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G.O., No. 740 M.

DATED 5 – 4 – 98.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Appointment of Secretary – Vellore municipal Council. Requesting the Collector of North Arcot to report fully on the qualifications & fitness of M.R.Ry P. Swamidas Mudaliyar, for the office of Secretary of the Vellore municipal Council & requesting the council to expedite the report regarding the powers to be delegated to the secretary

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Appointment of Secretary – Vellore Municipality

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

Again G.O., No. 1970-M dated 13th September 1897,
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Current No. 1111 M of 1898, dated 5th March 98, from the Chairman M.C. Vellore
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Misc ORDER. No. 740 M misc, dated 5/4/98

The Collector is requested to report fully on the qualification and fitness of M.R.Ry. P. Swamidoss Mudaliyar for the office of Secretar of the Vellore municipal council.

2. The municipal council is requested to expedite the report regarding the powers to be delegat to the Secretary, called for in par graph 4 (5) of G.O. No. 333-M, dated 4th February 1898.

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To
The Collector of North Arcot (para. 1)
" Chairman M.C. Vellore (para. 2)

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O. No 1970 M, dated 13th September 1897
and C. No. 1111 M. & No. 1155 M.

SUBJECT.

Appointment of Secretary—
Vellore municipality.

Secr.

FOR ORDERS.

G.O. No 1970 M. / 13-9-97. P.

In the proceedings read above, the municipal council of Vellore was informed that the Government could not approve the appointment of a Secretary with the powers proposed to be vested in him on a salary less than Rs 150 rising to Rs 200 by annual increments of Rs 10, and in para 4(5)

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of G.O. No 333 M, dated 4th February 1898, reviewing the budget estimate for the year 1898-99, the appointment of a Secretary on this salary was sanctioned, and the council was requested to specify the powers which were to be delegated to the Secretary and to apply for the sanction of Government for their delegation.

2. With his letter read above, the
Chairman forwards a copy of the
council's resolution, dated 24th February R.
1898, nominating M.R.Ry. Swamidoss
Mudaliyar, as its Secretary. The
council's nominee is a first class
Deputy Inspector of Vaccination on
a salary of Rs 100 per mensem including travelling allowance. He
has put in a service of 20 years
under Government and is 43 years
old. His chief qualifications for
the post of Secretary are, that he
has been a municipal councillor
at Vellore for five years and has
been the Chairman of the municipality
for one year. His work
as Chairman was commented upon
favourably by Government - vide
paragraph 5 of G.O. No 1454 M, dated S.
7th September 1895. The Sub Collector
however, states that the main objection Vide. para. 2 of his Endorsement.
to the appointment of the
council's nominee as Secretary is
that he has unfortunately become
"unpopular with a considerable
"section of the council" and considers
that a younger and more
active man should be selected
for the office, but in his endorsement

forwarding the Chairman's letter,
the Collector says nothing as to the
nominee's qualifications. It is
therefore submitted that the
Collector may be asked to report
fully on this point. The council
may also be told to expedite the
report regarding the delegation
of powers to the Secretary called
Q for in G.O. No 333. M, dated 4th
February 1898.

Cur. 1155 m. U. 3. The second letter read
above is a copy of a petition from
five of the municipal councillors
of Vellore objecting to the appointment
of the council's nominee
as Secretary, on the ground that
there were better candidates in
the field, that M.R.Ry. P. Swamidoss
Mudaliyar is not fitted by
age or by abilities to discharge
the heavy responsibilities and
obligations of the office of Secretary,
that he has identified himself
with one faction in the council,
and that the period of his
Chairmanship in 1894-95 was
characterised by an unconstitut
businesslike, inefficient
latory disposal of busine

The original of the petition has not been received in this office yet, having been forwarded through the Divisional officer and the Collector.

The accompanying draft order is submitted for approval.

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Current No: 860
Rc. 9590
DATED 14-3-98

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1111 M

SUB-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
7 MAR 1898
NORTH ARCOT.

Order.

From

Muhammad Habibullah Saheb
Chairman, Municipal Council
Vellore

COLLECTOR'S
12 MAR 1898
NORTH ARCOT

No. 175 of 98

Dated 5" March 1898

Received 22-3-98

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding for orders papers in connection with the appointment of Secretary to the Vellore Municipal Council -

BACK PAPERS.

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"	1456	L	7-9-98
"	595	L	20-4-98
"	205	L	5-2-98

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Petn. No. 64~~8~~ of 1898.

Enclosure No. 1. to Collector
endorsement dated 18-3-98
to Chairman letter
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Vellore
13th March 98

To
The Collector
of North Arcot

Sir

I beg to submit that I was an applicant for the post of secretary of the Vellore Municipal Council and that I have been elected for the said post by a majority of votes. As the papers have to pass through your office I take the liberty of furnishing the following facts for your kind information so that you may be better able to judge of my competency for the appointment in question & support my election with your kind recommendation.

I am at present holding the post of 1st class Dy Inspector of Vaccination of the Vellore Circle & my pay and travelling allowance aggregate in all Rs

friction owing to the Strong feeling there

100 per months.

