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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 272A

DATED 23-2-97

DESPATCHED

[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition

In forwarding the case of Balajpet, with remarks that the Govt sees no sufficient reason to return all the ——— in connection with the Complaints, recently made against him.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

Current No. of 189 , dated

from the

Current No. 3287 of 1896, dated 4-12-96

from the Chairman, M. C. Wallajapet.

This Order. No. 272 ^{min. 23-2-97} On consideration, the Government does not ^{consider} ~~consider~~ sufficient ground ~~it desirable that the complainants~~ in this case should be prosecuted and is therefore unwilling ^{for} to comply with the Municipal Council's request.

(From orders)

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On the whole it appears to the Govt that the complaints made against the Chairman, though reported to be ^{wholly} ~~wholly~~ untrue, are not of a very serious nature, ~~and that~~ ^{as a} ~~prosecution~~ ^{prosecution} is instituted the existing local factions will be perpetuated & additional bad blood stirred up. In the particular case of this ^{as a} ~~case~~ ^{case} ~~this~~ ^{as a} ~~greater~~ ^{greater} evil than the harm that may ensue from allowing refraining to prosecute ~~the~~ ^{persons} ~~persons~~ who may be guilty, ^{as a} ~~as a~~ ^{thus enabling them} ~~to escape the punishment~~ ^{may}

To The Chairman, M. C. Wallajapet.
Dy. Secy. 26/2/97

Petitions against the Chairman of the Wallajapet Municipality-
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

Current No.

of 189 , dated

from the

Current No. 3287m

of 1896 , dated

12. 1896. from the Chairman, M.C. Wallajapet.

FOR ORDERS.

In cases of this kind we have the choice of two evils - either, that is, if people who bring untrue complaints are not prosecuted, they escape the punishment they deserve & others are encouraged to do likewise; or, if they are prosecuted, the existing factions in the place are perpetuated & a bad blood stirred up. I prefer A

G.O. 1763h
16-10-96.

on the whole the former alternative, where, as in this case, the complaints though reported to be untrue, are not of a very serious nature; and therefore upon the paper - civilly of course.

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Between November 1895 and February 1896 some petitions were received from the ratepayers of Wallajapet complaining against the Chairman of the Municipality. These were referred to the Collector of North Arcot for enquiry and report.

The Head Assistant Collector having reported after enquiry that the complaints were either frivolous or vexatious, the petitioners were informed that the Government saw no reason to interfere on their behalf. The Municipal Council has

now resolved to prosecute the petitioners and requests that it may be furnished with all the petitions against the Chairman which have been submitted by the petitioners to Government and the Collector. The complaints made by the petitioners in their petitions ~~dated 12. 1896~~ were chiefly as follows:—

(1) That a license fee of Rs 3 was arbitrarily and illegally levied.

Murugappa Naicken for selling fruits, without obtaining the sanction of Government under section 269.

This is specific
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(2) That the Chairman granted permission for the construction and repair of houses, without obtaining the sanction of the Council for the same.

(3) That the Chairman gave oral permission to one Kuppuswami Chettigar, a councillor and an influential man, to erect a marriage pandal and allowed it to stand for more than two months.

This is specific
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(4) That the Chairman and the Police X Inspector had erected, without the sanction of the Council, a permanent pandal and a stable abutting the street.

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(5) That the Chairman allowed a dramatic company to play without a license under Act II of 1880.

Dr Hs

(6) That the public were kept in the dark as to the business done at municipal meetings, only a meagre account of it being published in the Gazette.

(7) That there was a general mal-administration of Municipal affairs, the conservancy of the town being neglected.

(8) That an arts tax of only one rupee was levied on one Subrahmanya Mudalant, as his

Dr Hs

Street Collector's office.

(9) That the Municipal office establishment consisted of the Chairman's favourites, many of the old servants having been suspended or dismissed on frivolous pretexts.

(10) That one Babu Rao, a vacanator, was first arbitrarily dismissed and then reinstated by the Chairman, without the sanction of the Municipal Council.

(11) That grave irregularities and horrible blunders were committed every day in the Municipal office, especially because the establishment consisted of the Chairman's favourites and henchmen.

(12) That certain prosecutions instituted in Criminal Courts were withdrawn at the instance of the Chairman, simply because the parties concerned were his friends.

The petitioners subsequently stated that complaints Nos (1) to (7) were included

in a memorial submitted by some
 one of the Municipal Councillors in 1891
 against the then Chairman (Mr. B. R. V.
 Lehangama Lehetta) and that they had
 reproduced them in their petition,
 as most of the main defects pointed
 out in it had not been remedied by
 the present officer. The Head Assistant
 a Collector did not report on complaints
 Nos. 1 to 12, but in para. 26 of his
 report he stated that he declined
 to investigate minutely into complaints
 which were obviously frivolous or vexa-
 tious, while in para. 27 he observed
 that the mere fact that the bulk
 of the first petition was a mere
 copy of an explanation composed in
 1891 was significant as indicating
 the character of the petitioners and
 of their complaints.

