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G.O., No. 977 M

DATED 26-4-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

• Petition

Informing Mr. R. Thomson, Bar at Law,
Palamcottah, that Govt regrets its inability
to interfere in the matter of his complaint
about the bad state of the roads in the district.

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CURRENT No. 1519m



From Balu. S. Kreenivas
Chairman
Municipal Council
Palacattat.

No. 142

Order

Lodged.

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1451.

W Thomson may be in-
formed that Govt does not
see sufficient reason to
interfere

26/4/97

Should say "regrets its inability
to interfere" which is more civil
as well as more accurate

MS

26/4/97

Order No 777. Muni dt 26-4-97

Mr Thomson will be informed
that Govt regrets its inability
to interfere

S.K.

To R. Thomson Signe 26/4/97
14/4/97 26/4/97

Dated 24-3-97

Received 7-4-1897

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding to enclosed
to Chairman's Report
to Mr. Thomson's Com.
to Government and a
Copy of the Council's
Resolution thereon.

Reporting the same

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No. 112. Palamcottah Municipal Office

21st March 1897

CURRENT No. 1519M

From Balu. S. Shreenivasa

J. Charianna
Municipal Council
Palamcottah

To The ~~Chief~~ Secretary
to Government
Madras
through the Collector of
Financially

Sir
In returning your
endorsement No 260 dated 1-3-97
referring to the Council of this
Municipality for remarks, the
Complaint preferred by Mr. Thomson
on 11-2-97, I have the honor to forward
herewith, my reply to the above
Complaint, which was approved
of by the Council at the meeting
held on the 20th Instant (Copy enclosed)

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your Most Obedt^{ly} Servt.

Balu. S. Shreenivasa

Charianna

Palamcottah
17th March 1897

From

Balu S. Shrinivasa Esqr

Chairman

Municipal Council

Palamcottah

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras.

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Sir

In reply to the communication addressed to you by Mr. R. Thomson and referred to the Municipal Council for remarks I have the honor to state as follows:—

(a) The statement that the roads leading from Mr. Thomson's East and West gates to the mainroad have been in a state of "disgraceful disrepair for years" is incorrect. These two roads were badly cut up by the breaching of the Palayam channel which flows in front of Mr. Thomson's compound in the heavy rains of December 95 and January 96, but they were thoroughly repaired by the Municipality. Unfortunately they were again badly damaged by the heavy rains of last December. They were partly repaired soon after and the rest of the repairs have since been completed.

(b) It is not true that breccadam and laterite are scattered indiscriminately on the roadside and the accident to Mrs. Thomson referred to, is due to the unfortunate fact that she is short sighted and in driving out on a dark night got off the road and drove over some gravel heaps that were stored on a vacant piece of ground.

(c) There is no truth in the statement that I am seldom in the town. No doubt I have frequent calls into the District, but I endeavour my utmost to prevent my professional work seriously interfering with my duties connected with the Municipality.

I may add that there was only one Vakil on the Municipal Board at the time of Mr. Thomson's letter and the rest of the Councillors are gentlemen whose vocations never call them into the District

(d) It is not true that I was absent from the station the whole time cholera was raging in this town nor is it true that the attack was due to "Indigenous filth." I had to go away to Vizagapatam during the Akmas holidays on urgent private affairs and I delegated my powers to Surgeon Major Sanjana the District Medical and Sanitary officer and a Councillor and it is chiefly owing to the energetic measures taken by that officer that the cholera which broke out in this town in a very violent form was stamped out.

In conclusion I have the honor to state that Mr. Thomson has all along evinced a rooted dislike to the payment of taxes and where as was the case this year coercive steps had to be taken against him he rushes off with a complaint to Government.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Chairman

1/15/94

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council of Palamcottah dated 20th March 1894.

Present

Balu. S. Sreenivasa Esq. Chairman

M. R. S. Raghavaya Esq. Divisional Officer

C. Winkler Esq.

M. R. S. W. C. Ganapathi Pillai Esq.

" John. S. Devasabaga Nadar Esq.

" S. Krishna Rao Esq.

" Paul Rauter Esq.

" M. Palaniandipillai Esq.

10 Reply prepared by the Chairman to the Complaint preferred by Mr. R. Thomson to Government.

The Council approves of the Draft Reply prepared by the Chairman in answer to Mr. Thomson's Complaint to Government.

/ True extract /

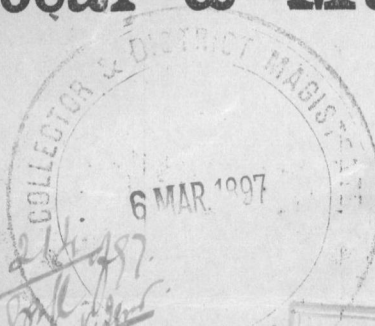
Balu. S. Sreenivasa Esq.

Chairman

Correct. Mr. Thomson's

Local & Munl. (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 652 m



TO BE RETURNED
WITH REPLY.

Order No 260 5-4-97

Referred to the Muni.
- cipal Council, Palam
- cottah for ^{early} remarks, which
should be submitted through
the Collector.

From
R. Thomson Esq
Barrister at Law

No.

[Signature]
Secretary to Government
Fort St George }
March 1897 }

Dated 11-2-97

Received 16-2-97

Registered 16-2-97

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SUBJECT.

Complaining about the
bad state of the roads in the
Palamcottah Municipality

To
The Chairman, the Palamcottah
thru' the Collector of Tenkasi

Correct. R. Thomson do

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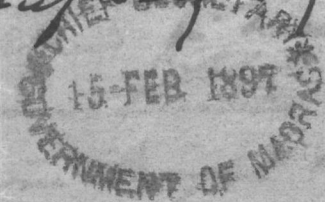
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LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT NO. 652 M

Hon J. F. Puri C.S.

Chief Secretary



Sir

I have the honor again to bring
to the notice of Govt. the state of the
roads in Palam allah. The road
leading from ^{my} East & West gate on to
the main road have been in a
state of disrepair & in repair
for years. And although I have
repeatedly brought the matter to
the notice of the Municipality the
roads are still in the same con-
dition. I enclose herewith a copy of my
letter.

I cannot drive my carriage

is required for more impor-
tant lines of communica-
tion.

(6) The Chairman's ex-
planation is probably
correct. Mr. Thomson de-

does not specify the places where the heaps which caused the accident were placed, nor the places where lamps are required. Metal and gravel heaps must of course be sometimes placed at the sides of the roads and they were so placed in some parts of the town about the time to which he refers.

(c) I believe that Mr. Balu S. Srinivasa gives all the time he possibly can to his duties as Chairman. Probably he is not absent from the town more than two days a week on an average.

(d). The Chairman's explanation of his absence is correct. No better arrangement could have been made than was made for his discharge of the duties of Chairman. Mr. Balu Srinivasa has done much to introduce private scavenging and to do away with dung pits in back yards

in the town. Mr. Srinivasa has I believe not paid the taxes due from him for the whole or part of 1896-97.

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