2 I have put in a service of about 20 years and my age is 43 so that I have to serve for a period of 12 years before I shall be entitled to pension

3 I served as a municipal Councillor for 5 years & held the office of Chairman for one year during which period I discharged my duties so satisfactorily that Government in its review of the administration of this Municipality for the year 1894-95 have recorded the following opinion about me "The Government is glad to note the testimony borne by the District surgeon and the Divisional Officer to the good work done by the Chairman. It is evident that personally he has worked with energy & zeal to remedy the manifold defects in municipal management which were noticed in the last annual review and he has succeeded in bringing the administration of the town into a condition which compares very favorably with its state at the end of 1893-94." The District Surgeon & Divisional officer therein referred to are Surgeon Major C. Adams and E. L. Vaughan Esqrs respectively.

4 The fact that I was elected as secretary by a majority of the Council out of 178 applicants for the post shows that I enjoy the confidence of a large portion of the Council:

5 As the duties of the appointment I now hold absolutely require me to be constantly travelling over my Circle which comprises 5 Talugs, I can easily engage myself in supervising the sanitation of the town morning and evening. As I have also passed an examination in hygiene this knowledge will be of immense practical utility to me in the supervision of sanitation. I am aware that as bicycle riding is now becoming the fashion of the day, it may reasonably be expected

that a municipal secretary may profitably be asked to learn it. I can assure you that if I am given the appointment I can very easily habituate myself to that mode of riding.

6 From the application which I sent in to the Chairman of the Municipal Council which I believe would have been forwarded to you, you will be pleased to observe that I have passed all the tests required for the post of a Tasildar & that if I had only continued in the Revenue department where I was holding the post of a Revenue Inspector I should have, in the ordinary course of events, risen to the position of a Tasildar.

7 It may serve to give you an idea of the nature & position of the Councillors who have supported my Candidature if I should give below their names.

1 The Chairman - Mr Habibulla Sait
2 Surgeon Lt. Col John Lancaster M.B
3 Rev W. I Chamberlain M.A
4 Mr. R. Ry O. Nadamuni Mudr Avl Sub Asstt Inspector of schools.
5 Subadar Major Hussain Khan Sait
6 Mr R. Ry R. Rajagopaul Naidu Garu
7 " T. Govinda Reddiar Avl
8 " P Ramoo Chettiar Avl
9 " Contractor Shaik Ahmed Sait

I beg to remain
sir
your most obt & humble
servant.

P Henry dos [illegible]

Vellore Mar 11. 1898

From Rev D Whidd
Chm Vellore M C

To The Sub Collector
North Arcot District

SUB-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
NORTH ARCOT
11 MAR 1898

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Sir,

I am given to understand that the Proceedings of the Council appointing M.R.Ry Swamidas Moodeliar to the new office of Secretary have been forwarded by you for submission to Government.

In reference to this appointment I beg to call your attention to Rule 87 of "The rules regulating to the pen of "Conduct of Government Servants".

The gentleman appointed by the Council is already in the service of Government as Dy Inspector of Vaccination. His "departmental superior" is, I believe the Sanitary

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Enclosure No 5 to Collector's endorsement & to

Enclosure No. 4. to Collector's endorsement dated 18. 3. 98 to
Chairman's letter No 175 dated 5. 3. 98.

Vellore
Municipal Councillors' Office
25th February 1898.

To

The Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Department
Fort St George
through the Municipal Council
Vellore.

The humble petition of G. A. France
Municipal Manager, Vellore.

Respectfully sheweth.

1. That your petitioner is a candidate for the post of Secretary to the Municipal Council, Vellore.

2. That at a special meeting held yesterday for the purpose of appointing the said Secretary, M.R.Ry P. Swamidoss Mudelliar was selected for nomination, 8 being against and 8 for him, but with the [illegible] vote of chairman, the total number of votes obtained by him was 9. From which it will be seen that the candidate does not possess the confidence of the entire council and that his appointment will cause consider strong feeling there

At all events, [illegible]
written consent from this Office was pro-
duced to the Council for M.R.Ry Swam-
idas Moodeliar accepting the ap-
pointment. It was said that he
had a general permission to seek
for other employment, but no
document to that effect was forth-
coming. & even if it had been it
would not have satisfied the rule.
I am not calling in question his
seeking the appointment, but
action of the Council in
appointing him without reference
to this I respectfully submit:-
1 That it is against official etiquette
to ~~take~~ give to a candidate from ~~another~~ one
Government Department an
appointment in another, without
any reference to his departmental
superior
2 That the Council has
a very humiliating position if
- & it is not impossible supposition -
that the departmental superior
of M.R.Ry Swamidas Moodeliar
refuses his consent to the transfer
of his services to the Municipality.
the Council will be in a very
false position, for as far as they
are concerned this gentleman
has been actually appointed
3. That by sending the name of
M.R.Ry Swamidas Moodeliar
to Government for sanction of
his appointment, the Council
has implied that he has actually
accepted the appointment,
without which he cannot do without previ
departmental sanction

At all events, if such sanction has not been obtained subsequent to the appointment by the Council, the attention of Government should be drawn to the fact that the appointment has been made by the Council without such consent as is required by Rule 82 before the the appointment can be accepted by M.R.Ry. Swamidas Moodeliar

I have therefore the honor to request that, when the papers on this subject are forwarded, this letter may be attached

I have the honor to be Sir

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Councillor Vellore M.C.

