to vote, their "agents" are. We are all aware that under the Hindu law women are always

under the control of somebody or other, under parents when children, under husbands when married and under husband's relatives when they become widows, so that they are never free.

MR. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY :—I am rather surprised at the opposition that this resolution has evoked. From the discussion that took place at the last meeting I understood that many would be in favor of this resolution. Several arguments have been advanced which may not all be quite tenable. Apart from other considerations we are bound to concede to all the inhabitants of this city privileges equally whether men or women, if the granting of the privilege is based upon the property qualification. I confess that I expected the least opposition from the European portion of the body and I am sorry that I should have been in that manner disappointed. What after all are the arguments against the granting of the privilege? If I take them *seriatim* they seem to be firstly, that loose women will come and vote.

THE PRESIDENT INTERRUPTING :—That was the argument of the proposer.

MR. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY :—Continuing :—The next argument is that only a small minority would take advantage of the privilege. What is the objection to the granting of the privilege if only a small number is to be benefitted? They do not appreciably add to the large electoral body. Another objection is that we are not prepared for the reform. I beg to know, gentlemen, whether we should have had the political reforms if the same reasons had been applied. When the local self-Government was proposed to be extended to this country it was said that we were not sufficiently advanced to be benefitted by that scheme. What have been the effects of that scheme? Undoubtedly in the first beginning of the extensions, the privilege was not used as beneficially as it might have been and in some quarters it was said that we attained the privilege too soon. Time has shewn that was a fallacy. The existence of the elected councillors in every part of the Presidency is proof positive that my statement is correct. Then again when the election of the legislative members by the people was proposed, we met with considerable opposition, mainly on the ground that the country was not prepared for it and that the country has not got amongst the people a sufficiently large number of men fit to represent the people. Has that not been proved to be unfounded? Is it not now said that the trial has proved successful, so that we ought to claim a further extension in that direction? It is said again that women are not educated enough to be self-reliant and to exercise an intelligent discretion in the matter of voting. Can we not quote that statement against a large number of ourselves, against a large portion of the male electors that we have got? Are they all men who know the Commissioners for whom they vote? Such being the case why should we grudge this privilege to women? I believe my friend Mr. Sivangana Mudaliar is not right in his interpretation, unless voting by proxy is allowed. I do not see how an agent is allowed to vote. Mr. Pragasa Mudaliar has given us statistics shewing how far this privilege is taken advantage of by women in the Mofussil. But the proper thing would be to compare the figures in the Presidencies of Bombay and Calcutta. People in Madras may be more advanced than the people in the Mofussil. We cannot say that only 10 p.c. will vote in Madras, because 10 p.c. vote in the Mofussil. Nobody loses anything by granting this privilege; on the other hand there may be gain on the matter of principle. I submit that it is only fit and proper that we should chivalrously accord to the other sex the privilege they are certainly entitled to. I may state that none of us are Goshas, except a few Mahomedans. Mr. P. Theagaroya Chetty said that he could not get any woman to answer him. That is not quite correct. For my part I had no difficulty.

THE PRESIDENT :—I am not going to say much. I think this is a matter which depends upon the question whether the privilege is wanted or not. In all questions of radical reform, we have to take into consideration whether the time has come for such reforms being made, especially when no possible gain is likely to accrue from them. If women wanted this privilege they would have agitated for it and I do not think that the present movement is a female agitation; on the other hand I think it is a movement got up by some chivalrous gentleman. When you take into consideration that out of the male population of Madras only 21 of those qualified to vote ever voted at the election, you may well say how many women are likely to vote. What gain is there likely to be derived by women being given this privilege? If there is likely to be any good derived I should be the first to agitate it; but until some definite good is shewn, I see no reason for the reform suggested.

In reply to Surgeon Lieut.-Col. G. L. Walker, Mr. Venkataramiah Chetty said that women who owned property employed Gamastahs to collect rents.

DR. VURDAPPAH NAIDU :—Many of the speakers spoke of Hindu women, but there are many European and Eurasian women who own property and who always feel it a grievance that they are not treated considerably by the Municipality.

The resolution was put to the vote and lost.

The meeting then terminated.

