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without the box being opened. The Cha
votes in the presence of the council. Th
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sidered to have been elected to the office,
above.

(*b*) If no candidate has secured
rule 2, the ballot shall be repeated.

(*c*) At each successive ballot, the
the preceding ballot shall be eliminated a
or more candidates lowest on the list have
ballot shall be taken in order to decide w
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two candidates only are left, and if even
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their first publication in the District Gazette in
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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candidate having the largest number of
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subject to the condition laid down in rule 2

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Government Press, will print the required
naculars and forward them to the Collectors
t the date of publication in the District

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~~for Secretary to Government.~~

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 746M

UNDER SECY TO GOVT.
10 FEB 98
PUBLIC [illegible]

Order

From
The Chairman
Municipal Council
Nellore.

No.

Dated 7th February 1898.
Received 10-2-98
Registered
Enclosures 1
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SUBJECT.

Reporting that ~~there are no~~ the Council has no suggestions to offer regarding certain alterations in the rules for the election of Chairmen of Municipal Councils.

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FORM No. 11/MUN.

No. 126/MUN.

NELLORE MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
Dated 7th February 1898.

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Despd 8. Feby 1898

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
746 M

From Mr. Mr. Ry. D. V. Vencatramaiah Garu B.A. B.L.
Chairman, Delegate Municipal Council,
Nellore.

Lm No 8 –

To

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. dated 11th January 1898 No 60 M, I have the honor to submit herewith Copy of Resolution of the Council on the subject.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obedient Servant
D N Venkataramiah
Chairman Delegate

8/2/98

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8/2/98

5th February 98

Read G.O. No. 103 M. dated 26th January 1898 regarding certain alterations in the rules for the election of Chairmen of Municipal Councils.

No suggestions to offer.

(Signed) A. Narasimha Row
Chairman.

(True Copy)

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 843 M

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
21 FEB 1898
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Order.

From
The Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Srirangam

No. 807.

Dated 19-2-98.
Received 21-2-98
Registered
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SUBJECT.

~~Informing~~ Stating that the Council sees no objection to the alterations being made in cls. 4 & 5 of the Rules for the Election of Chairman as published in the notification embodied in G.O. [illegible] M. [illegible] 98.

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No. 807
19.2.98.

Municipal Councillor's office
Srirangam. 18th ~~Feb~~ January 98.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 843M

From

M.R.Ry. M. Srinivasa Rao Garu
Revenue Dl. officer & ex-officio
Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Srirangam,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Local & Municipal Department
Fort Saint George,
Madras.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant,
M. Srinivasa Rao
Ex-officio Ch

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Municipal Councillor's office
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Ex-officio Chai

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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

Bellary Collector's Office
Reg. No. 548
22 FEB. 1898

CURRENT No. R. 923 M

VR 206
Reg. No.
19 FEB. 1898
HEAD QUARTER DEPUTY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, BELLARY.

From
M.R.Ry P. Ramakrishna Garu B.A.
Chairman Municipal Council
Bellary

Order

No. 11315

Dated 17th February 1898.
Received 28-2-98
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
26. FEB.-1898
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT
Registered
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SUBJECT.

Election of Chairmen of Municipal Councils:—
Submitting copy of the Council's Resolution approving the proposed alterations in the Rules for the — and suggesting certain amendments in the existing Rules for the —

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No 11315

Municipal Councillors' Office
Bellary Dated 17th February 1898.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 923M

From

Mr̲y P. Rama Rao Garu B.A.
Chairman Municipal Council
Bellary

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To

The Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Depᵗ.
Madras.

N. Dis No 548 / 24.2.98

Submitted through the Collector

S. Ramanan
Dy. Collector
19.2.98

Thro'

The Revenue Officer,
in Charge of Division
Bellary.

Sir,

Forwarded.
E. Elwin
Ag. Collector
24.2.98

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23.2.98
23-2-98

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

P. Rama Rao

17.2.98.

Chairman M. C.

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Municipal Councillors' Office
Bellary Dated 17th February 1898.

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Chairman &c.

17.2.98.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servt.
P. Rama Rao
Chairman &c.

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23-2-98

17.2.98.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council Bellary at the meeting held on Tuesday the 1st February 1898.

Present (the present strength being 24).

1 M.R.Ry P. Ramarao Garu B.A. Chairman M.C.
2. Revenue Officer in Charge of Division
3. M. Abraham Esquire
4. M.R.Ry K. Siddiah Garu
5. M.R.Ry K. Rungarao Garu
6. M.R.Ry A. Muniah Garu
7. M.R.Ry T. Soobba Rao Garu
8. M.R.Ry G. Veerabhadrappah Garu
9. M.R.Ry T. Chellaperumal Pillay avergal
10. J. P. Cotilingam Esquire M.A.
11. M.R.Ry V. Kistoori Chetty Garu.

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3. Read Govt. order No. 60 M dated 11th January/98 ordering the publication of a notification making certain alterations in Nos. 4 and 5 of the rules for the Election of Chairmen of Municipal Councils and stating that any objection or suggestion which may be made in respect of them will be considered on or after the 1st April next.

