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[Despatch Abstract.]

Appointment of Secretary —

Stating with remarks that the Rajahmundry Municipal Council must appoint a Secretary to improve its resources and requesting the Council to submit proposals regarding the Salary to be pa to him and to report which of the Chairman's p it is proposed to delegate to the Secretary.

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From V. A. Brodie Esqr.
Collector
Godavary district.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT * LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT * 14 JAN. 1898

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For the reasons assigned by the Sub-Collector and the Collector, in which the Government fully concurs, the request of the municipal council, that it may be exempted from the operation of Section 39-A of the Act, cannot be complied with. The finances of the municipality are no doubt, not altogether in a satisfactory condition at present. But His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that the appointment of a Secretary will be the most economical arrangement in the end, as such an officer, if capable, may be expected to improve the resources of the municipality and by efficient management.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting the Rajahmundry Municipal Chairman's letter ~~submitting~~ stating that the Council cannot afford to have a paid Secretary and requesting therefore that this Municipality be exempted from the operation of Section 39 A of the amended Municipal Act

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management, effect savings more than sufficient to cover the cost of his employment. The municipal council is accordingly requested to submit proposals regarding the salary to be paid to the Secretary, which might advantageously be fixed at Rs 125, rising to Rs 150 by annual increments of Rs 5, and to report which of the Chairman's powers, other than those, the delegation of which is compulsory, it is proposed to delegate to the Secretary under clause (d) of Subsection (1) of Section 39-A. of the Act.

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To
The Chairman M.C. Rajahmundry,
through the Collector of Godavari

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Encl. No 1. to letter No 470
27.12.97

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council Rajahmundry dated 16.10.

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Read G.O. No 1465 M dated 21st June 1897 – requesting Municipal Councils, with remarks, to submit their opinion on the question of Appointing Secretaries as required by Sec 39 A of the Municipal Act, and ordering the publication of certain draft rules with respect to interpellation of the Chairman by the Councillors.

Res No 762 dated 16.10.97.

The Council cannot afford to have a paid Secretary, and Government will therefore be requested to exempt the Municipality from the operation of this Section 39 A.

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(Signed) N. Jaladurgaprasadarayudu
Chairman

(True Extract)

Chairman

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Enclosure No. 2. to letter No. 470
" 27-12-97

No.———

MUNICIPAL OFFICE
RAJAHMUNDRY.
DATE———

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Rajahmundry dated——— 27-11-97.

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READ. Chairman's Memo placing before the Council a draft letter to Government as regards the appointment of a paid Secretary.

Resolution No. 999 dated 27-11-97.

Draft letter is approved.

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(Signed) Y. L. Narisimham.
Presiding Councillor.

(True Extract)

Chairman.

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From

M.R.Ry N. Jaladurgaprasadarayodu Garu B.A.
Chairman Municipal Council
Rajahmundry.

To

The Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department
Madras

Through the Sub Collector Godavery.

Sir

With reference to G.O. No 1465 M dated 21-6-97 requesting this Municipality to submit its opinion on the subject of appointing a Secretary, I have the honor to state that if a Secretary is to be appointed, his maximum monthly pay should be Rs 150/-, and that it should start with not less than Rs 100/-, but that this Municipality cannot afford to have a paid Secretary in view of the large demands it has on its funds (for Sanitary and other purpose

2 Though there may be some increas
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under house tax, there will be a fall under profession tax, as revised under the Madras District Municipalities Act as amended by Act III of 1897, and the income on the whole may therefore for some years to come, be taken as Rs 34447/- which is the amount of income estimated by Government in the above G. O. ———

3 Out of this amount the Council after deducting the usual charges for salaries &c of the various departments, has not been able to have more than Rs 5000/- under Grant I under new works communications and repairs as can be seen from the previous budgets ——

4 The sum it has been able to allot under Grant I has not been found sufficient to meet the repairs of buildings and communications not to speak of new works. The state of the roads is not as good as desirable and as the Divisional Officer's remarked more than once, more money if possible, should be spent on their repairs. In this connection I may

mention

mention that the Council has been making acquisitions of sites and houses in certain narrow but very busy streets and there are several such streets that have to be widened at much expense (A sum of Rs 4000/- was provided last year for widening certain busy streets by acquiring houses and sites, and since it could not be spent during the year for the reasons explained in para 32 of my letter embodied in G. O. No 2426 M dated 4-11-97. it was reserved for that purpose and this chiefly accounts for the large closing balance of Rs 8859/- referred to in that G. O, which sum includes the above Rs 4000/-) ———

5 Besides, a female dispensary for the town and a branch hospital in Innespetta are quite necessary (Vide Surgeon Gernals' remarks embodied in G. O. No 592 dated 18-3-97). The ~~Lady~~ female Apothacary who has been recently appointed and attached to the Civil Dispensary is not able to do all that she could, as, for want of funds there is no separate hospital with the

necessary

under house tax, there will be a fall
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necessary establishment given her, and this has to be attended to. ——————

