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General Department.

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From

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

President, Municipal Commission.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Local and Municipal Department,

Fort St. George.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit herewith for the information of Government full proceedings as also copies of abstract proceedings of the Meetings of the Commissioners held on 26th July, and 23rd and 30th August 1897.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. Moore Lieut.-Col.,

President, Munl. Comm.

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 26th July 1897, at 3 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. Balakistna Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal.
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M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty 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. M. Varadarajulu Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. C. S. Theagaroya Mudaliar Avargal.
E. H. Elliott, Esq.
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J. DeCaster, Esq.
The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu.
N. Subrahmanyam, Esq.
M. R. Ry. M. K. Lakshmanacharriar Avargal.
Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel G. L. Walker.
M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur V. Krishnama Chariyar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. V. C. Desika Chariar Avargal.

Re-instatement of a Commissioner.

THE PRESIDENT :—Gentlemen, before we go to the business on the agenda paper, we have to decide the question whether you are prepared to reinstate Mr. G. Subramania Iyer who has vacated his seat on the commission owing to absence from three consecutive general meetings.

Mr. P. Theagaroya Chetty proposed and Mr. M. Venkataramiah Chetty seconded "that Mr. G. Subramania Iyer be reinstated."

RAO BAHADUR V. KRISHNAMACHARIAR :—Very often we find that the objections and arguments of the Commissioners confidentially made in Committee are quoted or used in the column of the *Hindu* paper, and I do not think it very proper that the Editor of such a newspaper should be reinstated.

MR. P. THEAGAROYA CHETTY :—In that case, the writers to newspapers should also not be reinstated.

The proposition was then put to the vote and carried.

Madras Electric Tramways.

THE PRESIDENT :—The first business on the agenda paper is the 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, and G. O. No. 1312 M., dated 31st May 1897, on the same subject. The Government has passed another order which has modified the previous order on the subject. According to the present order, one of the three sections is to be completed by 1899 and all the sections to be completed by 1900. I have heard from Mr. Norton that shareholders are no longer willing to stand between the Municipality and the Trustees to the Debenture-holders. He wants the Commissioners to send

to the Trustees the list of the members of the committee of the shareholders. I can forward the letter to the Trustees and I do not think the Commissioners have anything to do with the position of that committee. It is for the shareholders to communicate with Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. As to the advisory committee they have agreed to it.

MR. P. THEAGAROYA CHETTY :—There was some correspondence with Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. I believe they say that the Tramway does not pay them.

THE PRESIDENT :—They say it will pay if the line is completed.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY :—Are we to allow them to cut up our streets and cause danger to wheeled traffic ?

THE PRESIDENT :—They must lay their lines and if we do not give them the extension of time, it will probably result in all the shareholders losing all their money and these people will buy it.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY :—They are not very careful in narrow places.

THE PRESIDENT :—There is no resolution before the meeting. Let somebody move a resolution.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY :—I move the resolution, "that the Commissioners adhere to their resolution, dated 30th November." I move this resolution simply to have some discussion on the subject.

MR. R. BALAKISTNAMA CHETTY seconded the resolution.

MR. J. DECASTER :—That resolution should not at all be adopted. It is in direct opposition to the recommendation of Government. There is no reason why we should not extend the time for a year or two. The Trustees to the Debenture-holders say that they could not complete the lines within the time mentioned by us.

MR. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY :—There is no good in declining to comply with the request of the Trustees. The only thing, as pointed out by Mr. Theagaroya Chetty, is that the danger on roads is increased. The danger to wheeled traffic by the existing Tramway lines can be got over by insisting upon the lines being laid on one side of the road, so that a greater portion of the road might be left for the use of the public. If we decline to grant this request, it is quite possible that the Trustees may take up the whole concern; and if this happens the shareholders would suffer. Although we are in duty bound to support the interests of the rate-payers whose representatives we are, yet we should also look to the interests of the shareholders as much as possible. After all they ask only for one year's postponement.

MR. P. M. SIVANGNANA MUDALIAR :—I propose as an amendment "that the proposed recommendation be accepted."

THE PRESIDENT :—You cannot do that. You had better throw this resolution out and you can move yours afterwards.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY :—I withdraw the resolution. I simply wished to bring to the notice of the meeting the danger arising from the tram cars.

THE PRESIDENT :—I personally went on the tram car right through and I am satisfied that there is no danger.

MR. P. THEAGAROYA CHETTY :—At Chintadripet ?

THE PRESIDENT :—There is no danger, though I admit that is the worst part of the town.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY :—Suppose between the lines there is only 6 feet ?

THE PRESIDENT :—I do not myself think there will be any danger, if you are careful and if the tramway people are careful.

RAO BAHADUR V. KRISHNAMACHARIAR :—If you only drive by the Hospital Bridge, you will see the danger arising after sunset from the present position of the tramway posts. These posts are not at all lighted.

THE PRESIDENT :—We will light them ourselves hereafter. When the bracket lamps are ready, they will be properly lighted.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY with the consent of the seconder withdrew his proposition and in its place moved "that the extension be granted under the condition specified in the G. O."

MR. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY seconded the proposition.