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Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the City of Madras, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Monday, the 12th July 1897, at 3-30 p. m., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT :

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir George Moore, Kt., C.I.E., *President*.
 M.R. Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu.
 M.R. Ry. R. Balakistnama Chetty Garu.
 M.R. Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal.
 Cowasjee Eduljee, Esq.
 M.R. Ry. Salla Gurusawmy Chetty Garu.
 M.R. Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu.
 M.R. Ry. C. Yetherajulu Naidu Garu.
 M.R. Ry. P. M. Sivangnana Mudaliar Avargal.
 The Hon'ble Mahomed Sheriff Khan Bahadur.
 Haji Mahomed Abdul Hadi Badsha Sahib.
 M.R. Ry. P. V. Kistnasawmy Chetty Garu.
 M.R. Ry. M. Varadarajulu Chetty Garu.
 M.R. Ry. C. S. Theagaroya Mudaliar Avargal.
 M.R. Ry. M. Ramakistnaiya Pantulu Garu,
 J. DeCaster, Esq.
 M.R. Ry. V. Varadappa Naidu Garu.
 The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu.
 M.R. Ry. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Naidu Garu,
 N. Subrahmanyam, Esq.
 M.R. Ry. Rao Bahadur A. Dhanakoty Mudaliar Avargal.
 R. F. Grant, Esq.
 Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel G. L. Walker.
 M.R. Ry. Rao Bahadur V. Krishnama Chariyar Avargal.
 M.R. Ry. C. Tirumalayya Naidu Garu.
 Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel J. Maitland.
 M.R. Ry. V. C. Desika Chariar Avargal.
 M.R. Ry. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal.

To recommend a candidate to fill a seat on the Legislative Council under the provisions of G. O., dated 17th May 1897, No. 42 L.

THE PRESIDENT :—Gentlemen, I will give you these cards and you will have to write on them the name of the gentleman whom you propose to elect. The successful candidate must obtain a clear majority of votes of those present and voting. As there are 28 commissioners present, the successful candidate must obtain 15 votes.

With the permission of the President Mr. R. F. Grant made the following observations :—Gentlemen, I wish to say a few words before we proceed to the important business of election. I think the importance of the occasion is a sufficient justification for me to invite your attention for a few moments to what I am going to say. I may tell you at once that I speak in behalf of the candidature of Mr. Eardley Norton who unfortunately has signified his willingness to represent our interest at a rather late stage. I use the word "unfortunately" advisedly, for I know that several of you, gentlemen, that are present, many of you that are present here, have stated that the only objection to his being returned at the head of the poll with a very large majority was the fact of his coming into the field at so late a stage. Now, gentlemen, that is practically an admission that you recognise Mr. Norton's merit and that you have in a way pledged yourselves to vote for other

Proceedings of an adjourned Special Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the City of Madras, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Wednesday the 14th July 1897, at 3-30 p. m., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT :

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir George Moore, Kt., C.I.E., *President*.
H. Ormerod, Esq.
M. R. Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. R. Balakistnama Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal.
Covasjee Eduljee, Esq.
M. R. Ry. Salla Gurusawmy Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. C. Yetherajulu Naidu Garu.
M. R. Ry. P. M. Sivangnana Mudaliar Avargal.
The Hon'ble Mahomed Sheriff Khan Bahadur.
Haji Mahamad Abdul Hadi Badsha Saheb.
M. R. Ry. P. V. Kistnasawmy Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. M. Varadarajulu Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. C. S. Theagaroya Mudaliar Avargal.
M. R. Ry. M. Ramakistnaiya Pantulu Garu.
J. DeCaster, Esq.
M. R. Ry. V. Varadappa Naidu Garu.
The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu.
N. Subrahmanyam, Esq.
M. R. Ry. M. K. Lakshmanachariar Avargal.
M. R. Ry. Rai Bahadur A. Dhanakoti Mudaliar Avargal.
R. F. Grant, Esq.
Surgeon-Lt.-Col. G. L. Walker.
M. R. Ry. Rao Bahadur V. Krishnama Charriar Avargal.
M. R. Ry. C. Tirumalayya Naidu Garu.
M. R. R. V. C. Desika Charriar Avargal.
M. R. Ry. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal.

