

Local & Munl. (1898) Department

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 178 M.

DATED 25-1-98

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Munl. Council.

with remark
Ordering that the appt. of Mr. G.
Mengel as chairman of the Diindigul
be gazetted.

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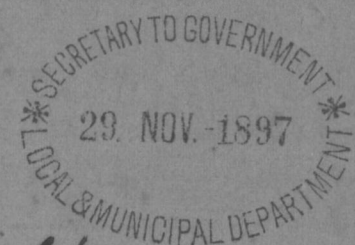
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CURRENT No. 4123

Cur No 4073, 4123 & 4340/197



From

The Collector of Madras

Misc Order No. 178 Min 25/1/98

Done No. 2800/97

The Government agrees with the Collector in considering that the objection referred to in para. 4 of his letter is untenable. In the circumstances reported by him, therefore, Mr. Hengel will be appointed Chairman of the Divisigal Municipal Council and the usual notification will be published in the Fort St. George Gazette.

Dated 27 November 1897

Received 29-11-97

Registered 29-11-97

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SUBJECT.

Submitting with remarks letter from the Chairman Municipal Council Divisigal on the election of the Chairman for the Divisigal Municipality.

(From orders)

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To The Collector of Madras
Dated 26/1/98

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NOTIFICATION.

Under Section 10 of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1884, the under-mentioned gentlemen have been duly elected Municipal Councillors of the Municipality of

The Municipal Council of Dindigul having failed to elect a candidate for the office of Chairman at the three meetings held by it for the purpose, His Excellency the Governor-in-Council is pleased to appoint, under Section 14 of the Madras District Municipalities Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, the under-mentioned gentleman to be the Chairman of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Dindigul:—

Mr. G. Murali.

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No.

From *R. H. Granby Esquire*
Chairman
Municipal Council
Dindigul
No. 329

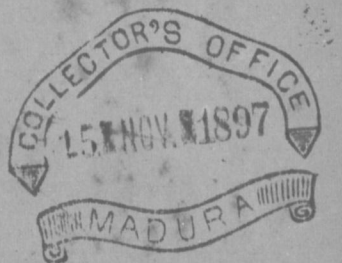
Dated 13th November 1897.

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SUBJECT.

(Submitting report
under No 6 of the Rules
for the election of
Chairman published in
G.O. No 214 M
7-3-1888)

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Encl II to Madras Collector's Letter No. 2800 S/- 27th 11-97. Municipal Office
13th November 1897.

Yours,

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.

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R. H. Grinley Esquire
Chairman, Municipal Council,
Dindigul

To,

The Secretary
to Government

Local & Municipal Department
Fort Saint George.

Submitted.

Collector

(Through the Collector of Madras)

Sir,

I have the honour to
inform Government that the office
of Chairman of this Municipality
fell vacant by efflux of time on the
1st of May last and I am holding
it ex officio under Section 150 of the
Municipal Act.

2. Under the orders of the Collector
of

I have the honor to,
Sir,
your most obedt. servant

K. S. Pringle
14-11-97
Chairman

K. S. Pringle
14-11-97
Manager

of Madura three special meetings
of the Council for the election of a
Chairman were held on the dates
noted in the margin. ^{The} ~~with the~~
result of the ballot ^{is} shown against
each date.

3. At the first meeting the Council,
being under the impression that Mr.
Meagals had obtained a sufficient
number of votes, did not hold a
second ballot.

4. As the balloting at all three
meetings has proved indecisive I
have the honour to submit this
report under No. 6 of the "Rules for
the election of Chairman" published
in G. O. No. 214 K, dated
the

Date of Election	Name of Candidates & votes obtained by each.
27 th Dec 1897 -	Mr. Meagals - 5 Mr. Pringle - 4
28 th Dec 1897 -	Mr. Meagals - 2 Mr. Pringle - 4
13 th Jan 1897 -	Mr. Meagals - 5 Mr. Pringle - 1

Mr. Meagals - K. S. Pringle

Mr. S. S. Pringle

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R. F. Grinley Esquire. Chairman
M.R.Sy. J. P. Muthu Naik avargal. Councilor
" N. Ramasami Chethai avargal. do
" P. R. 'Inayana Sastri avargal do
for IV. Short Esquire . . . do
M.R.Sy. V. S. Pichai Mohaidin Rowther
avargal } do
" V. S. Mohaidin Kharasayar Rowther } do
avargal }
" T. Rajagopala Naidu Garu - do
" K. Anantananayana Iyer } - do
avargal }

I Read again old nominations nominating
messrs R. F. Grinley and G. Mengal and
a fresh nomination nominating Kaddy
T. Rajagopala Kayson Garni for the office
of Chairman.

