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Local & Munl. (1897). Department.

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G.O., No. 2484 M.

DATED 11-11-97-

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Appointment of Secretary

Requesting the Mul. Council of Negapatam with remarks,
to reconsider its resolution, proposing to
defer the question of appointment of a Secretary
for the Mulity, and also to consider the question
of raising the rate of tax on buildings & lands
to the maximum rate, prescribed in the Amended
Act.

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. 1605 M, dated 17th July 1897.

Current No. 3483. M. of 1897, dated 8th October 1897 from the Collector of Tanjore

Current No. of 189 , dated from the

Misc Order. No. 2484 M Mis d/ 11/11/97

The Government agrees with the Chairman and the Collector in considering that the immediate appointment of a Secretary to the municip council is desirable. The finances of the municipality are no doubt not altogether in a satisfactory condi at present. But His Excellency the Governor in Council considers tha the appointment of a Secretary wil be the most economical arrangement in the end, as such an office, if capable, may be expected to improve the resources of the municipality and by efficient management effect savings more than sufficient to cover the cost of his employment. The municipal counci is accordingly requested to reconsid its resolution without delay, fi

as follows:—

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the salary to be paid to the Secretary and to specify the powers to be delegated to him as already required in paragraph 2 of G.O. No 1605 M, dated 17th July 1897.

2. As regards the anticipated decline in the income from the tax on arts, the Government considers that it should be met by increasing the rate of the tax on buildings and lands from 6¼ per cent of their annual value to the maximum rate, if necessary, of 8½ per cent prescribed in the amended Act. The municipal council is requested to consider this matter at an early date and report the result to Government.

(From Orders)

V.R.
8/11/97

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To
The Chairman. M.C. Negapatam,
through the Collector of Tanjore

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Again G.O., No. 1605 M, dated 17th July 1897.
Current No. 3483. M. of 1897, dated 8th October 1897 from the Collector of Tanjore
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SUBJECT

Appointment of Secretary — Negapatam municipality.

FOR ORDERS.

In the Government order read above, the municipal council of Negapatam was requested to revise its proposals for the appointment of a Secretary with reference to paragraph 2 of G.O. No 1465. M, dated 21st June 1897 and the Collector's remarks in his endorsement, and the Chairman was asked to report which of his powers, other than those the delegation of which is compulsory under Section 39-A of Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, the council intended to delegate to the Secretary.

2. With his letter read above the Chairman forwards copy of the council's resolution which runs as follows:—

"Resolved that Government

"be informed that the council is not "in a position on financial grounds "to entertain a Secretary at once. "The question will be held over "~~un~~till the beginning of the next "financial year. The sanction of "Government to postpone the appointment will be applied for."

The Chairman however, points out that although by the operation of the District Municipalities Act Amendment Act III of 1897 the annual revenue from the tax on arts is likely to fall by not less than Rs 7000, yet this deficit can be met by raising the rate of the tax on buildings and lands to the maximum of 8½ per cent provided in the new act, that there are other directions which have already been approved by the Council or are now under its consideration vherein by the exercise of the trictest economy, savings can be ffected, and that far from its eing a reason to postpone the ppointment of a Secretary, the esent condition of the finances ght to expedite it, as a full-ied officer will be able to

increase the revenue and curtail all avoidable items of expenditur The Chairman further states that even if the appointment of a Secretary is sanctioned forthwit it may not come into force before the 1st December, that the council will thus have to provide for his salary for only three months in the current financial year and that this can be met from general savings.

3. The Head Assistant Collector is, however, of opinion that the appointment of a Secretary is a luxury which the council can hardly afford at present; but the Collector agrees with the Chairman in considering that the Council will do well to appoint a Secretary without waiting for the next official year and that the salary of the

Secretary

Secretary should be fixed now, so that the same may be taken into consideration in framing the budget for the ensuing year, and accordingly suggests that the council may be called upon to ~~consider~~ reconsider the matter and propose the appointment of a Secretary at an early date.

4. As Negapatam is one of the bigger municipalities in this Presidency, both in size and population, the appointment of a Secretary is very necessary and desirable. Besides it will be the most economical arrangement in the end, as a capable officer may be expected to improve the revenues and by greater economy effect savings more than sufficient to cover the cost of his employment. The council may therefore be asked to fix without delay the

salary

salary of the Secretary and to specify the powers to be delegated to him, as already required in paragraph 2. of G.O. No. 1605 M, dated 17th July 1897. It may also be pointed out to the council that the anticipated decline in the revenue from the arts tax should be made good by increasing the tax on houses and lands.

V.B.
28/10/97

H.W.
29/10/97

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 3483M

Order

From The Collector of Tanjore

No. 4836/Rev

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding with remarks Negapatam Municipal chairman's letter regarding the appointment of a Secretary to the Council

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Enclosure No 1 to letter 524 Dn 20/9/97

Extract from the proceedings of the Municipal Council Negapatam at a meeting held at 5. P. M on Thursday the 16th September 1897

Present

M.R.Ry. P. Ratnasabapattupillai avl Chairman
2 J. J. Cotton Esquire Dy Head Asst Collector Ex officio Councillor.
3 Revd T. E. Darvall M. A.
4 Captain J. P. James
5 M.R.Ry. Ratnasabapattupillai avl Rai Sahib
6 " S. Kalyanarama Iyer avl
7 Revd E. Webster M. A.
8 M.R.Ry. Chinna Maricar avl Sahib Bahadur
9 " M. K. Vappakandu Maricar avl do
10 " S. Alia Maricar avl do
11 " C. R. Kungithapatham Iyer avl
12 " Lechoomana Naidu garu
13 " M. S. Ramasamipillai avl
14 " A. R. N. Gurusamipillai avl
15 " Tawket Muthusithambarachettiar avl.
16 " S. Soobramania Iyer avl
17 " S. Sinnathambi Maricar avl S.B.

