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[Despatch Abstract.]

Appointment of Secretary, Coimbatore Municipality — Stating that M.R.Ry. Sambanda Mudaliyar the Coimbatore Municipal Council's nominee for the post of the Secretary is not the most suitable person for the appointment & requesting, with remarks, the Council to select for the post a candidate with practical experience.

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ORDER.

The Government is of opinion that the council's nominee is not the most suitable person for the appointment of Secretary. The proposed appointment cannot therefore be approved. As the salary proposed is adequate to secure the services of a man of ~~some~~ practical experience, the council is requested to select for the post a candidate with this qualification.

2. The Government considers that having regard to the liberal salary proposed to be paid to the Secretary more of the chairman's powers might be delegated to him. The council is accordingly requested to consider whether the powers under the

G following sections should not be so delegated:—

28(2), 32(2), 45, 52, 63, 148(1), 148(2), 149-A, ~~[illegible]~~ 165, 280 and 281.

It is also desirable that the Secretary should have control over the conservancy and other outdoor staffs and have full power to appoint, fine, suspend and dismiss all servants employed by the municipal council on salaries not exceeding Rs 15 per mensem.

(From Orders)

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To
The Chairman. M. C. Coimbatore,
through the Collector.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., No. 2271 M, dated 18th October 1897.

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SUBJECT

Appointment of a Secretary, Coimbatore Municipality.

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FOR ORDERS.

Before the receipt of G.O. No: 1465 M.

A. dated 21st June 1897, the Municipal Council of Coimbatore had on the 23rd Idem decided

Vide resolution in G.O. No 1681, M. 27-7-97. B. to appoint a Secretary on a Salary of Rs 100 per mensem and nominated one Sambantha Mudaliyar for the office. In forwarding the Council's resolution ~~above referred to~~, the Revenue Divisional Officer remarked as follows:—

"3. The municipality has an annual "income of about Rs 56,000 as per budget "Estimate for 1897-98. The Secretary will "have very large powers under the new Act. "In taxing and Collecting Assessments "great Care, discretion, patience and "tact will be required. I am therefore "of opinion that neither of the persons "named above, (viz Sambantha Mudaliyar, "the Council's nominee, and Venkata-"rama aiyar, Translator of the Collector

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office, who were the only ones of the five "applicants that found a proposer and "a seconder), nor any of the three other "applicants is fitted for this most onerous "and responsible post. The first of the "persons named above, has no official "Experience, and the second no experience "of outdoor Executive work. Under these "Circumstances, a Deputy Tahsildar of "Experience would be the best person for "the post. To make it attractive to such "an officer, the net pay would have to be "Rs 120–10–150, rising by annual or "biennial increments of Rs 10." The Collector (Mr. Bradley) was also of opinion that the Salary proposed was not sufficient for a full-time Secretary and remarked as follows regarding the Council's nominee:—

"The man Selected by the "Municipal Council, was for a short "time a clerk in this (Collector's) office, "and has since been the Secretary of "the unsuccessful Podanúr Sugar "manufacturing Company now in "liquidation. I doubt his ability "to work the Secretaryship Satisfactorily."

The Municipal Council was ccordingly requested to revise its als with reference to

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A. No: 1465 M. dated 21st June 1897
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Council proposed that he sho
delegate to the Secretary.

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2. Thereupon the Council fixe
Salary of the Secretary at Rs 100, r
Rs 150, by annual increments of R
And nominated Venkatapati Na
a retired Tahsildar, for the offi
The Government however considere

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that, for an initial Salary of Rs
a month, a Suitable man could n
be secured for the office of Secr
and that the Salary should there
be fixed at Rs 125, rising to Rs 150
annual increments of Rs 5, and als
vetoed the nomination of Venkatapa
Nayudu, on the ground that he wa
too old to discharge the duties of a
Secretary efficiently.

3. With the letter read above, the
Chairman forwards a copy of the
Council's resolution of the 10th January
nominating again Sambantha Mu

Vide para. 7 of his letter D.

as its Secretary. The Chairman states that
Council's nominee is a young man
possesses high Educational
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office ations, that he bears a good
" apacter and that Several of the
" a Se Mrs repose great Confidence in
" app d although he is not prepared
" and there were better Candidates in
" per ld, he Suggests that the present
" Expee may be tried in the office for
" of year. Both the Deputy Collector and the
" Cotor do not recommend the acceptance
" Ex nomination; but the Collector Suggests
" the if the Government sees fit to reconsider
" arevious decision, the appointment
" hould be probationary for one year, as
" ugested by the Chairman.

