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Trichinopoly Muni. Councillor's Office

W. AUSTIN.
5 OCT 86

From
The Chairman
Municipal Council
Trichinopoly

To, The Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Deptt.
Fort Saint George
Madras
through the Revd: Officer in ch: of the Divn.

Dated 4th }
Desp. " } October/86
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No 17.

Enclosure - 1.

Recommending under the special circumstances the abolition of the Profession Tax in the Trichinopoly Municipality.

Finl 1667/10/86

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The Councillors present at the Meeting held on 4th October 1886.

(1) Surgeon Major H. Hyde — Chairman
(2). Revd Father J. D. W. Sewell S.J. Councillor
(3) Revd H. A. Williams M.A. — do
(4) M. R. Ry. P. Soobbier Rao Saib — do
(5) — do — A. G. Gopal Iyer. do — do
(6) — do — T. Narainasamy Naidoo do — do
(7) — do — T. Ramasamy Chettiar. do — do
(8) — do — M. K. Letchomana Chettiar do — do
(9) — do — M. Pathmanaba Chettiar do — do
(10) — do — M. Aroonachillam Pillai. do — do
(11) — do — B. Moothoosamy Mudr. do — do
(12) — do — M. Assadoolla Saib Khan Saib — do
(13) — do — M. Siasuddeen Saib Khan Saib — do

H. Hyde
Chairman

7/10/86.
Municipal Office

Proceedings of the Municipal Council for the Town of Trichinopoly passed at the Meeting held on 4th October 1886.

x x x

That in view of the dead lock to which things have come during the last four days, all shops having been closed and mobs daily parading the streets, threatening and attacking passengers and even the Councillors themselves, the Police apparently being powerless to keep order the Council sees no alternative but to recommend to Government, the abolition of the Profession Tax, a measure prayed for by the representatives of the people and by some of the Councillors themselves as necessary to enable the people to meet the Income Tax.

Proposed by Mr. Soobbier
Seconded by Mr. Narainasawmy Naidoo.
Carried unanimously.

x x x

(Signed) H. Hyde
Chairman

(True Copy)

H. Hyde
Chairman

Jud. 1667 No 186
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Trichinopoly
4th October 1886

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From, Lt. Col. J. Middleton
Municipal Councillor

To, F. Hyde
Chairman M. Council

Sir, With reference to the resolution passed at the meeting of the Municipal Council this morning, copy of which accompanies this letter I have the honor to request that with the letter you intend to send the Collector of the District you will forward this my protest against the resolution in question – I was not aware that the Council was going to meet today or I should have recorded my vote against a resolution which appears to me to have been carried in a moment of panic –

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
J. Middleton Lt. Colonel
Municipal Councillor

[illegible] 1668 Jn/86
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At a Meeting of the Municipal Council held at Trichinopoly on 4th October 1886 it was proposed.

That in view of the dead lock to which things have come during the last four days, all shops having been closed and mobs daily parading the streets, threatening and attacking passengers and even the Councillors themselves, the Police apparently being powerless to keep order, the Council sees no alternative but to recommend to Government the abolition of the Profession tax, a measure prayed for by the representatives of the people and by some of the Councillors themselves, as necessary to enable the people to meet the Income Tax.

Carried unanimously.

At a Meeting of the Municipal Council held at Trichinopoly on the [illegible] October [illegible] the following [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

No. 2.

Trichinopoly
5th October 1886

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From Lt Col. J Hudleston
Municipal Councillor
Trichinopoly.

W. AUSTIN
5 OCT 86

To W. Austin Esqr.
Collector of Trichinopoly.

Sir,
I have the honor to enclose a letter I addressed to the Chairman of this Municipality requesting him to forward it to you as my protest against the resolution passed at yesterday's meeting of the Council. I send it to you direct as the Chairman informs me he does not see his way to forward it to you.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
J Hudleston Lt Col.
Municipal Councillor

Finl. 1668 Oc/86
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Trichinopoly Collector's Office.
5th October 1886.

No. 3812.

From. W. P. Austin Esquire
Ag. Collector of
Trichinopoly.

To.
The Chief Secretary
to Government, Financial Depte.
Fort Saint George.

Sir,
In Continuation of my letter No. 3799 dated 5th October 1886, I have the honor to forward for the Consideration of Government a letter from Lieutenant Colonel J. Huddleston, to the Chairman Municipal Council Trichinopoly, in which he protests against the Special resolution of the Municipal Councillors, a copy of which accompanied the letter quoted above.

2. Lt. Col. J. Huddleston is a Municipal Councillor. He does not appear to have been aware that the Municipal Council was to have met on the morning of the

4th Instant. Having thus lost the chance of recording his vote against the passing of the Resolution, he addressed the enclosed letter containing his protest to the Chairman and requested him to forward it on to me. But as the Chairman appears to have declined to do so, he has sent it to me direct.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Ag. Collector.

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Financial Department
CURRENT No. 1668 M
1886

Department

From Af
The Collector
Trichinopoly.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Financial
Dept.
Madras.

Dated. 5th }
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No. 3812.

Enclosures. 3.

Forwarding in continuation
of this office letter No 3799
of 5-10-86. a letter of
protest addressed to the
Mr. Chairman Trichinopoly
against the resolution of
the Municipal Councillors
recommending the
abol[illegible] professions tax

Trichinopoly Collector's offic
5th October 1886
No. 3799.

From.
W. P. Austin Esq
Acting Collector
Trichinopoly

To, The Chief Secretary
to Government
Financial Dept.
Madras.