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 them they are guilty of disparagement
 if the allegations are untrue.
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 referred to in the petitions and
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Petitioners' Complaints

That permission to renew pandals or
 to repair houses was refused to some
 persons without reason, while it was
 granted to the Police Inspector, the
 Manager of the Head Assistant Collec-
 tor's office, the Sub-Registrar, &c, &c.

That people who simply turned the
 title of the order portion of their
 houses were prosecuted before the local
 submagistrate on the ground that
 they had not applied for the necessary
 permission.

That the rate-payers were prohibited
 from inspecting the resolutions of the
 Municipal Council.

The Head Assistant to

I see no reason to
 the Chairman has exercised
 discretion unjustly. In all
 -grieved persons can appeal
 Council against his orders
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In many cases the enhancement
of income tax is complained of as
well as that of the Municipal taxes.

In many of these cases no revision
petition was filed and in the
remaining cases the tax was either
confirmed or reduced by a very trifling
amount. It seems likely that the
complaint of overassessment in the
case of Municipal taxes is as
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FOR ORDERS.

*As to whether the Memorials
papers through in order to referred to may be sent to the
see whether the Complaints made Municipal Council, as requested.
were so unwarranted or in- proper as to justify prosecution of the petitioners
proper as to justify prosecution? The proposal to prosecute the petitioners
inducement them to prosecute seems hardly desirable or expedient,
but the Government cannot
interfere in the matter.*

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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 3287 M

Order

From

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT
The Chairman, Municipal Council,
Malajapet.
1896

No. 618.

Dated 4th December 1896.

Received 8-12-96

Registered 9-12-96

Enclosures : — One

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SUBJECT.

Requesting to favour the Council with all the memorials and petitions submitted to Government and recorded in Proceedings N^o 1763 Mis. dated 16th October 1896 to enable the Council to carry out its resolution to prosecute the petitioners, &c. &c.

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BACK PAPERS.

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for	1007	hkh	15-6-96

FURTHER PAPERS.

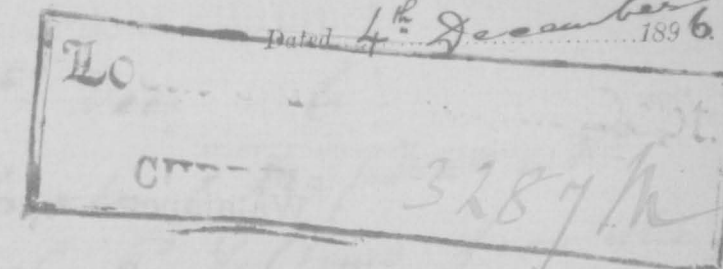
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No. 618

MUNICIPAL OFFICE,

WALAJAPET,

Dated 4th December 1896.



From

M. R. Ry.

C. VENKATASUBRAYALU REDDI GARU,

Chairman, Municipal Council,

WALAJAPET.

To

The Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Department
Frost. Saint George

Sir,

In forwarding herewith
extract from Minutes of Pro-
ceedings of this Council (Resolu-
tion No. 1 dated the 1st Instant)
I have the honor to request
that the Government will be
pleased to favour the Council
with all the memorials and pe-
titions submitted to Government
and recorded in Proceedings
No. 1763 Mis: dated the 16th October
1896, - to enable the Council to
carry out its resolution to pro-
secute the petitioners. The Council
also requests that the Collector may
be instructed to send the petitions
sent to him for the information of the
Council for taking such steps as may
be considered advisable.

Petitions Complaining
against the Chairman

made?

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. Venkatasubrayalu Reddi Garu
Chairman.

4-12-96.

From

THE CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

Walla-japet.

To

Dated.....189

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SUBJECT.

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

of the Municipal Council, Wallajapet,

at a Meeting held on 1st Decr 1896

1. Read footnote (Disposal N^o. 6363 dated the 2^d Ultimo from the Head Asst. Collectr, North Arcot com-municating copy of Proceedings of the Madras Government N^o. 1763 Mes. dated the 16th October 1896 stating that the Government sees no reason to interfere in the matter of the petitions and mahazars against the Chairman.

The resolution to prosecute the petitioners may be carried out. The Govt may be requested to favour the Council with all the memonials and petitions submitted to Govt and the Collectr to help the Council in carrying out its resolution and to take such steps as may be considered advisable.

[True Extract]

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

WALLAJAPET,

Dated 4th Decr 1896

Chairman.

4-12-96.