Vide para. 8 of the Chairman's letter

C . It seems to be admitted by all that
of resent nomination is not the best that
s be made by the Council, and having
reard to the opinions expressed by the Deputy
Clector and the Collector in their
dorsements on the Chairman's letter
" corded in G.O. 1681 M dated 27th July 1897
" garding Sambantha Mudaliyar, it
" ems undesirable to try the Experiment
" appointing him. The System of
" pointing Secretaries has been but
" cently introduced and great Care
" hould be taken to see that it does
t become unpopular by the
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Submitted

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in G.O. No 2271 M C
15.10.97

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5. In its resolution, d
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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

Current in 209/Rev 758

CURRENT No. 845 M

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
3-FEB.-1898
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

From

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Coimbatore

Order

No. 954

Dated 15th January 1898

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SUBJECT.

Submitting nomination for the office of Secretary to the Municipal Council Coimbatore

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Proceedings of the Special meeting of [illegible]

Council Coimbatore dated the 10th January 18

Present

Mrkky. H. Rama Row Avergal Chairman
J. G. Wood Esqr. Divisional Officer
The Very Revd. Father N. Rondy
Mrkky. D. S. Amirthasami Pillay avergal
" Saminatham Chettiar "
" A. T. Thirumengadasami Mudaliyar "
" S. Lakshminarasimma Aiyar "
" T. S. Balakrishnier "
" R. Vengu Aiyar "
" C. A. Venkatakrishnier "
" M. G. Arogiasami Pillay "
" Chakrapani Chettiar "
" Kolandevelos Pillay "
" Kader Batcha Sahib "
" Anthonimuthu Pillay "
" A. Ponnaranga Mudaliyar "
" N. Govia Chettiar "

Proposed by Mr Wood and seconded by Mr Arogiasami Pillay that the names of Messrs Sambantham Mudaliyar and Venkatapathy Nayudu be eliminated from the list of applicants for the office of Secretary with reference to the result of their previous nomination.

Amendment by Mr Balakrishnier and

Venkatapathy Nayudu alone be omitted and the ther name retained inasmuch as the Government s not Specifically vetoed his nomination.

The amendment was carried by a majority.

Mr Sambantham Mudaliyar obtained 8 votes.

Mr Anthonimuthu Pillay obtained 6 votes

Mr Subbaraya Pillay obtained 1. vote

Mr Siva Subrahmaniya Aiyar obtained 1. vote

Mr Anthonimuthu Pillay not voting.

Mr Sambantham Mudaliyar is declared to have been duly nominated to the office of Secretary.

Proposed by Mr Balakrishnier and Seconded by Mr Venkatakrishnier that alternative nominations Should be made.

The proposition being put to vote was negatived by a majority.

(Signed) H. Rama Row
Chairman

(True Copy)

Chairman

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Enclosure No. I to Coimbatore
Municipal Chairman's letter No. 954
dated 15th January 1898

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To
The Municipal Council
Coimbatore

Gentlemen

Hearing that in pursuance of Section 34 of the amended District Municipalities Act you are to give effect to the provision by appointing a paid Secretary to the Council, I respectfully offer myself as a candidate for the same. In doing so, I beg to state that should the post be conferred upon me, I shall endeavour my best to render satisfaction to the Council in the discharge of my duties.

I beg to add that I am a graduate in Arts of the Madras University and that I am conversant with the principles of law as I have completed my course for the B. L. Degree Examination. I held the office of Secretary to the Coimbatore Sugar Manufacturing Company for over two years. I was employed as a Clerk in the Revenue Department in 1885 and so possess some knowledge of revenue work. In this connection I beg leave to state that my father, the late Mr. Moothookrishna Mudaliyar for a long time a Tasildar in this District.

I enclose copies of my College testimonials for your perusal.

In conclusion I trust that the Council will be pleased to give my application their favorable consideration.

I beg to remain,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Sd). M. Sambantham Mudaliyar

Coimbatore
6th June 1897

True Copy

W. Cameron
Chairman

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Copies of testimonials.

