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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 2813 M.

DATED 16-12-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Appointment of Secretary

Disapproving the proposal of the Mul: Council of Tuticorin to appoint a Secretary on a salary of Rs 75 rising to Rs 100; stating that the salary should be fixed at least at Rs 125, rising to Rs & requesting the Mul: Council to reconsider the matter & to report the result to Govt, & also to state the nature & extent of the powers proposed to be delegated to him.

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For a precedent please see G.O. No 2647. M, dated 29th November 1897

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To
The Chairman M.C. Tuticorin
through the Collector of Tinnevelly.

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Date.

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 4025 M

Order

From The Chairman
Municipal Council
Tuticorin

No. 347

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT * LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT * 20 NOV. 1897

Dated 14th July 1897

Received 20-11-97

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for sanction, a proposition statement and other papers in connection with the appointment of a Secretary to this Municipality

20/11/97

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Returned. This should be sent again when the result of the inquiry now being held is known

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Tuticorin 14th July 1897

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From

The Revd J. M. B. Roche Victoria avergal
Chairman. Municipal Council
Tuticorin

To

The Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department
Madras

Sir,

Agreeably to the requirement of Section 39 of the District Municipalities Act Amendment Act 1897. And owing to the urgent necessity of exercising closer and more frequent supervision of the town the Council decided to appoint a Secretary to this Municipality and upon a resolution of the Council, applications for the said post were advertised for. Many applications were received and they were all circulated to the Councillors and considered by them in a special meeting.

I have now the honour to forward herewith a copy of the resolution of the Council passed in their special meeting held on the 5th instant appointing C. Ramasami Pillai Head Clerk of this Municipal office as Secretary to this Municipality on a salary of Rs 75 a month including

including horse allowance with an annual increment of Rs 10 up to Rs 100-

He has put in 17 years' Service in this Municipality and worked as Second Clerk from December 1884 till July 1892 when he has was been made Head Clerk on Rs 55- He has been doing his duties satisfactorily and he possesses a very sound knowledge and experience of Municipal Correspondence - accounts and all out-door works- and has also been certified to by the Auditors as efficient and painstaking-

He is a matriculate and has passed Translation Lower- Treas Writing higher and criminal lower grade.

From my Connection with this Municipality for the past 16 years, both as Councillor and Chairman, I am quite Confident that he will satisfactorily carry out the duties of the new appointment.

Under the above circumstances, I have the honour to request you will be so pleased as to obtain the Sanction of His Excellency the Governor-in-Council.

A proposition statement and an application for the allotment of funds are enclosed-

And I beg to state that the Carriage allowance of Rs 30 a month now given to the Chairman may be dispensed with when the Appointment of Secretary is Sanctioned-

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedt- Servt

J. M. Roche Victoria

Chairman

Dis: N: 2182/97

Submitted.

2. This Communication, addressed to Government, was returned by the Sub Collector to the Chairman for transmission after the disposal of some charges of Corruption and neglect of duty received against the nominee and alleged to have been Committed by him in his Capacity as Head Clerk. The investigation was made in detail by the Chairman. He has Come to the Conclusion that the charges were unfounded, and that the Complaint was set on foot by some subordinates of the Municipality, assisted by some Municipal Councillors. The Sub Collector who has examined the records of enq

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I think, to be noted that the resolution to appoint the Head Clerk as Secretary has been carried by a somewhat narrow majority.

Tinnevelly Collector's office }
Dated 12th November 1897 } Collector

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Proceedings of the Municipal Council Tuticorin in their Special meeting held on Saturday the 29th May 1897.

Present

M.R.Ry. J. M. B. Roche Victoria avergal Chairman
Captain T. H. Baker.
F. A. Walthew Esqre
M.R.Ry. I. L. Motha avergal
„ P. Viravagu Pillai avergal
„ T. M. Ramakrishnasami Nayadu Garu
„ S. Arumugam Chettiar avergal
„ M. Kadir Mohidin Ravuthar avergal
„ S. K. Mohidin Kadir Sali Marakayar avergal
Revd. C. S. Gnanakan B.A.