Two ballots are held, the result in each case being that Mr. Menzel secured 5 votes Mr. Rajagopal Kaidu 3 Mr. Grubley 1.

Under the 6/18/1901 collection of chairs

Madura Collector's Office

Dated 27 November 1897

No: 2800 of 1897

Encl: II to Mr. Zwigg require

Collector, Madura

Extract

Municipal

Secretary, Government
Local and Municipal Department
Madras

Atis offic dated 13th November 1897 from the
Member/3rd Chairman Municipal Council District
and the hono to state as follows:-

The Chairmanship of the Municipality
was vacant on 18th May 1897, when held by
R. F. Grimley Rajagopal kaidu gam who held the office
until 1st June. He ceased the member by efflux of time.

The Subcollector has held the office from
that date under section 15(1) of the act.
The election of a chairman was delayed in
order that some of the vacant seats might
be filled and an election meeting was
held on the 27th September with the result
that

- Messrs. R. F. Grimley
- Messrs. J. P. ...
- " N. Ram
- " P. R. ...
- " W. ...
- Messrs. S. S. ...
- " J. S. ...
- " T. Raja
- " K. ...

I Read again
Messrs R. F.
a fresh nom
T. P.

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A report will be submitted
through the Collector.

N. B. Mr. Rajagopal kaidu
being done on the ground that
for the election of Chairman
only, ballot having been

(Signed) R
(Zwigg)
(Zwigg)
(Zwigg)
in

[Signature]

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Encl II to no
2800

Extract from
Municipal
abits special
November 13th

Messrs
R. F. Grimley
Messrs. J. P. M
N. Rana
P. R. Nara
W. Chot
Messrs. J. S. Pich
J. S. Moka
T. Raja
K. Anant

I read again
Messrs R. F.
a fresh nom
T. Rajagopal
& Chairman.
Two ballot
case being the
Mr. Rajagopal
Under the 6

Re no: 2800
Encl of 1897.

Masala Commission
Dated 27 November 1897

From J. Zwigg require
Collector
Madras

To The Secretary, Government
Local and Municipal Department
Madras

Sir,
In forwarding herewith letter
no: 32 dated 13th November 1897 from the
Chairman Municipal Council District
I have the honor to state as follows:-

2. The Chairmanship of the Municipality
fell vacant on 18th May 1897, when Mr. Rajagopal haidu gave who held the office
ceased the member by efflux of time.

The Subcollector has held the office from
that date under section 15(1) of the Act.
The election of a chairman was delayed in
order that some of the vacant seats might
be filled and an election meeting was
held on the 27th September with the result
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that Mr. Mungel obtained 5 votes and Mr. Grimley 4. This vote was supposed to be decisive; so, no second ballot was taken. Afterwards on a reference I held that under rule 2 of the election rules a candidate who should have obtained 6 votes (as the number of members was at the time 10) and the unaffected by the subsequent order that no candidate should vote for himself. The effect of that order in depriving Mr. Mungel of his own vote was to make it necessary for him to obtain a majority of 6 votes out of only 9 votes available.

3. Holding that the election was indecisive, I gave notice for a second meeting. The result of both the ballots at this meeting was indecisive - Mr. Mungel obtaining 2 votes and Mr. Grimley 4. A third meeting was convened on the 13th instant and the absolute majority required under the rules was secured. Two ballots were held and each

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This no 10
is correct

Members that no
votes given by a candidate
in favour of himself
shall be counted

each time Mr. Mungel obtained 5 votes, Mr. Rajagopal kaidu 3 votes and Mr. Grimley 1. Under these circumstances the Chairman submits his report for the orders of Government under rule 6.