1. Mr M. Sambantham Mudaliyar B.A was a member of the B.A History classes from 1889-1891. He attended regularly and conducted himself with propriety showing diligence in the preparation of his work. I have a favorable opinion of Mr Sambantham's disposition and character.

(Sd). A. S. Laidlaw
History Professor

Madras Christian College
9th May 1892.

II. Mr M. Sambantham Mudaliyar B.A was a student here for three years. His conduct was satisfactory and he bore a good character in all respects. I am confident that he will be found intelligent, attentive, and upright in the discharge of duty in after life.

(Signed). William Miller C.I.E. LL.D.
Principal

Madras Christian College
26th April 1892.

(True Copies)

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W. Cameron
Chairman.

Enclosure No. II to Coimbatore Municipal Chairman's letter No. 954 dated 15th January 1898.

(a) ~~Copy of Mr.~~ Sambantham Mudaliar's application

(b). Copies of — do — do — Testimonials

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(a)

To

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Coimbatore

Through
The Collector of Coimbatore

Sir

With reference to the Notification published in the Fort St. George Gazette dated 16th November 1897 on page 1288, I beg to tender my services for the post of Secretary to the Municipal Council at Coimbatore.

Matriculation
Handwriting test
Translation test (Lower)
Precis writing (higher)
Account test (higher)
Revenue test (higher).

I have passed the marginally noted Examinations and my Service in the Revenue Department is more than 20 years. Since 25th November 1890, I have been Head Accountant Collector's Office on a salary of Rs 85 p. m. and managing an office consisting of several accountants. My age is 42 years.

I was once preparing for overseer's test and in the Revenue Department I was preparing & checking several plans & estimates and consequently I know plan drawing, estimating, Building and Road making. Having been a Councillor for more than 17 months, I am acquainted with the principles of Sanitation and have a fair knowledge of the several requirements of the town.

copies of testimonials granted by several officers under whom I had the fortune to serve.

If I am favoured with the appointment I am prepared to resign my seat on the Council from the date on which I enter upon my duties as Secretary with reference to Clause 3 (a) Act 39. A of the Municipal Act (1897).

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
(Sd) / S. Anthonimuthu Pillay

Coimbatore
24.11.97.

Respectfully submitted thro the Assistant Collector in charge of Treasury Coimbatore.

In submitting this application for the favourable consideration I have much pleasure in bearing witness to the efficiency of Mr Anthonimuthu Pillay in the discharge of his duties as English Head Accountant during the period in which I have been in charge of the Treasury. He has impressed me as a zealous & able public servant and one deserving of advancement. In regard to his work as Municipal Councillor, he has the reputation I believe, of being a most energetic member. I believe, that apart from his long experience in account (which is, I imagine a recommendation in itself) he possesses abilities which would fit him in a high degree for the post he applies for.

(Signed) / H. G. Stokes
24.11.97

Forwarded
(Sd) / A. Butterworth,
ag Collector / True Copies /

25.11.97.

Chairman

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(b)

Negapatam 28th March 1876

I. The bearer Anthonimuthu of Coimbatore was a pupil of St. Joseph's College Negapatam for several years. In the course of his studies his conduct and diligence gave always satisfaction to the Professors and Supervisors. He passed the Matriculation Examination in the month of December 1875 and I am of opinion that his knowledge of English, Latin, Mathematics render him a fit subject for various employments.

(Signed) / H de Rochely S. J
Rector of St Joseph's College
Negapatam.

II. I herewith certify that Anthonimuthu who has been employed as teacher in the R. C School Coimbatore for these last 14 months, is a good & honest lad, faithful to his duties and deserving of every encouragement.

(Sd) / A. Rondy M.A
Catholic Priest

Coimbatore
20th April 1877

III. Character given in the Service book by the Deputy Collector Mr J. C. Winscom before he started to Malabar.

"Efficient"

(Sd) / J. C. Winscom
Dy Collector

20 October 1877.

IV. Anthonimuthu Pillay was employed as an acting English clerk in the Collector's office and has

has twice been promoted as a famine clerk on Rs 20. He is a very industrious young man, he has always been doing duty in the Account department, but has assisted the English correspondance department greatly out of office hours. His character is very good.

Coimbatore
11th December 1877.