Sir, I have the honor to forward for the Considerati of Government a letter from the Chairman of the Municipal Council of Trichinopoly - enclosing a copy of a special resolutio of the Council passed - to quote the words of the Chairman - "apparently more or less under the influence of panic". No comment of mine is I think necessary on this extraordinary resolutio

A list of the names of those members who passed the above resolution will be forwarded to Government as soon as received from the Chairman.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most obedt. Servant

WAustill
Ag. Collector

Financial Department
CURRENT 1886 No. 1667 Fn.

Department.

From Asst.
The Collector,
Trichinopoly.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Financial Dept.
Madras

Dated 5th
Despd. 5th
Recd. 7th
October 1886.

No. 3799.

Enclosures.

Submitting for consideration copy of a special resolution of the Municipal Council at Trichinopoly to withdraw the Profession Tax &c

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Curs. 1667 & 1668 & Telegram of 5th Oct. w42

For orders.

The annual income derived by the Munl. from the tax on Arts is some Rs. 9000 and it does not appear that they are in a position to sacrifice this. Last year they began with a balance of Rs. 6050 & finished with Rs. 12,680, so that the year's surplus was about Rs. 6600. The fact that the resolution was passed under panic fear of a popular outbreak is also another reason against immediate acceptance of the council's expression of opinion. The tax-gatherers have gone the wrong way to work, & have by their conduct made the partial ~~[illegible]~~, to say nothing of the entire abolition of the tax a matter of difficulty.

In 1882 the inhabitants of Trichy complained of the tax in an address to H.E. the Govr. & the Munl. resolved to abolish it in the next budget, but when the time came they found they could not do without it.

The tax is only levied on the first 5 classes of the schedule & the only way to mitigate its effect, short of abolition, is to contract its operation still further.

It will be seen that although the Chairman disapproves of the resolution, he must, if he was at the meeting, have voted for it, since it was carried unanimously!

There appears to be no need to await the Collr.'s promised letter reporting the names of the members present.

ER
7-10-86

The question can be considered in the proper way at the proper time not now in a hurry
10th Oct/86

D.O.

Trichinopoly
4.10.86

Lodged F.W. 7/10/86

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In continuation of my yesterday's letter I have to report that the shops still remain closed. I learn that the Municipal Commissioners met this morning & passed a resolution to the effect that the tax which has become so objectionable will be repealed —

I have no official intimation of these proceedings as yet —

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D.O.

[illegible] [illegible] Underwood Esq^r the

[illegible] 25.

I am

Sir

your faithfully

[illegible]

[illegible]

to the Chief Secretary to Government

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but I have no doubt that such is actually the case – it is deeply to be regretted that under existing circumstances they sh^d have allowed themselves to be persuaded or intimidated into passing such a resolution. Their action is most mischievous –

Petty disturbances are reported as having occurred in the town but nothing of a very serious character. Rumours have been

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No. 3799.

From Collector Trichinopoly

Dated 5^th Oct/86

FOR ORDERS.

It as wd. appear from Collrs above letter no proper notice was sent to the Councillors of the proposed meeting, the resolution which is submitted w^th C No 1667 M is probably invalid.

I think the Chief Secretary's suggestions sh^d be acted upon & due notice sh^d be sent to Mr Austin, in advance of the probable terms of the G.O. GM 9/10

Clearly the Government cannot allow this sort of thing to go on. The Municipal Councillors should, I submit, be pulled up very sharply for their want of courage in yielding to the unruly conduct of the mob and told that the Government cannot attach any weight to their recommendation that the Professional tax sh^d be abolished. At the same time it is quite possible that

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FOR ORDERS.

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Trichinopoly, Collector's Office
7th October 1886.
No. 3822.

From,
The Acting Collector
of Trichinopoly

To,
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Financial Dept.
Fort St. George

Sir,

c. 1667 Mn.

In continuation of my letter No. 3799 dated 5th Instant, I have the honor to forward herewith a list received from the Chairman of Trichinopoly Municipality showing the names of the Councillors who were present at the meeting referred to in the above quoted letter.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant

Ag. Collector

Refer 9/10

Financial Department
CURRENT No. 1183 M

1886.

Department.

From ag
The Collector,
Trichinopoly.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Financial Dept.
Madras

Dated 7th
Despd. 7th
Recd. 9 } October 1886.

No. 3822

Enclosures 1.

Forwarding list of Municipal Councillors present at the meeting of the Trichinopoly Municipality referred to in this office 3799 of 5-10-86.

G.Os. 1667, 1668, 1643 & Telegram of 5th Oct. ~~[illegible]~~

G.O. of 13th Octr./86 No. 1047 Mn. 42/Mis.

The municipal council will be informed that in view of the circumstances in which their resolution of the 4th inst. was passed the Govt. cannot attach any weight to their recommendation that ~~the~~ the municipal profession-tax should be abolished. x At the same time ~~they~~ the Govt. think it possible that the incidence of the tax may press heavily on the poorer people, and the Collector and municipal council will accordingly be requested to inquire into the matter and report the result of their investigations. ~~Govt.~~

11/10/86 JW 12

It would appear from Lieut.-Col. [illegible]'s protest that no proper notice of the meeting was circulated to the members of the municipal council, and the resolution is recorded as having been "carried unanimously" although the chairman distinctly states that he disapproved of it. The fact, moreover, that it was passed in a moment of panic and in consequence of the lawless conduct of a section of the population would in any case render its acceptance wholly impossible. S

Despd. 13-10-86

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Miscellaneous.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Profession tax. Passing observations on the Resolution of the Trichinopoly Municipal Council recommending the abolition of the — levied in that municipality & requesting certain information on the subject.

The Chairm