

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1105 m

DATED 20-6-98.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition

Informing Messrs Best and Co, with remark,
that their request to Cancel the resolution of the
Municipal Council Palghat requesting them to
furnish information regarding the gross income of
their Kerosine oil trade at Palghat, cannot be
complied with.

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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1244 M

From Messrs. Best & Co.
Madras

Misc Order No. 1105 M Mis 20-6-98.

The Government regrets that it cannot comply with the request of Messrs Best and Company.

They are, however, informed that it is under contemplation to amend the act so as to remove the inconvenience complained of.

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Dated 5th April 1898

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SUBJECT.

Requesting that H.E. the Governor in Council may be pleased to cancel the resolution of the Palghat Municipal Council to the effect that information may be furnished to the Committee as to the gross income of their kerosine oil trade at Palghat.

Note For a precedent please see G.O. No. 1081 M 15-6-98 Rag G

To Messrs Best & Co. Madras.
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BEST & CO.

WHEN REPLYING PLEASE QUOTE
REFERENCE No. *4487*

CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
6. APR. 1898

Madras, 5th April 1898.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
1244 M

To
The Chief Secretary
Government of Madras
Madras

Sir,

Under the provisions of section 35 of the District Municipalities Act No IV of 1884 as amended by Act No III of 1897, we have the honor to request that the Governor in Council may be pleased to cancel the following resolution of the Palghat Municipal Council dated 16th March, such resolution being vexatious, and calculated to cause us injury and annoyance:-

"Resolution No 2 dated 30th March 1898 of the Appeal Committee.

"Resolved that Messrs Best & Co be requested that information may be furnished to the Committee as to the gross income of their Kerosene Oil trade at Palghat.

The above resolution has been passed in reply to our appeal against the original assessment, which we supported by a declaration that our nett income entitled us to be assessed under a lower class - and we respectfully beg to submit that such declaration should be accepted without calling upon us to divulge information of a strictly private character.

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The enquiry now made is of an inquisitorial nature as the gross income of our Kerosene oil trade at Palghat can afford no information whatever on which we can be assessed for professional tax.

The particulars asked for can only be supplied to the detriment of our business, and we consider it manifestly unjust and arbitrary that we should be called upon to furnish information of a particularly private nature to bodies such as Mofussil Municipal Councils, composed as they are at present.

We respectfully claim the protection of Government in regard to the manner in which this tax is being imposed, and we further protest against a tax having all the characteristics of an Income tax, being vested in the hands of bodies unfitted in every way for dealing with a question of such privacy.

We have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

James Ho

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