

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1739/m

DATED 27-11-99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition

Informing S. Sundaram Aiyar,
Manager, Trichinopoly Municipality that
the Govt sees no reason to reconsider its
order No. 1540 M of 1899, refusing to increase his
pay from Rs. 50 to Rs. 80.

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From

Order No. 1739/m
22/11/99 at 21.11.99

S. Sundram Aiyar B.A.
Manager, Trichinopoly Municipality

The Government sees no reason
to reconsider its order No. 1540 m,
dated 18th October 1899.

No.

Dated 28-10-99

Received 30-10-99

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Enclosures 1

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Note

Please see the notes & orders in
G.O. 532 m, dated 24th April 1899 and G.O.
No. 1540 m, dated 18th Oct. 99. C

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SUBJECT.

Praying for a
reconsideration of the orders
passed in G.O. 1540 m 27/10-10-99

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TRICHINOPOLY,
10th July 1899.

From,

S. SUNDARAM AIYAR B. A.

Manager to the Municipal Council,

TRICHINOPOLY.

To,

His Excellency,

THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL,

FORT ST. GEORGE,

MADRAS.

May it please Your Excellency,

With reference to G. O. No. 532 M. Mis. dated 24th April 1899, I beg most respectfully to submit this my humble appeal and memorial and to pray that Your Excellency will be graciously pleased to pass such orders as Your Excellency may deem fit to redress the injustice done to me by unreasonably reducing my salary from Rs. 80 to 50 and by unjustly declaring me unfit for any promotion.

2. I was appointed Manager to the Municipal Council, Trichinopoly on Rs. 80 per mensem in October 1890.

3. The pay of the post of Manager was reduced from Rs. 80 to 50 by the Council in the Budget for 1898-99 on the ground that the Manager's duties and responsibilities would be considerably reduced after the appointment of the Secretary, as all Municipalities were so advised by the Government in para 2 of G. O. No. 1465 M. dated 21st June 1899.

4. I beg to submit that the grounds alleged for the proposed reduction of the pay of the Office Managers have been declared untenable by a competent authority. In the opinion of the Accountant-General read in G. O. No. 1306 M. dated 20th July 98, "the Manager's duties are practically unchanged" even after the appointment of the Secretary, who has really assumed the greater part of the executive and routine work formerly done by the Chairman. I beg permission to state that by the Amendment Act, which has conferred more powers on the Chairman (or the Secretary) and also powers of interpellation on the Councillors, the duties of the Managers have been vastly increased.

5. Further, I beg to observe that the declared policy of the Government is that reductions in the salaries of any appointments should not be permitted to affect the existing incumbents so long as they held those offices.

6. I beg also to state the Government has been pleased to sanction the original full pay to the Managers in the Negapatam and Conjeevaram Municipalities. (Please vide G. O. No. 469 M. dated 1st March 98.)

7. While so, I humbly beg to entreat Your Excellency-in-Council to consider if the above-mentioned order disallowing the original salary to me is not strange and inconsistent in that the Manager of the Trichinopoly Municipality should not be granted the same concessions which have been sanctioned in the case of the Managers of much smaller Municipalities like Negapatam and Conjeevaram.

8. As regards the second clause of the G. O. under appeal, I beg to submit that G. O. No. 1028 M. Mis. finally disposed of in 1896 a complaint made against me by the then Chairman and that the other G. O. No. 855 M. Mis. dated 3rd May 98 has no reference to my conduct at all. The brief history, which I beg permission to give below, of the facts disposed of in the said two orders, will clearly prove that the double punishment of reduction and degradation inflicted on me is most undeserved.

9. M. R. Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai Avargal was appointed Chairman in December 1895 and was immediately induced by one of my inveterate enemies in the Council—M. R. Ry. V. S. Chellappa Chettiar Avergal, an unpassed and unlicensed vakil—to make some remarks of a vague character against me, but this gentleman was afterwards good enough to withdraw his unfounded remarks. The Government was then pleased to pass final orders accepting my explanation. Such being the case, I beg to submit that I should not now be punished with reduction. It will not be out of place here to inform Your Excellency that M. R. Ry. V. S. Chellappa Chettiar Avergal who is no more a Councillor is the author of the pseudonymous petition alleged to have been presented by Thomas Pillai and others and read in the G. O. under appeal.