6 The western portion of the old town is subject to the annual inundations of the river, and several houses would be under water, and it has been considered necessary in the interests of Sanitation and the well being of the people, to construct a bund, to prevent the floods from entering the town; and it has therefore been proposed with the approval of the Collector and the Sub Collector, to construct such a bund and make a wide road at its foot, in order that traffic might be diverted from the main road which is very narrow and which can only be widened at a cost of about a lac of rupees which the Council cannot afford to do. Government has been approached with a request for a loan of Rs 50000/- for this purpose and it has been pleased

pleased to direct the Council to send estimates and plans for the same (Vide G. O. No 1449 M. Mis dated 18-6-97). —

7 Innespetta is not as well drained as it ought to be and some money is to be spent for deepening and improving the Ava Channel through which the rain water of the petta is drained into the river at Dowleswaram, and the Council intends to cooperate with the Taluq Board which is also interested in the above scheme, and it has to contribute two or three thousand rupees as required by the Taluq Board. ——————

8 The potters tank site into which all the rain water of a large area flows and stagnates and which in consequence has become an unhealthy locality, requires to be filled with earth at a considerable

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9 The Kumbala Tank is one of the most important sources of water supply and some money is required to deepen it and to effect other improvements to it ——

10 These are some of the most important wants and they were noticed in the administration report embodied in G. O. No 1755 dated 14-10-96; and have not been fully attended to, because the Municipality has not yet been able to allot the necessary funds for them ——

11 It will be thus seen that the funds at the disposal of the Council are hardly sufficient to meet the ordinary requirements of sanitation, public health and convenience, not to speak of the important schemes above referred to and the expense (which is pretty heavy) that the Council

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pleased

extra sanitary arrangements (under G. Os Nos. 1536 dated 9-9-96 & 112 dated 19-1-97) for ~~the~~ preventing and combating ~~of~~ epidemics which have ~~been~~, unfortunately of late, been of frequent occurrence, owing to the increased facilities of communication caused by the East-Coast Railway ——

12 The council therefore submits that it is not able under the above circumstances to have a paid Secretary and therefore prays that Government be pleased to exempt it from the operation of Section 39A. of the Municipal Act ——

13 Copies of the Council's resolutions on the subject are enclosed

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
K. Jaladurgaprasada nayudu
Chairman

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Dis $\frac{6}{Rev}$ of 98 dated 5-1-98.

Forwarded.

The only argument put forward by the Municipal Council against the non-appointment of a paid Secretary is want of funds. The many schemes detailed in the Chairman's letter are merely illustrations in support of this argument. Impecuniosity is a disability common to most Municipalities and cannot have much weight in a question of this sort. It is no doubt true that there will be a certain loss under profession tax in future, but this will be more than compensated by an increase in house tax, provided that this latter is levied at the maximum rate now allowed, and that the assessment is carefully scrutinized. At present house tax is levied at 7 p. c and realizes about Rs 10000. If levied at 8$\frac{1}{2}$ p c it would realize Rs 12000, and I think this amount might be increased by careful scrutiny of the lists as a new petta has recently been included in municipal limits. The Chairman at present is a pleader and cannot of course be [illegible]pected to devote

Certainly

all his time to Municipal work as he is engaged in private practice. The Municipal manager is not sufficiently highly paid to be entrusted with much responsibility. I therefore feel convinced that the employment of a paid Secretary, so far from being a burden on municipal funds, would actually increase the municipal revenue, and would certainly conduce to better administration. He would devote his whole time to Municipal work and in addition to the value of his own work, the supervision that he would exercise over the whole Municipal staff would be of great value. It is of course presumed that a capable man would be appointed as Secretary and there should be no difficulty in getting such a man on a salary of Rs 125 — 150. Sec 39 A (2) of the amended Municipalities Act lays down that unless the Governor in Council otherwise directs every Municipal Council which has during three consecutive financial years realized an average annual income of Rs 30,000 shall appoint a Secretary. This being so, I do not think that the Rajahmundry Municipal Council has made out any case for an ~~ex~~ exemption from the rule.

W. W. Phillips

Dis 20/Eng of 98 dated 9-1-98.

Submitted to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department.

2. The inordinate delay of over six months in replying to the G. O has not been explained.

3. The catalogue of wants enumerated by the council by way of indicating its financial requirements, is itself proof of the need for the employment of a full-timed responsible officer to carry out the various measures of improvement referred to. A Secretary will cost the Council Rs 1200 per annum to start with, but this is a trifle compared with the additional administrative convenience and efficiency that it is calculated to secure; viz. supervision of out-door work and efficient control of the staff in charge of it. As remarked by the Sub Collector, a judicious revision of the house tax also appears to be desirable and can be thoroughly effected only by an officer who can devote his time and attention exclusively to the matter. Such a revision would probably result in a considerable increase

under house tax, there will be a fall

of revenue even without any enhancement

of the rate and under other heads of

taxation also such as the tax on animals

and vehicles. Probably improved supervision | Surely

would result in improved revenues. In

the long run the municipality will, I think,

be a gainer even financially by the appoint-

ment. I cannot therefore recommend the

exemption prayed for by the Council.

(Sd). V. A. Brodie

Collector.

R. E. Holland

for Collector.

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