To recommend a candidate to fill a seat on the Legislative Council under the provisions of G. O., dated 17th May 1897, No. 42 L.

THE PRESIDENT:—Gentlemen, there is one point about which I led you astray the other day, namely, as to the date within which we ought to send in the result. I calculated the period from the date on which Mr. Rungiah Naidu had vacated his seat on the Council. But I see it is two months from the date of the receipt of the order. I received the order on the 25th May, so that the result of the election need not be sent in till the 25th of July. The clear majority is 15, there being 23 commissioners present.

The Ballot was taken with the following result:—

	Votes.
The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu	12
M. R. Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu	11
Mr. Eardley Norton	5

No candidate having obtained the requisite majority of 15 votes, M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Naidu Garu proposed and M. R. Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu seconded—
“That the meeting adjourn till Tuesday the 20th July 1897.”
Carried.

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Proceedings of an Adjourned Special Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the City of Madras, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Tuesday, the 20th July 1897, at 5-30 p. m., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT :

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir George Moore, Kt., C.I.E., *President*.
H. Ormerod, Esq.
M. R. Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. R. Balakistnama Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal.
Covasjee Eduljee, Esq.
M. R. Ry. Salla Gurusawmy Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. C. Yetherajulu Naidu Garu.
M. R. Ry. P. M. Sivangnana Mudaliar Avargal.
The Hon'ble Mahomed Sheriff Kifan Bahadur.
Haji Mahamad Abdul Hadi Badsha Saheb.
M. R. Ry. P. V. Kistnasawmy Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. M. Varadarajulu Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. C. S. Theagaroya Mudaliar Avargal.
E. H. Elliot, Esq.
M. R. Ry. M. Ramakistnaiya Pantulu Garu.
J. DeCaster, Esq.
M. R. Ry. V. Varadappa Naidu Garu.
The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu.
M. R. Ry. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Naidu Garu.
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M. R. Ry. M. K. Lakshmanacharriar Avargal.
M. R. Ry. Rai Bahadur A. Dhanakoti Mudaliar Avargal.
R. F. Grant, Esq.
Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel G. L. Walker.
M. R. Ry. Rao Bahadur V. Krishnama Chariyar Avargal.
M. R. Ry. C. Tirumalayya Naidu Garu.
Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. Maitland.
M. R. Ry. V. C. Desika Charriar Avargal.

To recommend a candidate to fill a seat on the Legislative Council under the provisions of G. O., dated 17th May 1897, No. 42 L.

THE PRESIDENT :—Well, gentlemen, there are 30 Commissioners present. The majority on this occasion will be 16.

The Ballot was taken with the following result :—

	Votes.
The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu	12
M. R. Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu	11
Mr. Eardley Norton	7
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No candidate obtains the requisite majority.

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DR. VURDAPAH NAIDU:—I beg to propose that another ballot be taken.

MR. W. S. VENKATARAMANJULU NAIDU:—Are we likely to come to any settlement? We have had three meetings and 4 ballots with no result. I think it will be better to leave the whole matter in the hands of Government. I for one would certainly keep out of the whole transaction as the thing is getting disgusting. (He then left the meeting).

THE PRESIDENT:—There are now 29 Commissioners present. The majority is 15.

Another Ballot was taken with the result that,—

	Votes.
The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu obtained...	...
M. R. Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu	... 15
Mr. Eardley Norton	... 13
	... 1
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THE HON'BLE MR. P. RUNGIAH NAIDU was declared elected.

THE HON'BLE MR. P. RUNGIAH NAIDU:—I beg to thank you for your kind recommendation. I can only repeat the assurance that I made on the two former occasions, that I shall try to perform the work which may be assigned to me to the best of my ability conscientiously without fear or favour.

The meeting then terminated.

THOMPSON AND CO., PRINTERS, MADRAS.

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS of a GENERAL MEETING of the MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS for the CITY of MADRAS, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Monday the 28th June 1897, at 5 P.M., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT:

Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. Moore, C.I.E., *President*.
H. Ormerod, Esq.
M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. R. Balakistnama Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. Salla Gurusawmy Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu.
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Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. Maitland.
M.R.Ry. V. C. Desika Chariyar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal.