THE PRESIDENT :—As to the agitation with regard to the danger arising from the present arrangement of posts, I do not believe that it is so great as it is made out. We are going to have bracket lamps on the posts—either on every post or on every alternate post.

MR. V. C. DESIKACHARIAR :—If the posts had been laid in one side, it would have been all right.

MR. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY :—Why was not the line laid on one side ?

THE PRESIDENT :—Because we thought the present system better. In places like the Evening Bazaar how will you get access to the bazaars if the lines are laid in one side. In Triplicane there are constant complaints that people cannot get to their houses owing to the tramways. It would be more an obstruction to have the lines on the side of the road. I do not think that there is any place where you cannot have two carriages alongside each other. As to the line in Chintadripet, the people desired it. If the Tramway people were allowed to adhere to their original plan, they would have laid the line in Sawmy Naik street and they would not have had the turn.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and carried.

The Health Officer's Pay.

THE PRESIDENT :—The next business is the G. O. No. 1391, M. Mis., dated 11th June 1897, returning the application from the Health Officer of the Madras Municipality for increase of salary, for obtaining the Commissioner's views thereon.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY :—I beg to move "that the application of the Health Officer is premature." In support of my proposition I have to state to you that Dr. Cook was appointed Health Officer of the Municipality in the middle of February 1891 and his total service up to date amounts to 6 years and a few months, out of which he has already enjoyed one year and 8 months leave. His actual service accordingly dwindles down to 4 years and 9 months. Gentlemen, if you look into the records of his appointment you will see the letter written by Col. Moore as President of the Municipality on the 6th February 1891, wherein he says that should the legislature adopt the recommendation of the Commissioners, Dr. Cook must be prepared to accept the appointment on Rs. 350, should the Commissioners so desire it, with the option of resigning the appointment. The reply he sends is "I have pleasure to accept the appointment of Health Officer on the terms you offer, namely, Rs. 500 per mensem with the reservation mentioned and at the same time I hope when the Municipal Act is amended, this salary will be made an increasing one." From that, you can very well see that the gentleman was prepared to accept the place on Rs. 350. But Government having fixed the minimum as Rs. 500 in the revision of the Act, the Municipality was obliged to give him Rs. 500, though he was willing to take the post at Rs. 350 a month. That is, even though a man was prepared to take less, we were obliged to give him more. Nearly a year and a half after his appointment, there came a G. O. raising his pay from 500 to 750. The most important reason that was urged for the increase being that he had a good deal of out-door work for which he had to maintain carriage and horses. We all know that his predecessors Mr. Jesudasan Pillay and Dr. Davis had equal out-door work to attend to, if not more, and for all that work they were satisfied with Rs. 500 for 3 or 4 years after the date of their first appointment. However, the Government came to Dr. Cook's assistance and even without asking the opinion of the Commissioners, as they ought to do under certain G. O., they gave him Rs. 750. When the Act was amended, the Municipal Commissioners wished to fix the Health Officer's pay from Rs. 350 to 700, but the Government fixed it from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,000 and the reason they put forward was that they wanted a specialist, a man who knew a good deal about sanitary science and that they could not get such a man for less than Rs. 500. Dr. Cook has now asked the Government to increase his pay by 150 on the ground that while at Home on furlough recently he had studied sanitary science and qualified himself by taking the D. P. H. degree. If he has only now qualified himself for the post, having passed the examination now, he deserves a pay of only Rs. 500. But now he draws Rs. 750 which is Rs. 250 in excess of what he is entitled to at present. On this ground I say it is too early to claim an increase. The commissioned Medical Officers in Government service

get Rs. 850 a month only after 12 years' service, whereas Dr. Cook was on receipt of Rs. 750 after a little over 4 years of active service. Prior to his appointment as Health Officer, Dr. Cook was an assistant in England in Bartholomew Hospital under an Ophthalmist and he was not capable of knowing anything about sanitary science. It is only now that he has obtained the degree of D. P. H.

SURGEON LT. COL. G. L. WALKER:—I was in favor of the increase being granted before I heard Mr. Theagaroya Chetty, for the reason that Dr. Cook has now gained considerable experience, and has recently perfected himself in sanitary science by taking the degree of D. P. H. at Cambridge, but when I come to think of what Mr. Theagaroya Chetty says—what he said is, I have no doubt, correct—that Dr. Cook joined the department as Medical officer on Rs. 500, which within a very short time was raised to Rs. 750, and that the Government wished to have a special sanitarian as the Health Officer and that Dr. Cook has now only qualified himself as the sanitary specialist, I am not prepared to say officers on Government employment have to be satisfied with Rs. 450 per mensem till they put in 6 years' service and do not draw Rs. 850 till after 12 years' service. Further, no medical officer in Government with 6 years' service is entitled for leave of 20 months which Dr. Cook has already enjoyed. Considering that Dr. Cook has had a liberal allowance of leave, that his salary has been fixed on a liberal scale by Government, and that it was only recently that he had really qualified himself for his appointment, I am inclined to agree with Mr. Theagaroya Chetty in thinking that Dr. Cook's application is a little premature.

