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G.O., No. 670 M

DATED 29-3-98

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Municipal manager - Chidambaram municipali

Stating that the Government has no power to interfere with the decision of the municipal council, Chidambaram, reinstating the offici manager on appeal, that the manager is nt a fit person to be retained in that appointme & that the action of the council was ill advi.

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[L. & M.
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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

Again G.O., No. 373 M, dated 12th February 1898.
Again G.O., No. , dated 189 .
Current No. 820. M of 1898, dated 16th February 1898 from the Collector of S. Arcot
" " 1024. M " 1898, " 12th March 1898, " — do —
" " " 189 , " , "

Misc ORDER. No. 670 M Mis 29/3/98

H.M

The Government has no power to interfere with the decision of the municipal council, reinstating on appeal the office manager. But His Excellency the Governor in Council is constraine to observe that, in his opinion, ~~an incompetent manager, who borrow money from a municipal contrac and whose previous career was b~~ the manager was ~~is~~ not a fit person to be retained that appointment and that the a tion of the municipal council in having reinstated him was ill advised.

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Return after despatch.

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To
The Chairman M. C. Chidambaram
Collector of South Arcot
~~copy~~ 29/3/98

Note. For a precedent please G.O. No. 1076 L dated 26th September
2. It is submitted that collector may be informed

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that if he finds the two councillors, who proposed and seconded the resolution, to be still obstructive, he can recommend the withdrawal of the elective privilege now enjoyed by the municipality, so that these councillors may be removed.

H.T.
15-3-98

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24/3/98

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D O No 73
29/3/98

Local & Municipal Deptt
Fort Saint George
29th March 1898.

My dear Wynch,

The Government cannot interfere in the matter of the reinstatement of its manager by the Chidambaram Municipal Council and orders to this effect will issue today. If, however, you find the elected Councillors, particularly those who proposed and seconded the resolution on this subject, to be still obstructive, you can recommend the withdrawal of the elective privilege now enjoyed by the Municipality so that these Councillors may be got rid of and suitable men may be nominated in their stead.

Yours sincerely,
sd/ H. Tremenheere

Dept 3073/98

Cuddalore
Mar. 9

Dear Tremenheere

Your D.O. of the 3rd. There is no section in the act and nothing in the rules to enable Govt. to require the council to reconsider their resolution as I suggested. But when I send up the resoln. of the

existence of the present Chairman to revise House Tax regs. & Vernon Encroachments will probably be undone by the council on appeal.

Yrs sincerely
H. Wentworth

Chidambaram Mt. Council I had in mind a case which occurred when I was Chairman of the Bezwada Mt. Council. The Council voted a large remission in favor of the Toll Gate Contractor against my advice – I sent the resol^n to Govt. thro the Collr. and

Govt. returned it for reconsideration at a full meeting. This was prior to the amendment of the act. The case is not quite analogous because the allotment to meet the refund required the sanction of Govt.

If Govt. cannot interfere in the present instance, I do not quite see what I as Collr.,

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can do to support the present Chairman and the minority of Councillors in their effort to improve the administration in Chidambaram. In restoring the Manager the Council set at nought the advice of the H.A.C. (an ex officio councillor) and the Collr. and drive the chairman to resign. A strong chairman vice the present man is not attainable. The party led by the two men whom Govt. declined to remove on Stuart recommendation will have things pretty well their own way, and the work done by the Spl. Dy ~~Collr~~ Tahr. whom Govt apptd at the

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Local & Municipal Department

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

FORT ST. GEORGE,

3—3— 1898.

My dear Wynch.

Chidambaram.

Please see the Act and Rules and let me know what authority there is in your opinion for the view that Government may over-ride the Council's decision in appeal.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd) H. Tremenheere.

Given for dispatch 4/3/98
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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 820M

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16 FEB 98

From

The Collector of
South Arcot.

Ref. on Regr. No. 125/Reg **of 1898**

Dated 16th Feby 1898
Received 18-2-98
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Mis. **Order**.

The memorandum promised in para. 15. of the Collector's letter is awaited.

V.R.
3/3/98

SUBJECT.

Setting forth his reasons for wishing Govt. to cancel the Resoln. of the Municipal Council Chidambaram restoring the Manager to his post.

Note.

There is apparently no urgency, at present, in this case. In his endorsement in G.O. No. 373 M. dated 12th Feb. 98. the Collector requested early orders as he intended to visit Chidambaram on or about the 20th February 98.

To The Collector of South Arcot.

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SOUTH ARCOT.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Cuddalore

Ref. on Regr. ~~No.~~ No. 125/Lnf of 1898 DATED 16th February 1898

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FROM

L. M. Wynch Esquire
~~A. E. Castlestuart Stuart, Esq., I.C.S., F.G.S., F.L.S., F.R.G.S.~~
ag COLLECTOR OF SOUTH ARCOT.

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Local & M. L. DEPARTMENT.
MADRAS.

SIR,

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In reply to Government order No 375M Mis: dated 12th Feby 1898, I have the honour to set forth my reasons for wishing Government to take steps to cancel the Resolution of the Municipal Council of Chidambaram restoring the Manager to ~~the~~ his post.

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2. The Head Assistant Collector found that the Manager had received a loan of Rs 145/- from the Municipal Toll gate Contractor for 1896-97. On being informed of this, the Collector Mr. Stuart advised the Chairman to give the manager a month's notice – this was done, the Manager petitioned the

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the Collector and his petition was referred to the Chairman for disposal. The Manager denied having taken the loan from the tollgate Contractor and said he borrowed the money in August 1896 from a friend of his family: the Chairman says in his proceedings* that it was well known that this man was one of the partners in the tollgate contract and that the management of the business connected with the contract was in his hands and further that the loan to the Manager appeared in the accounts relating to the contract.

* dated [illegible] 1897

3. The Tollgate Contractor was in January 1897 granted a remission of Rs1000/- by the Municipal Council. The impropriety of this Resolution was remarked upon by Government in G.O. No. 2085 M. dated 23rd Sept. 97.

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4. It was undoubtedly the Manager's duty to have brought to the notice of the Council that the President of the District Board should have been consulted before such a resolution was passed

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in as much as half the Revenue from the tolls had to be paid over to the District Board and although there is no proof that the Manager's money dealings with the managing partner of the Contract influenced him in neglecting to do so, I think the facts may fairly be taken into consideration in dealing with the question of the Manager's fitness for his post.

5. The Chairman in his proceedings, however, did not make this point but merely remarked that it was objectionable for the Manager to have had money dealings with the Toll Contractor

6. He then reviewed the Manager's past conduct and found that in a letter of January 1882 the then Collector had observed that this Manager's explanation regarding his share of responsibility for the long delay that had occurred in remitting Collections amounting to Rs709 into the Treasury was very unsatisfactory and expressed grave

doubt

doubts whether his services should not be dispensed with.

7. In May 1885 the Manager was fined 8 annas for inattention to orders.

8. In Novr 1891, the then Chairman recorded a memo expressing his conviction, and that of several Councillors, that the Manager was systematically taking illegal gratifications in the discharge of his official duties, that he made use of Municipal servants for his private business, that he failed to bring certain facts to the notice of the Chairman, that certain statements prepared by him were erroneous and that his conduct towards the Chairman was provoking and insolent. The manager was informed that if he did not resign he would be dismissed.

9. In January 1892 he was dismissed accordingly.

10. The Chairman found however that the Council were not likely to support him and rather than have his orders upset on appeal, he cancelled it himself.

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In August 1896 the late Chairman reported against the Manager to the Collector.

11. The present Chairman has found him perfunctory in the discharge of his duties and regardless of admonitions. He also charged him with neglect of duty in connection with levy of taxes especially in not issuing warrants till months after service of notice of demand — with not keeping list of records and failure to maintain proper registers of correspondence, with lack of supervision over the work of the bill collectors, — with permitting or conniving at the levy of illegal exactions by the office peons from cart owners who brought carts to be registered, — with gross neglect of duty if not complicity in the matter of improper remission of House Tax for 1892–93, obtained by the Agent of Dharmapuram Pandhara Sannadi.

12. The Chairman did not record an

an explanation from the Manager on all these ~~point~~ charges; he merely recited them to disprove the Manager's statement in his explanation to the charge of money dealings, that his conduct had been uniformly satisfactory, and then in view of this unsatisfactory record dispensed with his services on account of his money dealings with the toll contractor.

The Collector Mr. Stuart has remarked on these proceedings "I quite agree. It is high time that this man was got rid of by the Municipal Council of Chidambaram".