(Sd.) A. Pinto
Ag Tasildar

V. Endorsement in the original application to the Collector of Coimbatore Dated 16th November 1878.

Submitted for the favorable consideration of the Collector

The Head-accountant states the Petitioner is a very intelligent and useful clerk.

16.11.78.

(Sd.) J. Russel
for Dy Collector

VI I have a very high opinion of Anthonimuthu Pillai. He is very smart, intelligent & hard-working and is one of the ablest accountants in the treasury department. He does his work in a very satisfactory manner and I am confident that he will rise to a high position some of these days.

Coimbatore
9th June 1879.

(Sd.) S. Rangacharry
ag. Dy Collector

VII. My dear Wilson

I hear there are several vacancies in your office so I beg to recommend Anthonimuthu Pillay to your special notice. Though he has been only a short

short time in the Account Department has mastered the whole work of the department and is by far the best hand in the department.

6th March 1880.

Yours Sincerely
(Sd.) P. A. Cole

VIII. Passed the Accounts test in 1880 and was at the head of the list for the whole of Presidency. He has been always spoken of by the Treasury Officers as a first rate Accountant.

15.8.81.

(Sd.) W. Wilson
Collector

IX. Character given by Mr S. Rangachariar B.A. in the Conduct Register kept in the account department Collector's office Coimbatore.

This man has given me complete satisfaction during the 6 months I had the charge of the Treasury. He is very intelligent and active and knows the work of the account Department thoroughly and I have no hesitation in recommending his Confirmation in the post he is now acting in, should an opportunity occur.

1.5.82.

(Sd.) S. Rangacharry
Dy Collector

X. S. Anthonimuthu Pillay, English Head Accountant is really an able man. His knowledge of accounts is capital and his character

exemplary

has twice been promot
emporary. When we pass a [illegible] [illegible] on every
think, he ought to get promotion, which in my opinion he fully deserves. As Head Accountant he has given me entire satisfaction when I was in charge of the treasury for nearly 2 years and I shall be glad to hear of his future success.

(Sd/ S. Rangacharry
Huzur Sheristadar

Coimbatore
8th January 1885

XI. I have much pleasure to record my high opinion of the bearer C. S. Anthonimuthu Pillay Head English Accountant of Coimbatore Collector's office. During the two months I ~~have~~ acted as Treasury Deputy Collector I found him a most useful and energetic ministerial officer. I quite endorse the high opinion expressed by Mr Rangacharlu & others and shall always be happy to hear of his doing well in public service. He knows his business perfectly well and has a tact to work up his subordinates. He will do very well as an English Head Clerk in the Collector's office.

(Sd/ Syed Quadir Pasha
ag Dy Collector

Coimbatore
4th May 1885.

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XII. Mr Anthonimuthu Pillay continues doing good work. I am only sorry that he had no lift since I last saw him. I sincerely hope that he soon gets some promotion.

(Signed / Syed Quadir Pasha
ag Dy Collector

Coimbatore
9th July 1886.

XIII. Anthonimuthu Pillay is a good Head Accountant. He did his work well and satisfactorily

(Signed / M. Suryanarayana Pillai
Dy Collector

20.1.87.

XIV. Coimbatore 30th March 87.

Anthonimuthu Pillai was appointed Head Accountant on my recommendation & jumped from the bottom to the top of the department at one bound. I am glad to say he has fully justified the choice I made, for he has done his work in a first rate manner. He is a very hard working painstaking man and has an extraordinary knowledge of the financial Code. It is owing chiefly to him that the Accountant General has never had occasion to find fault with this treasury. He has served under me for 9 nine years and has never given me cause for dissatisfaction. I hope he will be promoted to a Taluk Tasildarship as soon as he has passed the necessary examination. He is admirably qualified for such a post.

(Signed J. P. A. Cole
Dy Coll

Coimbatore
[illegible]th March 1887.

XV Extract from the Conduct Register maintained in the Account department of the Collector's office at Coimbatore.

Is a thoroughly reliable and efficient Head Accountant and has always given me thorough satisfaction during the two years, I was in charge of the Coimbatore District Treasury. I am only sorry he is stagnating in the account department without any promotion which in my opinion he richly deserves.

(Signed) K. Subbarayadu
Dy Collector

XVI Extract from the Conduct Register maintained in the "Account Department of the Collector's office at Coimbatore.