MR. E. H. ELLIOT:—This application may or may not be premature, but it seems to me that the comparison instituted between the emoluments of medical officers of Government and the emoluments of Dr. Cook is somewhat misleading. It seems to be forgotten that medical officers under Government are allowed to have private practice, while Dr. Cook is not allowed to have it. There can be no comparison, too, between the prospects of medical officers of Government and the prospects of Dr. Cook in this Municipality. I say therefore that these remarks that have been made ought not to influence us in coming to a decision on the point.

SURGEON LT.-COL. G. L. WALKER:—In my remarks I was referring chiefly to medical officers in Military employment, in medical charge of regiments, who although not prevented from taking private practice, have practically none.

MR. J. DECASTER:—I wish to say a few words on this subject. The previous speakers have put the matter before you from their standpoints. Here is one important point that I wish to bring to your notice. The Health Officers of Calcutta and Bombay are paid Rs. 2,600 and Rs. 2,500 respectively, while our own Health Officer gets a beggarly pay of Rs. 750. I do not think that any man in this Municipality is adequately paid, for the good and sufficient reason that the Municipality cannot afford to pay them owing to its impecunious state. Calcutta has 9 lacs of people; Bombay, 7½, and Madras 4½, and taking the proportion of population we ought to spend about Rs. 1,300 on our Health Officer; whereas he is paid only Rs. 750. We must be aware of the hard times he has had recently in regard to the sanitation of the city. The trouble that Dr. Cook has taken in connection with the work of warding off the plague from the city, entitles him to special consideration at our hands. He asks only for an increase of Rs. 150 and I think we may well give it to him.

MR. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—Will you kindly give us some information as to the revenues of Bombay and Calcutta Municipalities?

THE PRESIDENT:—One is about 50 and the other is 40 lacs.

MR. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY:—Ours is only 13 lacs.

MR. V. C. DESIKACHARIAR:—Apart from other reasons given by the previous speakers, our present financial condition would not permit us to give an increase to Dr. Cook. It must be remembered further that Dr. Cook has qualified himself only just now and that the Government in fixing the salary at 500 wanted a qualified man so that Dr. Cook can be said to commence his qualified sanitary officership only from the time of passing the Examination. At present he gets Rs. 750.

MR. E. H. ELLIOT:—Is it contended that Dr. Cook had not qualified himself for the post when he entered the Municipal service?

MR. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY:—All that is contended is that Dr. Cook's present additional qualification does not entitle him to any additional remuneration.

SURGEON LT.-COL. G. L. WALKER:—Dr. Cook qualified himself as a medical man long before he took up his present appointment, but he has now qualified himself as a special sanitarian.

MR. N. SUBRAMANIAM:—When the papers came to me in circulation I expressed myself in favor of giving a good increase to a properly qualified man, because the Sanitary Department is the most important of all the departments in the Municipality. But after what Dr. Walker has said, I am beginning to doubt whether the time has come for us to give him the increase asked for. If we give him a pay of Rs. 900 at the end 6 years, would he not be discontented after 12 years when he would have reached his maximum. The question is whether we cannot draw up a scheme of gradation by which Dr. Cook might reach his maximum pay by annual or other increments.

MR. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY:—May we not raise his pay every two years?

THE PRESIDENT:—You may recommend it.

SURGEON LT.-COL. WALKER:—The grades in Government Service are that an officer is started on a salary of Rs. 450 per mensem in the Military Medical Department; after six years he gets Rs. 600 and after 12 years Rs. 850 and after 20 years Rs. 1,050.

MR. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY:—We may recommend him for an increase of Rs. 50 at the end of 3 years.

THE PRESIDENT:—You are asked to give your opinion on the present application. I think there is one point about Dr. Walker's argument. The position of a man in Government employ is different from that of the Health Officer. The former has sufficient inducements held out to him to stay on. Dr. Davis would not come back if his pay was not good enough. The object of the Municipality is to make the salary worth while for a man to stay on.

The proposition was put to the vote and carried.

Vaccine Bye-Laws.

THE PRESIDENT:—The next subject before the meeting is the consideration of the Vaccine Bye-laws as drafted by Government. They are practically the same as we sent up except the slight modification as to the child being brought to the depot after the vaccination. The Health Officer has prepared a note on this subject. (The President here read the note) I would propose that the bye-laws as revised by Government may be accepted with the addition to 12 (a) "on a date to be prescribed by the vaccinator."

Surgeon Lt.-Col. Walker seconded the resolution which when put to the vote was carried.

A new Hospital for North Black Town.

THE PRESIDENT:—The next business on the agenda is the Report of the Special Committee appointed by the Commissioners at their adjourned General Meeting held on the 9th August 1895, regarding a new Hospital for the North of Madras. I have circulated the plans and estimates to the Commissioners and in my note on the subject I told you that the increased annual expenditure would be Rs. 32,500 including the interest and sinking fund on a loan of 2 lacs. The question is whether the Commissioners can make this extra expenditure of Rs. 32,500 a year. I think we will be fully justified in asking the Government to what extent they are prepared to assist us in the matter.

Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel WALKER said:—

GENTLEMEN,—I would add a few words of general information regarding the proposed new hospital to the clear financial statement that has been made by the President. The plans and estimates before you have resulted after several consultations on the spot between the Government Architect and myself; they have been carefully thought out, and the original ideas have been modified two or three times, and in their present form they have received the general approval of the Surgeon-General. According to the plans and estimates, the proposed new hospital buildings will cost Rs. 2,02,000, and the estimated up-keep would be about Rs. 30,000. These estimates have been carefully calculated, and are before you in detail. The proposed hospital will consist of about 22 different blocks, the wards being on the pavilion system. The different blocks with their furniture are each separately estimated for. This plan affords an opportunity to the benevolent and public-spirited citizen to select any single block and say, "I will defray the cost of that block, and let it to be called by my name." To illustrate this plan by an instance,—the *Out-patient's Dispensary* is esti-

mated at Rs. 17,012 plus furniture Rs. 1,350. Total Rs. 18,362;—the *Administration Block*, a fine two-storeyed building, containing compounding room, drug stores, linen room, lamp room, offices for Medical Officer, Resident Apothecary and Clerk, waiting room, retiring room, room for eight students on duty, &c., is estimated at Rs. 17,544 plus Rs. 1,400 for furniture. Total Rs. 18,944;—the *Casualty or Accident Block* with furniture, is estimated at Rs. 3,036;—then the blocks of wards are of different sizes. The largest ward, accommodating 32 beds, is estimated to cost Rs. 13,726 plus Rs. 730 for furniture. The total Rs. 14,456;—a medium size ward containing 22 beds, will cost Rs. 10,272 plus 500 for furniture. Total Rs. 10,772;—a small ward containing 8 beds, with furniture, will cost Rs. 5,650;—the hospital kitchen (general and caste) with fittings, will cost Rs. 3,500. There are also caste wards and pay wards for males and females, all estimated for separately. So that the donor of any ward or block may make his selection according to the largeness of his heart and the depth of his pocket, "he pays his money and he takes his choice," and I will be very happy to assist him in the latter point. One public-spirited citizen has already made a wise and liberal selection,—Mr. P. Vencatachellum (at least that is the name of his firm), who has made me the generous offer of Rs. 20,000 to defray the whole cost of the Out-patient Department with furniture, &c., I hold his letter in my hand, which I will read:—

Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. G. L. WALKER, M. D.,

1st District, Madras.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to our conversation the other day regarding the proposed new hospital buildings, North, I beg to say that I am willing to defray the cost of the first block of the buildings called "The Out-patient Dispensary" which I see in the plan will cost Rs. 17,000 and odd. I shall, however, give a round sum of Rs. 20,000 (twenty thousand rupees) towards it. You will arrange that the balance of the money to go towards the cost of furniture and other materials for the said buildings. I mean to make it complete. As suggested to me, you can call that block of building after my name when it is completed.

I remain, Dear Sir, Yours very truly,
P. VENCATACHELLUM.

I have no doubt the Municipality will gladly accept with gratitude this munificent offer, and will accede to Mr. Vencatachellum's desire to call the Out-patient Dispensary of the new hospital after his name. Later on I will move a Resolution with regard to Mr. Vencatachellum's generous gift.

Gentlemen, in the General Hospital, the wards are named after Governors and Governors-General,—thus we have the Canning, Elphinstone, Dalhousie, Elgin and Wenlock wards. In other hospitals the wards have been named after Surgeon-Generals who have in their time taken special interest in those institutions, thus, there are the Porteus, Mackenzie, George Smith and Sibthorpe wards. Let us, in this new Municipal Hospital—which the Government Architect informs me will be a credit to the North of Madras,—let us call the wards by the names of beneficent and public-spirited citizens, who will acquire the best right to have their names perpetuated thereon,—the right of having given the cost of the block or ward. On these lines we have made a good start with the "Vencatachellum Block." I hope we may possibly have the Danakoti Raju Block, the Balamukundoss Ward, the Baliah Naidu Ward; and other generous donors to such a work as a new and admittedly much needed hospital, deserve well of their city and of the Government.

I think this is a convenient opportunity to move the following Resolution preliminary to the main question of the construction of the hospital being considered. I, therefore purpose that "in the event of the proposed hospital being constructed the Commissioners accept with thanks the liberal offer of Mr. P. Vencatachellum to give Rs. 20,000 to construct the Out-patient Department of the hospital and they approve of that block being called after his name."

Mr. J. DeCaster, seconded the proposition, which was put and carried.

THE PRESIDENT:—I may say that I have received a letter from Mr. L. Govindas offering one lac of rupees for the construction of a hospital, if the site for it could be found in Mint Street. It is impossible to get a site in that locality as the cost of mere site alone would be Rs. 2,68,000 according to our selling rates, without any compensation to houses. I would consider the offer a generous one, if it is made in connection with the Monegar Choultry.

MR. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY:—If we cannot get a site in Mint Street, can we not get another site?

THE PRESIDENT:—What is the use of another hospital in opposition to the one we have got. On the motion of Mr. Theagaroya Chetty, the following Resolution was passed:—"The Commissioners, while regretting that they cannot accept the generous offer of Mr. Govindas to contribute one lakh of rupees towards a hospital in Mint Street, will be very glad to accept it for the proposed new Black Town Hospital."