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1. Resolved that a Secretary be appointed as soon as practicable.

2. Resolved by a majority that the pay of the Secretary be Rs 75 per mensem including horse allowance with increment of ten rupees a year up to a maximum of Rs 100.

3. Resolved that applications be invited through the medium of public papers and the applications shall be placed before a Special meeting in a month hence.

Sd/ J. M. B. Roche Victoria
Chairman

(True Copy)
J. M. B. Roche Victoria
Chairman

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Application for allotment of funds required by the Municipal Council . Tuticorin

Particular work or purpose	Major & Minor head in the budget	amount provided for the work or purpose in the budget	amount subsequently allotted or transferred	amount now required & the source from which it is to be met	Necessity for the allotment	Reference to previous Correspondence.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Appointment of Secretary to the Municipal Council . Tuticorin	Grant V-(a) 1- Office Establishment	Rs 1356-0-0	Rs ———	Rs 525-0-0 From General Savings.	For the appointment of a Secretary to the Council - under section 39 A of the Madras District Municipalities Act Amendment Act. 1897.	Government order No. 236 M / 18 Feby: 1897.

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Closing balance is Rs 3430-0-0
Present allotment . Rs 525-0-0
Balance Rs 2,905-0-0

14th July 1897

J. M. Roche Victoria
Chairman

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No 473 A

Tuticorin 9th Octr. 1897

The Sub Collector of Tinnevelly.

COLLECTOR & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE TINNEVELLY 8 NOV. 1897

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Current No. $\frac{1054}{97}$ m's dated 21st ultimo.

With reference to the irregularities mentioned in the letter signed by three Councillors viz Messrs. J. L. Motha, Ganapathi Pillay, and S. K. Cadersha Marikar, it is regrettable that the matter should have been hanging on for such a long time, but I beg to say that it was due to unavoidable circumstances as will be seen below.

I placed their letter before a meeting of the Ml Council, with a view to appoint a Sub Committee to inquire into the irregularities of the Ml Subordinates and I asked every one of those Gentlemen to become members of the Sub Committee but they all refused. Thereupon the Council appointed a Sub Committee composed of myself, Capt. Baker and Revd. Gnanakannoo. The Sub Committee held three sittings each lasting nearly three hours, & in the course of investigations in the third sitting, the Sub Committee sent a letter to the above mentioned Councillors asking them to inform the names of the Contractors from whom the Hd Clerk was charged by them ~~of~~ with having received loans & illegal gratifications. They sent an insulting letter in reply which made Capt. Baker to resign from the Sub Committee. I brought this to the notice of the Council with a view to appoint one or more members on the Sub Committee and I again asked those Councillors to become members of the Sub Committee. Again they all refused. At this stage Revd. Gnanakanoo also resigned.

Consequently the original Sub Committee was Cancelled under a resolution of the Council. However I wrote separate letters to Messrs Ganapathe Pilley and J. L. Mothia requesting them to inspect the books and records of the Municipal office and elucidate any irregularities they ~~found~~ might find.

I have received no reply from any of them up to date. All this means time and hence the delay.

I have the honor to inform you that I had investigated the alleged irregularities some time before the three Councillors represented them to me, because a letter was sent to the Collector by the notorious Velayudam Pilley in which were mentioned all the irregularities enumerated in the letter of those Councillors and this letter was sent to me by you for disposal. I received this letter on the 8th of July, whereas the letter of the Councillors was dated 20th July. The letter of Velayudam Pilley is not dated but I see Collector's endorsement on it dated 29th June i.e. six days before the Meeting Convened for the election of Secretary to the Council. I enclose herewith copy of this letter.

I will now proceed to give my report & opinion on the alleged irregularities mentioned in the letter of the three Councillors, copy of which is herewith annexed.

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(1) Delay in bringing to account the sale proceeds of kerosine oil tins in 1895 & 1896.