4. At the last meeting of the Council (copy of the Proceedings enclosed) one of its members urged that the first meeting held in September was invalid on the ground that the Council failed to take a second ballot. The objection does not appear to be tenable, but the point is not free from doubt. If the objection be overruled, the orders of Government are solicited under rule 6. The Government will observe that Mr. Mungel though he failed to obtain the votes of "more than half the total number of members then on the Council" as required by rule 2, still at the first and third meetings obtained 5 votes which in a Council of ten shows that he possessed the confidence of the majority of the other members including himself.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. W. W.
Collector
27-10-97

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 4073 M

From S. P. Muthu Nayudu & others
Councillors Dindigul
Municipalities

Order

No.

Dated 28-11-97

Received 24-11-97

Registered 24-11-97

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SUBJECT.

Submitting copy of letter addressed
to the Chairman Municipal Council
Dindigul regarding the election
of Chairman.

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by the rules, and that the

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From

S. P. Muthu Nayadu &c
Municipal Councillors
Dindigul

To

The Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department
Madras.

Sir,

We have the honor to enclose
herein copy of a letter dated the
14th Instant addressed to the
Chairman, Dindigul Municipal
Council, and to request that you
will be pleased to obtain the
orders of Government on the
subject therein referred to before
passing final orders in the
matter.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

[Signature]
Dindigul

22nd Nov. 1897
Dindigul

Councillors

From

J. D. Muthu Nayadu & Co.,
Municipal Councillors,
Dindigul.

To

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Dindigul

Sir

In connection with the proceedings
of the Municipal Council at the Special
meeting held yesterday for electing a
Chairman, we have the honor to bring
the following to your notice.

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A Special meeting was first
commenced for electing a Chairman
on the 27th September 1897, and at the
first ballot, Mr G. Menzel one of
the Candidates got five votes,
while the other Candidate
Mr R. F. Grunley got four. The
Chairman then thought that Mr
G. Menzel had been duly
elected by a majority of votes
and reported the fact to the
Collector in spite of the objections
of some of the Councillors that
Mr G. Menzel had not obtained
the absolute majority required
by the rules, and that the

still differ from the above
view of the case, you will
be pleased to refer the matter
for orders of Government

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servants

1st/ S. P. Muthu Nayana (in Council)

2nd/ K. Ananthanarayanaier (in Council)

3rd/ N. Ramasamy Chettiar (in Council)

14-11-97

True copy 18/11/97

[Signature]
22.11.97

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 4340 ^A M

From M. Gundaswami Pillai
& others Sindigul.

Order

No.

Dated

Received 14-12-1897

Registered 14-12-1897

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SUBJECT.

Praying that an independent
European may be appointed
as chairman of the Sindigul
Municipality.

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To.

His Excellency the Right Honourable
The Governor in Council

Fort Saint George
17 DEC. 1897
MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

May it please your Excellency

We, the humble Subscribers of
this memorial, people of well-known respectability
and influence in this town offer the following
prayer to your Excellency for your Excellency's
kind Consideration

2. For many months past we
have had no Chairman to our Municipality
and the town is suffering in consequence. The
officiating Chairman, the present Divisional
officer of Pondicherry, though he has the good of
the town at heart and has done and is doing all
he can to promote its welfare is too much
occupied by his Revenue, Magistrial and
Local Fund work to be able to devote his
whole attention to the town affairs. We
want a Chairman who lives amongst us
and who can devote his time to our affairs
and who is independent and honest in his
intentions. We have tried and failed in
a Chairman of our own people. The last
native Chairman had not the Confidence
of the people, and his actions were criticised
very severely by Government in G.O. No.

3. We now pray your Excellency to
appoint a nonofficial European as our
Chairman; we feel, that by doing so, the
town in every way, will benefit and that
party spirits will thereby be broken. We pray
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gentleman Mr. G. Moengel who has been a resident in Dindigul from over ten years and who has for years past taken the keenest interest in the welfare of Dindigul.

Mr. G. Moengel is a gentleman of independent views has kept himself aloof from party faction and is essentially just in what he does; he has the respect of the people of the town, and, we think, has all the qualifications of a successful Chairman.