[illegible] 1898

Encl. No. 2 to Collector's endorsement of 18.3.98 to Chairman's letter No. 175746 of 5.3.98

MR. FRANCE,

MASULIPATAM,
May 2nd 1878.

I received all your 3 notes in due time.

We were glad to hear that you had pleased Dr. Farrel. I spoke to Mr. Wilson about you and I think you will get your increase of pay. I have also recommended you for the Jailorship of this Jail, which will become vacant when Mr. Sugg retires. I suppose you will come over as soon as I receive orders to appoint you. I will give you due warning when you can inform Dr. Farrell and ask him to kindly allow you to resign.

I have not heard from the Inspector-General as yet about you but expect an answer daily. I have recommended you as perfectly honest and upright and as being a proper business man.

Faithfully yours,
(Sd.) S. M. TYRRELL,
Zillah Surgeon
and Supt. of Jail,
Masulipatam.

To

MR. G. A. FRANCE,
Market Inspector,
Guntoor.

I have great pleasure in recording a few lines how the Market Inspector Mr. France, is ardently doing his work. Since he joined his post after sick leave he brought several cases who exposed for sale unwholesome food and putrid meat. In one day about 8 persons were prosecuted for similar offence and fine levied was Rs. 81. This is owing to the zeal and activity of Mr. France. I must here add that this not only increased the Municipal fund but also produced a wholesome effect in the Market. All the butchers and Shop-keepers are now selling good articles, and there is no complaint whatever.

I recommend that this officer deserves good reward in the hands of the Commissioners of this Municipality in the form of better appointment.

(Sd) S. BORAH M B., SURGEON,
Vice-President.

3rd September 1878.

(True extracts)

GUNTOOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE, } (Sd) P. ANDERSON SURGEON,
12th September 1883. } *Vice-President.*

This is to certify that Mr. G. A. France, Market Inspector has given me every satisfaction in the discharge of his duties during the time I have held the Office of Vice-President. As Zillah Surgeon I have had every reason to be pleased with the manner in which he did the duties of Hospital writer, which latter office he held in addition to the post of Market Inspector. He writes very good English and I am really sorry to part with him.

He leaves Guntoor having obtained a much better paid appointment at Bellary.

GUNTOOR, } (Sd.) D. P. WARLIKER, SURGEON,
4th April 1879. } *Vice-President.*

Dear Sir,

With reference to your D. O. of this day's date, I have much pleasure in stating that I knew Mr. France when at Guntoor. He was always well-spoken of as an intelligent, honest young man. As far as my personal knowledge of him goes I can safely say that he is far above the average Eurasian in point of education, &c.

GUNTOOR, } (Sd.) W. SHAW,
16th March 1879. } *Ag. Agent,*
Branch Bank of Madras.

To

M. HAMMICK ESQUIRE,
Vice-President M. C.
Bellary.

with authority to correspond direct with the Government, the Board of Revenue and all Departments, the work in the office will necessarily be increased, and your salary as well as those of the other office servants, would, a as matter of course, have to be increased. You are well aware that I am averse to granting testimonials to persons while they are in the service of the Municipality, but in the event of your obtaining a place under Mr. Bliss or elsewhere, I shall be glad to comply with your request to grant you a testimonial expressive of my opinion of your qualifications, good conduct &c. If Mr. Bliss should ask me about you, I shall gladly give him my opinion of you.

29th July 1882. (Sd.) BEN BLAKE,
Vice-President.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT OFFICE,
Madras, 1st October 1883.

Mr. G. A. France, Manager of the Municipal Office, Bellary, having asked me for a Certificate of his qualifications, I have no hesitation in saying that he has a good knowledge of accounts and is an efficient business hand. I have had opportunities of judging of his qualifications while auditing the accounts of the Bellary Municipality for 1880-81, 1881-82 & 1882-83 when his ready explanations, reference to Orders of Government, correspondence and vouchers impressed me very favourably as to his efficiency.

(Sd.) N. BAZELY,
Public Accountant & Auditor.

BELLARY, *2nd August* 1884.

Mr. G. A. France has been Manager of the Municipal Office at this Station for several years. During the last year he has worked as such under me and has been diligent and attentive to his work. He is intelligent and well acquainted

with the Government Orders and Rules affecting Municipal administration.

(Sd.) J. G. FIRTH,
Vice-President,
Municipal Commission,
Bellary.

Since February 1886 I have known Mr. France during which time he has acted at intervals as a clerk and agent in connection with my business. I had reason to be satisfied with his general character and capacity.

BELLARY, *11th November* 1886. } (Sd.) G. HUME WRIGHT,
Attorny-at-Law.

To

MR. G. A. FRANCE,
Late Municipal Manager,
Fort, Bellary.

I cannot do as you propose. I consider there is nothing against you and, with this opinion after hearing both sides I gave you employment. Since then I know nothing of you.

QUILON, *17 May* 1887. } (Sd.) J. E. PORTEOUS, MAJOR,
Commandiny 22nd M. I.

I have known Mr. G. A. France for about 2 years and from what I have seen of him believe him to be an upright respectable man.

Mr. France has been a member of our Blue Ribbon Army for sometime past and he has been a great help in different ways of this good cause. I shall be very glad to hear that he has got something settled to do and is engaged in some really useful work.