13. It appears from the Head Assistant Collector's endorsement on the papers already forwarded to Government, that these views were urged upon the Council in vain. The result is that the Manager who was dismissed by the Chairman with the entire approval of the Collector and the Divisional officer is to be reinstated and will, as the Head Assistant Collector pointed out, become master of the situation. He numbers

numbers amongst his supporters two Councillors whose total unfitness for their position was strongly urged upon Government by the Collector in his letter 2. Ref on $\frac{560 + 952 \text{ Ly}}{1 \text{ Nov: } 97}$. With the influence of these persons predominant in the Council, the Chairman who has been doing his best to introduce reforms, is driven to tender his resignation.

G.O. $\frac{182 \text{ M}}{25\text{-}1\text{-}98}$

14. As already remarked, the Head Assistant Collector finds himself totally at a loss to recommend any Councillor to whom he could delegate his powers with any confidence that Municipal affairs would not be mismanaged. While the good that might have resulted from the appointment of a special officer to revise the House Tax Registers and take steps for removal of encroachments seems likely to be very much discounted.

15. On receipt of the Government Order under reply I called upon the Head Assistant Collector to send me a memorandum

-randum reciting in full his reasons for stating that the Manager is quite unfit for his post and the memo will be forwarded to Government as soon as received.

16. Meanwhile I respectfully beg to submit that even if the misconduct alleged against the Manager be not considered grave enough of itself to merit dismissal, still the Chairman's orders should be upheld in order that his influence may be maintained & that the Council may not be abandoned to the control of men whose removal from the Council was so recently recommended.

17. The alternative of leaving the Council to be guided by them would, in the opinion of the Head Assistant Collector who has had upwards of two years' experience of Municipal affairs in Chidambaram, lead to such a state of affairs as would compel Government to interfere.

18. I therefore strongly recommend the interference of Government now.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Most obedt Servant

Ag Collector

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Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1024 M

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
14 MAR -1898
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

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From

The Collector of
South Arcot

Refer No. $\frac{125}{Eng}$ '98

Dated 12th March 1898
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SUBJECT.

Submitting further report about the manager of the Chidambaram Muni-cipality.

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SOUTH ARCOT. Confidential HEAD ASSISTANT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
South Arcot District.

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No.

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FROM

S. W. G. J. Mac Iver Esquire

Ag. HEAD ASSISTANT COLLECTOR OF SOUTH ARCOT.

To

The Collector of South Arcot.

SIR,

ENCLOSURE :

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the Chidambaram Municipal Chairman's Proceedings dated 11th October 1897 in which he removed his office manager from service together with enclosures A to J. These papers show conclusively, in my opinion, that the manager's work has long been inefficient and that he would not have been allowed to remain in service to the detriment of Municipal affairs but for support improperly given him by his friends on the Council.

2. Enclosure F shows that as long ago as in 1882 Mr. Cruickshank, the then Collector and President of the Municipalities, felt "grave doubts whether his (the manager's) services should not also be dispensed with" and warned him that he was responsible for the proper working of the whole office. Paper G shows that in 1891 the then Chairman recorded that he himself and several other Councillors were convinced that the manager was systematically taking illegal gratifications and for this and other faults gave him notice that he would be dismissed if he did not resign. This was followed by the order of dismissal (H) from the wording of which it appears that the manager had disobeyed the Chairman's orders. Then on the very next day is ~~the~~ letter (I) in which the —

Chairman reinstates the manager without giving any reasons for his action. The expla nation is however found in (J) a letter from the then Chairma to the present Chairman from which it appears that the form was forced to cancel his order by the attitude of certain Counci

K is a report the meaning of which is not clear, but it sho that the then Chairman, not the one who had dismissed the — manager, reported in 1896 unfavourably of the latter's conduct to the Collector. Papers P & Q show that in 1895 a bill-collector wa dismissed for dishonest conduct in connection with certain improperly admitted appeals. The resolution of the Council exonerate the manager but as remarked by Mr. Cruickshank, the manager "is responsible for the working of the whole office" and the fraud could not have been committed without the negligence or complicity of the Manager. Paper J shows the opinion of the then Collector (Mr. A. E. C. Stuart) on the conduct of the Council in restoring another servant who had been got rid of by the Council. Paper L contains extracts from ~~G.O.s~~ Government orders reviewing the work of the Municipality from 1889-90 to 1896-97. It will be seen that Government repeatedly complained of the non-collection of arrears and from the statement M prepared by the present Chairman it will be seen that there are at present arrears dating from 1892-93.

3. The existence of these arrears and the occurrence of such frauds as those referred to in F, P, + Q, and the acceptance of unauthorised payments by peons mentioned in the Chairman's proceedings (O)

are together proof enough of the long mismanagement of the Municipal office, if any proof is wanting; but I think the condition of the Municipality is well known both to you and to Government.

The Chairman also complains of the state of confusion of municipal records and registers and the insubordinate attitude of his subordinates.

4. The Municipal Chairman has often been an official as the Civil Apothecary or a busy Vakil with no experience of municipal work and it follows that the responsibility for the prompt collection of demands and proper working of the routine of the office must rest largely with the manager but the present incumbent after a sufficiently long trial has shown that he is unwilling or unable to carry out these duties efficiently and there is

little hope of improvement so long as he remains in office.

5. The manager has sent up Certificates from Messrs Vellores and Sambasami Iyer late Chairmen and from Mr. Varada Iyengar, a late Vice-President. As to the remarks in these certificates that he did his work well, the present state of the office and the Government reviews referred to above show that these remarks are the reverse of correct and they can only be explained as being due to personal friendship. On the other hand, Messrs Appaswamy Iyer, G. Ramaswami Iyer, Mr. C. Ramaswami Iyer and the present Chairman have all shown that they were dissatisfied with him. The first dismissed him, the second reported against him to the Collector and Mr. C. Ramaswami Iyer issued, on my recommendation, notice B dispensing with his services. So much for the manager's general conduct.

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In conclusion I have to add
that Chedambaram is a compara-
[illegible] very small Municipality and
[illegible] not contain many persons
[illegible] good means and independent
character; but the most influential
people are second grade pleaders
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[illegible] who live by their wits and
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[illegible] for which the town is
[illegible]ous. This renders the
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[illegible] difficult and accordingly
[illegible] present Chairman, be-
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[illegible] municipal business is
[illegible]ried out impartially without
[illegible] or favour, has been attacked
[illegible] scurrilous petitions and
[illegible] does not
[illegible] his clerks [illegible]

grounds.

8. If the Manager cannot be removed perhaps some other Municipality may have a Manager whose transfer is desirable for similar reasons and an exchange might be arranged.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient
servant

Wallace
12/3/98
Ag. Hd Asst Collector

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From

The H^d. Asst Collector
of South Arcot

To

The Collector of
S. Arcot.

Dated 10
Despatched 11 } March 1898
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No. 6/98 (Confidential

Reporting on the antecedents of the Municipal Manager, Chedambaram and submitting certain papers concerning him.

Submitted to Gov^t., with the confidential Report, referred to in para 6, with reference to para 15 of my letter No Rf. 125/Sug/98 dated 16-2-98-

The main features of the report have already been noticed in my letter just quoted.

L. Wynch
HACollr

12. 3. 98.

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From

The Head Assistant Collector
South Arcot

To

The Chairman
Chidambaram
Municipal Council

Dated
Desped. } August 1897.

No. 6/confl.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have found that the manager of your office received a loan of Rs 145 from the last year's toll Contractor Abharanam Pillai that the Councillor M. R. Ry Varahacharar also received a loan of Rs 125 and that the Councillor M. R. Ry Srinivasa Iyer's brother gave a loan which was returned to him with interest in all amounting to Rs 360. This last sum was given by Kalyanarama Iyer, the councillor's brother who is presumably a man of small because as he was lately a copyist in the Sub magistrate's office until his services were dispensed with and in as much as Abbaranam Pillai's Gumastah has ignored his name altogether and entered "Srinivasa Iyer's brother" as the person to whom the loan was repaid. I think it may be fairly assumed that the actual lender was Srinivasa Iyer, the Councillor.

It is unnecessary to point out how very objectionable it is for Councillors and their servants to be interested in the affairs of Municipal contractors in this manner and I accordingly recommended to the Collector that the two Councillors named above should be asked to show cause why their conduct should not be reported to Government and also recommended that the Municipal Chairman should be directed to deal suitably with the conduct of his manager.