No. 1.

Order of Knighthood.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Naidu Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Naidu Garu—

"That the Commissioners view with gratification the deserved honour that has been conferred upon their President by his promotion to the order of Knighthood, and, in congratulating him very heartily, tender their best wishes for his long enjoyment of health and prosperity."

Carried by acclamation.

No. 2.

President's Memorandum, dated 5th April 1897, on the remarks by the Attorneys to the Trustees for the Debenture Holders, Madras Electric Tramways Co., on the resolution of the Commissioners, dated 30th November 1896.

Deferred.

No. 3.

Acting Engineer's Memorandum, W. W. No. 262, dated 20th May 1897, submitting proposal for the improvement of water-supply in Madras costing about sixteen lakhs.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. V. C. Desika Chariyar Avargal—

"That the estimates, amounting to sixteen lakhs, be submitted to Government for favorable consideration."

Carried.

No. 4.

Consideration of the question of the Madras Municipality contributing Rs. 500 towards the expenses of the Casket and Address in connection with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Proposed by Mr. J. DeCaster and seconded by M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur V. Krishnama Chariyar Avargal—

"That the Commissioners contribute Rs. 500 towards the expenses of the Casket and Address in connection with the Queen-Empress' Diamond Jubilee."

Carried.

No. 5.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 21st May and 4th June 1897, and Resolution No. 12 of the Proceedings, dated 14th April 1897.

Proceedings of 21st May and 4th June 1897 were recorded.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal and seconded by M.R.Ry. Salla Gurusawmy Chetty Garu—

"That resolution No. 12 of 14th April 1897 be confirmed."

To this, as an amendment, M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur V. Krishnama Chariyar Avargal proposed and M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Naidu Garu seconded—

"That payment be sanctioned subject to its not being formed into a precedent."

The amendment on being put to the meeting was lost and the original resolution was carried.

No. 6.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from April 1896 to March 1897.

Recorded.

No. 7.

Progress Report of works for February and March 1897.

Recorded.

No. 8.

The President moved the following resolution of which he had given notice:—

"That G.O., No. 1387 M. Mis., dated 9th June 1897, re the question of purchasing a disinfecting apparatus for permanent use at Madras be considered."

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel G. L. Walker seconded.

Carried.

Proposed by Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel G. L. Walker and seconded by Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. Maitland—

"That the Commissioners agree with the standing committee that this apparatus is not required under existing conditions."

Carried.

No. 9.

M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Naidu Garu moved the following resolution of which he had given notice:—

"That the Government be addressed to amend the section 9 of the Madras Municipal Act by omitting the sub-section A 'male sex,' to allow either sex to vote at the municipal election."

M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu seconded.

The resolution, on being put to the vote, was lost.

The Meeting terminated.

G. M. J. MOORE, Lieut.-Colonel,
President, Municipal Commission.

Municipal Office, Madras,
July 1897.

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS of a SPECIAL MEETING of the MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS for the CITY of MADRAS, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Monday the 12th July 1897, at 5-30 P.M., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT:

Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. Moore, C.I.E., *President.*
M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. R. Balakistnama Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal.
Covasjee Eduljee, Esq.
M.R. Ry. Salla Gurusawmy Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu.
M.R. Ry. C. Yetherajulu Naidu Garu.
M.R.Ry. P. M. Sivangnana Mudaliar Avargal.
The Hon'ble Mahomed Sheriff Khan Bahadur.
Haji Mahomed Abdul Hadi Badsha Sahib.
M.R.Ry. P. V. Kistnasawmy Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. M. Varadarajulu Chetty Garu.
M.R. Ry. C. S. Theagaraya Mudaliar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. M. Ramakistnaiya Pantulu Garu.
J. DeCaster, Esq.
M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Naidu Garu.
The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu.
M.R.Ry. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Naidu Garu.
N. Subrahmanyam, Esq.
M.R.Ry. Rai Bahadur A. Dhanakoti Mudaliar Avargal.
R. F. Grant, Esq.
Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel G. L. Walker.
M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur V. Krishnama Chariyar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. C. Tirumalayya Naidu Garu.
Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. Maitland.
M.R.Ry. V. C. Desika Charriar, Avargal.
M.R.Ry. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal.