BELLARY, *13th July* 1888. } (Sd.) J. H. M. COX,
Deputy Commissioner,
Revenue Settlement.

submit the name of Mr. G. A. France for the approval of Government for his appointment as Manager of this office.

2. On the dismissal of the late Manager, candidates were invited and a competitive examination was held by me when Mr. France succeeded in passing first and obtaining the highest number of marks.

3. At Mr. France's suggestion a reference was made by me to the Chairman of the Municipal Council at Bellary where he was once Manager as to his conduct and that officer reported that there was nothing in the Municipal records against him. He also in his capacity as Public prosecutor reported that he personally knew Mr. France for the past 16 years and that he always bore a good character.

4. Other gentlemen also wrote to me in high terms of Mr. France.

5. On receipt of these letters I appointed Mr. France and he assumed charge of his office on the 15th December last.

6. I find him fully competent to fill the appointment and since his entertainment he has given me every satisfaction in the discharge of his duties and from my personal knowledge of him for the past 5 months I can endorse the favourable reports given of him by his late superior officers.

7. I regret that owing to copy of the Municipal rules sanctioned in G. O. 25th April 1889, No. 918 L., not being available in this office, the name of the new Manager was not submitted for the approval of Government soon after his appointment.

8. Under the circumstances set forth above I have the honor to request that Government will be pleased to accord their approval to Mr. France's appointment as Manager of this Municipal office.

I have the honor &c.,
(Sd.) V. SUBRAMIAH,
Chairman.

(True Copy.)

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Govt. No. 304 of 1893.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following Paper :—

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Vellore, dated 23rd May 1893, No. 656 General, requesting sanction for the appointment of Mr. G. A. France as Manager of the Municipal Office.

Order dated 28th June 1893, No. 831, M. Mis.

The Government sanctions the appointment of Mr. France as Manager of the Vellore Municipal Office.

(True Extract.)

(Sd.) F. W. ASHPITEL.
Under Secretary P. W. D.
for Chief Secretary.

To
THE CHAIRMAN,
Municipal Council,
Vellore.

Through the Collector of North Arcot District.

(Forwarded.)

(Sd.) H. A. STUART,
Ag. Collector.
Dated 1st *July* 1893.

(Forwarded.)

(Sd.) [illegible] COWIE,
Sub-Collector.
4*th July* 1893.

Endorsement by Chairman, Municipal Council, Vellore, No. 1381, dated 30th October 1893 on application of Mr. G. A. France, Manager, Municipal Office, Vellore, for the "Paid Chairmanship" of the Coconada Municipality.

Forwarded for favourable consideration of Government.

The applicant has been holding the Manager's place in this Municipality for last 10 months I find him to be an efficient man in the discharge of his duties.

I believe, he is capable of managing the Municipal affairs of any town. He is an able writer and a good accountant.

He has been very honest and his general character is very good.

(Sd.) V. SIVA YOGI,
30th October 1893.

This is to certify that Mr. France has been a Manager of the Municipal Office, Vellore, for the last 10 months during which time I believe he has worked very satisfactorily.

He has a good knowledge of office work connected with a Municipality.

VELLORE,
3rd November 1893.

(Sd.) JOHN LANCASTER,
District Surgeon,
North Arcot,
and Municipal Councillor,
Vellore.

Extract from proceedings of the Municipal Council, Vellore, at a general meeting (No. 19) held on Monday the 20th November 1893 at 7-30 A.M.

15. In placing on record its opinion of Mr. France, the present Municipal Manager, the Council is glad to state that he is a very hard working and energetic man. He knows Municipal work in all its details and his management of the Municipal Office is excellent. He is honest and bears a good character. He seeks employment elsewhere and the Council will be glad if he succeeds in his attempt as it does not like to stand in the way [illegible] prospects.

(True Extract.)

(Sd.) V. SIVA YOGI,
Chairman.

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G. O. No. 595 M., *dated 2nd April* 1895,

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

Extract from covering letter to budget-estimates of the Vellore Municipality for the year 1895-96. No. 1,572 Gl. dated 26th December 1894.

37. Grant V (*a*) General Establishment (1) Office Establishment. The Council has unanimously resolved to increase the pay of the Manager from Rs. 50 to Rs. 60 because his work is heavy and of a responsible nature. Besides this, as he has, in addition to and without prejudice to his own legitimate duties, successfully conducted all Municipal prosecutions of importance the Council has been saved pleader's fees which it would necessarily have had to pay had the services of a vakil been engaged. The Council when submitting the budget-estimates for 1894-95, recommended the Manager for a similar increase and as the Government was not pleased to sanction it, the Council would again strongly urge his claim for promotion. In connection with this matter I may add that all the predecessors of the present Manager drew a salary of Rs. 70 per mensem.

(Sd.) P. SAMYDOS MUDALIAR,
Chairman.

G. O. No. 205 M., *5th February* 1896,

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

Extract from covering letter to budget-estimates of the Vellore Municipality for the year 1896-97. No. 1317 Gl. dated 20th December 1895.