The Collector now directs me to call upon the two Councillors to offer any explanation which they may have to offer and remarks that in his opinion, the manager should be informed that his services will be no longer required after one month. I request therefore that you will be so good as to ask the two Councillors whether they have any explanation to offer and to give the necessary notice to the Manager.

I request that you will kindly let me know what action you have taken in this matter and will send up the explanations for transmission to the Collector within one week after receipt of this letter.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
(Signed) J. Mac Iver
29. 8. 97
Ag Hd Asstt Collector.

(True copy)

M Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman.

Notice

B/

To

The manager municipal office
Chidambaram

As requested by the Head Assistant Collector in his letter No $\frac{6}{\text{confl}}$ dated august 97 I hereby give you notice that your services will be no longer required after one month from this date, as it is found that you received a loan of Rs 145 from the last year's toll contractor Abaraman Pillay.

4. 9. 97

(Signed) M. C. Ramaswamy Aiyer
Delegate Chairman

(True copy)

Ramaswamy
Chairman

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TO

A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART ESQUIRE, I. C. S.,
COLLECTOR, SOUTH ARCOT.

MOST RESPECTED SIR,

The humble petition presented by S. Rajagopala Aiyengar, Municipal Manager, Chidambaram Municipality.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

In obedience to an order passed by your honor, the Chairman, Municipal Council, Chidambaram, has given me a notice dated 4th September 1897, informing me that my services will not be required after a month from the date of notice, for the reason that I in my capacity as the Manager of the Chidambaram Municipality received a loan of Rs. 145 from the last year's toll contractor Abaranam Pillai and as such interested myself in the toll contract.

2. As the notice appears to have been issued in obedience to your honor's order, I most humbly beg to state my case and offer my explanations to your honor.

3. Before giving me any such notice, I was not afforded any opportunity to meet the allegations that seem to have led to the issuing of notice. Had I been given an opportunity, I would have at once in a very convincing and satisfactory manner traversed the points urged against me and completely dissipated any misconception that a consideration of the facts, without hearing me, seemed to have given rise to. 2

4. I beg to take this opportunity of offering a few explanations regarding the charge against me. It is not true that I borrowed any amount from Abaranam Pillai and I say it upon my honor that I had nothing to do with him and the allegation has no foundation whatsoever.

5. I beg to submit that I got a loan of Rs. 145 in August 1896 from Mr. Syed Inayathulla Saib, a very respectable gentleman residing in Chidambaram. He is a gentleman who pays to Government a magnificent sum of Rs. 3000 for kist. He owns considerable landed property in Chidambaram and is a gentleman of immaculate character. His evidence will throw a flood of light upon the real state of affairs and tend to explain away any mistake. He is living opposite to my house and has been known to me for a long time. Our friendship dates from three generations. For three generations, the relation between my family and his family has been one of friendship and cordiality.

A sub-contractor I believe of the municipality
AES

6. As I stood in need of money in August 1896, I contracted, as usual, a *hand loan* from the said Mohamedan gentleman which I had repaid. I am prepared to substantiate these statements to your honor's entire satisfaction.

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7. In fact I stand to-day condemned without being heard. I was not called upon to give any explanation. The whole thing was heard *ex parte* to my prejudice. I most humbly request that an opportunity may be given me of meeting the allegations before the notice is actually and finally given effect to.

The facts were patent
AES

8, I have been Manager of this Municipality these 19 years and 5 months and have conducted myself without any stain or reproach and to the best satisfaction of my official superiors. That I have been discharging my duties during this pretty long period, honestly, fearlessly and faithfully will be fully borne out by the credentials, a copy where of is subjoined. I need hardly add that an order of the kind issued will at this stage of my life, seriously prejudice me and my large family and leave me adrift.

9. I have discharged my duties for many years in a quiet and satisfactory manner and will strive to do the same for may years more, if your honour is pleased to retain me.

10. It is very hard to do away with my services at this juncture for faults which I am not guilty of and to disprove which, I have not been given the slightest opportunity.

11. I crave your honour's kind permission to give me an opportunity of satisfactorily refuting the allegations against me and of proving my innocence.

I therefore most humbly request that your honour will be pleased to give me an opportunity of meeting the charge, to examine my witnesses and to keep the notice in abeyance until the matter is disposed of.

For which act of kindness and charity I as in duty bound shall EVER PRAY.

S. Rajagopaula aiyengar

R. Srinivasa Aiyengar
Pleader
29. IX. 97

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1. Rajagopalaiyengar manager, Chidambaram Municipality has given me much satisfaction in the discharge of his duties during the time I was vice president. He is a quiet and intelligent officer I believe him also honest.

June 1879.

(Signed) S. Vencatasoobiah
~~Do councillor~~
Dy collector

2. S. Rajagopalaiyengar was one of my Assts in the Pachappa's Branch School Chidambaram for nearly four years and proved himself a very excellent teacher. He was made the manager of the Local Municipality in 1878 and in this capacity, he has been discharging his duties very satisfactorily. He is a very active and hardworking servant and I believe him to be thoroughly upright.

Chidambaram }
10 – 6 – 79 }

(Sd) S. Krishnama Charriar
Head master Patchappa's
Branch School.
Municipal Commissioner
Chidambaram

This is to certify that S. Rajagopalaiyengar manager, Chidambaram Municipality & also the Inspecting School master, Chidambaram Municipality has been known to me for the last 2 years and a half. I have had every

month to avail myself of his services while
inspecting Results Schools for grant,
and I feel great pleasure to state that
he has been willing and trustworthy.
He is quite competent to discharge the
duties of his educational work.

(Sd) P. Venkatasawmi Pillai B.A.
Chidambaram } Ag. Dy. Inspector of Schools
9th January 1885 } Vrudhachellam.

7 I have known C. Rajagopalaiyengar
manager, Municipal office, Chidambaram
for the last 2 years. He possesses fair abilities
and so far as I have been able to judge
he acquits himself very creditably in the
discharge of his duties. Considering that
in addition to his own duties, he has been
entrusted with the work of Inspecting
Schoolmaster for the Town (which by the way
he is thoroughly competent to do) it is only fair
that his claims for increase of pay should
be taken into favorable consideration by the
commissioners when their funds permit.

(Sd) S. G. Rungachari
Chidambaram } Sub Registrar & municipal
30th January 1895 } Commissioner

8 I have known the bearer, T. Rajagopala
Iyengar, for two years. He is the present manager
of the Local municipal office. I have no
hesitation in pronouncing him a very
intelligent

intelligent, laborious, and upright young
man. His knowledge of English has struck
me as remarkably good: I am sure he
will be found a very useful and willing
assistant in any sphere of life he may
take to:.

(Signed) J. Drury
Chidambaram Ag Head master of P.K.
Patchappah's High school and a member of the Local
Municipal Board.
25th February 1885.

9 I have much pleasure in certifying to the
good service rendered to me by Mr. manager
T. Rajagopal Iyengar during my five years'
tenure of office as Chairman of the
Chidambaram Municipality. I found him
capable and efficient, and up to his
work which he has been discharging
correctly. He is deserving of some promotion
and encouragement.

(Sd) J. A. W. deMonis.
Chidambaram } ~~Civil~~ Civil apothecary
13th March 1890 } Municipal councillor
Chidambaram

11 This is to certify that the bearer T.
Rajagopalaiyengar has served under me
for more than a year and a half as
manager Chidambaram municipal office
and given me satisfaction in the discharge
of his duties. He is a fair English scholar
writes a good hand and has put in more than

15 years service and he knows municipal work well.

5-3-95

(Sd) M. Sambasivayyar
late Chairman
Chidambaram Municipality

(True copies)

Rajagopalaiyangar

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15 years service and he knows

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INDIA COURT FEE
½ R.
EIGHT ANNAS

VAKALATNAMAH.

[illegible] டிஸ்டிரிக்டு கோர்ட்டு வக்கீல் R. சீனிவாஸ அய்யங்காரவர்களுக்கு

கூடலூர் டிஸ்டிரிக்ட் [illegible] கோர்ட்டு 1897ளு [illegible] நெ. ல்

வாதி ~~பிரதிவாதி~~

[illegible]

[illegible] கொடுத்த வக்காலத்து.