I examined the Chittah Book and Cash Book & I found both books agree as regards entries. The following Entries of the sale of kerosine oil tins in 1895 & 1896 are found in them

10th June 1895.	Rs 9—6—„
18th July — do.	„—12—„
22nd July — do.	24—8—8
20th November do.	11—4—„
16th March 1896	7—2—9
7th May — do.	43—7—3
2nd June — do.	2—13—„
6th July — do.	2—13—„
21st August — do.	37—14—„
21st Septr. — do.	3—6—„
21st Octr. — do.	5—1—„
17th Nov. — do.	15—12—„

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All the above entries are supported by Vouchers except the entry on the 7th May 1896 which is Rs 44-9-3 including Rs 1-2-„ being the value of Deal wood cases.

The Entry both in Chittah Book & Cash Book clearly shows that the money was paid in by one Chithambaram pillay a tinker of the place who has often bought Mr. tins.

When the tinker was inquired into about it, he admits having bought this large number of tins in face of the Melur Theppam festival which comes on in the month of "Chithirai" near about the beginning of May and deposed some other things affecting some Councillors, 2nd Clerk, overseer &c which will be too long & unnecessary to mention here and also admits his having paid himself the money to Jacob the 2nd Clerk (who is the Shroff of this Municipality).

Jacob the Shroff is in charge of the Chittah Book and it is to him all cash is paid and he is the only man responsible to produce vouchers for all the entries he makes in his Chittah book. The Cash Book is kept by the Hd Clerk who copies the entries from the Chittah Book Dy. and checks the amount of the entries with-the amount remitted to the Treasury.

During my inquiries, when I questioned Jacob why the Voucher for the entry of 7th May 1896 is missing & what became of it, he answered me that the Head Clerk paid him that money and promised to give him the voucher in two or three days' time but he did not give it to him up to date.

The Hd. Clerk swears that he neither paid that amount to Jacob nor did he promise him to give him the voucher in two or three days' time as alleged by Jacob and says that it is the outcome of a plot premeditated by some of the subordinate officers of the Municipality who were not in good terms with him.

If, as Jacob say, the Hd Clerk had paid that money & had not given him the voucher as promised, is it not the bounden ~~boun~~ duty of Jacob to have brought it to the notice of the Chairman; but he never said anything about it until he was questioned by me during the late inquiries why that entry was not supported by a voucher like other entries. In this connection, I must tell you that about May 1896, the 4th Clerk Aramugam Pillay presented to me a petition stating that his work as Petition Clerk was considerably increasing and that he found it very hard to attend to Private Scavenging Books. Thereupon I asked the Head Clerk to report to me fully on the various works of the Municipal Clerks.

He submitted to me the report and recommended that Private Scavenging books & Professional Tax Register be given to Perumal Naidoo the 3rd Clerk, and that Jacob who was looking after the Professional Tax Register be put in charge of House Tax Register together with his usual Shroff work. I approved the recommendation & passed my orders accordingly.

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Thereupon Jacob came to ~~th~~ me in tears and begged of me to put him back in charge of the Professional Tax Register. I refused his request & told him I will not alter my order just then, but I might consider the matter after some time. This I believe was the commencement of his hatred against the Head Clerk, as he thought he was the cause of this change and I know he has said so at the time. It looks very peculiar that about the same time when I took the Professional Tax Register out of the hands of Jacob, an entry should be made in his Chittah book for the sale of Kerosine oil tins without being supported by a voucher unlike all other entries. Jacob further said that the Lighting maistry had an entry in a memo book that the Kerosine oil tins credited in May were sold about two & half months before that date. I questioned Lighting maistry about it & he also admitted it. When Jacob & Lighting maistry became aware of the delay in the payment of the value of K. oil tins, as they alleged, is ~~it~~ not their bounden duty, as Municipal servants, to have brought it to the notice of the Chairman. But none of them brought it to my notice, until I commenced my enquiries lately (i.e about 15 months after they were aware of it), as they alleged. They are therefore guilty of a serious offence which will be dealt with by me later on.

As regards the memo Book which the Lighting maistry says he was keeping and about the loss of which there are many stories, too long to enumerate, I beg to say that I am not at all aware of the existence of such a Book. The Lighting maistry also admits that he never showed that Book to any Chairman and that he kept it for his private information only. Capt. Baker, who acted as Chairman Delegate on various occasions, will, I dare say, bear out my statement.