30. Grant V. (*a*) General Establishment (i) Office Establishment:—"The Council has unanimously resolved to raise the pay of the Manager from Rs. 60 to Rs. 70 per mensem. The reasons which have led the Council to do so are manifold. None of the predecessors of the present Manager ever drew less than Rs. 70, some of them were even paid Rs 100 and Rs. 80 The Council consider that the work of the Manager has now increased considerably, and greater responsibility thrown on him on account of the abolition of the cantonment and various other causes. Further, the reason which actuated the Council to reduce the Manager's pay from Rs. 70 to Rs. 50, when the services of the late Manager were dispensed with and the present Manager appointed, no longer exists, in as much as the revenue of the Municipality in that particular year had fallen down to Rs. 52,000, while it has by a careful and judicious scrutiny of the work of the several branches of Municipal administration by the present Manager, risen to Rs. 60,000 this year, and the Council are strongly of opinion that such of their subordinates who have worked honestly and hard should be rewarded for their labor.

The Manager has also been conducting all important Municipal cases, and thereby saving the Municipality pleader's fees. The Council in making this recommendation consider that they are only rewarding a hard-worked Municipal servant according to his deserts.

(Sd.) MUHAMMAD HABIBULLAH SAHIB,
Chairman.

During the time I was Chairman of the Vellore Municipality I found Mr. France the Manager of the Municipality to be a hardworking and intelligent man. He deserves promotion.

VELLORE, 1st June 1897. } (Sd.) P. SAMYDOS MUDR.,
Late Chairman.

Mr. France was Municipal Manager during my stay in Vellore and so far as my experience of him goes he did the work well.

MADANAPALLE, 4th June 1897. } (Sd.) E. L. VAUGHAN, I. C. S.,
Sub-Collector.

Forwarded for favourable consideration. During the two years that I have been Chairman of this Municipality, Mr. France has been discharging his duties to my entire satisfaction. He is thoroughly conversant with every branch of Municipal administration and is a good hand at accounts and drafting.

The long experience that he has had of Municipal work fits him for a Secretaryship. He is still in the prime of life and able to work hard and zealously. His conduct throughout has been very exemplary.

VELLORE, 8th June 1897. } (Sd.) M. HABIBULLAH,
Chairman.

3. That a reference to the list of candidates prepared by the Chairman will shew that as far as educational attainments and municipal experience go, your petitioner is superior to M.R.Ry. P. Swamidoss Mudelliar avergal; and your petitioner has reason to believe that the Chairman and Council will have no reason to veto his appointment by Government, or to reconsider his claims if requested by Government, as your petitioner has for the last 5 years pulled on very smoothly with one and all the members of the Council and earned their respect and confidence.

4. That your petitioner has served as Municipal Manager of Guntur, Bellary and Vellore Municipalities for a period of about 20 years.

5. That in this connection your petitioner would quote with pride the following testimonial so kindly granted by the present Chairman on his application for the Secretaryship of the Tuticorin Municipality.

"Mr. France has been discharging "his duties to my entire satisfaction. "He is thoroughly conversant with every "branch of municipal administration "and is a good hand at account "and drafting. The long ti "he has had of municipal work fits "him for a Secretaryship. He is still in the "prime of life and able to work hard "and zealously. His conduct throughout "has been very exemplary" (vide page 15 of copies of testimonials enclosed")

6. That your petitioner would further quote the opinion of the Council when forwarding his application for the post of "Paid Chairmanship" of the Coconada Municipality. "In placing "on record its opinion of Mr. France, the "present municipal manager the Council "is glad to state that he is a very hardworking "and energetic man. He knows municipal "work in all its details and his management "of the municipal office is excellent. He is "honest and bears a good character". (vide page 12 of enclosed copies of testimonials)

7. That your petitioner would further invite the attention of Government to the very favorable remarks of the Council in the covering letters of the budget-estimates for 1895-96 and 1896-97 recorded in G.O. No. 595 M. of 2nd April 1895 and 205 M. of 5th February 1896 (vide pages 13 and 14 of enclosed copies of testimonials).

8. Under the circumstances set forth above your Petitioner respectfully s. that the Government will be pleased friction owi his claims and either appoin against hi

Chairman

in direct as Secretary to the Municipal Council or after consultation with the Council in preference to an outsider, if the Government considers your petitioner competent for the appointment in every respect.

For which act of kindness your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

G. A. France
Manager

ureal No. 861/
Municipal office, Vellore

Submitted to the Secretary to Government, Local & Municipal Department with reference to Resolution No. 20 dated 25th February 1898 (copy herewith attached) through the Divisional Officer.

Vellore,
march 98.

Chairman M.C.

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no 5 to Collector's endorsement 810
on Chairman's letter
no 175 & 8.3.98

MEETING NO. 45

Extract from Proceedings at a GENERAL ~~SPECIAL~~ Meeting of the Municipal Council for the Town of Vellore, dated 25th February 1898.

PRESENT.

Muhammad Habibullah Saheb Chairman
Surgn Lieut Col John Lancaster M.B.
M.R.Ry A.C. Seshagiri Row avergul.
" P. Kamoo Chettiar avergul.
" A. Chelva perumall Chettiar avergul.
" T. Ponniakoty Mudr avergul.
" V. Subroya Chettiar avergul.
" Gopalakrishna Mudr avergul.
" V. Varatharaju Mudr avergul.

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No 20. Read petition from the Manager to Government urging his claims for the post of Secretary and requesting the Council to be pleased to forward it to Government with an expression of its opinion as to his fitness for the place.