Has given me complete satisfaction. I am very sorry he has not paſsed the Criminal test. If he paſses he is quite deserving to the posts of Deputy Majestrate & Tasildar. I shall always be happy to hear of his promotion. He is a respectable public servant.

(Sd) H. Subbaraya Iyer
Dy Collector
1.5.94.

XVII

Dear Anthonimuthu Pillay

I am really sorry I have to leave the District without seeing you as a Tasildar in it. I know Mr Sturrock and Mr Broadfoot wished to make you a Deputy Tasildar first to make you qualify for the position of Tasildar; but you have not paſsed your criminal test yet. Please work hard and paſs it this year. Then you may be sure of your advancement to that position.

Hoping to hear always of your promotion and prosperity and with my best wishes.

I am
Yours Sincerely
(Sd.) H. Subbaraya Iyer
2.5.94

XVIII. Mr Anthonimuthu Pillay is an intelligent, able and experienced Head Accountant. I have always found him careful of the interests of Government in checking unneceſsary expenditure and exercising economy. Unfortunately he has not completed the tests for the office of Tasildar. He is however a reliable and deserving official and will make a useful treasurer or English Head Clerk. I shall be happy to hear of his promotion.

P. F. Fernandes
Dy Dy Collector Coimbatore
on leave

Mangalore
19th November 1894.

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Chairman

Enclosure No. III to Coimbatore
Municipal Chairman's letter No. 954
Dated 15th January 1898.

(a) Copy of M.R.Ry. Anthonimuthu Pillay's application.

(b) Copies of do. do. Testimonials.

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The Chairman
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No. 954

Municipal Office,

Coimbatore, 15th January 1898.

FROM

M. R. Ry. H. Rama Row Avergal,
Chairman, Municipal Council,
COIMBATORE.

645 M

To

THE Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department
Through the Revenue Officer of the Division
Coimbatore

Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government No. 2271. M. Mis dated 18th October 1897, I have the honor to submit for approval a copy of the Resolution of the Coimbatore Municipal Council paſsed at the Special meeting held on the 10th Instant.

2. There were 44 applicants for the office of Secretary. Among whom two were Tasildars (one employed in the British and the other in the Zamindary Service) 4 Stationery Sub Magistrates 2. Chairmen Municipal Councils, 4 Collector's office Translators, 3 Accountants 1 Collector's office Head Accountant, 3 managers of Municipal Offices 2. Clerks in the Sanitary Engineer's Office and 23 persons holding different other appointments.

3. At the meeting I pointed out to the Council the undesirability of nominating for the office persons whose nomination had once been vetoed by Government and suggested the names of Sambantham Mudaliyar and Venkatapathy Nayudu be altogether removed from the list of applicants.

4. There was a formal proposition on the lines indicated by me. The Council chose to remove only one name Venkatapathy Nayudu's and resolved to retain the other name - that of Sambantham Mudaliyar.

5. The following eight names were those of persons proposed and seconded for the office of Secretary:-

1. MRRy. C. P. Venkataramana Aiyar avergal B.A
2. " S. Venkata Row avergal B. A
3. " Sambantham Mudaliyar avergal B. A
4. " Anthonimuthu Pillay avergal
5. " Subbaraya Pillay avergal
6 " Siva Subrahmaniya Aiyar avergal
7. " L. S. Subrahmaniya Aiyar avergal M.A & L.T
8. " C. N. Kuppusami Aiyar avergal.

6. In the ballot which took place after the

above

above eight names had been proposed and seconded MRRy Sambantham Mudaliyar Avergal secured the largest number of votes and was declared to be duly nominated for the post of Secretary.

7. Sambantham Mudaliyar is an active young man and possesses high educational qualifications being a graduate of the Madras University. He is the son of the late Muthukrishna Mudaliyar a very popular Tasildar in the District and the popularity of the father is shared to a certain extent by the son too as is evident from the fact he has been returned uncontested to a seat on the Municipal Council in the last election fixed for 27th November 1897. I have known Sambantham Mudaliyar from his boyhood and believe he bears a good character and that several of the members of the Municipal Council repose great confidence in him.

8. Although I am not prepared to deny there were better candidates in the field I beg to suggest the present nominee may be tried

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on probation in the office for a period of one year.