ஷை கேஸிலே எ [illegible] க்காக தாங்கள் ஆஜிராய் [illegible] முதலானது கொடுத்து கேசை நடத்தி தீர்ப்புபெறவும், வேண்டிய தஸ்தாவேசுகளையும், தொகைகளையும் தாக்கல்செய்யவும், வாப்சுபெறவும் வேண்டிய தஸ்தாவேசுகளுக்கு நகல்கள் வாங்கவும், ஒரு தலை தீர்ப்பை மாற்ற மனு கொடுக்கவும், வித்டிரு செய்ய மனுகொடுக்கவும் தீர்ப்பை நிறைவேற்றவும், தொகை வசூல்செய்து கொடுக்கவும், சீபண்டுபெறவும், ராஜியாகும் பக்ஷத்தில் எ [illegible] க்காக தாங்கள் ராஜி னாமாவில் கையெழுத்துப்போட்டு அதின் பிரகாரம் தீர்ப்புபெறவும், அவசியமானால் ரிவ்யூமனு முதலானது கொடுக்கவும், தங்களுக்கு அசந்தர்ப்பப்பட்டபோது வேறே வக்கீலைக்கொண்டு கேசை நடத்தும்படி செய்யவும், ஷை கேசில் எ [illegible] க்காகத்தாங்கள் நடத்தும் சகல நடவடிக்கைகளையும் நா [illegible] சுவயமாய் நடத்தியதாக ஒப்புக்கொண்டு எழுதிக்கொடுத்த வக்காலத்து.

1897ளு [illegible] 29உ

Rajagopala aiyangar

[illegible]

இதில்கண்ட பார்ட்டியும் சாக்ஷிகளும் என்முன்பாக கையொப்பம் வைத்தார்கள்.

1897ளு செப்டம்பர் 29உ

கிராமமுனிசீப் [illegible]

No. C 51

HEAD ... COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
1 OCT 1897
SOUTH ARCOT

Forwarded to the Chairman, Municipal Council Chidambaram (through the Hd. Asst. Colr.) for disposal.

2. If the petitioner was not heard before he was served with a notice, he might be heard; but he admits borrowing money from a person who is, I believe, a sub-contractor of the Municipal Council & as regards his alleged generally satisfactory conduct, the records of the Municipal Office will, it is believed, afford ample disproof.

Collr.
29-9-97

DESPATCHED
30 SEP. 97

I know as a matter of fact that Syed Inayathulla sahib ~~is a~~ was the managing partner of the toll contract firm of the last year i.e. of 96-97.

councillor 2-10-97

Vakalat accepted.

R. Srinivasa ...
Pleader
29. ix. 97

Curr 790 / Col 97

Forwarded to the Chairman:
~~The fact ... [illegible]~~
The facts being beyond dispute it is not clear what ~~[illegible]~~ grievance the petitioner can have. The fact of his borrowing Rs 145 – as usual is ~~[illegible]~~ not in his favour.

A. J. H. ...
1.10.97

DESPATCHED
4 OCT. 97

No 56 52

Memo

With reference to the petition presented by him to the Collector of the District on the 29th ultimo the manager Municipal office Chidambaram is hereby informed that if he has anything to say in the matter beyond what has been stated in the above petition he should furnish the undersigned before 6 P. M. this day with a written statement giving such further explanation.

(Initialed) M. R.
6-10-97. 9 a. m.

(True copy)

Chairman

ie of 97-97.

Mr ...
Councillor 8 10 97

usual ...

his favour

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4 OCT 97

A.H. ...
1.10.97

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6 WE
MR

54 Chidambaram
6th october 97

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To

The Chairman
Municipal council
Chidambaram

Respected sir

With reference to your memo No $\frac{5-6}{6-10-97}$, I respectfully beg to submit that I have nothing more to add than what is stated in my petition to the collector and I request you to take a statement from me and examine my witnesses.

I beg to remain
Respected sir
your most obedient servant
S. Rajagopaulaiyan
...man

Municipal President's office
Cuddalore
19th January 188

No. 7

From
A. Cruickshank Esquire
President of the Municipal
of South Arcot

To
The Vice-President of
the Chidambaram Municipal

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 5th Instant No 145, submitting the explanation of the manager as to how he failed to discover the irregularity brought to not in your letter of the 14th ultimo No 126, I have the honour to observe that the excus given by the manager is very unsatisfactory, to say the least in fact I entertain grave doubts whether his services should not also be dispensed with, for, although under the resolution of the ~~committee~~ Commissioners referr to, the direct charge of the cash and account work was transferred to the Head clerk, it should not have been looked upon as relieving the manager altogether from the responsibility of supervising the work of the Head cle and reporting irregularities whenever they occurred. The form of remittance

Committee 8-10-97
4 OCT 97
1.10.97

book prescribed in my docket No 220 dated 20th December last provides for the manager and Head clerk initialling in it and the former should be warned that he is responsible for the proper working of the whole office. The very title given him implies that he is so.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
(Signed) A Cruickshank
President

(True copy)
V Ramaswami
Chairman

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Memorandum
No 177.

1. The municipal manager Rajagopala Iyengar
now on leave was suspected by Mr Cruickshank
the Collector of this District and President of
this municipality of having had a hand
the defalcation of the municipal money to
the extent of Rs 700 and odd committed by on
Balu Iyer a clerk of this office who was sinc
dismissed from service.

2. It is to my conviction and to the conviction
of several councillors of this municipality
that the said manager was systematically
taking illegal gratifications in the dischar
of his official duties as manager and he w
also making use of the municipal servants
for his private business long and continuou

3. The said manager did not bring to the no
of the Council or to mine the fact that the
midwife attached to the local Hospital wa
to be paid on the results of her work from
the beginning of this year.

4. The several statements that the manag
prepared and sent along with the annual rep
of 1890-91 were found to be erroneous by the
Collector of this District and the manager
has not convinced me as to their correctne
or otherwise although the manager was
asked to explain himself.

5. The said manager failed to bring to m
notice that the Chemical Examiner wante
samples of water to be sent to him in June
for analysing for the purpose of proposi
a scheme for the water-supply to this tow

6. The said manager's conduct is very provoking and insolent towards me and some of the Councillors.

For these reasons, I give him the manager notice that unless he quits service under me shortly I have to be put to the necessity of dismissing him from the municipal manager's place.

(Snd), G. A.

27-11-91. Chairman

(True copy)

N Ramaswami

Chairman

Memorandum No 194.

In continuation of my memorandum No 177 dated 27th November last, I hereby dismiss from this date S. Rajagopala Iyengar the present municipal manager from his post as manager of Chidambaram Municipality for reasons stated in the said memorandum and for the following reasons also.

1. The manager has not answered the remarks made by the auditor, though he had been requested by me through my memorandum No 193 dated 21st ultimo to answer the same in two days. He was not inclined to answer them though I asked him personally two or three days back in the office.

2. I understand that the manager took leave lately simply with a view to see if the office gets into confusion and not for any urgent necessity of his own. On that account I was obliged to work very often as a clerk to the detriment of my valuable private business.

3. While beginning to avail of the leave lately granted him, he the manager, delivered over charge to the office clerk Rangaswami Iyengar with no permission of mine which ought to have been taken. This precluded me from getting various informations about the office which I was obliged to gather with great pains from the records in the office.

4. The said manager, a man of thirteen years' experience as manager, though I asked him to prepare the budget of this municipality for the year 1892-93, did not choose to prepare it. The business required some experience and I had to undertake it with no experience of it before this occasion.

(Snd), G. A.

15-1-92 Chairman

(True copy)

N Ramaswami

Chairman

No 1082/21-97

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No 199.

To

S. Rajagopalaiyengar
Manager
Municipal office
Chidambaram.

I hereby cancel the order of dismissal I sent to you yesterday and direct that you assume charg of your duties to-morrow

16-1-92
Chidambaram

(Sd) G. A.
Chairman
Municipal Coun

(True copy)

M Ramaswami
Chairman.

My dear Friend — J

Please let me know demi-officially the circumstances under which you had to cancel on 6th January 1892, the order which you passed on the 15th Decr — dismissing the manager of the Municipal office — As the order of cancellation contains no reason whatever for your doing so, I wish to know the same

9/1/92

Yours truly
M Ramaswamy

~~Dear Sir~~

As the attitude of the then council was for restoring him the manager, on appeal, and as some of the leading Councillors expressed to me their determination so to do, I did not think it worth while persisting & so I cancelled the first order of dismissal

[illegible]
Sir
yours sincerely

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My dear friend

Please let me know clearly the circumstances under which you had to cancel on 16th January 1892 the order which you passed on the 15th Dec. [illegible] dispensing the [illegible] services of the [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] wish to know [illegible]

In the interest of the [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] the Tramways, especially [illegible] of the [illegible] expected [illegible] so [illegible] [illegible] called the [illegible]

I shall not lay before you the [illegible]

I have yet to [illegible]

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J

Mr. R.R.
G. Appasamy Iyer Avl.,
Pleader, &c. &c.
Chidambaram

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No 269.