The petition will be forwarded to Government along with the other papers connected with the election of the Secretary.

(Signed) Muhammad Habibullah
Chairman

(True Extract)

Chairman

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North Arcot Sub COLLECTOR & Joint MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

Camp, Vllore

No. Dated 12th March 1898.
Dis No 546 of 1898

FROM
W. C. Holmes Esquire

Sub COLLECTOR AND Joint MAGISTRATE OF
North Arcot

TO
The Collector,
North Arcot.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

W. J. Holmes

Sub Collector

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From

The Sub Collector and Joint
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To

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VELLORE, 12th April 1887. (Sd.) R. PEMBERTON,
Civil Surgeon Vellore.

11

I have had several opportunities of judging for myself of the work done by MR. SAMYDOSS MUDALIAR Dy. Inspector of Vaccination Vellore Circle and have much pleasure in certifying to his great abilities and energy in attending to his duties. He is a very intelligent officer, has passed several examinations which should entitle him to appointments in the Revenue Department and I hope that his endeavours to get a footing in it may meet with success and I am sure that wherever he may be appointed he will give his superior officers every satisfaction.

VELLORE, *8th October 91.* Sd. T. J. HAEKETT WILKINS,
Surgeon Major, Ag. Dt. Surgeon.

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Letter No. 1086 dated 21st April 1892, from the District Surgeon North Arcot to the Collector of Chingleput.

In forwarding an application from MR. P. SAMYDOSS MUDALIAR, Dy. Inspector of Vaccination, Vellore Circle, I beg to inform you that this officer has served under me for some five years and I have a very high opinion of his abilities and of his character in both official and private life.

I have &c.,

(Signed) J. LANCASTER,
District Surgeon.

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Vellore
10th July 97.

To
The Chairman
Municipal Council
Vellore

DISTRICT MEDICAL AND SANITARY OFFICER
No. 4793
10 JUL 97
NORTH ARCOT
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Through the District Medical & Sanitar
Officer. North Arcot.

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…de G. O. No 1454 dated 7th Septr 95
…printed copy of my testimonials
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I beg to remain
Sir
Your most obt Servant
P Henry dos Mudr

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…warded, for favorable consideration.

John L [illegible]. MB.
Surgeon Lieut; Colonel
District Medical and Sanitary Officer
North Arcot.

Vellore 12th July 1897

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MUNICIPAL OFFICE
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To

The Chairman

Municipal Council

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Sir,

With reference to the advertise
in the Hindu dated the 1st instant
applications for the post of Secretary
Vellore Municipality, I beg to offer
as a candidate for the same. I have
the special tests required for the p
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in Hygiene. I am now the 1st C. Dy
of Vaccination Vellore Circle. I have
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VELLORE MUNICIPAL OFFICE:

Dated, 5th March 1898.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.

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MUHAMMAD HABIBULLAH SAHEB,
CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
VELLORE.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS,
FORT ST. GEORGE.

Enclosures.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of the Proceedings of the Municipal Council passed at a Special meeting held on the 24th ultimo for the purpose of nominating a Secretary under the provisions of section 39 (a) of the District Municipalities Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897.

2. M.R.Ry. P. Swamidoss Mudelliar has been elected as Secretary by a majority of votes.

3. From the accompanying petition of the successful candidate it will be evident that he possesses the necessary Municipal Executive experience having held the office of

Chairman

Chairman of this Municipality for a period of nearly one year. The work done by him during that period was appreciated by Government as will appear from the Review of his Administration for the year 1894-95, vide G.O No. 1454 M dated 7th September 1895.

4 He has passed all the Special Tests required for the post of a Tahsildar and has in addition passed an Examination in Hygiene which will be of considerable practical utility in the discharge of the outdoor duties of a Secretary.

5. He was a Municipal Councillor for a period of 5 years and is at present 1st Class Deputy Inspector of Vaccination, Vellore circle.

6 I am of opinion that taking into consideration his intimate knowledge of the people & the town, his experience in municipal affairs and the educational qualifications which he possesses, his appointment as Secretary will be a valuable acquisition to the Council.

7. I have the honor, therefore, to request that you will obtain the sanction of Government for his appointment under Sec 39 (a) of the Act.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt Servant

Chairman.

Enclosure No 10. to Collector's endorsement dated 10.3
to Chairman's letter d/ 5.3.98
No 175

MEETING NO. 44

Extract from Proceedings at a ~~GENERAL~~ SPECIAL Meeting of the Municipal Council for the Town of Vellore,

dated 24th February 1898.

PRESENT.

Muhammad Habibullah Saheb. Chairman.
W.C. Holmes. Esquire. I.C.S. Sub Collector
Surgeon Lieut Col: John Lancaster M.B.
Reverend W. I. Chamberlain M.A.
Reverend D.W. Kidd. B.A
M.R.Ry. V. Nadamoony Mudelliar avergul.
" R. Rajagopaul Naidu Garu
" A Chelvaperumall Chettiar avergu
" V. Subroya Chettiar avergul
" A.C. Seshagiri Rao avergul
" Gopalakrishna Mudr avergul
" T. Ponniakoty Mudr avergul
" V. Varadaraja Mudr avergul
" P. Ramoo Chettiar avergul
" T. Govinda Reddyar avergul
Hakim Haji Azizullah Saheb
Subadar Major Hussain Khan Saheb
Shaikh Ahmad Saib

Appointment of a Secretary to the Municipa Council, Vellore, under Sec 39(a) of Act IV of 1884 as amended by Act III of 1897-

Proposed by Rev: D.W. Kidd B.A. and Seconded by Rev W. I. Chamberlain M.A. that no candidate be declared elected unle more than half of the Councillors present recor

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their votes for him -

The proposal having been put to the vote was lost by a majority.

