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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 570 m
DATED 17-3-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Administration Report

Recording with reme. No. letter from the Chief Commissioner
submitting report on the arrears collections under taxes, called
for his G.O. reviewing the — of the Mun. Off. for 1895-96.

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 640

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Order No. 570 min. 17.3.97

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From

The Chairman, Municipal Council,
Cannanore

2. The difficulties in collecting the dues of the Municipal Council, represented by the Chairman, are not peculiar to Cannanore.

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The real cause of this unsatisfactory state of affairs appears to be want of ^{businesslike} energy on the part of the Municipal Council and the executive.

Dated 5-2-1897

Received 15-2-1897

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It is however hoped that the Chairman ^{should} direct his special attention to this important branch of Municipal administration and give no cause for further complaints.

SUBJECT.

In this connection his attention is drawn to the collector's remarks in para 2 of his report.

forwarding report regarding the collection of arrears of taxes.

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5. The further report promised in the last paragraph of the chairman's letter will be awaited.

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To
The Chairman The Cannanore
The the Colls of Malabar
Dated 18/3/97

Municipal Department

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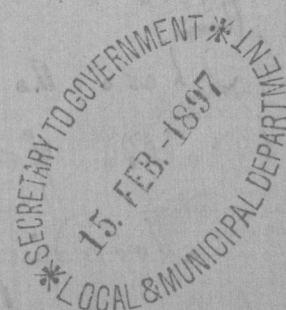
The Chairman
Cannanore Municipality

To,
The Chief Secretary
to Government Madras



No. 575

Dated 5th February 1897



Inwarding Report called for in S.O
No. 1798 M dated 24th October 1896 regarding
Assess Collections

30 Rs

Submitted

1. Better work would be done in the Cannanore municipality if the Chairman could be made to understand that his duty is not to raise difficulties but to overcome them.
2. If the Bill Collecting Establishment is inadequate the obvious remedy is to increase it.

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For Collector
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Ammanoor 5th February 1897
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL
CURRENT NO. 640 M

I am
The Chairman
Ammanoor Municipality

To, The Chief Secretary to Government
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the concluding portion of
para 3 (2) of D.O. dated 24th October 1896 No. 1798 M.
I have the honor to submit my Special Report
called for.

2. According to the Demand Collection and
balance Statements for 1895 '96 submitted with the
Annual Statements the balance of taxes was Rs.
11208. 11. 6 inclusive of the balance of old demand
The actual collections against several of the heads
enumerated in the D.O. up to the time fixed by
Government in their order read above amounts to
Rs. 6417. 11. 7 and the actual amount to be struck
off lists of which are under investigation, will amount
to Rs. 1502. 13. 8 which I have shown separately, and the
balance now remaining to be collected is only Rs.
3287. 11. 3 or $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total demand of arrears.
I am the Statement W.B. Arrears which

accompanied the Annual Report for the year
year, you would have observed that the arrears
date as far back as 1890 '91. The irrecoverable
sums for the past several years specially
under taxes have been allowed to accumulate
and the balance has risen to such a conspicuous
figure that the Government have been severe
in their remarks in reviewing the two last
Administration Reports of this Municipality.
The Collection Department consists
of only 2 bill collectors and 2 peons. The total
number of persons liable to the taxes on
houses and ards alone amounted to Rs. 6783.
without taking into consideration the number
of persons assessed separately under the various
other heads of taxes for which bills and warrants
are issued. The tax payers in this impoverished
town of Ammanoor do not as a rule pay
any tax into the Municipal Office but they
wait till the bill collector calls for them,
even then they are not disposed to feel inclined
to pay the taxes legally due by them and advance
every kind of apology for the payment at
another time. The result is then that warrants
are applied for and when these are issued and taken
to be executed another difficulty presents itself
itself

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the Officer entrusted with the Warrant on soonest
information is received that a warrant is out
and the tax payer purposely absents himself
from the place where his Chattle are liable to
attachment. The Warrant is returned with the
information that no moveable property of the
defaulter was available for attachment, the
Magistrate before whom the prosecution was
laid acquits the Defendant on the plea of his
chattle not having been attached.

Articles available not having been attached.
The question of the doors being closed is altogether
left out of consideration. Several cases have been
thrown out on this plea and the warrants were held
in abeyance awaiting an opportunity to get the doors
opened, it is not probable that a bill collector can
watch a single door, and every tax payer seems
to have knowledge of this flaw in the present Act.

Tax on Arts. Several persons open a
 roads in a year and they are assessed
 immediately after the period of their becoming
 liable to the tax, but they close ^{the} ~~that~~ business
 and leave the place and their whereabouts are
 difficult to be ascertained. Summons issued by the

Magistrate

instances practices who have
 other Municipalities decline to comply with
 the demand made here and the item has
 been allowed to remain undisposed of for
 want of definite information for the disposal
 of ^{the} subject, the certificates presented do not
 appear to show any clear information to
 exempt the party from the taxation under
 the Act as no appreciable form of certificate is
 provided by Law. Steps are being taken to
 realize the balance by the middle of January.

Changes

There is considerable work to be done. The provisions of the Act in the cases where the tax cannot be paid, but great deal of opposition has to be met with owing to the power given to an Officer entrusted with the execution of a warrant being limited. I hope to be able to show a more satisfactory result at the end of the year or any time earlier for the information of Government. I may be permitted to add here that the Rajah's tax has not been received in cash as yet, certain of his property has been attached and when about to be sold the Collector's letter was received to stay proceedings against him. I could not release the property, for I will not have another letter opprobriously to do with any of his movable property, as the doors will be shut against my warrants.

However I have postponed the sale of the property as the Collector informs that he is applying to Government for the payment of the taxes from the Laccadives receipts. It is now nearly a month the attachment is left without being sold on the Collector's letter. I have however taken credit for the sum due by the Rajah in the arrears collection.

Private Secours. The System is worked under

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under great deal of disadvantages. There is nothing binding on the practice provided in the Act, any rigid action taken by the Municipality is treated with contempt by withdrawing their names from the System. Under these circumstances some are in a position to make their own private arrangements for little or nothing with the notice of the Town. The nuisance clause in such cases cannot be applied. I am unable to do any thing in this but shall take action on the large list already prepared and see what improvement can be made for 1897-98. The balance of arrears is inclusive of certain fees that were left unrecovered from 1896 from parties who have enrolled for the system but failed to provide proper enclosures for conserving purposes. These will be disposed of at an early date.

Taxes on Vehicles, Animals & Carts.

This is such an unsatisfactory assessment it is impossible to recover the taxes more satisfactorily as animals and vehicles are assessed when these are found within the limits and after a short while they are removed to some place beyond the limits by transfer or purchase or by some other arrangement or

Changes

Changes. The amount to be struck off under
these heads is under investigation. The list
showing the strike of includes also charges strikes off /?
of Military Officers erroneously assessed.
The balance of arrears to be recovered is
not so very important that I have already
enforced the provisions of the Act in several
cases and hope to show a satisfactory
return at an early date.

Before the 31st March last I shall
submit another report on the state of the
arrears collections and the balance if any
that remains to be collected. The Government
order calling for a special report is dated
24th October last and was received here only
on the 21st November following so that the
receipt of the order was only after a month
and the time allowed was therefore only two months
and not three months as specified in the S.O.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Yours most Obedt. Servt.

W. H. P.
Chairman

L. Amos. Municipal



Enclosure to letter No.
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