Resolution

Resolution: — This Council approves of the proposed New Rules and suggests that with reference to the proposed Rule I, the Rule 2 of the Rules now in force regarding the absolute majority of votes requires amendment by omitting from the total number of members then on the Council, the number of candidates so excluded from voting and modification of the last sentence in Rule 5 enabling the Chairman to call for the adjourned meetings in reference to the observation of the Government in para 2 of their order.

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(True Extract)

Municipal Councillors' Office }
Bellary D/ 16 Feby 1898 }

Chairman M. C.

16/2/98

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1/972 M of 1898

Cur No 121 of 98
ML

Local & Munl. 10 (1898) Department.

~~Endorsement~~ on cur 541/ML of 98

Submitted

CURRENT No. 1049 M

541
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Head Asst. Chairman's Office, Negapatam 25 February 1898 } M. Srinivasa Iyengar
Dy. Collr. in charge

21/2

UNDER SECY TO GOVT
14 MAR 98
PUBLIC E & G.D.

DESPATCHED
26 FEB. 98

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From

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Negapatam

No. 970

Order.

Dated 16th February 1898

Received 14.3.98

Registered

Enclosures 1

Spare copies 27/2

SUBJECT.

~~Stating~~ that the 1st amendment proposed in the rules for the election of Chairman has rendered the redrafting of rule 2 necessary so as to exclude the candidates from the total strength of the council.

Resolution: — This Council approves of the proposed New Rules and suggests that with reference to the proposed Rule I, the Rule 2 of the Rules now in force regarding the absolute majority of votes requires amendment by omitting from the total number of members then on the Council, the number of Candidates so excluded from voting and modification of the last sentence in Rule 5 enabling the Chairman to call for the adjourned meetings in reference to the observation of the Government in para 2 of their Order.

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Municipal Councillors' Office }
Bellary 16 Feby 1898 }

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Local & Munl. 10 **(1898) Department.**

Reendorsement on cur 541/8 R.V. of 98

Submitted

CURRENT No. 1049 M

541/8 R.V. 8 98

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UNDER SECY. TO GOVT. 14 MAR 98 PUBLIC E.W. D.

27-2

Head assistant's office, Negapatam } 25 February 1898 }

M. Srinivasa Iyengar D. C. Clerk in charge

21/2

DESPATCHED 26 FEB. 98

Order.

From

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Negapatam

No. 970

Dated 16th February 1898

Received 14. 3. 98

Registered

Enclosures 1

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SUBJECT.

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LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
1049 M

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Negapatam 16 — 2 — 1898

From
The Honorable P. Ratnasabapatty Pillayavergal
Chairman, Municipal Council,
Negapatam.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,
Madras,
Local and Municipal Department,

Through the Head Assistant Collector and the Collector of Tanjore.

Sir,

Adverting to G.O. No 60 M dated 11th January 1898 proposing certain amendment to the rules for the election of Chairman of Municipal Councils I have the honor to enclose an extract from the proceedings of the Council dated the 10th instant and to state that the first amendment proposed by Government has rendered the redrafting of rule 2 in more clear terms necessary Because, the proposed amendment precludes all the Candidates from taking part in the ballot and the voting strength is thus reduced by the number of Candidates. The absolute Majority required under rule

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2 to declare a Candidate Successful could only be calculated on the total strength of the Council then existing minus the number of Candidates. If otherwise, it may be difficult for any one Candidate to secure an absolute Majority of the votes of more than half the total number of Councillors then on the Council. For instance, taking an extreme case, if in a Council consisting of 24 members 13 should stand as Candidates the successful Candidate will under no circumstances be able to gain more than 11 votes which represent the whole available voting strength. But if, under the existing wording of rule 2, he has to get more than half the number on the rolls, he will have to secure 13 votes, whereas in the extreme case supposed only 11 votes are available. The necessity of modifying the wording of rule 2, so as to exclude from the total strength on the rolls the number of Candidates, is thus apparent.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
P. [illegible]
Chairman

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15/2/98

Enclosure to Coll's letter 970/10/2/98

Extract from the proceedings of the Municipal Council Negapatam at a meeting held at 5 P. M on Thursday the 10th February 1898.

Present.

The Honorable P. Ratnasabapathi Pillai avl
Chairman

2. A Edgington Esqr Ag Head Asst Collector & Ex-officio Councillor
3 Captain J. P. James
4 M. R. Ry. S. Kalyanarama Iyer avl
5. D. G. McConechy Esquire
6. M. R. Ry. P. Kanagasabai Moodaliar avl
7. " Mayandi Chettiar avl
8. " V. Chinnamaricar avl Sahib Bahadur
9 " M. K. Vappakandu Maricar avl S. B.
10. " S. Alia Maricar avl Sahib Bahadur
11 " C. R. Krigithapathan Iyer avl
12. " N. Letchoomana Naidu Garu
13. " A. R. N. Gurusamy pillai avl
14 " S. Chinnathambi Maricar avl S. B.
15 " M. Othuman Lebbai Maricar avl S. B.