9. Copies of applications and testimonials of Sambantham Mudaliyar and Anthonimuthu Pillay who secured the largest number of votes are herewith forwarded.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,

Chairman

Submitted.

2. The Council held a 3rd special meeting for the 3rd nomination of a secretary on 10th January 1898, and I greatly regret to have to state with a result so unsatisfactory that I must characterise it as perverse.

3. As stated by the Chairman in para 3 of his covering letter he opened the meeting by expressing the opinion that the names of Sambandha Mudaliar and Venkatapathi Naidu should both be removed from the list of applicants, as both had already been nominated by the Council and rejected by Government. As the chairman was not quite prepared to make a formal motion to that effect I did so and Mr. Arokiasawmy Pillai seconded it. Mr. Balakrishnier, the Public Prosecutor, proposed and Mr. Chakrapani

Chetti

Chettiar, another Vakeel, seconded an amendment to the effect that only Mr. Venkatapathi Naidu's name should be removed from the list of applicants and that Mr. Sambandham Mudaliar's should be retained thereon. This amendment was carried. There were thus 43 names left on the list of candidates, of whom only 8 were proposed and seconded. These were then ballotted for with the result that Mr. Sambandham Mudaliar obtained 8 votes, Mr. S. Anthonimuthu Pillai 6 and Messrs Subbaroya Pillai and Siva Subramania Iyer, 1 vote each. Mr. Samandha Mudaliar had therefore to be declared nominated although he had already been once nominated and his nomination rejected by Government in Government Order No. 1681 M. Mis: dated 27-7-97.

4. The Brahmins who had voted for Mr. Samandham Mudaliar knew perfectly well that his nomination would again be rejected by Government, so they proposed that an alternative nomination should be made, but this was negatived by the rest of the Council.

5. With reference to the nomination of Mr. Sambandham Mudaliar I can only refer to my Endorsement Current No. 1647/Rev dated 29-6-1897, submitting the papers about his original nomination, the District Collector's endorsement thereon, and Government Order No. 1681 M. Mis, dated 27-7-1897 disposing thereof and repeat that I consider him in no way fitted for the post. I consider that those papers and the fact that Sambandham Mudaliar is only 28 years of age show conclusively that he is unfitted for it. Paras 3, 4, 7 and 8 of the Chairman's present covering letter show that he is personally of the same opinion, although

e has apparently felt himself so far bound by the majority vote as to recommend that Samandham Mudaliar should be tried on probation for 1 year, even while he admits that there were better and more competent candidates. Lastly the action of the Brahmin members who voted for Mr. Samandham Mudaliar in proposing that there should be an alternative nomination shows clearly that they themselves knew perfectly well that they should not have voted for his renomination. I need hardly state that I am myself absolutely opposed to the appointment of Mr. Samandham Mudaliar at all. I consider that by renominating him the Council has absolutely stultified itself.

6. I therefore recommend that Government should pass orders definitely and specifically rejecting the nomination of

Sambandham Mudaliar, and expressing its disapproval of the perverse spirit animating the Council as evidenced by the conduct of the majority of the members present at the meeting of 10th January 1898, and directing the Council to make a suitable nomination for the post.

Office of the Revenue
Divisional Officer, Head.
Quarters Dn., Coimbatore
25th January 1898

J. J. Wood
26/1/98
Revenue Divisional Officer.

Submitted to Government.
I think the Divisional Officer writes rather too strongly against the nominee, the only objection to him being, apparently, that he has had no experience of the sort of work which will be required of him. Still, in view of the remarks of the Divl. Officer & of my predecessor & in view also of the fact that Government has already intimated an opinion that the nominee should not be appointed, the Council has certainly acted unwisely in re-nominating him & I cannot recommend the acceptance of the nomination. At the same time, it is obviously desirable that the Council & its Secretary should work harmoni

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Submitting to Government letter from the Chairman Municipal Council, Coimbatore, submitting nomination for the office of Secretary to the Municipal Council, and recommending that the Govt. should pass orders rejecting the nomination of Sambandha Mudaliar and directing the Council to make a suitable nomination for the post.

& I fear that this might not be the case if a person to whom a majority of the Councillors is opposed were appointed. If the Govt. see fit to reconsider its previous decision, I would suggest that the appointment should be probationary for a year as proposed by the Chairman.

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