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DATED 26-4-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition

Informing Mr. R. R. Alwar Chetti, a member of the Walajapet Municipal Council, that there is no sufficient ground for ~~the~~ interference in the matter of his complaint about the conduct of the chairman towards him.

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The pet. is unable to find any sufficient ground for its interference. The pete will be so informed.

Order be so informed. J. R. 26/4/97

Referred to the chairman, Municipal Council, Walajapet, for remarks, which should be submitted through the collector.

From The Collector of North Arcot

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding petition from M. R. Py. P. Alwar Chetty a councillor of the Walajapet Municipality representing to Govt the conduct of the chairman towards him at the last Council meeting.

For Mr. George } H. H.
April 1897 } There does not seem to be anything in the conversation reported sufficient to justify Govt in intervening or calling for an explanation. I think he may be so informed. J. R. 24/4/97

The chairman, Mr. Walajapet through the Collector of North Arcot

I don't see how Govt can interfere. But the Govt might be told d.o. to warn the Govt to keep a civil tongue in his head, if there

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is reason to suppose that he
is in the habit of being rough
with Councillors who don't
agree with him

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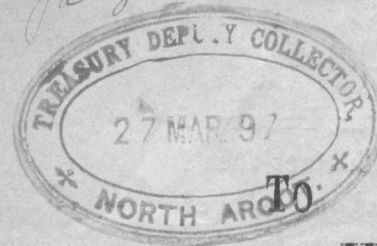
My dear Wynne,

With reference to the Complaint
of P. Alwar Chetti, Municipal
Councillor of Walajapet as to the
Conduct of the Chairman towards
him - which was forwarded through
you on the 28th March - I am
to say that there does not
seem to Govt. to be any ground
for its interference. At the same
time the Tahsildar, if there is

is reason to suppose that he
is in the habit of being
with Councillors who
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HIS EXCELLENCY

THE RIGHT HONORABLE,

Sir Arthur Havelock, G. C. M. G.,

GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

(Through the Collector of North Arcot)

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY

I am one of the Municipal Councillors of Wallajapett Municipality, in the North Arcot District, and I beg leave to lay before your Excellency the conduct of the Chairman towards me at the last Council meeting.

That, on the 20th instant, a meeting was held, at which I am one of those that was present, along with ten others. At this meeting, one Mr. Thanthoni Pillai, a Councillor, informed the Chairman that he had been to the Police Inspector's house, wherein he had learnt that I had sent up a Petition to Government, sympathizing with one Murugesu Mudaliar, (Second Assistant, Wallajah Municipal High School), whose increase of pay was not sanctioned by the Municipality. Thereupon the Chairman asked me, if what was said is true. The Chairman further asked me, "is it true that you had recommended the said Mudaliar, both for increase of pay, as well as payment of arrears". I replied him, it is true that I had submitted to Government the reasons for my dissent, and in doing so, touched upon only as to the increase of pay, but not arrears of pay. He then questioned me what justification I had in espousing the cause of the said teacher. I replied him that because I had dissented and because I felt that the teacher deserved a better consideration, I thought it my duty to represent matters to Government. The Chairman then insultingly expressed that "our people have no sense, writing to Government is wrong". So saying, he again asked me, why should I evince so much interest for the said teacher. I replied that the just recommendation of the Inspector of Schools and justice alone prompted me to do so. In reply, the Chairman with a much more insulting tone said that, "with the Inspector's recommendation and your support, the teacher will get nothing, for we are the people to give, what could even Government do," and concluded these remarks in such a jocular manner that it created laughter in the Council. Just at this juncture, another Councillor named Mr. Vijayaragava Mudaliar arrived at the meeting. Addressing him, the Chairman said, "Mudaliar, have you heard that Alwar Chettyar had done a great fault." Being ignorant of what had transpired, he naturally asked the Chairman what fault I had done. The Chairman then, relating to him the great fault I had done, namely writing to Govt: asked Mr. Vijayaragava Mudaliar to say what the procedure is if one dissented. He said, writing or not writing to Government is dependent upon one's own wish. The Chairman rebuked him for so saying, and called him that he was giving *Komati evidence*, meaning partial evidence. The meeting was convened for the transaction of municipal business, which was transacted after the enactment

of this unwarranted drama. I really felt aggrieved at the very insulting and irate remarks of the Chairman, but he being the Chairman and the Tahsildar, I reserved my reply, hoping however to represent his conduct to Government. The fact that I had the courage to address Govt: he seems to have taken it into his head and behaved himself towards me at that meeting in such a manner that if should have lost my temper then at his *kind* and *uncalled for* *unbecoming* remarks, it would have proved a regular scene at the meeting. Armed with his official powers, as Chairman, he treated me most insultingly, which every member that was present at the meeting will surely bear testimony to the same. The treatment that I had received at the meeting has not only mortified me but has also formed the subject of comment and talk in the town. The Chairman naturally feels rejoiced at his so-called victory in having unopposed used his tongue freely, while, I feel aggrieved. And holding it therefore just and proper, I am induced to represent to your Excellency the conduct of the Chairman for such action as your Excellency may deem fit and proper. That if Councillors, nominated by your Excellency's Government, be treated unbecomingly by an official Chairman, it is but natural that there cannot be much inducement for citizens to accept seats in Municipal Councils. If the deserving subjects of Her Majesty Queen-Empress, accept seats in Municipal Councils, offered by Government, they look to Government for protection, from being insulted or mortified by Municipal Chairmen in general and particularly Official Chairmen. This and this consideration alone induced me to accept a seat in the Wallajah Municipality and therefore I respectfully beg to bring to your Excellency's notice the foregoing, with my request, that your Excellency will be good enough to cause such action, in the matter complained of, to be taken, in view to the prevention of the recurrence of such insults in a Municipal Council meeting either to myself or to any other fellow Councillor.

MADRAS,

26th March 1897.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

P. Alwar Chetty

Municipal Councillor,

Wallajapet.

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J. S. Hume.

Collector.

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