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7TH OCTOBER 1886, No. 1026 M., FINANCIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From E. GIBSON, Esq., Acting Collector, Tanjore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vallam, 22nd September 1886, No. 652.

I beg that I may be informed whether a Collector has any discretion as to forwarding to Government letters addressed through him by the Chairman of a Municipal Council to the Chief Secretary—G.Os., dated 19th March and 9th May 1885, Nos. 597 and 82 M., Financial, respectively.

2. This is not a hypothetical question. A case has lately occurred here in which a chairman reported, in a letter to Government, the absence from meetings for three months of one of the councillors with a view to his removal. My predecessor wrote for an explanation from the absentee, which has now come in and is perfectly satisfactory. It is certainly not a case in which Government would take action under section 19 of the Act; but the chairman has not withdrawn his original letter. I have now suggested to him to do this; but I think, as matters stand, that if he declines, I am bound to trouble Government with all the correspondence, trivial though it be.

3. I have no wish to interfere with the conduct of municipal affairs and much prefer to let the councillors manage their own business; but I do want to avoid troubling Government unnecessarily.

ORDER—dated 7th October 1886, No. 1026 M., Financial.

Letters addressed to Government by Municipal Councils should be forwarded through the Collector. If, however, the Chairman should persist in submitting to Government, the Collector should be informed of the same.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER
Chief Secretary

Govt. of 1886 Madras.
FINANCIAL.

G.O., 7th October 1886, No. 1026 M.

TANJORE, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

No. 652

CAMP Vallum 22nd September 1886.

FROM

E. Gibson Esquire,
Acting Collector,
TANJORE,

TO

The Honorable C. F. Webster
Chief Secretary to Government,
Financial Department,
MADRAS.

SIR,

I beg that I may be informed —
whether the Collector has any objection as to
forwarding to Government letters addressed
through him by the Chairman of a Muni-
cipal Council to the Chief Secretary.

Yours faithfully,
E. Gibson

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Order -
 27th Oct. No. 1026 M. of the
 Collectors are authorized to obtain
 letters addressed to Govt. by municipal
 chairman for the purpose of ob-
 taining further information or in
 order to point out their unnecessary
 character. If, however, the chairman
 should persist in his wish that the
 letter should be submitted to Govt. the
 Govt. should forward it accordingly with
 his remarks.

H.M. (Reminding)
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 All letters for orders.
 Dated 15-10-86

It does not appear that Collectors
 have any discretion in the matter.
 Sec 250 (h) gives the Govt.
 power to prescribe the
 channel thro' which the
 correspondence should pass
 and this is done in
 the order quoted by
 Gibson. It seems hardly
 possible to give the
 Govt. power to stop a
 communication altogether,
 but he might perhaps be
 specifically authorized
 to detain letters for further
 information or for the
 purpose of pointing out
 their unnecessary character.

The letter to
 the Govt. ought
 to be sent on

Financial Department
 1609 M

From The Collector
 of
 Tanjore.

To The Chief Secretary
 to Government
 Financial Dept.
 Madras.

Dated 22 September 86.
 No. 52
 Enc. Nite
 Subject
 Municipal

Request
 whether
 discretion
 to Govt.
 to the
 Govt.

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