MR. V. C. DESIKA CHARIAR proposed, "that the plans and estimates be submitted to Government with the request that they will inform the Commissioners what assistance they are prepared to give towards the construction and maintenance of the new hospital."

MR. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—I beg to second the proposition, I do not suppose that the Govt. will be in a position to render any assistance to us.

The proposition was then put and carried.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee.

THE PRESIDENT:—Then we come to the proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 8th June and 2nd July 1897. The object in classifying piece goods as combustible is to keep a check on storage in godowns and it was never meant to touch the poor people.

MR. P. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—I beg to propose "that piece goods be struck out from the list of combustibles as was passed by the Commissioners."

MR. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR in seconding the proposition said:—I wish to make a few remarks. This subject came up before the Commissioners in April 1896 on the recommendation of the Engineer that certain articles should be included in the list of articles for which licenses are to be taken. When the subject came up before us, I thought we were straining the expression of combustibles as used in section 233, and that piece goods along with certain articles should not be included in the list and therefore I proposed that this subject should be deferred until further consideration. It was however not carried. If you are to put down piece goods as combustibles, I do not know where you are to draw the line of distinction. Then everything would become combustibles—even storage of wearing apparel in large families.

The proposition was then put to the vote and carried.

The rest of the proceedings was confirmed.

Statement of receipts and disbursements.

Statements of receipts and disbursements for April and May 1897 were recorded.

Progress Report.

The progress report of works for April and May 1897 was recorded.

Native Infirmary.

THE PRESIDENT:—I move the following resolution which stands in my name.

"That the extract from the Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Directors of the Monegar Choultry, dated 13th July, 1897, stating that a special grant of Rs. 2,500 be applied for from the Madras Municipality for the upkeep of the Native Infirmary, be considered."

The fact of the matter is that the budget of the Monegar Choultry is in a very bad way, the Directors want us to help them.

MR. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY:—Are we bound to give them any help?

THE PRESIDENT:—No.

It was proposed by Mr. V. C. Desikachariar seconded by Mr. J. DeCaster, "that the question be deferred till the preparation of the revised estimate."

THE PRESIDENT:—We shall be in a bad way. The expenses in connection with the plague till April amounted to Rs. 16,000 and there is a certain amount of expenditure for the up-keep.

This resolution was then put and carried.

The meeting then terminated.

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners
for the City of Madras, held at their Office Premises, No. 22,
Errah Bauloo Chetti Street, Black Town, on Monday, the 23rd
August 1897, at 3 p. m., under the provisions of the City of
Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT :

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

The Administration Report for 1896-97.

THE PRESIDENT :—We have got a quorum and we may as well proceed with the business of the meeting, viz., the Administration Report of the Madras Municipality for the year 1896-97.

Mr. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar proposed and Mr. C. S. Theagaroya Mudaliar seconded, "That the report be adopted and submitted to Government."

MR. V. KRISHNAMACHARIAR :—I find that in page 10, income from Slaughter Houses is Rs. 11,205 against Rs. 11,600. That looks like a decrease and not an increase.

THE PRESIDENT :—The sum of Rs. 11,205 shows an increase against an estimate of Rs. 11,080.

RAO BAHADUR V. KRISHNAMACHARIAR :—In paragraph 63 at page 11, I find that fines under Municipal and other Acts during the year under report amounted to Rs. 4,069-2-3 as against Rs. 4,069-13-5 of the previous year, the difference being 11 annas and 2 pies. This is made a matter of complaint and I do not quite understand the justice of the quarrel.

THE PRESIDENT :—There is no question about it. More than once I reported the matter to Government, that the Magistrates do not impose sufficiently heavy fines. A man who gets an actual income of Rs. 100 for doing a thing against law, is fined only Rs. 5 by the Magistrate. If that is the case, it is his interest to violate the law 20 times. My actual complaint is not with regard to the amount collected, but that the Magistrates do not fine properly.

RAO BAHADUR V. KRISHNAMACHARIAR :—That paragraph I refer to, contains the following sentence :—

"It has to be noticed in this place that the Presidency Magistrates generally fail to appreciate offences against Municipal law and award most lenient punishments. On this account the time and trouble of the executive in prosecuting cases are, in most cases, lost without any corresponding advantage to the Municipality. Fiscal laws, especially Municipal fiscal laws, cannot be properly worked, unless the penalties which the law attaches to breaches, are properly imposed by the Judi-

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ciary." If there is no increase in fines, the inference to be drawn is that people have become more and more amenable to reason. It would be an unfortunate thing to create an impression that we regard the collection of fines a source of revenue, especially as the amount collected exceeds the estimate.

THE PRESIDENT:—I do not want to put it as a source of revenue. I think the Magistrates ought to fine the people properly. If you like you had better propose an amendment, I will stick to what I have said there.

RAO BAHADUR V. KRISHNAMACHARIAR:—Magistrates ought not, I think, to become partisans, but they ought to be independent, and we cannot question the discretion of the Magistrates, because they do not allow themselves to be guided by the lay opinions of the executive. No prosecutor can dictate to Judges and Magistrates the measure of punishments to be awarded. This might form the subject matter of a letter to Government, but not a part of this Administration Report. It is rather a delicate affair and I have touched upon it more in the interests of the executive. I know that this is a report of the President and not of the Commissioners, and therefore we can only offer suggestions.