The only book which the Lighting Maistry has to keep is his Diary wherein he enters, every day, everything, connected with his business — In this recognised book there is no mention about the sale of the tins.

You will thus see that there is not the slightest evidence on record to show that there was delay in bringing to account the sale proceeds of Kerosine oil tins.

It is, however, a consolation, that even the worst persons did not say that any sale of K. oil tins was not brought to account in the Ml Books or that any Municipal servants are guilty of such a crime.

(2) As regards the second charge viz. Delay to credit certain advances made to certain Municipal servants for carrying out certain works during the year 1895, 96 & 97.

I beg to report that advances are usually made for carrying out certain works & placed at the disposal ~~of~~ sometimes of Ml Councillors & sometimes of Ml servants according to the nature of the works. These advances are generally adjusted as soon as the works are completed or within the official year, except in two cases of advances one made to the Head Clerk and the other to Inspector Marillamony Pillay.

Rs 50 (fifty) were advanced to the Head Clerk in Decr 1895-96 for the repair of Office building. The repair was continued till the close of the official year and the advance was not adjusted within the year; and this fact was shown under "Advance Recoverable" both in the annual report of 1895-96 and in the Audit notes of the year, approved and passed by

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by the Government & the Council.

This amount was, with my permission, utilized in the repair of office building as well as in purchasing materials for the construction of a new fresh water well opposite to the Ml. garden and in other sundry expenses such as Railway fares &c incurred now & then. This advance has been finally adjusted in the year 1896-97, after recouping the amount involved in cheque No. 339 of 1896-97. This fact of adjustment has been duly noted in the administration report of the year which has been approved by the Council. The Head Clerk has furnished security to the extent of Rs 250.

Rs 10 (Ten) were given to Inspector Manikkamony Pillay for repair of Conservancy cart. He left this for Madras to undergo course of training as Sanitary Inspector & returned here in May 1897. The Vouchers connected with the expenses incurred by him were passed & debited to Service head on the 2nd July 1897, and on the following day the whole amount of Rupees Ten has been refunded. The Entry in Chittah Book dated 3rd July 1897 will show this.

The whole thing is as clear as day-light & I am at a loss to find any irregularity on the part of the Ml. subordinates.

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(3) As regards the third charge viz "Delay in bringing to account about Rs 75 returned by the Sub Magistrate of "Sankaranainar Coil" from the allotment of Rs 1500/ sent to him for the purchase of bullocks."

I beg to report that Rs 1500/ were drawn by cheque dated 20th March/97 for the purchase of Bullocks. Of this amount Rs 1480 were sent on the same day by by Draft & Currency Notes to the Sub-magistrate of "Sankaranainarcoil" who was then at Kalugumalai where there was the festival and a Cattle Fair. The Balance Rs 20 (twenty) ~~was~~ given to Peon Maniappa Naik who was sent thither with Palaneam both of whom are experts in the selection of Bullocks, in order to meet their expenses such as meals &c in order that they might not trouble the Sub-magistrate for every petty requirement.

The Sub magistrate, after having purchased the bullocks returned a balance of Rs 74 through Peon Maniappa Naik who had to account in all Rs (20 + 74) i.e Rs 94. The Bullocks were brought down here on the noon of the 29th March 1897 in charge of a few coolies. Maniappa Naik bought Straw for the Bulls both at Kalugumalai & on the way down, He had to feed the ~~fifty~~ Coolies from Kallugumalai to this place, and also paid the hire of those coolies. As the Straw Contract Started from 1st April, I ordered the Peon to buy Straw with the Cash he had until the 31st March. Ropes & other articles were purchased. It was not possible to adjust the account before the 31st of March, as the account of the purchase of bullocks was received from the Sub-magistrate by Tapal on the last day of the month. This fact of Advance has also been shown in the Administration Report under "Advances Recoverable". Subsequently Also sticks for Bullock Stands and Scales & weights for weighing Straw were purchased. After meeting all the expenses there was a balance of Rs 12-9-8 which was refunded on the 9th June 1897. A perusal of the vouchers in connection with the purchase of Bullocks & the expenses incurred will convince the purity of the transaction and the stupidity of the charge under this Heading.