3 Read G. O. No 1605 M. Mis, dated

17th July 1897 on the Subject of appointing a Secretary.

Resolved that Government be informed that the Council is not in a position on financial grounds to entertain a Secretary at once. The question will be held over till the beginning of the next financial year. The Sanction of Government to postpone the appointment will be applied for.

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(True Extract)

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Chairman

Enclosure No 1.

In a letter

from

The Collector of

Tanjore

To The Secretary to Government

Local & Municipal Department

Madras.

No 4836/Rev.

Dated 8-10-97

Extract from the Proceedings

of the Municipal Council

Negapatam at a meeting held

on 16-9-97.

1/3483 M of 1897

No 524

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Negapatam 18th Sept 1897.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
3483 M

From

M.R.Ry. P. Ratnasabapathupillai avl

Chairman, Municipal Council,

Negapatam.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

Madras,

Local and Municipal Department,

Through the Head Assistant Collector and the Collector of Tanjore.

SIR,

With reference to G. O. No 1605 M mis, dated 17th July 1897, I have the honor to enclose an extract from the proceedings of the Council dated the 16th instant regarding the appointment of a Secretary. The Council has decided to postpone the appointment till the beginning of the ensuing financial year on the ground that the state of its finances does not permit of a Secretary being appointed at once. It is a fact that the Calculations in the budget for

for the Current year have been upset by a great fall in revenue Caused by the operation of the amended Schedule of the tax on Arts, Professions &c. It is roughly estimated that the decrease under this head will be between — 30 and 40 per cent during the Current year and not less than 50 per cent from the ensuing year and onwards, the smallness of the decrease in the former case being due to the full number of appeals not having been filed. Under any Circumstances the Council has to face an annual Shortfall of not less than Rs 7000 in its revenue. To Supply this deficiency the Chief resource which the Council has got is to raise the house and land taxes from the present rate of 6¼ per cent to the maximum of 8½ per cent. This measure will result in an

increased revenue of between Rs 7000 and 8000 Rs per annum. And there are directions in which by the exercise of the Strictest economy Savings in expenditure can and ought to be effected. I have already brought the matter before the Council, and some Savings have been Sanctioned and others are pending Consideration. It Seems to me that the Condition of the finance, far from being a reason to postpone the appointment of a Secretary, ought to expedite it without avoidable delay, as a full-timed Officer will be of Considerable help in bringing in every available pie of revenue and Curtailing every avoidable item of expenditure.

2. The appointment of a Secretary, even if made

forthwith, may not come into force till 1st December, so that the Council has to provide for his pay only for 3 months during the current financial year, as March's pay will be disbursed in April. 3 months' pay will be between Rs 450 & 600 Rs which ought to be met from general savings under expenditure.

3. I therefore feel compelled to appeal to the Divisional Officer and the Collector to urge upon the attention of Government the desirability of appointing a Secretary during the current financial year itself at an early date.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt servant

Chairman

Local & Munl. (189) Department.

ASSISTANT COLLECTOR & MAGISTRATE
REG'D. No.
22 SEP. 97
TANJORE

CURRENT No.

185 Ml / Ml of 97

From
The Chairman
Municipal Council
Negapatam

No. 524

Dated 20th September 1897
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Forwarded. I was present at the meeting, & am disposed to think that exception cannot well be taken to the Council's resolution, in view of the Government's retrenchment policy coupled with the Municipality's own resources. The Chairman's remark that the introduction of the amended schedule of tax on arts professions &c wd result in a reduction of 50 o/o, is perhaps a little exaggerated: but I anticipate a material reduction ~~in~~ of revenue under this head. If it is not too presumptuous on my part to criticize, I wd ask Govt. to see whether other Councils do not bear out the truth of this charge. In Negapatam we are endeavouring to cut down establishment & miscellaneous charges: but a Secretary means 2400 or 2000 a year & it is a luxury at present we can hardly afford. I am most averse to cutting down expenditure on the pure water pumping stations: but if we are to pay for a Secretary, it seems to mean that something must go by the board, or else new taxes be put on or old ones tightened.

J. J. Cotton
Hd. Collr.
Camp. Adrampatnam 22.9.97.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting to urge upon the Government the desirability of appointing a Secretary before the close of the current financial year.

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Endorsement on
Negapatam Chairman's letter
to Government
No. 524/20.9.97

Forwarded.

2. I agree with the Chairman and Consider that the Council would do well to appoint a Secretary without waiting for the next official year. This is the time to do so, and to decide as to the salary, so that the same may be taken into Consideration when framing the Budget for next year, with a view to meeting his salary by means of savings under some items, and by means of anticipated increased receipts under others, as a

result

result of the appointment, as pointed out by the Chairman. If the matter is to lie over until next year, the Budget will have been already prepared and sanctioned without any provision for the salary of a Secretary and it will then be much more difficult to meet the same.

3. I may here mention that I entirely concur with the views of the late Ag. Collector Mr. Ayling, contained in his Endorsement dated 28. 5. 97 No. 976/Eng., forwarding to Government the former Resolution of the Council.

4. I beg to suggest, therefore, that the Council be invited to reconsider the matter and to pass a Resolution

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as to the salary, so that a Secretary may be appointed with as little delay as possible. The expenditure on his salary this year will be very insignificant, for the reasons pointed out by the Chairman.

5. A resolution should also be passed with reference to para 2 of the Government Order under reply.

Ag. Collector

Tanjore Collector's office
Vallam
8th October 97

S.R.

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