THE PRESIDENT:—I would not withdraw anything of what I have said there.

RAO BAHADUR V. KRISHNAMACHARIAR:—Suppose people are heavily fined and are not able to pay, are they to be sent to the Penitentiary? Already there is not place enough in it.

MR. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—There is no resolution before the meeting.

RAO BAHADUR V. KRISHNAMACHARIAR:—I propose as an amendment, "that the last two sentences of paragraph 63 be omitted." The para would then leave no sting behind.

MR. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—As this is your report, I should like to know whether you are prepared to eliminate anything on the remarks of the Commissioners.

THE PRESIDENT:—Certainly not. I will send the proceedings to Government. I state in my report what I consider to be the state of affairs and I adhere to what I have stated. A Commissioner who does not know anything of the prosecutions cannot possibly have any idea of what takes place in the Court.

The amendment fell through for want of a seconder.

RAO BAHADUR V. KRISHNAMACHARIAR:—Let me say in justice to myself that it was not intended by this amendment to cast any reflection upon the executive or the President who has done his duty with single-mindedness of purpose. But the sentence in question will simply bring down the wrath of the Magistrates. I remember Col. Weldon, one of our best Chief Magistrates, once saying in this room that our assessors had no bowels of compassion.

MR. G. SUBRAMANIA IYER:—I want to draw your attention to a few of the passages in this report which I have marked. I do not mean to propose any alteration in the report but merely wish to secure some information to show to the public that the body of the Commissioners here have paid some attention to the Administration Report. A perusal of this report has left upon me an impression that the Revenues of our Municipality are not sufficiently elastic, and that the financial administration lacks a sufficient amount of vigilance and attention to the financial interests of the Municipality. The sanitary condition of the city requires greater effort, before Madras can be removed out of those towns whose sanitary condition is a reproach upon modern civilisation. Turning to page 3, I should like to draw your attention to the remarks under Municipal rates and taxes. In paragraph 14, it is said that the amount realised by taxes is Rs. 8,80,338 as against Rs. 9,31,358 anticipated in the revised estimate, thus showing a reduction of Rs. 50,000. I have read the explanation that follows it. But I submit that the explanation does not seem to be sufficiently satisfactory. I think, there ought to be no delay in the issue of bills.

THE PRESIDENT:—I do not think that will occur again. We are sending out bills independently of the revision.

MR. G. SUBRAMANIA IYER:—I would just ask you to consider whether any extra work in the administration of the Department will justify any laxity, in the briskness and promptitude in the collection of our revenues.

THE PRESIDENT:—It is not a question of the collection of revenues. The bills were not sent out, on account of the revision of the 2nd division.

MR. G. SUBRAMANIA IYER:—Why were they not sent out?

THE PRESIDENT:—It has never been the custom. However the bills are now sent out independent of the revision.

MR. G. SUBRAMANIA IYER:—Perhaps that explanation might have been added. I wish to point out the difference in the number of buildings according to census report and our own registers. I am glad that this disparity has been detected; but why was it not detected long ago?

THE PRESIDENT:—In the census, everything that had a door was taken as a house; but in our books a group of huts is given one number.

MR. G. SUBRAMANIA IYER:—Don't you think that the public will not be misguided if you do not give this explanation? Again, coming to paragraph 37, I find it is rather singular that in this city which every one believes is growing in wealth and population, our receipts from taxes on vehicles and animals actually go down instead of increasing. I think that requires an explanation. This subject ought to attract the immediate attention of the financial authorities of the Municipality.

THE PRESIDENT:—We have got a man on special duty. I quite see the reason of the decrease in our receipts. I know that a member of Society in Madras who at one time used to have 7 or 8 horses, does not now pay any tax because he went in for hacks. That is the same thing all over.

MR. G. SUBRAMANIA IYER:—Don't we tax hack horses?

THE PRESIDENT:—Yes, we do. If he did not pay for those horses, the company which owned them ought to have paid the tax.

MR. G. SUBRAMANIA IYER:—This subject was brought to your notice last year; and evidently this state of things has been going on for a number of years. Instead of getting more money, we are getting less money. There ought to be some explanation for it.

THE PRESIDENT:—If the horses are not there, you cannot tax them. Is it not common sense to say that there should be a decrease in the income when there is a decrease in the number of horses?

RAO BAHADUR V. KRISHNAMACHARIAR:—What is the proposition before the meeting?

MR. G. SUBRAMANIA IYER:—I am only asking for an explanation. I do not quite understand your position, Sir. Here is a statement that you make as the head of the administration, that the revenue under this head is decreasing; apparently it requires some explanation, because everybody knows that more carriages and more animals are made use of than are taxed.

THE PRESIDENT:—I doubt that very much. If you get every animal now in use and compare the figures with those of 8 years ago you will find a reduction.

MR. V. C. DESIKACHARIAR:—Probably you may find a reason for the decrease, in the existence of the Tramway Company.

THE PRESIDENT:—The position of the Stable Company has been going down. The compensation paid by them once was 1,200 but now it is only 900.