(4) As regards the fourth Charge viz
"Regarding illegal collection of House Tax from one Sivanainja Veramal Pillay of Melur Tuticorin who has petitioned the Chairman on the matter",

I beg to report that I have inquired into this affair. The evidences are very conflicting. It seems to be a matter of a few annas. I await one or two evidences before I can pass my decision on it. I expect to dispose the matter shortly and if you want I will communicate to you my decision on it.

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(5) As regards the Fifth Charge viz:
Head Clerk Ramasamy Pillay has received loan & illegal gratification from different Municipal Contractors which is against the Bye-law of 1892,

I beg to report that the three Councillors who brought this charge refused to mention the names of the Contractors from whom they said that the Head Clerk had received loans and illegal gratifications.

However the letter of Velayudam Pillay addressed to the Collector about which I have already mentioned and which was the monitor and precursor of the letter sent to me subsequently by the three Councillors, discloses the name of the Contractor from whom the Head Clerk is alleged to have received loan & illegal gratification. In connection with this I beg to bring the following to your information.

Muthusamy Pillay the Gravel Contractor is the brother-in-law of the notorious Velayu-dam Pillay. The Contracts given to him or any other Contractor are given by the Municipal Council only either by Tenders or by public Auction.

His stacking of Road materials & testing the quality of the materials are under the direct charge & supervision of Ml Overseer.

When heaps of the materials are made, they are measured by the Divisional Councillor & sometimes by myself with the Overseer and the measurements are entered in the printed book in charge of the Overseer and initialled by either the Divisional Councillor or myself. The Bill is drawn out by the Overseer & one of the Clerks in the office checks the Bill with the measurement Book and signs the Bill as a certificate that the Bill was checked by him. Should there be any mistakes in the calculations they are corrected in red ink by the checking clerk.

The Bill is then brought to me for the order for payment and after checking the figures I pass my order on the Bill "Pay" with my initial underneath.

The Bill is then taken to the Head Clerk who draws out the cheque for the amount of the Bill. I sign the cheque, having the vouchers before me, and the Contractor cashes the cheque in the Bank.

I have stated the above particulars, in order that you may be aware of the procedure of my Department as regards the bills of the gravel Contractor & other Contractors.

You will thus see that the Head Clerk of the Municipality has almost nothing to do with the business of the Gravel Contractor or any other Contractor. The only officer who is liable for corruption is the Ml. Overseer.

Some years ago when I was "Chairman" I had to dismiss a Ml Overseer "Benjamin Pilley" for his Corruption in these matters.

I may here mention that it was in my time as Chairman, that I introduced

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Is it possible that a Contractor will pay to a Municipal officer any gratification unless he is helped by him to make double the amount at least in an illegal manner from the Municipal money

It is therefore to be considered whether the Head Clerk could have been of any use to the Contractor in that way.

Besides writing out the cheque for the Bill which I pass in favour of the Contractor I do not see any possibility of the Head Clerk having anything to do with the Contractor.

I know very well and I can swear to that effect that the Contractor Muthusamy Pillay & his brother in-law the notorious Velayudam Pillay have been entertaining much hatred against the Head Clerk for the last nearly four years and on different occasions they have disclosed to me their real dispositions towards him.

Whenever such charges are brought to our notice, it is my humble opinion, that we have to consider them cautiously and seriously. The position & respectability of the person who alleges having given illegal gratifications to the Ml. servants, as well as the circumstances which made him to give such gratifications must also be properly considered

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District Magistrate Collector -8 NOV. 1897

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I would have been only most happy to have afforded them every facility for their inquiries and given them the charge of everything in the Municipal office to help their investigations.

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(2) As regards the Copy of the Telegram sent about the 11th Septr. to the Collector by Rate payers Tuticorin, reading as follows

" Serious blunders Municipal accounts pray immediate inquiry Delay facilitates fudging".