(5) Read G.O. No 60 M dated 11th January 1898 proposing certain amendments to the rules in force for the election of Chairman of Municipal Councils and inviting suggestions or objections there to.

Resolution. — Under the proposed amendment no Candidate nominated for the office shall take part in the ballot. It therefore becomes necessary to make rule 2 clear by providing that in calculating the absolute majority the Candidates shall be excluded from the total number of members on the Council.

[True extract]

Chairman

MS
15/2/98.

1044 M of 1898

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numerous

(5) Read G.O. No 60 M dated 11th January 1898 proposing certain amendments to the rules in force for the election of Chairman of Municipal Councils and inviting suggestions or objections thereto.

Resolution.— Under the proposed amendment no candidate nominated for the office shall take part in the ballot. It therefore becomes necessary to make rule 2 clear by providing that in calculating the absolute majority the candidates shall be excluded from the total number of members on the Council.

(True extract)

Chairman

5/2/98.

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numerous opposition. The more Candidates there are, the more conspicuous does the incongruity become: Thus one of 5 Candidates may be elected by 10 votes with the remaining 14 13 of the Council opposed to him. Of Course it is only when the number of Candidates is numerous, that the difficulty of arriving at a conclusion is seriously enhanced by debarring Candidates from voting.

i.e. excluding the candidate himself.

3. I submit that the difficulty such as it is, should be solved in a different way: viz: by making quite clear what I presume is the intention of Government, viz, that any member nominated can decline nomination and can withdraw his Candidature at any stage with or without the Consent of his backers, and thereafter become Competent to vote. Unless this is allowed, it would be possible for an unscrupulous faction to so weaken the voting strength of their opponents by nominating the latter as to ensure a majority for themselves. If on the other hand any member nominated can withdraw ~~or~~ and so become a voting member, the Common Sense of the Council may be trusted to prevent such a deadlock as the Chairman anticipates.

Tanjore Collector's Office
9th March 98

For Ag. Collector

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13 MAR. 1898

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1125 M.

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Municipal Council
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SUBJECT.

Requesting to introduce the system of eliminating candidates who secure the lowest number of votes

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LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 1125 M.

FROM,

M-R-R- y.
C. SITARAMAYYA PANTULU GARU;
CHAIRMAN, [illegible]
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, ELLORE.

To

The Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department,
Madras.

Sir,

In reference to the notification (I) published in G. O. No. 60 M. dated 11th January 1898, I have the honor to inform you that in case there should be more candidates than 5 or 6, and if the candidates are not allowed to have a hand in the ballot, the result would be, that there would be in almost all cases, no successful Election. To obviate any such difficulty the system of eliminating candidates who secure the lowest number of votes may be introduced.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

C. Sitaramayya
Chairman. [illegible]

FROM

The Chairman

Municipal council
Ellore.

To

The Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department

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Reference.

Sir,

In response to the notification (1) published in G.O. No. 60 dated 21st January 1898, I have the honour to inform you that in case there be more candidates than 2 or 3, and if the candidates are not all allowed to remain to sum up the ballot, the result would be that there would be in almost all cases no successful election. To obviate any such difficulty the system of eliminating candidates who secure the lowest number of votes be [illegible] [illegible]

Local & Munl. (1898 Department.

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SUBJECT.

Suggesting that after the word is "meeting" in rule 5 of the rules for the election of Chairman, the words "which shall not be convened without giving 7 days notice" may be inserted. —

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2. The suggestion of the Chairman is worthy of consideration

Mahd Husain
Dy Collr
4.4.98

Forwarded.

Ag Collector

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Adoni Municipal Council's office
Dated 29th March 1898.—

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LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 1403 M

From
M.R.Ry. G. T. Raghava Iyer
Avergal B.A.,
Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Adoni,

To.
The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Dept.
Madras
Through
The Collector of
Bellary
and Dy. Collector of
Adoni division
Adoni

Sir,

Adverting to G.O. No. 60 M, dated 11th January 1898, inviting objections or suggestions to certain alterations in the rules for the election of Chairman of Municipal Councils, I have the honor to state as follows.—

2. The alteration made in the second sentence of Rule 5 does not specify what interval there should be between the original and the adjourned

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meeting. The specification of the interval I respectfully submit appears to be absolutely necessary to maintain the spirit of the first sentence of rule 5 which allows fresh nominations provided the conditions of rule 3 are complied with. Rule 3 enunciates that every candidate for the office of Chairman shall be nominated in the following form which shall be sent to the Chairman holding office at least six days before the date of the meeting at which the new Chairman is to be elected. Fresh nominations contemplated in rule 5 are valid only if they are sent to the Chairman holding office at least six days before the date of the adjourned meeting. As the alteration does not mention the days that must elapse between the original the adjourned meeting the Chairman holding office must precluded from convening the adjourned meeting 3 days after the original meeting as is required in clause 3 of Section 29 of the District Municipalities Act. The effect of doing so precludes all chances of fresh nominations. I therefore humbly suggest ~~that~~ after the word "meeting" the words " which shall not be convened without giving seven days notice " may be inserted. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
G. Raghava [illegible]
Chairman
AmC

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