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G.O., No. 2199 M

DATED 11-10-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Dt. Municipalities Act Amendment Act

Approving, with remarks, certain proposals made by the Munl. Council of Coonoor under the Dt. Municipalities Act IV of 1884 as amended by Act III of 1897.

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CURRENT No. 3246M.

Again G.O. No. 1728 M. dt 5th August 1897 & C. No. 3346 M./97

Misc.

Order No. 2199 M. mis. dt 11.10.97

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In the circumstances [illegible]ted, the proposals of the Municipal Council are approved. The ~~next~~ further raising of the water & drainage tax will be postponed till the financial position develops more clearly.

V.R. 5/10/97

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H.M.

So far the Collr. is right as to the strictly legal obligation. The law limits the application of the water & drainage tax to objects relevant thereto: but it does not say that other funds may not be so utilized. On the other hand as the control of the budget is in the hands of Govt. it wd. be quite right of it to insist on that tax being raised to meet the purposes for which it was imposed [illegible]

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From The Collector of the Nilgiris

Rc **No.** 1226/1897

Dated 9th September 1897

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SUBJECT.

District Municipalities Act IV of 1884.

Forwarding the Coonoor Municipal chairman's letter re: ———— as amended with the Nilgiri Collector's [illegible]

The Chairman, M.C. Coonoor thro' the Collr. of the Nilgiris Dr/O. 18/10/97

No doubt – But if the M.C. ~~fulfil~~ discharges its duties fairly well & ~~[illegible]~~ can meet all or part of its water & drainage expenses from general taxation it may be allowed to do so. The point is that the proceeds of the W. & D. tax can only be spent on W. & D. not that general revenues may not be spent on W. & D.

[illegible] deficit ... 1702

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Re No. 1226 of 1897.

Forwarded together with my letter to the Chairman L.C. No. 1226/4-9-97 and his reply.

2. The proposals may be sanctioned with perhaps the exception of the last.

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3. If the view be adhered to, that expenditure for water and Drainage cannot be met except from the proceeds of the Water and Drainage Tax it would seem necessary to take action under Section 37(1)

I cannot, however, find that this is prescribed in the Act; and if I am right I think the Council might be allowed for the present to meet any deficit from General Revenues leaving to next year the question of restoring equilibrium under this head which will be facilitated by the approaching revision of buildings and lands for taxable purposes. The Council has just raised its taxation & I am rather inclined (unless it be absolutely necessary) to deprecate their being forced to take further action in this direction until their new financial position be further developed.

The [illegible] Sec 47 of the W. Supply Act says that the proceeds of the water & drainage tax ~~to be devoted~~ only to the construction and maintenance of waterworks. The Counsel of this [illegible] ~~that~~ the expenditure on water supply and drainage should be met from the water & drainage tax alone does not however follow

for Collector
5-10-97

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From the Chairman
Municipal Council
Coonoor.

Order

No. 401.

Dated 3d Sep. 1897.
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SUBJECT.

Replying to G.O. No 1728 M Mis dated 5 Aug. 1897 sanctioning with remarks certain proposals of the Municipal Council with reference to the D[illegible]icipalities Act IV of 1884 as amended.—

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Municipal Office
Coonoor, 3d Sep. 1897

From

J. A. Marjoribanks, Esq.
Chairman, Municipal Council,
Coonoor.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department
(through the Collector of Nilgiris)

Sir,

1728

With reference to G. O. N° 1278 M. Mis. dated 5th August 1897 I have the honour to submit for the consideration of Government the following extract from the proceedings of a meeting of the Municipal Council of Comoor held on the 2d Instant.

Present.

C. Gray, Esq.
Soomar Sait Sahib.
W. F. Donaghue, Esq.
Surgeon Major F. C. Reeves.
A. W. Brodie, Esq.
E. Hall, Esq.
MRRy A. Komarasamy Mudalier, and
J. A. Marjoribanks Esq. Chairman.

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II. Read G. O. N° 1728 M. Mis dated 5th August 1897 sanctioning with remarks certain proposals of the Municipal Council with reference to the District Municipalities Act IV of 1884 as amended.

Resolved

Resolved that.—

Para 1 – Be recorded.

Para 2 – The Government will be informed that as the tax on vehicles and animals for the half year ending 30th Sep. 1897 was in course of collection according to the existing rates when the Government was addressed on the 16th June last, the Council did not consider it advisable to change the rates during the above half year, and therefore proposed that the enhanced rates should take effect from 1st Oct next.

Para 3. The Council fixed the tax on palanquins, bicycles and tricycles at 2 Rs per annum as these vehicles do little or no damage to the roads.—

Para 4 At present there are no lands occupied by native huts which the Council proposes to tax, but the Council will bear in mind the remarks of Government on this point should such lands spring up hereafter.