Proposed by Surgeon Lieut. Col. John Lancaster and seconded by M.R.Ry V. Nadamoony Mudr avergul that the Council should choose a Secretary only out of the 25 candidates that were selected by the Sub Committee appointed under Resolution No 1 dated 30th November 1897.

The proposal having been put to the vote was lost by a majority -

Proposed by M.R.Ry J. Ponniakoty Mudr avergul and seconded by M.R.Ry V. Gopalakrishna Mudr avergul that the Secretary so appointed shall be on probation for 6 months.

Carried by a majority.

Proposed by Revd D. W. Kidd and seconded by Revd W. I. Chamberlain M.A. that the voting shall be an open voting and not by ballot.

Carried unanimously

Proposed by Surgn Lieutt Col John Lancaster and seconded by M.R.Ry V. Nadamoony Mudr avergul that M.R.Ry P. Swamidoss Mudelliar be elected as a Secretary

Proposed by M.R.Ry A C Seshagiri Rao avergul and seconded by M.R.Ry V. Subroya Chettiar avergul that M.R.Ry M. Sreenevassachariar avergul B.A Sub Magistrate of Gudiyatam be elected.

This amendment was put to the vote and was lost by the casting vote of the Chairman

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This amendment having been put to the vote was lost, 7 voting for and 9 against the amendment. The Sub Collector and the Chairman not voting -

The first proposal was then put to the vote with the result that 9 voted for and 8 against it. The sub collector did not vote -

(Signed) Muhammad Habibullah
Chairman -

(True Extract)

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Chairman.

1 Mr. Swamidoss Mudeliar's chief qualifications for the post of Secretary are that he has had experience of the working of the Vellore Municipality as its Chairman for one year, and that his experience as a Sanitary Inspector would be good training for one of the most important parts of the work of the office - Sanitation.

2. What is chiefly to be said against Mr. Swamidoss is that he has unfortunately become unpopular with a considerable section of the Council.

My opinion is that the Secretary should be
a man younger and more active than Mr.
Sawmydoss. If I had to make the selection, I
would not select a man, who could not go round
the town twice a day — morning and evening. This
can only be done by the aid of the bicycle, and
unless a man can and will do this, he will not be an
efficient Secretary. Other qualifications are necessary —
power of supervising the office &c. — but the Secretary's
really important work is out of doors — in the streets
looking after the sanitation of the town. The object of
the new system of having paid Secretaries, is, as I
suppose, to have municipal money more efficiently
spent. Municipal work is going on all over the town,
and every day all over the town. When the nature of
the work to be supervised is considered, it is apparent
that there can be only efficient supervision by an
exceptionally active man; The post is not one that
can be efficiently filled by a pensioner, or by a
man who is at all approaching the stage of being
a pensioner.

W. L. Holmes
Sub Coll

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Forwarded in continuation of my endorsement, No. 435, Cur. Ery.,
dated 4.3.98, on the petition of the Municipal Manager, asking
for the resolution of the Municipal Council to be cancelled.

2. In my former endorsement I assumed that M.R.R. P.
Swamidoss Mudaliar Avergal was not one of the 25 Candi-
-dates selected by the Sub-Committee, as this was the

natural inference to draw from the petition, and
as there was nothing in the Chairman's endorse-
-ment to show the contrary. I now find that
he was one of those 25 Candidates, & that the
Municipal Manager's objection related to the
other two Candidates who were proposed at
the meeting. He contends that if these two
Candidates had not been improperly proposed,
his own name would have been proposed,
and that he would have had a good
chance of being elected.

3. The Sub Collector's letter, No. 546, dated
12th March 1898, with its enclosures is also
forwarded. As to the Reverend D. W. Kidd's
letter, the Sanitary Commissioner may be
referred to, if it is considered necessary.

4. With reference to Mr. Holmes' remarks as to
the age of the elected Candidate, M.R.R.
Swamidoss Mudaliar Avergal's age is 43,
which is also the age of the Municipal
Manager. A petition from the elected
Candidate dated 13th March 1898 is also
enclosed.

J. H. Watten
18.3.98
Acting Collector

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Local & Munl. (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 1155 M

Order

From
V. Gopalakrishna Mudaliyar
& others
Vellore

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To
The Chief Secretary to Government
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Sir,

We, the undersigned Municipal Councillors Vellore, Respectfully beg to submit our humble protest against the election of Mr. R. Ry P. Swamidoss Moodaliar as Secretary under Section 39A of the amended District Municipalities Act of 1897.

