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[Despatch Abstract.]

Election of Dt. B. Members by Taluk Bd.

Informing with remarks the President, Dt. B., Godavari, that his proposal to distribute among the several Revenue Taluks the no. of elective seats on the Dt. Bd. allotted to each Taluk B., cannot be app.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

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Current No. 3/62 of 1897, dated 27th January 1897 from the President. Dr. B. S. Godavari

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The proposal to distribute among the several Revenue Taluks the number of elective seats on the District Board allotted to each Taluk Board, cannot be approved, as, in the opinion of Government, it is not desirable to restrict the Taluk Board's freedom of election in this manner. Nor is it necessary to frame a rule prescribing a residential qualification in the case of persons to be elected as members of the District Board, as the object in view can be gained by the President recommending for vacancies on a Taluk Board only persons ordinarily resident within the area of the Taluk. Similarly, if it is found that any

Revenue Taluk is insufficiently represented on the District Board, the inequality may be remedied, as opportunity occurs, by filling vacancies among the nominated members by the residents of that Taluk.

AT

3-1-98

To
The President, D. Bd. Godavari
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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., dated

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of 1897, dated 27th November 1897 from the President, D. Bd.

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SUBJECT.

Rules for the election of District Board members by Taluk Boards.

FOR ORDERS.

D In para 2 of his letter No 69 dated 28th May 1897, the President of the District Board of Godavari, recommended that the number of elective seats on that Board should be distributed not only among the different Taluk Boards, but also among the different Revenue Taluks included in the jurisdiction of each Taluk Board. This, however, was not approved by Government, which stated in para 2 of its order thereon No 1248 L dated 30th June 1897 that "the members will be elected by each Taluk Board as a whole and not according to Revenue Taluks."

D 2. In the letter read above, the President now states that the rule of sub division of the elective seats among the different Revenue Taluks

proposed by him in 1887 has been altogether ignored in practice, so that members residing at the Head Quarter stations of each Taluk Board which are centres of comparative wealth and intelligence have come to monopolise these seats in the majority of cases and he cites as an instance that all the four elective seats allotted to the Cocanada Taluk Board have been filled by the residents of Cocanada town (which being a Municipality is outside the area of the Local Fund Taluk) to the exclusion of the other Revenue Taluks, which have thus been deprived of the measure of representation vouchsafed to them on the District Board. In view to distribute the representation equitably and to enable the members to bring to bear on the deliberations of the District Board a very much greater amount of local knowledge than the members elected under the present system are able to do, the President requests that the Government will be pleased to approve of his suggestion to

to specifically assign the elective seats to each Revenue Taluk and further to prescribe a residential qualification for the members by the addition of the following rule to the election rules sanctioned in G.O. No. 1962 dated 28th January 1887:

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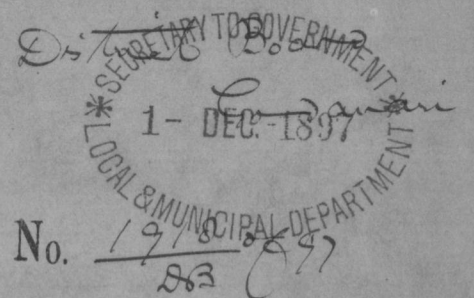
"It shall be a condition in the case of any person to be elected by the members of a Taluk Board to the District Board that he shall be a person ordinarily resident within the Taluk or area to which the seat for which he is elected is assigned"

3. It is doubtful whether the Government has the power to compel a Taluk Board to choose a particular member to fill up a vacancy on the District Board, and moreover it appears to be undesirable to restrict the Taluk Board's freedom of choice in the

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From The President.



Dr. No. 1978 83

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SUBJECT.

Requesting to approve of
the rule suggested in the
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District Board members by Taluka
Boards

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Os No. 1918/D.B. of 1897.

GODAVARI DISTRICT
BOARD OFFICE 27th November 1897.
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FROM

V.A. Brodie Esquire,
~~The~~ President,

District Board,

Godavari District.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Local and Municipal Department,

M A D R A S .

SIR,

In fixing the number of elective seats on this District Board, Government directed that one-half of the numerical strength of the Board, that is, 20 seats should be filled by election by the four Taluk Boards in the District (vide G.O. No. 1248 L dated 30-6-87). Not only were these seats distributed among the different Taluk Boards with reference to their importance, but also a subdivision of the number of seats allotted to each Taluk Board among the different Taluks and divisions comprised therein with reference to the amount

of land cess contributed by them (as noted in the margin)

appears to have been originally contemplated (vide Mr. Happell's letter No. 69 dated 28-5-1887

quoted in the said G.O.). But this rule of sub division has been altogether ignored in practice and members residing at the Head Quarter stations of

each Taluk Board—which are centres of comparative wealth and intelligence—have come to monopolize these seats in the majority

Names of- Elective seats - Total Taluks. ~~proposed.~~			
<u>Rajahmundry Taluk Board.</u>			
Ramachandrapur	3		
Amalapur	3		
Rajahmundry	1	7	
<u>Narsapur Taluk Board.</u>			
Narsapur	2		
Bhimavaram	2	4	
<u>Ellore Taluk Board.</u>			
Ellore	1		
Tanuku	2		
Yernagudem	2	5	
<u>Coconada Taluk Board.</u>			
Peddapur	1		
Coconada division ..	1		
Pittapur Do. ..	1		
Tuni Do. ..	1	4	
Grand Total			20

Note
That this was not approved by Govt. vide para 29 of 1248 L under 30-6-87 which is the manner in which the seats were allotted to each Taluk Board as a whole and not according to Taluks.

majority of cases. To cite an instance, all the four elective seats allotted to the Coconada Taluk Board are filled by the residents of Coconada Town to the exclusion of the other Divisions. The mere accident of two or three revenue taluks or divisions being grouped together into one Taluk Board for the more convenient and economical administration of local affairs should not, in my opinion, deprive any of the said Taluks or divisions of the measure of representation vouchsafed to them on the District Board. In view to distribute the representation equitably and to make it really effectual, I would propose the addition of the following rule to the election rules:-

" It shall be a condition in the case of any person to be elected by the members of a Taluk Board to the District Board that he shall be a person ordinarily resident within the Taluk or area to which the seat for which he is elected is assigned."

Note
In case in the instance cited, the members were residents of Coconada town which is outside the Taluk area.

It may be that, when the election rules were new and were not tested in operation, Government might have been unwilling at their first introduction to place any ~~re~~strictions that were not clearly necessary upon the power of election vested in the Taluk Boards. But, experience having shown that, without some such limitation, it is not possible to secure the presence on the District Board of men connected with different parts of the Taluk Board area, thoroughly aware of the wishes and wants of the people inhabiting those parts and able to guard their interests in the expenditure of local cess, I would respectfully urge a modification of the rules in the direction indicated. It does not appear to me that the terms of the local boards' Act preclude the Government from prescribing any qualification for election to the District Board that may seem expedient. Members possessing such residential qualification will bring to the deliberations of the District Board a very much greater amount of local knowledge than those returned under the present system. I trust, therefore, that Government will be pleased to approve of my suggestion to specifically assign to the elective seats to the localities enumerated in the G.O. quoted above and further to enact the rule regarding residential qualification.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. Quatarah

For President,

District Board.

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