Para 5. Proposed by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. A. W. Brodie that the present water and drainage tax of 2½ per cent remain; the Council does not see its way to overtaxing the inhabitants of Coonoor, and taxes have already been raised to what the Council thinks a fair amount to expect tax payers to pay.— Carried.—

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

E A Marjoribanks
Chairman

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Munic! Chairman, Coonoor.

Before forwarding to Govt. your

No. 401
3. Sep. 97. I h.h. to request that you

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as Chairman will (at the earliest possible date & fully) inform me of the financial effect of the water & drainage tax remaining at 2½ p.c with reference to the expenditure under the same head; & in case of a deficit being shewn, that you will favour me with an estimate of such a raising of the tax as will at least restore equilibrium.

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4.9.97.

To

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Coonoor

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Municipal Office
Coonoor 6 Sep 1897

From,
J. A. Marjoribanks Esqr.
Chairman, Municipal Council
Coonoor

To,
The Collector of Nilgiris.
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Sir, With reference to your letter dated – Sep 1897 No. 1226, I have the honor to state that the estimated expenditure in 1897/98 under water supply and drainage inclusive of the annual charge for the repayment of the two Government loans for drainage amounts to Rs 4625 as shown below.

	Rs	Rs
Drainage		
Repairs to Works	1000	
Establishment	650	1650
Water Supply		
Repairs to Works	1500	
Establishment ...	530	
Contingencies	35	2065
Repayment of Debt		
Instalments to be paid	510	
Interest on Debt...	400	910
	Total	4625

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The anticipated income in 1897/98 from the water & Drainage tax is as follows....		
For the 1st half year ending 30 Sep 97 being a Moiety of Rs 1670, as entered in the budget for the full year as water tax on buildings & land	835	
For the 2d half year ending 31 Mar 1898 at 2½ per cent as raised by the Council & Sanctioned by Govt in G.O. No. 1728 M. mis dated 5 Aug 1897 para 4	2087½	2922½
Probable deficit		1702

Thus it would be necessary to raise the tax to 4½ per cent for the next half year to meet this deficit, the extra two percent would probably yield Rs 1670 or a trifle short of the above deficit.

A Copy of G.O. No 1728 M. Mis dated 5th August 1897 is forwarded herewith for ready reference.

In conclusion I would beg to submit that as the year is well advanced it would be inadvisable to make any further change in the rates of tax for this year, and the deficit that may be actually found on the 31 March 1898 may be adjusted in 1898/99.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
J A Marjoribanks
Chairman

Enclosure in letter to Collector of Nilgiris dated
6 Sep 1897 No 9

Local and Municipal Depart.

Collr's Office
11 Aug 1897
Nilgiri Dt

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following paper:-

From the Chairman, Mun. Council, Coonoor, No 170 dated 16th June 1897, submitting extract from the Proceedings of the Mun. Council and requesting sanction of Govt to certain points in connection with the Dt Municipalities Act IV of 1884 as amended.-

Order No 1728 M. Mis of 5th August 1897

Under sub section (2) of section 39. A, of the Madras Dt Municipalities Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, H. E. the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that the appointment of a Secretary for the Mun. Council of Coonoor shall for the present be postponed; the existing arrangement of a salaried chairman being for the present continued.

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2. The levy of the tax on arts in accordance with the amended schedule A from the 1st April 1897, and of the tax on vehicles with springs and animals at the maximum rates prescribed in Schedules B & C, from the 1st Oct 1897, are approved, but it should be explained why it is not proposed that the latter tax should also be assessed at the enhanced rates

3 It is observed that the Municipal Council proposes to levy the tax on "palanquins bicycles and tricycles" at the rate of one rupee per half year against a maximum of Rs 3 pro~~scribed~~vided in the amended schedule B. The Government is inclined to consider that the full rate might well be charged. The Council is accordingly requested to state their reasons why this should not be done.

4. The proposals of the Mun. Council to levy the tax on lands unappropriated to buildings and on lands occupied by native huts at the rate of Rs 1. 8 per acre and to raise from 1st Oct 1897 the rate of the water and drainage tax from one per cent to two and a half per cent of the annual value of buildings and lands are sanctioned. The rate of the tax on lands above referred to seems however to the Government to be unnecessarily low and the Municipal Council should consider whether it is not desirable to increase it to, say, at least one anna, for every eighty square yards in the case of lands occupied by native huts.

5. The anticipated income in 1897-98 from the water and drainage tax of one per cent being Rs 1670, the proposed two and a half per cent rate will produce only Rs 4170 The estimated expenditure in 1897/98 under

water supply and drainage inclusive of the annual charge for the repayment of the Government loan on account of these objects amounts however to Rs 4625. As the deficit must be met from the proceeds of the tax His Excellency the Governor in Council desires that the question of increasing the rate of the rate of the tax so as to meet this deficit may be considered at a very early date

True Extract

(Signed) J J Wilson
for Secy to Govt.

To

The Chairman, M C. Coonoor
thro' the Collector of the Nilgiris

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(Signed) H Tremenheere
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E A Marjoribanks
Chairman

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