

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 2119 M.

DATED 28-9-97.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Appointment of Secretary

*Permitting in the remark, the munl. Council
of Tellicherry to postpone the appointment
of a Secretary for the munl. until the
1st of April 1898.*

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CURRENT No. 3079

Again G.O. NO. 1774 (1897) 13th August 1897 + eno. 3079/17
 From The Collector of Malabar
 Misc Order No. 2119 M. mis. dt 28.9.97.

In the circumstances stated the municipal Council will be permitted to postpone the appointment of a secretary until the 1st April 1898, ~~if it should agree to it, if not the Council will be permitted to elect a secretary.~~
 No. 200. Munl.
 Dated 22nd August 1897.
 Received 27 AUG. 1897
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2. With reference to the Collector's remarks in para. 1 of his letter read above it is observed that ~~the same amount of administrative efficiency can be achieved by a Secretary, as by a paid chair-man, seeing that under Clause (d) of Subsection (3) of section 39 of Act IV of 1884 as amended by Act II of 1897, all the powers of the Chairman, excepting those relating to the Conduct of proceedings at meetings may be delegated to the secretary.~~
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 SUBJECT.

Stating that the ag. Collector finds no reason to recommend the appointment of a secretary to the Tellicherry Municipality.
 Note: Please see the notes + orders in G.O. NO. 1774 (1897) 13th August 1897.

V.R. 23/9/97
 The Chairman, Tellicherry Municipality
 And the Collr of Malabar. Dated 21/10/97

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CURRENT No. 2539 m

From

Mr. E.S. Fernandez & other Municipal Councillors, Telli-cherry.

Order

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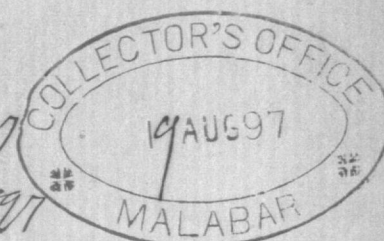
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SUBJECT.

Submitting a copy of a letter addressed to the Chairman on the question of appointing a Secretary to the Municipal Council.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

 $To,$

SIR,

Grant III.—Rs. 1,090 is provided for Plague charges but we know that at most the Council will have to spend only Rs. 360 for the year if it continues to rent the Green Island at Rs. 20 and pays the Hospital Assistant's allowance at Rs. 10 per mensem. The monsoon having set in and the Island is almost inaccessible owing to the rough sea, it is a question if Rs. 20 per month should be wasted any

longer on this Island. Even allowing it to remain undisturbed we may (D. V.) safely calculate upon a saving of Rs. 700 under this head after making provision for other petty charges.

6. We feel bound to protest against the manner in which Rs. 250 has been shown on the debit side under "Pay for additional teacher for the Brennen College" without at the same time taking credit for a sum at least equal to that amount on the receipt side. The additional teacher was sanctioned on the distinct assurance given by the Head Master in his letter No. 51 dated 17th February 97 that the extra cost would be more than covered by fees from the larger number of students admitted and which necessitated the additional appointment.

7. Rs. 1,300 has been deducted in your statement on account of anticipated receipts under House and Land taxes, but which will not accrue by reason of the revision under the amendment act not taking effect till next official year. Now, at the consideration of the budget, it was not expected that the amendment Act would be passed and the increase was anticipated independent of the result of any revision under that Act. The revision is the quinquennial revision directed to be undertaken in 1896-97, (*Vide* G. O. 1632 M. dated 23-9-96) and which the Council has already taken in hand and entertained a special establishment therefor. We do not think that Cl. 3 of Section 66 of the new Act debars us from levying the increase resulting by the revision undertaken *before* that Act came into force. We do not therefore see any grounds for eliminating the anticipated increase from the total receipts at any rate without obtaining, with the consent of the Council, orders of Government on the point.

8. Then it seems remarkable that just when the question of appointing a Secretary was mooted in accordance with the imperative provisions of the law, it occurred to you that you have to pay off a sum of Rs. 1,273 being the cost of medicines due *more than three years ago and not provided for in the budget*. Why this item was not provided for in the budget, we fail to see.

9. We have not considered the allotments under several other heads but we know that there will more or less be savings under them. For our present purpose however, the above suffices to show that without even taking into account the anticipated increases in assessment and making allowance for increased charge under lighting &c. there will be a saving of about Rs. 4,500. Besides we can point out many items under which retrenchment is possible.