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To

The Collector of
South Arcot.

Sir,

Being tired of serving as this office manag memorandum in many things which he might omit to do, and having given him as many kind instructions as possible for his showing more industry zeal and willingness in carrying out the routine of office work, I have the honor to submit this report with a view of impressing upon his mind the necessity for shaking off his inactivity and for being more attentive to what is expected of him. As I wish that he should improve by the opportunity now given him, I shall not lay before you the instances which I have got to enumerate and I shall give him a week's time to mend all past omissions. I shall lay before you about half a dozen cases that may come to my notice after the expiration of the said one week with a view to show that such omissions are the chief, if not the only, causes of faction of municipal administration, and then adopt measures for improving matters more effectually.

I am &c

31. 8. 96. (Sd) G. R.
Chairman

(True copy)

M Ramaswami Ay.
Chairman

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Extracts from the G. Os reviewing the Annual reports of the Chidambaram Municipality

Review of the Adminis-tration report for 1889–90

Para 10 – General remarks – The accompanying statements have not been prepared with care as will be seen from the numerous errors, omissions, and discrepancies pointed out in a separate memo-randum.

Do of the report for 1890–91 –

Para 3(2) The arrear collections were poor under all the principal items of taxation. The amounts outstanding are not large, but it is observed that some of them date from so far back as 1884–85. Very early steps should be taken to remove these from the accounts. The amount to be realized under these taxes being com-paratively small, there should be no difficulty in collecting it in full every year, if the necessary action were taken in all cases with sufficient promptitude.

Do of the report for 1891–92

Para 3(2) The current collections of the tax on arts were 72, those of the house tax 78.7 and those of the land tax 3.7 per cent, against 91.3, 90.1, and 92.3 per cent, respectively in the previous year. No attempt has been made to explain this most discreditable state of things, but it is observed that during the year only 8 warrants were issued for the recovery of house and land taxes – a fact which sufficiently shows that neither Chairman nor Council can have paid any attention to the realization of municipal revenues. The arrear collections (those of the Arts tax in particular) were poor and the outstandings of 1884-85 (noticed in the last review) have not yet been adjusted. The Chairman will be requested to report without delay why collection has been so neglected.

Review of the report for 1892-93

Para 3(2). The balances outstanding under these heads, which date as far back as 1889-90, should be speedily adjusted. The particular attention of the Chairman is called to this matter.

Do. of the report for 1893-94—

Para 3(2) Some of the outstandings, moreover, date from as far back as 1890-91. The Council should therefore at once take decided steps to clear off the arrears under all the municipal taxes without delay. The appendix to Statements III-A and B shows clearly that the present defects are due to insufficient resort to coercion and want of promptitude in the execution of warrants.

Do of the report for 94-95 —

Para 3(2). It is also observed that, although there were considerable arrears which might have been at once collected, the number of warrants issued fell off largely. No explanation ~~[illegible]~~ whatever has been offered for the indifferent collections under land-tax. The arrear realizations were generally fair, but a sum of Rs 199 under the tax on Arts and professions was written off the books as irrecoverable. Had the Council been more prompt in realizing its dues in former years, this loss of revenue might probably have been avoided. There were still outstandings dating as far back as 1890-91. The Council must at once take energetic action to bring this part of its work into better order.

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Review of the report for 95-96

Para 3. (2). It is, however, observed that a large portion of the outstandings has been collected since the close of the year, but the Council should not rest satisfied until all the arrears, some of which still date back to the year 1892-93, have been fully adjusted.

Do. of the report for 1896-97—

Para 3. (2). The Government notes with grave dissatisfaction that its instructions in paragraph 3.(2) of the previous year's review regarding the adjustment of arrears dating back to the year 1892-93 have not been attended to.

(True extract)

M. Ramaswam[illegible]

Chairman.

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Statement of old arrears outstanding on 21st February 1898.

Year	Amount outstanding on 1st April 1897			Amount since collected			Amount since written off			Total of columns 3 & 4			Balance			Remarks.
1	2			3			4			5			6			7.
				House tax.												M
1893-94	3	1	11	1	6	6	.	.	.	1	6	6	1	11	5	
1894-95	3	1	9	1	6	6	.	.	.	1	6	6	1	11	3	
1895-96	.	4	6				.	.	.	.	.		.	4	6	
1896-97	291	8	10	279	6	11	1	8	1	280	15	.	10	9	10	
Total.	298	1	.	282	3	11	1	8	1	283	12	.	14	5	.	
				Land tax (including vacant site tax)												
1892-93	2	10	2	1	14	.	.	12	2	2	10	2	.	.	.	
1893-94	3	7	8	2	9	11	.	13	9	3	7	8	.	.	.	
1894-95	4	7	3	.	.	.	3	13	3	3	13	3	.	10	.	
1895-96	5	3	5	.	12	2	3	13	3	4	9	5	.	10	.	
1896-97	63	10	1	58	2	3	3	13	3	61	15	6	1	10	7	
vacant site tax																
1894-95	1	8	8	.	.	.	1	4	.	1	4	.	.	4	8	
1895-96	1	4	.	.	.	.	1	4	.	1	4	.	.	.	.	
1896-97	38	9	6	38	5	7	.	3	11	38	9	6	.	.	.	
Total.	120	12	9	101	11	11	15	13	7	117	9	6	3.	3	3	
				Profession tax.												
1892-93	12	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12	8	.	
1893-94	8	8	.	1	.	.	3	.	.	4	.	.	4	8	.	
1894-95	112	.	.	4	.	.	25	.	.	29	.	.	83	.	.	
1895-96	42	.	.	28	8	.	4	8	.	33	.	.	9	.	.	
1896-97.	273	8	.	205	.	.	44	.	.	249	.	.	24	8	.	
Total.	448	8	.	238	8	.	76	8	.	315	.	.	133	8	.	
Grand total	867	5	9	622	7	10	93	13	8	716	5	6	151	.	3	

M Ramaswami

Chairman

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1661. 1666. 1675. 1719

[illegible]

26-11-96. [illegible]

registered, have plainly stated before me in the presence of the office peon that they paid 6 pie for each cart to the peon who numbered it. Some state that they paid the 6 pie to peon Thiagalingam Pillai; while others say that they paid it to peons [illegible] for the cart [illegible]

3. Thiagalingam has admitted the truth of the statement of the cartmen in all the cases and states that it had been customary to receive the 6 pie usually given by them to the peon numbering the carts. He says

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[illegible]
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[illegible]

26-11-96.

These petitions appear to have
been ~~[illegible]~~ for ~~[illegible]~~ some
~~time~~ past. The present clerk
has not been entrusted
with them by his pre-
decessor. It is a
serious mistake that ~~[illegible]~~
these petitions were
allowed to be over-
looked for such long ~~[illegible]~~

Rungas and Mr
Iyengar was in charge
~~[illegible]~~ his petition
of the [illegible] taken ~~[illegible]~~ petitions
~~[illegible]~~ put in [illegible]
~~[illegible]~~ position to
be [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ found
~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]
He is given ~~[illegible]~~ a week's
time to find them.
26-11-96

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

This being the [illegible] of the [illegible]

[illegible] of the Cartmen [illegible] on the [illegible]

[illegible]

registered [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I learnt that [illegible]

[illegible] gave back after getting

[illegible]

[illegible]

that [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] convinced me that [illegible]

2. [illegible]
to [illegible] getting their carts
registered, have plainly stated before me
in the presence of the [illegible] peon that they
paid [illegible] for each cart to the peon who
numbered it. Some state that they paid the
[illegible] to peon [illegible] Pillai [illegible]
others say that they paid it to peon
[illegible]

3. [illegible] has admitted the [illegible] of the
statement of the cartmen in [illegible] the [illegible]
and states that it had [illegible]
to receive the [illegible] usually given by them
to the peon numbering the cart. He says

that his collections amounted only to Rs [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the remainder 6 annas [illegible] which he had kept [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in a few cases; showing that the [illegible] only 3 annas, that he had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] collected [illegible] annas [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Statement, convinced me that besides [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

5. It was found in the course of the enquiry that [illegible] Ratnam [illegible] [illegible] a Voluntary Peon in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the Municipal office and filled up the [illegible] [illegible] of the application forms for the cartmen and took [illegible] [illegible] from each cartman. It came to my notice that Ratnam had a number of blank printed forms of application in his possession and that he made therein the necessary entries and gave them to

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] clerk in charge of the blank printed forms, says that he did not give the forms to Ratnam. The [illegible] inference therefore is that Ratnam must have got them through his brother [illegible] [illegible] the office peon.

6. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the table of the clerk doing [illegible] work Rs 3 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. When questioned why he [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] he answered that it was [illegible] to be given to the peon [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

7. I understand that the cartmen pay the half anna to the peons in order that they might not unnecessarily detain [illegible]. It is highly desirable that this malpractice of making unauthorized collections should be put a stop to, and in my opinion it can be effected only by taking due notice of the conduct of the peons.

I have observed that the conduct of both the peons was not at all satisfactory since I assumed charge of this office. I had to warn them very often and [illegible] to fine them. I learn that their antecedents [illegible] [illegible]. On [illegible] my perusal of the [illegible] papers [illegible] their conduct I resolve to place them under suspension.

9. One of the cartmen present, stated that he paid 1 pie to bill collector —

Mr. Venkatramaiyer for filling up his application forms. On questioning Venkatramaiyer about it, he replied in the most unbecoming manner, that he was not willing to answer my question. I called on the Venkatramaiyer to produce before me the application forms prepared by the bill collector. The forms were produced; I then questioned Venkatramaiyer about them. He admitted having prepared them in the office and added that he might have prepared some of them in his house. He further stated that he took half anna or quarter anna from some of the cartmen for preparing them and that he received no payment from some cartmen. When requested to sign his statement he refused to do so, saying that he is not willing to sign it in the absence of any written complaint against him. He had grossly neglected the work for doing which he is paid by the municipality and has utilized a portion of the time which ought to be devoted to his legitimate work towards obtaining remuneration by undertaking the work of a petition writer. This man's conduct will be taken into consideration with several other faults committed by him in his capacity as bill collector.

(Signed) M. Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman (Delegate)
7-4-97

(True Copy)

M. Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman

Srds.

Street	Door No.	Owner	Assessment for 91-92.			En... assessment 92	...sement ...ision ...cillors	Final Order.
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	6		1	12	10	1	Do.	Reduced to 0-14-6
[illegible]	6		11	4	·	11	[illegible]	Reduced to 3-9-7
	7		1	2	·	1	[illegible]	Reduced to 0-9-0
	8		Remitted on appeal			1	[illegible]	Remitted

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ing made into the matter.

M. Ramaswami Iyer
Municipal Councillor
8-12-1894

M Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman.

Statement of a case of fraud found in the Municipal office Records.

Street	Door No.	Owner	Assessment for 91-92.			Original assessment for 92-93			Date of Service notice	On whom Served	By whom appeal was presented at the first instance for 92-93	Date of presentation of appeal	Order passed & date of order	By whom appeal was presented Subsequently	Date of presentation of the appeal	Endorsement made by chairman	Endorsement of Division Councillors	Final Order.	
1	2	3	4			5			6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
[illegible]	5	[illegible]	7	3	2	16	14	.	26-1-93	[illegible]	[illegible]	11-2-93	Rejected as time barred 12-2-93	[illegible]	4th March 93	[illegible]	[illegible]	Reduced to 7-3.2	In the … Pillai['s] appeal … assessment … building. This … petitions … the tax im… on all the buildings. This petition was admitted and forwarded to the Division councillors. It is very curious to see that the appeal which was out of time on
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	7		1	2	.	1	2	.	Do		Do	Do	Do				[illegible]	Reduced to 3-9-7	
	8		Remitted on appeal			1	2	.	Do			Do	Do				[illegible]	Reduced to 0-9-0	
																	[illegible]	Remitted	

on 11th February should have been considered as within time on 4th March. I understand that Subramania [illegible] is not an ordinary man and that he has made himself conspicuous in some grave matter known to the then chairman in his capacity of Sub Registrar. The buildings are owned by a very rich and important personage. The manager is a native of this town & has held the managership for about 15 years. The fact of the rejection of the appeal must have been fresh in his memory when the 2nd petition was presented. In order to support the irregular action of having admitted the appeals the date and month of the service of notice entered on the back of the counter foils of the house-tax bills relating to these cases, except the last one, have been altered, and this act is in my opinion, a fraudulent one. Reductions & remission of the tax aggregating to Rs 19-14-7 have been made in spite of the opinion of the 2 Division councillors. It is strange to see that in respect of 3 of the buildings even the tax levied in the previous year was not adopted but reductions have been made without recording any reason. I think that the remission made in all these cases on appeals which ought not to have been admitted was illegal and that, rightly speaking, the necessary steps should be taken for recovering the said amount remitted on base misrepresentation. As it is highly desirable that such frauds should be thoroughly checked I consider that every efforts should be made to find out the person by whom the alterations in the counterfoils were so desparately made and that that individual as well as the other municipal servants who may be found to have been privy to the transaction should be duly punished. I therefore place the papers (the appeal petitions, the counterfoil book and the appeal Register) before the Chairman in view to a full enquiry being made into the matter.

(Signed) M. Ramaswami Iyer
Municipal councillor
8—12—1894.

(True copy)
M Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman.

…act from the Proceedings of the
…cillors of Chidambaram
…meeting held on
… day of November 189…
… Iyer avergal, Chairman
… Mudaliar avergal
… Naidugaru
… Pillai avergal

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Councillors of Chidambaram passed at their meeting held on Saturday the 30th day of Novemb

Present

M. R. Ry. G. Ramaswami Iyer avergal, Chairm
" P. S. Ponnusawmy Mudaliar averga
" P. Govindasawmy Naidugaru
" Ponnambala pillai avergal
Hazarath Lalkhan Saib avergal
M. R. Ry M. Sambasawmi Iyer avergal B. A.
Mr. G. A. W. D'Vellozo.
M. R. Ry K. Varahachariar avergal.
absent 7 Councillors.

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XIV Read Councillor M. R. Ry M. Ramaswami Iyer avergal's correspondence bringing to notice certain alterations in the dates of service of certain House tax notices of 1892-93, and the papers connected therewith.

It appears that the Bill collector D. Thillai Sabapathy Pillai must have made the alteration in the counterfoils and thereby caused a loss of Rs 19-14-7 to the Municipality which should be

The [illegible] on for [illegible] [illegible] which is made by the [illegible] [illegible] file R.

Chairman

Street	Door No		92
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[illegible]	5		16
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[illegible]			11
	7		

Remarks

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…is case, Subb… presented a petition …

…uld have been

made good by his surety. He is dismissed
rom service, though he has already
rfeited his appointment, by staying
way without leave. From the
xplanation of the manager, and
n perusal of the papers, it does not
ppear that the manager has had
any hand in the matter.

(Signed) G. Ramaswamiah
Chairman.

(True extract)

M Ramaswamy
Chairman

To

The Municipal Councillors
of Chidambaram

Most honoured gentlemen.

The humble appeal petition of
Rajagopalaiyengar, late manager
of Chidambaram Municipality
respectfully sheweth

M.Dis 1180/97-98

1. That the services of your humble petitioner were dispensed with on the 11th October last by the chairman on the grounds that he received a loan of Rs 145 from the last year's toll contractor

2. That he never received any such loan and that he was not given an opportunity of meeting the charge against him.

3 That he requested the chairman to examine his witnesses and enquire into the complaint against him which the chairman was not [illegible] to

4 That he was the manager of the Municipality

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Municipality for nearly 20 years discharging his duties to the entire satisfaction of several Chairmen and Councillors he had occasion to serve under.

5. He therefore prays that you will be pleased to send for the connected papers, examine this matter and restore him to his office.

For which act of charity, the petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

The petitioner begs to remain
Most honoured gentlemen
your most obedient servant
S Rajagopal aiyangar

Chidambaram
4th January 1898

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Councillors of Chidambaram passed at their meeting held on 3rd February 1898.

Present

M. R. Ry M. Ramaswami Iyer avergal, Chairman
S. W. J. Iver Mac Iver Esquire, Ag Hd Asst Collector
M. R. Ry M. Sreenivasa chariar avergal
" V. Swaminatha jatavallabhar avergal B.A
" Vrishabhadhwaja Deekshadar avergal
" Anandanataraja chettiar avergal
" K. Varahachariar avergal
" C. N. Sreenivasa Iyer avergal
Hazareth Laulkhan sahib avergal.
M. R. Ry. Ponnambala Pillai avergal.
" M Sambaswami Iyer avergal B.A
" V. Subbaraya mudaliar avergal
" M. C. Ramaswami Iyer avergal.
absent 2 Councillors.