10. As regards the other G. O. No. 855 M. Mis. dated 3-5-95, I beg to state that M. R. Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai Avl., was severely censured by the Government for having renewed the contract with a local printer and for having improperly advanced Rs. 500 to the same printer and that my name is not even once mentioned in the G. O. nor in the correspondence which passed through the Municipal office. So far as I am aware, nothing was alleged against me nor was I called upon to explain anything appearing against me in the two transactions. I humbly beg to assure the Government that Mr. Williamson, the Assistant Accountant-General and Inspector of the Local Fund Accounts, who brought these irregularities of the Chairman to the notice of Government, has not said a word against me in his report and that this officer will, if referred to, be able to completely exonerate me from anything which M. R. Ry. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai Avl., might have stated against me in his explanation which did not pass through the Municipal Office.

11. I am a Graduate of fourteen years' standing, having passed my B. A. degree examination in January 1885 from the Presidency College. I understand Survey and Demarcation, having served in the Madras Revenue Survey Department for about two years as a Theodolite Surveyor and also an Inspector of Field and Plane table Survey on Rs. 60 per mensem. I have, since then, been employed as Manager in this Municipality for over eight years—a period of service, which, if I had only given to the Revenue Department, might have secured me a respectable appointment by this time,

12. The testimonials, which I submit herewith, will show that as a student, I was a promising, well behaved lad of good ability, while as a Head Surveyor, I have been reported by Mr. T. A. Tomlinson, Dy. Superintendent, to be a careful and hard-working man bearing a very good character. As Manager to the Municipal Council, all the Chairmen under whom I have served have borne testimony to my abilities and good conduct; and the Government Auditors including Mr. Anthony, the then Inspector of the Local Fund Accounts, have uniformly certified that I am intelligent, painstaking and conversant with the details of my work.

13. Lt. Col. W. O'Hara, I. M. S. Ag. Inspector-General of Prisons, who was Chairman of this Municipality for over a year, has been pleased to record under date March 1899 the following opinion of me:—

"Mr. Sundaram Aiyar, B. A., Manager of the Municipal Office, Trichinopoly has been known to me for some years. He is in my opinion an intelligent and capable officer and thoroughly acquainted with office work.

He would make an excellent Secretary to a Municipality and I should be glad to hear of his advancement."

14. I humbly beg that in view of these facts, Your Excellency will be graciously pleased to favourably consider the claims of the unfortunate man who has grown grey in the Municipal service and whose pay has been reduced just at the time when he is really useful by his experience and training and is pitifully helpless with a growing family. I beg respectfully to request Your Excellency not only to order the payment of my original full salary (which was, after full discussion, sanctioned by the Municipal Council) but also to declare me to be entitled for promotion to the post of Secretary in this or any other Municipality for which post I have been pronounced fit by Khan Bahadur Khadir Navaz Khan Sahib, Deputy Collector and Lt. Col. W. O'Hara I. M. S. Ag. Inspector General of Prisons.

I beg to remain,
Your Excellency's most humble & obedient servant.

Sd/ S. Sundaram Aiyer
(True copy)
S. Sundaram Aiyer
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Madras, 28th October 1899.

From

S. Sundaram Aiyar, B.A.,

Manager, Trichinopoly Municipality,

residing in 28, Thambu Chetty Street, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Local and Municipal Department.

Respected Sir,

With reference to my interview of Thursday last, I beg your honor will be pleased to reconsider the orders passed in G.O.No.1540 M. Mis. Dated 18th October 1899.

2.

I beg to state that the above order is opposed to natural justice in that I am permitted to be stabbed in the dark by an ex-chairman whose conduct was severely censured by the Government.

3.

