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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., Mis. No. 27 M., dated 6th January 1898.

Read—the following paper :—

From M.R.Ry. T. S. SIVASWAMI ODAYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Kumbakónam, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department (through the Sub-Collector and the Collector of Tanjore), dated 19th October 1897, No. 675.

6. There are, however, some points on which I request that Government should pass orders. I take a few of them and shall offer my suggestions on them.

(b) *Auctions not conducted in the presence of Chairman or a councillor.*—This like the above has been remarked upon annually by the Inspector. The difficulty of the Chairman or a councillor being present at all auctions has been often represented to the Inspectors of Local Fund Accounts. This is a matter on which some relaxation of the existing rule is absolutely necessary. A money limit may be fixed up to which sales may be allowed to be conducted by municipal servants. In the Revenue Department, I understand, there are certain rules regarding sales by taluk clerks and revenue inspectors in cases in which the Tahsildar could not personally conduct them. Municipal councils have in their service servants drawing as much as and more than either taluk clerks, or revenue inspectors. Besides, municipal servants have deposited securities, whereas the servants of Government referred to above are not called upon to deposit any security. By investing municipal servants with power to conduct sales up to certain amounts with the permission of the Chairman, there is no likelihood of any loss of revenue accruing to the council.

(c) *Payments to illiterate payees.*—The existing rules require that this should be done in the presence of the Chairman or a councillor. Since I became Chairman I have managed to be present at the disbursement of pay to the conservancy staff which is the largest in the municipality. There may be occasions when the Chairman may not be present and the service of a councillor too not available. The Chairman should, in such circumstances, have the power to delegate his duties to the chief ministerial officer in the office. Without such relaxations, it would be difficult to avoid giving room for complaint by the Inspectors.

Order—Mis No. 27 M., dated 6th January 1898.

Recorded, with the following remarks :—

- (1) The attention of the Accountant-General is drawn to the Chairman's remarks in paragraph 3 of his letter.
- (2) With reference to paragraph 6 (a) of the Chairman's letter, it is observed that the explanation of the defaulting contractors should be placed before the municipal council and its decision should be carried out by the Chairman.

(3) The suggestions made by the Chairman in paragraph 6 (b) and (c) will be referred to the Accountant-General for remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. TREMENHEERE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Kumbakónam,
through the Collector of Tanjore.

Accountant-General.

READ—also the following paper :—

From F. C. HARRISON, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated Fort St. George, 21st February 1898, No. 772—L.F.D.

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 27 M., dated the 6th January 1898, I have the honour to reply as follows :—

1. *Paragraph 1 of the Government Order.*—The entry of the objection in question against the Kumbakónam Municipality was due to a clerical error, which is regretted.

2. *Paragraph 3.*—I see no objection to the rule regarding the conduct of auction sales being relaxed as suggested in paragraph 6 (b) of the Chairman's letter. The money limit may be fixed at Rs. 5 and calculated on the *estimated* value of the articles to be sold. For this purpose, sale lists, showing the probable sale-proceeds, should be submitted to the Chairman for sanction, *before* the auction is held, as in the Local Fund and Forest Departments. If the estimated proceeds do not exceed Rs. 5, the sale might be conducted by the officer proposing it, otherwise the duty would devolve on the Chairman or a councillor.

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3. If Government agrees, I would suggest the issue of general orders on the above two points, as they are of interest to all municipalities.

ORDER—No. 535 M., dated 8th March 1898.

The suggestions made by the Accountant-General in paragraph 2 of his letter are approved.

(True Extract.)

H. TREMENHEERE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Kumbakónam.
all other Chairmen of Municipal Councils.

all Collectors.
the Accountant-General.

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this proof.*

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Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Kumbakonam.
 „ all other Chairmen of Municipal Councils.
 „ all Collectors.
 „ the Accountant-General.

Ed. A. F. Eccleston.

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

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The Accountant General
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SUBJECT.

Furnishing his views, as required in
 Para 3 of G.O. 27 M. Mis 27.6.1.98, as to
 whether the presence of the Chairman

is necessary for the conduct of auction

sale and for payments to illiterate

To the Chairman, Kumbakonam Municipality
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 „ All other Chairmen of Municipal Councils
 „ Collectors
 „ The Accountant General

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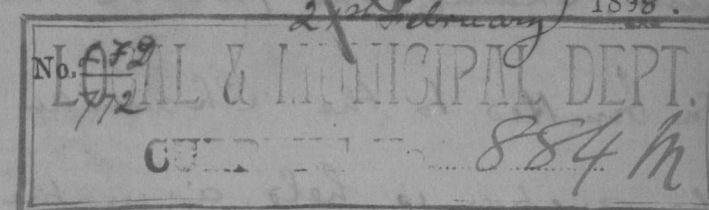
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Fort St. George,
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From

F. C. Harrison Inquire,
ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE

Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Fort St. George.

SIR,

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. Mannion
Accountant-General

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