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VI. Read appeal petition of S. Rajagopala Iyengar late manager.
M. R. Ry V. Subbaraya mudaliar avergal arrived at this stage.
Proposed by S. W. J. Iver Mac Iver Esquire and seconded by M. R. Ry M. Srinivasa-chariar avergal that the appeal be

orders in the manner

rejected. The proposition is lost by 7 to 5 one Councillor abstaining from voting.

Proposed by M.R.Ry M. C. Ramaswami Iyer avergal and seconded by M.R.Ry K. Varahachariar avergal that the petitioner be considered to have been under suspension from 11th October last to the date on which his services were dispensed with and that he be reinstated. Carried by a majority of 8 against 4 one Councillor refraining from voting.

(Signed) M Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman

(True extract)

M Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman

Extract from the proceedings of
the Collector of South Arcot, dated
25th February 1897.

6(e). Even assuming that the council
had legal authority to deal with the
appeal against the dismissal order
it certainly had no authority to appoint
the appellant to a post carrying
with it pay equal to the pay of
the post he held before he was abolish
Under section 42 of the Act, the
Chairman, not the council - has
authority to appoint municipal
servants and this portion of the
council's order was certainly ultra vires
and invalid.

(f) Apart altogether from these techn
-cal objections, the action of the
council in determining to retain
in their employment a servant
whose conduct has been found to
be unsatisfactory by the Chairm
before he selected him for abolit
and who after his abolition defie
the Chairman ignoring his explic
orders in the manner set forth i

para 3 supra was most reprehensible tending as it did to encourage gross insubordination on the part of municipal servants and to bring the Chairman's authority into contempt by practically condoning serious public misconduct. A Council so unmindful of its own dignity and of what was due to its own Chairman can scarcely be trusted to conduct the administration of Municipal affairs.

(G.) Unless, the Chairman has subsequently to the Council's resolution illegally appointing K. Venkataramana Iyer to his present post, himself made such appointment K. Venkataramana Iyer cannot be considered to be holding any permanent appointment in the municipality and the question whether he should be allowed to continue o hold which at best, can be regarded o a sub pro tem appointment, should e considered by the present Ex-Officio hairman.

Opportunity might with public dvantage be now taken of ascertaining hether any of the other municipal vants should be retained having

regard to the deplorable condition to which Chidambaram Municipality has been reduced by the spirit of faction and display of personal feeling for which the Council has become notorious. Complaints regarding the Manager of the Municipal office have been made by some members of the Council and these complaints might well be examined.

(Signed) A. E. Castle Stuart Stuart
Collector.

(True extract copy)

M Ramaswami Ir
Chairman

Proceedings of the Chairman, Municipal Council, Chidambaram dated 11th October 1897.

Read the following

Letter from the Head Assistant Collector South Arcot No 8 dated 29th August 1897.

Notice given by the Chairman-Delegate to the manager Municipal Office, Chidambaram dated 4th September 1897.

Petition presented by the manager to the Collector of South Arcot bearing the endorsement of the Collector dated 29 September 1897 and that of the Head Assistant Collector dated 1st October 1897.

Manager's reply to the above order, dated 6th October 1897.

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1. The Head Assistant Collector found that the manager of this office received a loan of Rs 145 from the last year's Toll Contractor Abharanam pillai. On the matter being brought to the notice of the Collector, he gave it as his opinion (vide A) that the manager should be informed that his services would be no longer required after one month. A notice was accordingly (× vide B) given him on the 4th September 1897 by the Chairman-Delegate.

2. The manager presented a petition to the Collector on the 29th September 1897

× Referred to me for disposal
vide C.

stating that he was not afforded any opportunity to meet the allegations which led to the issue of the notice, that it is not true that he borrowed any amount from Abharanam pillai, that he had nothing to do with him, that as he stood in need of money in August 1896, he contracted, as usual, a hand loan from Syed Inayathulla Saib, his family friend, that he had repaid it, that he has held the managership for upwards of 19 years and has conducted himself without any stain or reproach and to the best satisfaction of his official superiors, and requesting that he may be given an opportunity of satisfactorily refuting the allegations against him and of proving his innocence, that his witnesses may be examined and that the notice may be kept in abeyance until the matter is disposed of.

3. The manager was called on by me to give a written statement of what he had to say in the matter beyond what he had stated in his petition to the Collector. He has stated in reply that he has nothing more to add than what is stated in his petition to the Collector and has requested me to take his statement and examine his witnesses. × vide D. × vide E.

4. While he has stated clearly in writing that he has nothing more to say beyond what is said in his petition,

× Referred to [illegible] for disposal

ide Councillor
r. Mr Ramasami[illegible]
[illegible] note dated
-10-97. on paper
marked C.

his request that I may take a statement from him is simply meaningless.

5. I understand that it is a well-known fact that Syed Inayathulla Saib was one of the partners of the toll contract of this municipality for 1896-97 and that the management of the affairs of the contract vested in him. If the money borrowed by the manager was Syed Inayathulla Saib's private money, there was no occasion for the transaction finding place in the accounts relating to the contract. While the fact of the loan having been taken by the manager from the managing partner in the toll contract is [illegible] enough, I see no necessity whatever to examine any witness in the matter.

6. I fully agree with the Head Assistant Collector in holding that it is very objectionable that the manager should have had money dealings with the toll contractor. Moreover his own admission that he took the loan as usual shows that his circumstances necessitate his running into debt frequently, and it is in my opinion desirable that, in the interests of the Municipality, such a man should not be allowed to hold the managership.

7. As regards his alleged generally satisfactory conduct, the records of the municipal office afford ample disproof. I mention hereunder what I have been able to find:

8. When it was found that a portion of

of the Municipal collections of 1880-81, amounting to the large sum of Rs 79-13-3, had been embezzled and paid into the Treasury only after the lapse of a long time in September 1881, the Collector observed in his letter No 6 of 19th January 1892 that the excuse given by the manager was very unsatisfactory, to say the least, that he entertained grave doubts whether the manager's services should not also be dispensed with, for, although under the resolution of the Commissioners the direct charge of the cash and account work was transferred to the Head clerk, it should not have been looked upon as relieving the manager altogether from the responsibility of supervising the work of the Head clerk and reporting irregularities whenever they occurred, that the manager should be warned that he was responsible for the proper working of the whole office and that the very letter given him implied that he was so. × vide A

9. In May 1885 Mr Meyer, the then Head Assistant Collector and Ex-officio Chairman fined the manager 2 annas for inattention to orders.

10. On 27th November 1891 the then Chairman recorded a memorandum alluding to the suspicious conduct of the manager in the above embezzlement case and alleging that it was to his conviction and to the conviction of the several councillors of this municipality that the manager was systematically × vide G

taking illegal gratifications in the discharge of his official duties, that he was making use of the municipal servants for his private business long and continuously, that he failed to bring to the notice of the Chairman and the Councillors certain facts, that certain statements prepared by him were erroneous, that his conduct was very provoking and insolent towards the Chairman and some of the Councillors. For these reasons the Chairman gave the manager notice that unless he quitted the service shortly he (Chairman) would be put to the necessity of dismissing him.

11. On 15th January 1892 the same Chairman passed an order dismissing the manager from his post for the reasons given in the memorandum quoted above and for some additional reasons. × vide H. 15

12. On the next day i.e. 16th January 1892, the Chairman cancelled the order of the manager's dismissal and directed him to resume charge. No reason whatever is stated in the last order for the cancelment of the dismissal order. I think that it may be fairly inferred that the Chairman was compelled under some circumstances to cancel the order of dismissal. × vide I × vide J

13. On 31st August 1896 the late Chairman M.R.Ry. G. Ramaswami Iyer Avergal made a very strong report against the manager to the Collector of the District. × vide K

14. During my tenure as Chairman I

I have been convinced that the manager
has been most perfunctory in the dis-
charge of his duties and my advices to him
have been of no avail. His sheer neglect of
duty in connection with the levy of taxes
is inexcusable. Warrants which ought to
have been issued at the expiration of
15 days from date of service of notices
of demand were not in many cases issued
till the lapse of some months and even above
a year in several cases and warrants were
allowed to remain unexecuted for months.
His failure of duty has been the chief
cause for the arrears of several previous
years still remaining outstanding. No vide L & M.
list of records is kept in the office.
Papers entered in registers are reported
to be not forthcoming. Some of the registers vide N.
which ought to have been maintained have
not been so. Many papers and subjects
which ought to have been brought to notice
have been allowed to be unnoticed. The
bill collectors have been allowed to work
as they pleased without any system or
regularity owing to their work not having
been properly supervised in the office.
Generally, the office papers have been
kept in a very confused state. There is no use
of expecting that the condition of the
office will in any way improve under
the above circumstances, unless the office
management is entrusted to a better hand.
I found out in April last that the office

vide O
peons were making illegal collections
from cartowners who came to the office
to have their carts registered. The peons
admitted that it was a usual thing
and my impression was that it could
not have taken place without the
knowledge or connivance of the manager.
x vide (P) In the matter of remission of House tax
for 1892-93 obtained improperly by the
agent of Dharmapuram Pandara Sannadhi
x vide 2. referred to in Resolution No 14 of 31st
November 1895, my own conviction is to
say the least, that the manager was
grossly negligent in his duty if not
guilty of complicity.