MR. W. S. VENKATARAMANJULU NAIDU:—If a single commissioner is to ask for explanations on matters contained in the whole report, it would be better to go to committee and consider the subject.

It was proposed by Mr. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Naidu Garu, seconded by Mr. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal and carried "that the meeting resolves itself into committee."

The subject was considered in committee for half an hour after which the meeting resumed.

The original proposition, on being put to the meeting, was carried.

The meeting terminated.

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 30th August 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. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal.
M. R. Ry. P. M. Sivangnana Mudaliar Avargal.
The Hon'ble Mahomed Sheriff Khan Bahadur.
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M. R. Ry. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Naidu Garu.
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M. R. Ry. Rai Bahadur A. Dhanakoti Mudaliar Avargal.
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M. R. Ry. C. Tirumalaiyya Naidu Garu.
M. R. Ry. G. Subramania Iyer Avargal.
Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. Maitland.
M. R. Ry. V. C. Desika Charriar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal.

Re-instatement of a Commissioner.

THE PRESIDENT:—Dewan Bahadur C. Kaliasundaram Chettyar has vacated his seat on the commission owing to absence from three consecutive general meetings. He wishes to be reinstated. It is for you to say whether you are prepared to reinstate him.

It was proposed by Mr. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Naidu, seconded by Mr. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar and carried "that he be reinstated unanimously."

Election of two Members to the Standing Committee.

THE PRESIDENT:—Gentlemen, you have to elect two members to the Standing Committee in the place of Mr. P. Theagaroya Chetty and Mr. Hadi Badsha Saheb. The present members are Mr. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar, Mr. M. Venkataramiah Chetty, The Hon'ble Mr. P. Rungiah Naidu, Mr. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Naidu and Mr. P. Subramania Iyer.

MR. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—Before we go to the election, I should just like to make one remark. It is hardly necessary, I think, to elect as members to the Standing Committee, Commissioners who are likely to vacate their seats on the commission, either shortly or before the end of the year. I should like to know whether Mr. N. Subramaniam and Mr. G. Subramania Iyer are likely to continue to remain in office till March next.

THE PRESIDENT:—Mr. N. Subramaniam does not vacate till December 1899 and Mr. G. Subramania Iyer till September 1899.

Votes were then taken by ballot with the result that the following Commissioners were elected:—

C. Thirumalaiyya Naidu 10 votes
and Mr. M. K. Lakshmanachariar . . 7 votes.

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Disinfecting Apparatus for Madras.

THE PRESIDENT :—The next subject for consideration is the endorsement No. 760, dated 17th July, 1897, of the Government of Madras, on letter No. 1790, Sanitary, dated 8th July, 1897, from the Government of India, regarding the purchase of Lyon's Disinfecting Apparatus for use in Madras. I do not know whether the Commissioners wish to change their opinion. I would strongly recommend that we adhere to our former decision.

MR. V. C. DESIKACHARIAR :—There is no likelihood of the Commissioners changing their opinion, especially when there is no difference at all between the Executive and the Commissioners. We do not want to go in for costly things and furthermore this machine would not be of any use to us. Under these circumstances I beg to propose "that the Commissioners adhere to their Resolution passed at their meeting of the 28th June last as they consider that the apparatus is not required nor is it suitable to the conditions of Madras."

Surgeon Lt.-Col. Maitland seconded the proposition which when put to the vote was carried.

A New Private Market in 6th Division.

THE PRESIDENT :—The next subject is the consideration of an application from one Venkata-sawmy Gramany for opening a new market in McNicholas Road, near Karikatha Covil, 6th Division. He has been selling things there and we told him that he must have a license. It is a small market, convenient for Chetput. The Standing Committee will grant the license, if the Commissioners sanction it.

It was proposed by the Hon'ble Mr. P. Rungiah Naidu, seconded by Rai Bahadur A. Dhanakoti Mudaliar and carried "that the application be granted."

Miscellaneous.

The following were unanimously recorded :—

Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 16th July, 1897, Statement of receipts and disbursements from April to July, 1897, and the Progress Report of works for June and July 1897.

The meeting 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 26th July 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.
Cawasjee Eduljee, Esq.
M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. P. M. Sivangnana Mudaliar Avargal.
The Hon'ble Mahomed Sheriff Khan Bahadur.
Haji Mahomed Abdul Hadi Badsha Saheb.
M.R.Ry. M. Varadarajulu Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. C. S. Theagaraya Mudaliar Avargal.
E. H. Elliot, Esq.
M.R.Ry. M. Ramakistnaiya Pantulu Garu.
J. DeCaster, Esq.
The Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu.
N. Subrahmanyam, Esq.
M.R.Ry. M. K. Lakshmanachariar Avargal.
Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel G. L. Walker.
M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur V. Krishnama Chariyar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. V. C. Desika Chariyar Avargal.

No. 1.

Reinstatement.

The Commissioners reinstate M.R.Ry. G. Subramania Iyer Avargal under the provisions of section 28 of Act I of 1884.

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, and G.O., No. 1312 M., dated 31st May 1897, on the same subject.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. R. Balakistnama Chetty Garu—

"That the Commissioners adhere to their resolution, dated 30th November 1896, that one section be completed by 6th October 1898—another by 1899."

