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Local & Munl. (1897) Department

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G.O., No. 246 M.

DATED 19-2-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

School

Disapproving with remarks the proposal
of the Trichinopoly mub. Council to grant the public
garden in front of the Anaiikulams tank to
Muhammedan Educational Committee for
Construction of a school house.

BACK PAPERS.

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Local & Munl. (189) Department

CURRENT No. 3054/M

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Order



Referred to the municipal council, Trichinopoly for remarks, which should be submitted through the Collector.

From J. A. Leshagiri Rao & others Trichinopoly.

No.

Secretary to Govt.

Dated 15-10-96

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V.A.
21/11/96
Fort St. George
18 November 1896

SUBJECT.

Praying that the public garden belonging to the Trichinopoly municipality may not be given to Muhammadans for building a school house but should be reserved for recreation purposes.

To The Chairman, M.C. Trichinopoly.

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C. Nos 3057 M of 1896 & 399 M of 1897

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That the agitating petitioners who want to build a school on this site have some other object in view in seeking to obtain possession of this valuable ground is clear from the following facts to which we respectfully beg to invite your Excellency's kind consideration.

1. There is plenty of available open space adjoining and in front of the site now sought to be alienated, which will perfectly answer all the requirements for building a school house. The only thing is they are not enclosed by walls at a cost to the Municipality of Rs. 2000 and have not valuable trees growing therein which alone attract these Mahommedan philanthropists and have fixed their choice.

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To spend further sums on building a fresh school house while there is already a grand building where the school is now located is doubtful wisdom. Any funds that may be spared for this purpose may be profitably invested in improving and raising the grade of the existing school maintained by the Municipality.

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Order No. 246 M. No. 19-2-97.

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V.R.
16/2/97

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(as the Hon. Mr. Sain said in 1892 we must protect the reservation against utilitarian vandalism)

To

The Chairman, Municipal Council, Trichinopoly
" Collector of Trichinopoly

On 20/2/97

5. The S. P. G. College, The St. Joseph's College and the National High School are very near and almost adjoin the site which the Mahammedans want for their school and their boys may be sent to these famous institutions for receiving education from trained and veteran Educationists with the greatest advantage.

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Trichinopoly

15th Oct. 1896



Municipal Dept

3057 M

To

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Fort St George
Madras

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C. E. Pandram Saig
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Don of T. A. - Rao. Ltd.

Ugasa-
the chief

T. K. Ramachandra Rao
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Handwritten signature: *John F. Smith*

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Venkatapathy Rao

T. Enkatesa

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A. K. Ramaswami aiyar

Mubbarams Aiyar

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 399 M

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
13.1.97

C-Nos 3057 M of 1896 and 3994 of 1897 From The Chairman Municipal Council Trichinopoly

Mis Order.

No. 3.

For the reasons assigned by the Collector in his letter to the Chairman N^o 2112, Revenue dated 26th December 1896, the proposal to grant the public garden to the Mahamadan Educational Committee for the construction of a school house cannot be approved.

Dated 22-1-1897
Received 2-2-1897
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2. A copy of the resolution of the municipal Council N^o 169, dated 3rd September 1896 should have also been submitted

SUBJECT.

Submitting his remarks on the petition presented by J. A. Lashajing Row and others praying that the Public garden may not be given to Mahamadans for purposes of School house.

To The Chairman Municipal Council, Trichinopoly
" Collector of Trichinopoly

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Handwritten notes in Tamil script, likely a translation or commentary on the official document.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Municipal Office,
Trichinopoly 25th Oct 1896.

No. 3254

From

M. R. Ry.
Khan Bahadur Mahanadhalahadi, hazzilshau
Sahib
Chairman, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
TRICHINOPOLY.

To

The Collector
of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for your
favorable Consideration Resolution
No 169 of the Municipal Council passed on
the 3rd September 1896 regarding the grant
of a piece of land on the Western Boulevard
Road to the Mahanadhalahadi Educational
Committee, Trichinopoly for the erection
of a School house.

2. In 1885 this land was walled around
by the Municipality for use as burial ground
in substitute of a few other burial grounds
situated in the heart of the town and
closed on Sanitary grounds. It was

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of the petition which originates

however not used by the Mahamadans
and in 1891 the Municipal Council
allowed the Union Club to use it as a
tennis Court and reading room. In
time however, it became a garden and a
favorite resort of a few members. A number
of plants and Crotons were grown and
a pigeon room constructed. In 1894 the
Mahamadans applied for permission
to use it as burial ground. The Council
refused permission on the ground that
it was unsuited for the purpose. Seeking
the Sanitary Commissioner who inspected
the land in connection with the objections
objected to the use of the land by the Club
without payment of rent or purchase. There-
fore the Council passed a resolution
"In March 1905) renting the ground to
the Club for Rs 12. a year though the
at which it was kept was some-
thing like 180 a year. The Collector did
approve of this and suggested that
land might be sold. The Council