I beg to say that things are becoming serious and little fellows are emboldened to say what they liked. I beg to request you to be good enough to trace the person or persons who sent this telegram to the Collector and take depositions from them in your position as Magistrate, and kindly communicate to me the names of the persons as I intend to take legal actions against them. I will not be surprised if the notorious Velayudam pillay is one of the signatories of this telegram. Actually some little fellows in the Town are befooling the Government and the Municipality and unless they are taught good lesson, there will be no end of such vexatious petitions & telegrams. Our times are very valuable & we cannot possibly afford to waste our times in writing reports & proceedings to satisfy the fooleries of these fellows.

Unless the Government Officials will help the Municipal Chairman to put a stop to these nonsenses, it is not possible for a respectable citizen to undertake the duties of Chairmanship for the sake of his Town & his Country.

Cir No 1054/97

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From

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Tuticorin

To

The Sub-Collector
Tinnevelly

Dated 9th } October 1897
Despatched 14th }
Received

No. 473A

His Ref Now Cir No 1054/97 Mis dated 21st Sept 97

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Read report of the chairman:—

No 473A/97 dated 9. 10. 97, report the result of his enquiries into certain alleged irregularities by the Head Clerk Ramasami Pil

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Order

Charges 1, 2 and 3 relate to delays made in certain credi and adjustment

Charge No. 1. There is one voucher missing viz that for the 7th May. The irregularity amounts to very little if to anything. The evidence in support of the charge is tha the Shroff Jacob who admit that he received the money. It appears that the Shroff is responsible for the production of vouchers. The Head Clerk denies having

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ing to do with the matter. ven taking things at the worst ere is merely the loss of the ouchers and there is nothing show that any money was lost the Municipality. It is unsafe o form any adverse conclusions from the mutual recriminations of 2 clerks.

There is oral evidence to Show that this credit made in May, was on account of tins sold 2½ months before but this oral evidence alludes to so called Memo Book which s not forth coming and is it-elf an unauthorized docu-ent. The Chairman is not ware of its existence. The try does not occur in the iary of the lighting maistry.

harge No 2.

Rs 50 ~~was~~ were advanced To head Clerk for some These were done

under the supervision of the Chairman. The amount was shown under 'advance recoverable' until such time as it was adjusted. It is true that it took some time to adjust but there is not proof of criminal negligence, much less of fraud.

Charge No 3.

It appears that 1480 Rs were sent to the Sub Magistrate of ~~S Koil~~ Sankara Vainer Coil for the purchase of bulls. He returned Rs 74. The contract of feeding the bulls did not begin until April 1897, and ~~therefore~~ hence the Chairman ordered the peons to feed them from this balance; A number of miscellaneous articles were also bought and the balance was adjusted on 9: 6: 97. I am unable to find anything unfair or fraudulent in this matter.

Charge No. 4.

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consideration. It is a question
of a few annas and need not
hinder the disposal of this
matter.

Charge No 5.

The charge of illegal
gratification is not proved.
The Chairman seems to have
been tampered in his enqu
in this direction. It is n
certain how far he is
gated the matter. He how
brings to notice that the
contractor mentioned by
Velayudam Pillai, a gentle-
man who for ~~reasons~~ private
or public seems to busy him-
self a good deal in Municipal
affairs is the gravel contrac-
tor and the head clerk has
practically nothing to do with
the matter. The Chairman
fairly enough that the
zued qist give a

to gain from the head clerk
the circumstances reported.

General remarks.

Upon the lengthy report
now submitted to me, I can
but come to one conclusion;
that most of the charges ~~are~~
capable of explanation and
that the only charge which is
not explained there is nothing
approaching proof.

Before ending I wish to
observe, that if the gentlemen
who brought the charges had
cordially cooperated with
the Chairman they would
have had much more
of satisfying themselves an
me. Instead of doing this
they have chosen not only
not to assist the Chairma
in his investigations bu
they appear to have with
proofs or evidence whic
they possessed. They wer

liberty to choose the policy which they thought best. That policy resulted in throwing upon the Chairman the task of enquiry, while it ~~confronted~~ imputed to him by implication a suspicion of laxity in administration.

(Signed) S. R. Rice
Sub-Collector

True copy forwarded to the Collector for information with the Chairman's report.

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