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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 2696m.

DATED 4-12-97.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Voters' lists

Requesting the Director of Santho Arcty ^{with remarks} to inform
certain rate-payers of Buddalore that Govt
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by them.

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From

The Collector of South Arcot

Order. n. 2696 in Mis of 4.12.97.

The Collector is requested to inform the petitioners that the Government cannot interfere as requested by them. The list of voters having been duly prepared and published, it was open to any aggrieved person to come forward and point out any error or omission in it within the prescribed time.

As this has not been done, the list has, by operation of law, come into force on the expiry of the period mentioned in rule 12 of the election rules issued in G.O. No. 1876.M, dated 8th December 1890.

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To The Collector of South Arcot

on Regr. No. No.

Dated 25 October 1897

Received 27-10-97

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Enclosures (2)

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for orders, with remarks, petition presented by certain persons of the ward of the Cuddalore M.C. complaining against the improper & incomplete preparation of the voters' list in the ward & praying exercise of the power vested in Govt. P.T.O. under rule 13 of the Rules under Sect 5.

*H.T.
3.12.97*

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precedent please see G.O. No 2153-M,
dated 2nd October 1897.

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Submitted to Government for favour of
Orders.

The petitioners complain that the list of persons entitled to vote in the 1st Ward of the Municipality prepared by the Councillor Muthusami Chetty is defective and pray that Government will be pleased to exercise the power vested in it under rule 13 of the rules under sec. 250(1) (a) of the Act. The petitioners state that about 70 names have been improperly omitted from the list by the Councillor. On 18th August last, they presented a similar petition to me giving a list showing 39 names omitted from the Councillor's list. From a report received from the Chairman of the Municipal Council it appears that the list prepared by the Councillor was published under rule 8 on the 10th April last. No applications appear

appears to have been received by the
Chairman within the period mentioned
in rule 9. and the list appears to
have been confirmed. The petitioners
inform me that they were not aware of
the preparation of the list at all. As
I found the application to me was
not within the time mentioned in rule
12, I forwarded the petition to the
Assistant Collector for report re-
garding the allegations contained in
it. The Assistant Collector held a
detailed enquiry and reported that
20 of the 39 names which ought to have
been entered in the list of voters had
been improperly omitted - The pro Party
and Co's, Fernan Byrt & Co's and
several merchants being among them.
One of the persons whose name was
omitted is reported to live in a house
the rental value of which was estima-
ted by the Councillor himself at Rs 50/-
Many of the persons whose names were
omitted

omitted are reported not to be in good
terms with the Councillor who prepared
the list so that there is room for sus-
pecting that the Councillor acted with
personal motives in omitting the
names of those who were not likely
to vote for him in the election which
will, in the ordinary course, take
place soon, as his term of office ex-
pires on 19th November next. A se-
parate report regarding the irregu-
larities in this and other matters of
this Councillor is being submitted
separately. I agree with the petitioners
in thinking that an election in the
ward with a large number of eligible
voters improperly kept out of the list
and thereby prevented from voting,
would not be a proper election and
that a correct list should be ordered
to be prepared. The Chairman is of
course greatly to blame in having
entrusted the work to the single
Councillor

Councillor who appears not to have
scrupled to use the opportunity
for his own ends. I request the favour
of early order as vacancies in
the ward will occur in November
next. I am of opinion that no election
should be allowed to take place for
that ward till the Register has been
correctly prepared. This report fur-
-nishes further proof regarding the
maladministration of the Cuddalore
Municipality.

Cuddalore
Dated 25th Oct. 1873. *atubbaringay*
for Collector.

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C. No 241
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To
A. E. Castle Stuart Stuart Esq J.C.
Collector
South Arcot.

The humble petition presented by Veerappa Chariar,
Rathiar, Manikka Chettiar, Gopalaswamy Pillai &
Muthu Mari Chettiar, residing in Cuddalore S.T.,
most respectfully sheweth:—

- i. That one Muthuswamy Chettiar, Municipal
Councillor, Cuddalore Municipality, was asked by
the Municipal Council to draw up a list of
persons entitled to vote in the 187 ward.
- ii. That in pursuance of the said requisition, he prepared
an onesided & incomplete list, purposely omitting
various persons entitled to vote such as Messrs
Dany & Co etc & only included persons in whom
he had confidence that they would readily oblige
him at any time in the matter of election.
- iii. That a petition in respect of the above matter
is now actually pending before the Asst Collector
who has examined all the persons including

the said muthuammy Chettiar.

16. That when there are about 140 persons entitled to vote in the 182 ward, the list prepared

by the said muthuammy Chettiar & finally approved by the Municipal Council, only comprises about 70 persons.

17. That the said Councilor hinted in the course of the enquiry before the assistant collector, some time ago, admitted several omissions and attributed them to mistake, ignorance & other causes.

18. That the said explanation, coming as it does from a Councilor, who should know all these things, is highly suspicious & unsatisfactory. A perusal of the explanation furnished by the said Councilor must at once convince you how far it is from the truth or otherwise of the matter contained therein.

19. That under rule XI. framed by the Local Government under the Municipal Act, the order passed by the Municipal Council in the matter of the preparation of the list has become final.

viii. That under rule xiii. the ward list of election shall continue in operation for 12 months or if the Government so direct until fresh lists are completed.

ix. That some vacancies are likely to occur in the 18th ward in the course of a few weeks.

x. That as the number of votes actually delivered in the election of Candidates, it is desirable & necessary that the list is complete & thereby a fair opportunity is afforded for Candidates to be in the field.

xi. That if the said list prepared by the said Matthews & Chetters were to remain in force, it would practically shut out persons who are not in good terms with the said Council & who stand as a rival Candidate either to him or to others at his bidding & at the same time narrow down the legitimate scope.

xii. How objectionable & improper the above is needs no particular comment.

xiii. That under rule xvi. the day of election shall not be deferred more than two months from the date of such meeting without the special sanction of Government.

But in this case fresh lists have been completed under the Rules -

XIV. That the Government has passed orders
the day of election.

XV. That unless the present bill for the 182 ward
is revised & the omission supplied, under the
orders of the Government, the next election
for the 182 ward will be a regular fair.
& it is impossible for any body except the
Said Muthusamy Chettiar or his men to get
into the Council.

The petitioners therefore pray that the
Government may be moved to order the prepara-
tion of a fresh bill & to extend the time for
election until the preparation & final
approval of the revised bill.

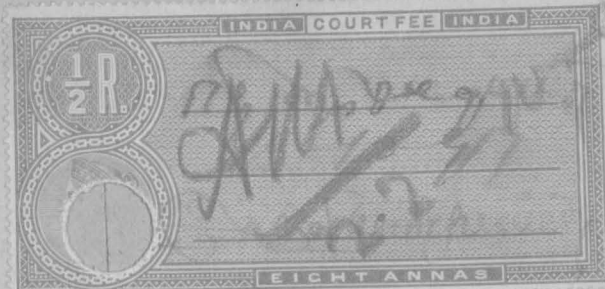
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Subscribed
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M. Venkatasubramanian
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President

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Manicka Chetty

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