declared its unwillingness to
stated that it would reserve it for the
Construction of a woman's hospital
or municipal office. This was in 11th July 1906
but in the meantime the Mahamadans
applied to the Council for the grant of the
land for the Construction of a school
house for Mahamadans and upon their
application the enclosed resolution was passed.
The Council having already negatived
the proposal to sell the land,
there are now 3 proposals regarding
its disposal (viz) (1) to Construct a
municipal office on it (2) to Construct
a woman's hospital (3) to make a grant
of it to the Mahamadans Educational Com-
mittee for the erection of a school house.
As regards 1. at present the municipal
office is located in a substantial and
spacious building forming part of the
old palace which is quite sufficient
for all purposes. The Construction of
another building is I submit

para 2 of the petition of the
Mahamadans

And benevolent nature of the insti-
tution that is proposed to be built
upon it and the poverty of the
race whom it is to benefit. In
these circumstances, I beg to recommend
that the Government may be moved to
make a free grant of this land to the
Mahomedan Educational Committee
on the same terms as those imposed
upon the National High School Com-
mittee.

I have &c
Sof. Khadi's Lavaz Khan
Chairman

/ True Copy /

Municipal Office
Trichinopoly
No. 1. 97

Khat Nam
Chairman

Trichinopoly Collectors Office

Dated 26th December 1896

Dis No. 2112 of 1896

Res

From

J. K. Batten Esq.

Ag Collector,

Trichinopoly

To

The Chairman,

Municipal Council,

Trichinopoly.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 3251
29.10.96

I have the honour to point out that
it is for the Council in the first in-
stance to arrive at a definite con-
clusion as to which of the four pro-
posals hitherto made regarding the
"Public garden" deserves to be carried out.

2. However, deem it necessary
to record the following observations on
the subject and to request that you
will be good enough to lay them before
the Council when it again proceeds to
consider the matter.

3. The Council has expended a con-
siderable sum of money in erecting a

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the wall and in rearing the present garden. The fact that the land was originally prepared for use as a burial-ground for the Mahomedan Community is no reason why it should now be handed over to that Community for another purpose. The wall was built at the expense of the general public, not of the Mahomedans especially, and I may add that the Mahomedan Community objected to the land being used as a Mahomedan burial-ground. On the other hand, the handing over of the land to be used by the Union Club or any other exclusive body is equally objectionable. It does not seem proper to let the Mahomedan or any other particular Community profit at the expense of the general taxpayer.

hus. In my opinion, it is quite possible for the Mahomedan Educational Committee to secure some other suitable site at a reasonable cost from private owners.

Further, the town is so closely built and so thickly populated that the preservation of open spaces like the one in question is very essential for the public health.

In

In this Connection I would invite the attention of the Council to the following very pertinent remarks submitted to Government in 1872 by the President of the then municipal Commission:—

"The Commission is of opinion that it is highly advisable not to dispose of the land (the site of the old Fort and ditch) or allow it to be built upon but that it should be planted with trees and reserved exclusively for public recreation. There can be no question but that this open ground which enables a fresh current of air to pass into every street of this densely populated municipality has contributed materially to the surprising improvement in the public health that of late years has been noted in the town of Frichinopoly and the Commissioners are of opinion that to allow this valuable land to be covered with buildings and the town to be more shut in by a belt of houses and their enclosures would be a reconstruction of the evil from which the town has with much labour and at so vast an outlay Capital been lately delivered." On the

And being... Government ordered in
G.O. No. 458, Financial, dated 6.4.72
that none of the land in question should
be assigned for building purposes without
its sanction. The town has since grown more
densely populated and the above remarks
therefore now apply with greater force, and
will apply with even greater force in the fu-
ture.

6. Under these circumstances,
I am of opinion that the site in question
should be reserved for the use of the
public as a park for recreation - purposes
and should even, if possible, be extended
gradually.

I have &c
(signed) J. K. Batten
Collector.
(True copy)
Munshi
for collector.

July

No. 3. MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS' OFFICE,
TRICHINOPOLY 22 January 1897.
FROM, Khan Bahadur Mahomed Khadi, Bazar
CHAIRMAN, Khan Sahib
Municipal Council.
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT. TRICHINOPOLY.
CURRENT No. 399 M
To, The Chief Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
FORT ST. GEORGE.

Through the, Collector of Trichinopoly.
SIR,
With reference to your endorsement No.
1331 dated 18th November 1896. On Current
No. 3057 M, I have the honor to enclose for
the information of Government a copy
of my letter to the collector which contains
a full history of the piece of land
assigned to the Mahamadan Edu-
cational Committee.

The petition in question contains a
number of incorrect statements but the
Collector having remitted the subject
for reconsideration, I abstain from
making any remarks and content
myself with stating with reference
to para 2 of the petition that it
indignifies the collector.

And that I brought up the subject as
 Soon as I took charge of the Municipality
 and had a resolution passed that
 the allegation is incorrect and misleading
 And that the subject was on the Standard
 paper even before I took charge having
 been placed therein by my predecessors and
 was disposed of as it should be along
 with other subjects posted for that meeting

I have the honor to be
 Sir
 your most obedt servt

Wm. H. H. H.
 Chairman

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2. I enclose a copy of
 my reply to the Chairman dated
 26th Decr 1896 no 2112 Revenue, which
 embodies my views on the subject
W. H. H.
 ag. Collector
 29.1.97

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