M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu with the consent of the meeting withdraws his resolution.

M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu proposed and M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu seconded—

"That the extension be granted under the conditions specified in G.O., No. 1312 M., dated 31st May 1897."

Carried.

No. 3.

G.O., No. 1391 M. Mis., dated 11th June 1897, returning the application from the Health Officer of the Madras Municipality for increase of salary for obtaining the Commissioners' views thereon.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. R. Balakistnama Chetty Garu—

"That the Commissioners consider that the application is premature."

Carried.

No. 4.

G.O., No. 1398 M. Mis., dated 12th June 1897, returning the draft Vaccine Bye-laws as revised by Government.

Proposed by the President and seconded by Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel G. L. Walker—

"That the Bye-laws as revised by Government be adopted with the addition of the following words to clause 17(a) 'on a date to be prescribed by the Vaccinator'."

Carried.

No. 5.

Report of the Special Committee appointed by the Commissioners at their Adjourned General Meeting held on 9th August 1895, re a new Hospital for the North of Madras.

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

"That, in the event of the proposed hospital being constructed, the Commissioners accept with thanks the liberal offer of Mr. P. Venkatchellam to give Rs. 20,000 to construct the Out-patient Department at the Hospital and they approve of that block being called after his name."

Carried.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu and seconded by the Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu—

"That the Commissioners, while regretting they cannot accept the generous offer of Mr. Lod Govindoss to contribute a lakh of rupees towards a Hospital in Mint Street, will be very glad to accept it for the proposed New Black Town Hospital."

Carried.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. V. C. Desika Chariyar Avargal and seconded by the Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu—

"That the plans and estimates be submitted to Government with a request that they will inform the Commissioners what assistance they are prepared to give both as towards construction and maintenance of the proposed New Hospital."

Carried.

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No. 6.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 18th June and 2nd July 1897.

Resolved, with reference to Resolution No. 8 of 18th June 1897, that piece-goods be struck out of the list of combustibles as passed by the Commissioners.

The rest of the proceedings were recorded.

No. 7.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for April and May 1897.

Recorded.

No. 8.

Progress Report of works for April and May 1897.

Recorded.

No. 9.

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

"That the extract from the Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Directors of the Monegar Choultry, dated 13th July 1897, stating that a special grant of Rs. 2,500 be applied for from the Madras Municipality for the upkeep of the Native Infirmary, be considered."

Mr. J. DeCaster seconded.

Carried.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. V. C. Desika Charriar Avargal and seconded by Mr. J. DeCaster—
"That the question be deferred till the preparation of the revised estimate."

Carried.

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 23rd August 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. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal.
Covasjee Eduljee, Esq.
M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu.
M.R. Ry. P. M. Sivagnana Mudaliar Avargal.
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M.R.Ry. M. K. Lakshmanachariar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur V. Krishnama Chariyar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. C. Tirumalayya Naidu Garu.
M.R.Ry. G. Subramania Iyer Avargal.
Surgeon-Lieutenant Colonel J. Maitland.
M.R.Ry. V. C. Desika Chariar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal.

Administration Report of the Madras Municipality for 1896-97.

Proposed by M.R. Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal and seconded by M.R.Ry. C. S. Theagaraya Mudaliar Avargal—

"That the report be adopted and submitted to Government."

Proposed by M.R.Ry. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Naidu Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. P. Subramania Iyer Avargal—

"That the meeting resolves itself into committee."

Carried.

The meeting resumes.

The original proposition, on being put to the meeting, was carried.

The meeting terminated.

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

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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.

Re-instatement.

The Commissioners re-instate M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur C. Kalyanasundaram Chettiar Avargal under the provisions of section 28 of Act I of 1884.

No. 2.

Election of two Members of the Standing Committee.

The Commissioners having proceeded to elect by ballot two members of the Standing Committee, the following was the result:—

	No. of Votes.
M.R.Ry. C. Tirumalayya Naidu Garu ..	10
M.R.Ry. M. K. Lakshmanachariar Avargal	7
M.R.Ry. C. Tirumalayya Naidu Garu and M.R.Ry. M. K. Lakshmanachariar Avargal are therefore elected members of the Standing Com- mittee.	

No. 3.

Endorsement No. 760, dated 17th July 1897, of the Government of Madras on letter No. 1790 (Sanitary), dated 8th July 1897, from the Government of India, re purchase of Lyon's disinfecting apparatus for use in Madras.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. V. C. Desika Chariyar Avargal and seconded by Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. Maitland—

"That the Commissioners adhere to their resolution passed on 28th June 1897 as they consider that this apparatus is not required nor suitable to the conditions in Madras."

Carried.

No. 4.

Application from Venkatasawmy Gramani for opening a new market in McNicholas Road, near Karikatha Covil, Sixth Division.

Proposed by the Hon'ble P. Rungiah Naidu Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. Rai Bahadur A. Dhanakoti Mudaliar Avargal—

"That his application be sanctioned."
Carried.

No. 5.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 16th July 1897.

Recorded.

No. 6.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from April to July 1897.

Recorded.

No. 7.

Progress Report of Works for June and July 1897.

Recorded.

The meeting terminated.

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

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