Mr. Williamsen, the Assistant Accountant-General, who reported the said Chairman, was satisfied that he had erred most wantonly and perversely and that the Municipal Office was not to blame at all in the matter. The records clearly show that that Chairman had deliberately disregarded the rules and orders in force and that the Office-notes prepared by the Petitioner and his subordinates were over-ruled by him in his hand-writing. Further, the records connected with the charges against the said Officer were sent for and verified by the Government.

4.

I beg to observe that the explanations submitted by the ex-chairman, who stood accused of grave charges, should be treated as his defence and not as a reliable report for condemning - unheard - Your Petitioner whom he falsely accused of having brought these charges against him. The charges were really audit-objections raised by the Accountant-General who happened to examine that year's

Note from G.O.

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by G.O. as not

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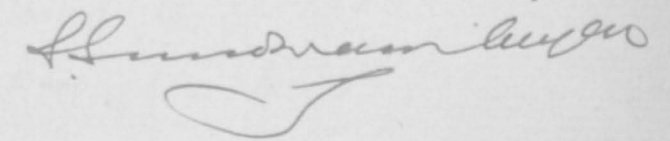
5. I beg to urge that the Municipal Council presided over by the then Chairman, Lt. Col. W.O'Hara, I.M.S. had, after a full discussion, thought fit to recommend the increase of pay to me and that it does not stand to reason that your humble Petitioner should not look forward to his immediate superiors for rewards and punishments. In fact, the Council has nothing to say against me; the Government Auditors like Messrs. A.H. Anthony and Williamson have passed favorable remarks about me, and the last Chairman, - Lt. Col. W.O'Hara, I.M.S. the present Inspector-General of Prisons - has certified that I have always done my duty intelligently and honestly.

Under these circumstances, I beg to request your honour will be pleased to grant me a hearing in support of my humble Appeal and to render justice.

I beg to remain,

Respected Sir,

Your Honor's most obedient & humble
servant.



Respected Sir,
With reference to my interview of Thursday last, I beg your honor will be pleased to reconsider the orders passed in G.O. No. 1340 M. M. Dated 15th October 1909.
I beg to state that the above order is opposed to natural justice in that I am permitted to be attached in the day by an ex-chairman whose conduct was severely censured by the Government.
Mr. Williamson, the Assistant Accountant-General, who reported the said Chairman was satisfied that he had acted in a wantonly and perversely and that the Municipal Office was not to place at all in the matter. The records clearly show that the Chairman had deliberately disregarded the rules and orders in force and that the Office-notes prepared by the Petitioner and his subordinates were over-ruled by him in his hand-writing. Further, the records connected with the charges against the said Officer were sent for and verified by the Government.
I beg to observe that the explanations submitted by the ex-chairman who stood accused of grave charges should be treated as his defence and not as a reliable report for condemnation. Your Petitioner, when he was accused of having been in charge against him. The charges were really anti-objective raised by the Accountant-General who happened to examine that year.

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CURRENT No. 2952m

From

S. Sundaram Aiyar

Manager, Muz. Office
Trichinopoly

No.

Order

Dated 13-11-99

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orders on his petition re the
reduction of his salary.

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restoration is considered
 simply just and reasonable
 by his Govt and was specially
 recommended by his Chairman
 and his Municipal Council.

The Government will never
 furnish a servant with re-
 duction of pay without a report
 against him and without his
 explanation - But in my case,
 the orders I appeal from do
 amount really to inflicting
 a punishment ~~without a~~
 for long and faithful
 services rendered - The
 Chairman recommends

me, the Municipal Council
 approves the action of his
 Chairman and yet my
 salary is withheld as
 a punishment apparently
 on the worthless reasons
 and information
 explanations submitted
 by an ex-Chairman who
 was censured for his
 misbehaviour and bad
 administration.

I beg remain,
 Respected Sir,
 Your most obedient servant
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 Manager, ...

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 MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT
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I learn that your honor
 is sending over charge soon
 and so I hasten to beg your
 honor will be pleased to
 dispose my petition and do
 me justice. My contention
 is that my kary was reduced
 on general public grounds and
 that the restoration is opposed
 by the office of the Secretariat
 which is labouring under a
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