We feel that if your Excellency will appoint Mr. G. Moengel, the party spirit and faction that has hitherto done so much harm to the town will be broken; and the affairs of the town will be guided by a business man, who has no interest except for its welfare at heart.

4.

We understand that your Excellency will be asked to order another election to take place on the ground that at the first election only one ballot instead of two was taken. This objection we humbly beg leave to say is frivolous and a trick on the part of those interested. At the first election it was thought that Mr. Moengel was duly elected; no objection of any kind was raised at the time and there was no venture to maintain that the first election was not a fair one and was conducted in the spirit of the rules laid down for its conduct.

5.

We humbly pray to your Excellency, who, we know, has our welfare at heart to appoint Mr. Moengel or any independent European as a chairman to our Municipal Council; for we are convinced by

Sad experience, that we have none among our own people, to whom we can entrust this most important office.

We beg to Subscribe
Occupation. Your Excellency's most obedient Servants
Merchant — Alfred Dwyer
Press proprietors — D. R. S. S. S. S.
Jannery-keeper — S. R. S. S. S.
Late municipal councillors
of 12 years & merchants — S. R. S. S. S.
Jannery-keeper — Alfred Dwyer
Shop-keeper — R. R. S. S. S.
Banda merchant — S. R. S. S. S.
General contractor
& merchants — S. R. S. S. S.
Salt merchant — S. R. S. S. S.
Private Sahil — Alfred Dwyer

Cultivator — Sayed Ibrahim Sahil
Sayed Goolam Rasool Sahil
Do & Shop — Sayed Eymul Abidren
- Keeper.
Sayed Ahmed Hussain
Metadars. — S. R. S. S. S.
Station master — S. R. S. S. S.
Agent, the Empress M. S. S. S.
Company.

none of the candidates
secured

C. No. 2073, 4123, and 4340. In. 797.

SUBJECT. Election of Chairman
Dindigul Municipality.

H. M.

FOR ORDERS.

His Excellency The Governor
H. T.
17.1.98.

The office of Chairman, Municipal Council, Dindigul, fell vacant on the 1st May 1897, and a meeting was held to fill up the vacancy on the 27th September. The total number of members on the Municipal Council at this time was ten and out of this number Mr. Mengel, one of the candidates, obtained five votes. The Municipal Council at this meeting, thought that the election of Mr. Mengel was decisive and did not, therefore, take a second ballot under R. 4. of the rules issued in G.O. No. 214. M. dated 7th March 1888. As Mr. Mengel did not get the absolute majority required by rule No. 2, the Collector held that the election was indecisive and gave notice for another meeting. At this and a subsequent meeting held for this purpose two ballots were taken, but on all these occasions none of the candidates secured

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secured the absolute majority. At the third meeting one of the Councillors urged that the meeting held in September was invalid on the ground that the Council failed to take a second ballot. With reference to this, the Collector states that "the objection does not appear to be tenable, but the point is not free from doubt."

The irregularity above referred to cannot, it is submitted, be said to have materially interfered with the rights of the Municipal Council, which had four more chances to elect its Chairman, if it liked. There is therefore much force in the Collector's remark that the objection is untenable. If it is decided that the Council cannot, under the rules, claim another meeting for the election of its Chairman, it has to be considered whether the privilege of electing its Chairman should be withdrawn from the Council or whether it should be given one more chance as a matter of grace.

P.R.
5/1/98

They say the meeting was not "held" because all the procedure prescribed by the rules was not gone through. It is upon the C. that a number of no Chairman had been proposed.

Vide para. 4 of his letter in CR 4123.

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stall - W. not the meeting has been "held"? I think it has been - There have been 3 legal meetings. Now let Mr. Mangel be appointed.

W.S.

17/1/98

Antony H.L. - app'ts are with him -

W.I. I agree with the Hon. Sir H. Bliss.

8.9.14

15.1.98

It is not a question of withdrawing a privilege, but of cutting a knot.

There seems no chance of the Council returning an absolute majority for any candidate.

I think Mr. Mangel ought to be appointed by Govt. he has twice got five votes + no one else has got so many.

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