At a Special meeting of the Council at which eighteen members were present, held on the 24th February last for the appointment of a Secretary out of nearly 180 applications received, the applications of three Candidates namely Messrs. M. Sreenivasachariar B.A., Ragunathava Sastriar B.A. B.L. and P. Swamidoss Moodaliar were taken up for Consideration. The name of Mr. P. Swamidoss Moodaliar was duly proposed and seconded. As an amendment to the proposition Mr. M. Sreenivasachariar's name having been proposed actual nine votes were scored, but the amendment was lost by the casting vote of the Chairman.

number of votes actually obtained by Mr. Sreenivasachariar has not been shown in the Resolution and is therefore misleading. Then another amendment followed proposing Mr. Ragunathana Sastriar's name which also fell to the ground as there were seven against nine votes. Lastly the original proposition being put to the vote, the result was eight votes against nine including the Chairman's which gave the majority for the proposition. In this connection we beg to submit that two of the nine votes in favor of Mr. P. Swamidas Moodaliar are technically invalid by reason of the two Councillors Mr. Kannu Chettiar and Sheik Amed Sahib who voted for the amendment in favor of Mr. M. Sreenivasachariar having also voted for the original proposition. The Sub Collector did not vote and Revd. D. W. Kidd strongly opposed Mr. P. Swamidas Moodaliar's election. In view of the fact that the two votes become invalid it will be seen that Mr. Sreenivasachariar got the largest number f votes viz 9 and Mr. Swamidas Moodaliar only 7 valid votes and that Mr. Sreenivasachariar ght to have been declared as validly elected. much for the question of election of a

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We beg to briefly state in passing the educational and business qualifications of the three Competitors for the Secretary's place. Mr. P. Ragunathana Sastriar is the Sub-Magistrate of Thiruthuraipundi Tanjore District, holds a double degree and also possesses experience of Municipal works. Mr. M. Sreenivasachariar B.A. is the Sub Magistrate of Gudiatham, North Arcot District, has put in nearly 13 years service under Government as the Head Clerk of a Revenue Sub Divisional office, acting Tahsildar, and Stationary Sub Magistrate and has qualified himself for the Deputy Collector's post and is an efficient all round man. Mr. P. Swamidas Moodaliar is an old general, Test man of ordinary attainments. He is the Deputy Inspector of Vaccination and has absolutely no experience of Revenue matters in the executive line. He is not, therefore, fitted either by age (43 years) or by abilities to discharge the heavy responsibilities and obligations of the office of Secretary. He has earned an unenviable notoriety as one who identified himself with one faction of

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the Council and his tenure of office as Chairman of the Council for a period of ten months has been characterized by an unconstitutional, unbusiness like, inefficient and dilatory disposal of business. To cite a few of his short comings as Chairman:- 1. He has allowed the construction of a building and alienated Municipal land in front of Hakim Syed Ibrahim Khan's house in Commissary bazaar Street without the sanction of the Council or Government; and the exofficio Chairman Mr. Vaughan ordered its demolition by carrying out the Resolution of the Council (vide Res. No 15 dated 15 July 95. 2. He appointed one Maistry independently of the Council and in entire disregard of the G. O. doing away with the post of Maistry (vide Res No 19 dated 19th February 95) 3. He is the ~~E~~ Creature of the faction and one of the members of the Council whose conduct the Government viewed with dissatisfaction in the matter of Councillor Govinda Reddiar's encroachment of Municipal land and although Mr. P. Swamidas Moodaliar who then held the office of Chairman was warned by Government that he "should see that Municipal business

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is disposed of in a less unbusiness like and dilatory manner in future." (Vide G. O. dated 6th August 95 No 1267 Mis), he showed no tangible improvement for all that. 4. He gave Municipal Contracts below Rs 200 arbitrarily and in direct contravention of the Resolution of the Council dated 5th May 1894 by which the power of making contract not exceeding Rs 200 was delegated to a Sub Committee. 5. He was supplying a Municipal Councillor of his faction, who was simply deputed to supervise Departmental works, with funds from time to time in the absence of any Vouchers or Completion Certificates from the Overseer for work done and in the absence of any necessity for the same (vide para 27 and 28 of Auditor's report for 1894-95). He invariably accepted estimates prepared and submitted by the Municipal Overseer without obtaining the Council's sanctions. 7. The Chairman's letter of recommendation supporting his claims for the Secretary's place is a case of special pleading, for he is under a debt of gratitude to the Secretary elect in that the former owes his appointment as Chairman

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to the latter's vote and influence, and he is only now repaying the debt to him by similar good offices. Mr. P. Swamidoss Moodaliar has no right to appropriate to himself the Compliment which the Government pays in its Review of 1894-95 to which Reference is made by the Chairman. Seeing that during the 7 Months of the Year beginning with September to which the Review relates, he had barely time to learn the elementary duties of his office. The Credit of efficient administration during the particular year under Review properly belongs to his predecessor-in-office and the Council. In view to promote the true interests of the Municipality and to clear the air thick with factious intrigues, we supported though without success the Candidature of the two graduate applicants who unlike Mr. P. Swamidoss Moodaliar are both efficient and untainted with the prejudices of Local factions in the Council and are men of proved abilities & honesty as public Servants. Under the Circumstances set ~~aside~~ forth above we pray that Government may be graciously pleased to set aside the election of Mr. P. Swamidoss Moodaliar on

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on the grounds of his incompetency and abuse of power when Chairman and of the invalidity of the two votes which gave the majority to Mr. P. Swamidoss Moodaliar or pass such orders as Government may think fit in the Circumstances of the Case.

We beg to remain

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servants

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