15. On a full consideration of all that has
been detailed above I find that the
manager's antecedents, the fact of his
having had money dealings with the
toll contractor and the most unsatisfactory
way in which he has been doing his office
work fully justify his services being
dispensed with in the interests of the
Municipality and I accordingly hereby
order that the notice given him by the
Chairman-Delegate be given effect to
from this date.

(Signed) M. Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman

11-10-97.

(True copy)

M. Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman

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List of papers forwarded to the Head Assistant Collector.

A-A. Copy of Chairman's Proceedings dated 11th October 1897.
A. Copy of Head Asstt Collector's letter No 6 dated 29-8-97.
B. Copy of Notice given to manager on 4-9-97.
C. Manager's petition presented on 29-9-97 and bearing Head Asstt Collector's and Collector's endorsements and a note by Councillor Mr M.C. Ramaswami Iyer.
D. Chairman's memo No 56 dated 6-10-97
E. Manager's report dated 6-10-97.
F. Copy of Collector's letter No 6 dated 19-1-82.
G. Copy of Chairman's memo No 177 dated 27-11-91.
H. Do — Do — Do — No 194 Do 15-1-92
I. Do — Do — Do — No 199 Do 16-1-92.
J. Chairman's D.O. Note dated 9-10-97 with Mr Appaswami Iyer's reply thereto.
K. Copy of Chairman's letter No 269 dated 1-9-96.
L. Extracts from G.Os reviewing the annual reports of the municipality.
M. Statement of Old arrears of taxes outstanding on 21-2-98.
N. Report No 1682 dated 26-11-96 with Chairman's endorsement.
O. Copy of Chairman's Proceedings dated 1-4-97.
P. Statement of a case reported to the Chairman dated 8-12-94.
Q. Extract from Council's Proceedings dated 30-11-95.
R. Manager's appeal petition received on 6-1-98.
T. Extract from Council's Proceedings dated 3-2-98.
Y. Extract from Collector's Proceedings dated 25-2-97

24th February 1898.
Chidambaram

M Ramaswami Iyer
Chairman.

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List of papers [illegible]

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Copy of [illegible] dated 29-8-97

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Copy of [illegible] dated 17-7-92

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Chidambaram Taluq Office
26th July 1887.
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From

The Ag Tahsildar of
Chidambaram

To

The Head Assistant Collector of
S Arcot.

Sir

In the course of my enquiry into the Income Tax objection petition presented by A Bharanam Pillay, Contractor of the Municipal Toll gates of Chidambaram, he produced certain accounts and papers, an examination whereof disclosed, among other things, that the Manager of the Municipal office had taken the receipt of a loan of Rs 145 from the money belonging to him and his partners in the Contract and that M. R. Ry. K. Varaha Chariar Avergal, a Municipal Councillor and a 2nd grade Pleader, had also similarly received the taken a loan of Rs 125. Thinking that such loans might be considered objectionable especia in the face of the fact that the said Abharanam pillay had obtained a remission of Rs 1200 out of the contract amount from the Municipality, I personally represented the facts to your predecessor and I was thereon directed to record the Contractor's statement and to report the particulars that I could obtain - I have examined the Contractor who states that he and his partners had a common clerk to look after the business and that the loans were not given with his knowledge. His clerk admits having given the loans but adds that they have been returned - Both of them seem to be unwilling to speak out the whole truth - I asked the Chairman as to whether there was any rule prohibiting such transactions and he has told me that he cannot find any - I beg to submit

herewith the record of enquiry and the two original notes & allowed by the Contractor to be retained by me, for such action as you may see fit to take -

I beg to remain
Sir
Your most obedient
Servant

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Ag Tahsildar

Enclosures

1. Receipt given by Abharanam pillay to Veerasholagam dated 16/6/87.
2. Statement of Abharanam pillay & Veerasholagam of 16/6/87.
3. Statement of Usman Khan Sahib of 16/6/87.
4. List of individuals from whom amounts are due marked A (one full sheet folded quarter sheet list)
5. Do. ——— marked B (one quarter sheet)

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Ag Tahsildar

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From

The Acting Tahsildar of

Chidambaram

To

The Head Asst. Collector

S. Arcot

HEAD ASSISTANT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
2? JUL. 1897
SOUTH ARCOT

Dated 26th }
Desp } July 1897.
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Sir:

Submitting, for orders, report on a case in which the manager of the Municipal office & M. R. Ry. K. Varadachariar, himself a Municipal Councillor and a 2nd grade Vakil, have taken loans from Abharanam pilly, contractor of the Municipal toll gates of Chidambaram

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Urgent

(To be returned)

The Head Assistant Collector is requested to enquire and report at a very early date what part the 2 councillors referred to & the manager of the M. office took in the matter of the remission of Rs1000 to the Toll Contractor. He is also requested to obtain and submit the explanation if any which the Councillors may wish to offer in the matter. The Chairman of the Council should also be requested to deal with the Conduct of the manager ~~how~~ who should, ~~and report what~~ ~~dealt with him~~ in my opinion, be given one month's notice that his services will not be required on the expiry of that period. The action taken by the Chairman should be reported. Report [illegible]

Collector

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HEAD ASSISTANT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
23 AUG. 1897
SOUTH ARCOT

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From

S. W. G. Ivermee Esq.,

Ag. Hd. Assistant Collector

of

South Arcot.

To

The Collector of

South Arcot.

Dated

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Sir

One Abharanam Pillai of Veerasolagam took the lease of the municipal toll-gates of Chidambaram for 1896-97. He was assessed to Income-tax by the Tahsildar of Chidambaram and presented an objection petition in the course of the enquiry into which he filed certain accounts among which were found the two lists herein enclosed marked A & B showing the amounts paid or lent to certain individuals out of the toll-gate receipts. It is entered in these lists that the manager of the municipal offic received a loan of Rs 145 and that the municipal Councillor M. R. Ry. K. Varahachariar received a loan of Rs 125. Opposite to the entry against the latter individual there is a note that it has been recovered. There is no such note against the entry in the name of the municipal manager. Abharanam Pillai the contractor denies all knowledge of the loans and says that his clerk Usman Khan Sahab used to give loans to others for short periods from the toll-gate collections either with or without his knowledge. The clerk admits that the municipal manager and the Councillor M.R.Ry. K. Varahachariar

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borrowed the sums entered against them and that they have since repaid them. He cannot say on what dates the loans were given but he says that the list A was written by him in February or March 1897 from stray pieces of paper on which he had noted the loans as they were given. Such transactions between municipal servants or Councillors and the contractors of the municipality are open to the most serious objection. In the code of bye-laws printed and circulated with G.O. No 1509 M dd 11.10.90 for adoption by municipal Councils the first rule runs as follows:—

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"No municipal servants, sha either directly or indirectly, ~~rece~~ receive any present, loan or gratuity from any person having a contract to do work for, or supp materials to, the municipal Council"

This rule does not find place among the bye-laws of the Chidambaram Municipality but its absence does not justify such transactions. Though section 260 of the

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Mad. Act IV of 1884 as amended by Madras Act III of 1897 prohibits municipal Councillors from being interested in any Contract made with the Municipal Council there is no distinct rule prohibiting them from having transactions of the kind above referred to with Contractors.

But the fact that the Contractor in question was given a remission of Rs 1000 in the amount of his lease in January 1897 makes the matter appear in a very serious aspect.

There is also an entry of Rs 360 due to Srinivasa aiyer's brother.

Srinivasa aiyer is an elected Councillor and friend of the Councillor Varahachariar.

II I would suggest that these two Councillors be called upon to show cause why their conduct should not be reported to Government and the Chairman may be directed to take due notice of his manager's conduct.

The marginally noted papers are enclosed.

& Chidambaram Tahsildar's arzi No. unnumbered dated 26.7.97 with all the enclosures mentioned therein

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
10.8.97
Ag. Hd. Assistant Collector

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