10. We however shall not require more than Rs. 700 for the next seven months (March pay being drawn and charged for in April 98) if we appointed a Secretary on Rs. 100 a month from 1st August next, allowing the period between that date and this for obtaining the necessary sanction of Government.

11. We do not forget that the appointment of Secretaries—a wise provision—under the new Act means considerable curtailment of powers of Chairmen, but we are convinced from the present state of this Municipality that it is sadly wanting in systematic and effective supervision and management which any Chairman who has his own concerns to attend to, cannot possibly find time for. We need only in support of our statement refer to the following remarks recorded on 16th January 97 by Mr. Harding the Revenue Divisional Officer when he took charge of the office of Chairman on its vacation by the late incumbent.

"Old arrears of Rs. 3,740-3-1 are still outstanding. Current arrears Rs. 13,524-6-11 are still due though only 2½ months more have to run in this year. Process has not been issued for these amounts. The process register is blank from

August. The Manager does not seem to know how much is covered by process evidently the bill collectors have neglected their work. They are fined one rupee each and will be dismissed if I am not satisfied with the collections by the 1st of February. The Manager has not supervised collections and has not prepared the budget yet. If the budget is not ready within a week and if collections are not properly supervised by him and all the arrears covered by process by the end of this month, I shall dismiss the Manager". An extract from the same Officer's remarks made on the 2nd of February is noted below.

"The detail book of receipts is not written up to date. It must be kept tallying with the cash book. The demand registers are only now being written. They should all be ready by the beginning of official year. The petition register is not kept properly, disposals are not marked. * * *

12. In forwarding the budget for 1897-98 to Government, Mr. Harding again remarked as follows (*Vide* G. O. 635 M. dated 20th March 97).

"I regret the delay (of about 2 months) in submission of this budget but when I succeeded the late Chairman on 16th January nothing at all had been done towards its preparation."

13. Then there are the Inspector's last audit notes which have brought to light several and serious irregularities and omissions and which show that the office and its records require thorough overhauling. Defects pointed out in previous audits continued to exist. These shortcomings would not we feel sure, have occurred, had there been a full-time officer at the head of affairs.

14. In the above circumstances we think it our duty to represent to Government the urgent need there is for appointing a full-time Secretary; but before doing so we desire that the Council should reconsider their resolution on the subject and accordingly request you will be good enough to convene a meeting on the 5th July next for the purpose and till then hold over the submission of the last resolution to Government.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servants.

E. Hernandez
A. V. Pava
C. Essu
P. Horke
H. Hernandez

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.

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Tellicherry, 8th July 1897.

To,

The Secretary to Government,

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT,

MADRAS.

SIR,

We, the undersigned Councillors of the Tellicherry Municipality, beg respectfully to submit that we had proposed the appointment of a Secretary to this Municipality in accordance with the provisions of the new Act, but owing to the Chairman's representation that no funds are available, the proposal fell through. We then drew up the enclosed letter, but finding that the Chairman has already addressed Government to defer the appointment, we think it our duty to submit the same to Government for consideration along with the Chairman's letter on the subject.

2. In addition to what we have said in our letter we beg to state that even the Administration Report which was due to Government on the 1st of June, has not been taken in hand as yet. We therefore request that Government will be pleased to see the necessity of a Secretary being appointed as early as possible.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servants.

J. Hernandez

A. V. Bava

C. Esau

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Malabar Collectors Office
Calicut 22nd August 1897.

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G. W. Dance Esq
Agent of Malabar

To,

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Dept.,
Madras.

Sir,

In reply to G.O. No. 1774. M. No., dated 12th August 1897, I have the honor to state that I still see no reason to recommend the appointment of a Secretary for the Tellicherry Municipality. It is true that the Administration of that Municipality leaves much to be desired. But I do not think matters are likely to be advanced by the appointment of a Secretary. A paid Chairman would be more likely to effect the necessary reforms.

2 The savings proposed by the Dissident Councillors, viz. to postpone the building of the Cinerator, and snatch at the savings on roads and drains do not commend themselves to me. The whole of the grant for Plague Charges is likely to be swallowed up in efforts to stem the Cholera.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt servant

N. N. N. N.
For the Secretary

G. W. Dance

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