To recommend a candidate to fill a seat on the Legislative Council under the provisions of G.O., dated 17th May 1897, No. 42 L.

The Ballot was taken with the following result:—

	Votes.
M.R. Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu	12
The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu	10
Mr. Eardley Norton	6

No candidate having obtained the requisite majority of 15 votes, a fresh Ballot was commenced when M.R.Ry. P. M. Sivanguana Mudaliar Avargal proposed and M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Naidu Garu seconded—

"That this meeting adjourn till Thursday the 15th July 1897."

The resolution was lost.

The second Ballot was taken with the same result as the first.

M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Naidu Garu proposed and M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu seconded—

"That the meeting adjourn till Wednesday the 14th July 1897 at 5-30 P.M."

Carried.

Municipal Office, Madras,
July 1897.

G. M. J. MOORE, Lieut.-Col.,
President, Municipal Commission.

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS of an adjourned SPECIAL MEETING of the MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS for the CITY of MADRAS, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Wednesday the 14th July 1897, at 5-30 P.M., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT :

Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. Moore, C.I.E., *President*.
H. Ormerod, Esq.
M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. R. Balakistnama Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal.
Cawasjee Eduljee, Esq.
M.R.Ry. Salla Guruswamy Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. C. Yetherajulu Naidu Garu.
M.R. Ry. P. M. Sivangnana Mudaliar Avargal.
The Hon'ble Mahomed Sheriff Khan Bahadur.
Haji Mahamad Abdul Hadi Badsha Saheb.
M.R.Ry. P. V. Kistnasawmy Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. M. Varadarajulu Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. C. S. Theagaraya Mudaliar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. M. Ramakistnaiya Pantulu Garu.
J. DeCaster, Esq.
M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Naidu Garu.
The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu.
N. Subrahmanyam, Esq.
M.R.Ry. M. K. Lakshmanacharriar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. Rai Bahadur A. Dhanakoti Mudaliar Avargal.
R. F. Grant, Esq.
Surgeon-Lt.-Col. G. L. Walker.
M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur V. Krishnama Chariyar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. C. Tirumalayya Naidu Garu.
M.R. Ry. V. C. Desika Charriar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal.

To recommend a candidate to fill a seat on the Legislative Council under the provisions of G.O., dated 17th May 1897, No. 42 L.

The Ballot was taken with the following result :—

	Votes.
The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu	12
M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu	11
Mr. Eardley Norton	5

No candidate having obtained the requisite majority of 15 votes, M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Naidu Garu proposed and M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu seconded—

“ That the meeting adjourn till Tuesday the 20th July 1897.”

Carried.

Municipal Office, Madras,
July 1897.

G. M. J. MOORE, Lieut.-Col.,
President, Municipal Commission.

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS of an ADJOURNED SPECIAL MEETING of the MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS for the CITY of MADRAS, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Tuesday the 20th July 1897, at 5-30 P.M., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT:

Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. Moore, C.I.E., *President*.
H. Ormerod, Esq.
M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. R. Balakistnama Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal.
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M.R.Ry. C. S. Theagaraya Mudaliar Avargal.
E. H. Elliot, Esq.
M.R.Ry. M. Ramakistnaiya Pantulu Garu.
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The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu.
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To recommend a candidate to fill a seat on the Legislative Council under the provisions of G.O., dated 17th May 1897, No. 42 L.

The Ballot was taken with the following result:—

	Votes.
The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu	12
M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu	11
Mr. Eardley Norton	7
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	30
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No candidate having obtained the requisite majority of 16, another Ballot was taken with the result that—

	Votes.
The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu obtained	15
M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu	13
Mr. Eardley Norton	1
	—
	29
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The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu having obtained the requisite majority of 15, was elected.
M.R.Ry. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Naidu Garu having left the meeting before the second Ballot was taken, the number of Commissioners present and voting was reduced to 29.
The meeting then terminated.

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July 1897.

G. M. J. MOORE, Lieut.-Colonel,
President, Municipal Commission.

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