

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1707 M

DATED 17-11-99

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Establishment

Recording letter from the Chairman  
Munl. Council, Vellore, regarding the appointment  
naming Mr. A. S. S. as Munl. Council  
Vellore.

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## LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., No. , dated 189 .  
 Current No. of 189 , dated from the  
 Current No. 2888 h. of 1899, dated 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. 99 from the Chairman, Mel.  
 Vellone.

## SUBJECT.

Appointment of Mr. C. W. Atkin-  
 - son as Municipal Overseer, Vellone.

## FOR ORDERS.

Please see the notes and  
 orders in G.O. No. 1570 h, dated 25<sup>th</sup>  
 October 1899. and paragraph 9 of  
 the Chairman's letter in which he  
 says that he does not feel justi-  
 fied in cancelling Mr. C. W. Atkin-  
 -son's appointment as Municipal  
 Overseer as he does not consider  
 that he is the man who served  
 in the Police Department at Bellary.

*order*  
~~As a mark of identification~~  
 his order No. 1707 h. 17-11-99  
 Recorded  
 17.xi.99.

As Col. Lancaster does not  
 consider him to be the  
 same man, the matter  
 may drop & the papers  
 be recorded.

At 16.11.99

V.B.  
 14/11/99 This a file we had not  
 his finger marks. Marks of  
 identification are often cancelled  
 made. Submitted that as  
 identification is not certain the  
 matter may rest

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# Local & Muni. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 2888m



From The Chairman  
Municipal Council  
Vellore

Order

No. 2144 of 99

Dated 4<sup>th</sup> November 1899

Received } 7<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
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## SUBJECT.

Referring to the Proceedings of  
the Madras Government -  
Order No. 1570. M. Dated  
25<sup>th</sup> October 1899 with reference  
to the appointment of Mr. Atkinson  
as Municipal Engineer, Vellore.

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Vellu  
25-10-99

To The Chairman  
Municipal Council  
Vellu

Sir

With reference to the Government order No 1570 dated 25/10/99 handed over to me, I have the honour to deny absolutely that I was dismissed the police employment in July 1899 in Bellary.

2. I would notice that the Government order simply mentions that a "Mr. Atkinson" was then dismissed, there are many Atkinsons in this Presidency and more than one has been in the police employ. I think therefore I ought to be first identified by my Christian name before any action is taken.

3. I am prepared to prove on the date mentioned I was employed as Guard on the South Indian Railway, and reference can be made to the Traffic Manager of

be given up to me and that this  
be forwarded direct to Government.

I beg to remain  
Yours obt. Servant  
C. W. Atkinson  
Municipal Officer

Sir

I have to state that in continuation  
of my letter above, I beg to state that  
I was seen in the police unit  
my height 5 ft 10 inches and have  
not the marks stated in the G. O. dated  
25/10/99. and I request that a ~~medical~~  
~~the~~ Dr. Surgeon be asked to examine  
and grant a certificate to the marks.

Yours  
Yours obt. Servant  
C. W. Atkinson  
30/10/99

Sl No 2817 24

I was not on their line in 1854  
vide No 3873 dated 17<sup>th</sup> May 1854 and  
further I have to state I applied in  
January 1855 to the Inspector General of  
Police Madras for an Inspector post  
and received a reply from them No 24/1  
dated 19<sup>th</sup> January 1855 that there is  
no prospect of an early vacancy and  
had I been dismissed from the Police  
I would not have applied again  
to them.

4 Under these circumstances I  
protest against being searched  
for bodily marks of identification  
if however you still insist on this  
being done I submit under  
protest.

(5) I appeal to you and the Council  
to protect municipal subordinates  
from such degrading proceedings  
allowing done my work without fear  
and favour I have of course stood  
up bravely against myself in  
the minds of some. I have reasons  
to believe that this is not the first  
representation to my detriment made  
at Government. I think therefore I ought  
to be protected if I am to do my work  
honestly. I would ask that the name  
of the informer of this false

3-10-99 charges

Vellore  
30<sup>th</sup> October 1899

Sir,

The Chairman,  
Municipal Council, Vellore.

Sir,

With reference to C. O. No. 1570. Dr. Dins dated  
25-10-99, I examined Mr. Atkinson, Overseer  
in the Municipality of Vellore and found him  
to be 5 feet 11 in with boots and 5 ft. 10 1/2 in without  
boots. A mole 2 (inches) below the left collar bone.  
A raised mark on the outer aspect of left eye  
which appears like a scar. There is no mole  
on the centre of the back near the waist.

Judging from appearances I believe the  
said Mr. Atkinson to be the person who  
served in the police as European Head Constable  
at Bellary from 31<sup>st</sup> August to the beginning  
of November 1854 when I was suspected there.

Yours truly,  
J. M. Obedient Lawan.

C. J. Wilson  
Police Inspector

Ellysee 2920588

Original

No. 108  
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From

Ellysee 2974288  
Vellore 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1899

3.11.99

Lt. Col. John Laurence, M.C., M.B., & L.S.  
District Medical and Sanitary Officer  
North Arcot

To

The Chairman  
Municipal Council  
Vellore.

Sir,

In reference to your letter, No. 2119, dated  
31<sup>st</sup> October 1899, I have the honor to inform you  
that I examined Mr. B. W. Atkins on, Overseer  
of the Municipal Council, Vellore, as to his  
marks of identification.

His height is 5 feet 10 inches: his  
age is between 35 and 36 years.

He has a line of 4 moles extending  
from the top of left shoulder downwards,  
the latter 3 being very distinct. Also a  
mole and scar above left nipple.

There is no mole on the centre of the back  
near the waist.

There are small creases of skin near  
the angles of both eyes and a very small  
small fox-pit also at the angles of both  
eyes.

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- There is a very large scar on left  
 shin bone and another scar on the inner  
 side of left knee which would have  
 been noted in a descriptive roll.
2. I do not consider the descriptive  
 marks noted in the G.O. tally with  
 those noted by me and as given above.
3. I herewith return the G.O.

I have the honor to be  
 Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servant  
 John W. M. Peters. Esq. M. A.  
 Lt. Colonel  
 Dist. Medl & Sanitary Officer  
 Madras

2000/Jan/99

No. 2144 of 88  
 (Enc. 3. To be returned)

Vellore Municipal Office,  
 Dated 4<sup>th</sup> November 1899.

From  
 M. R. R. S. Seshagiri Row Avergal,  
 LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.  
 CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,  
 VELLORE.  
 CURRENT No. 2888 M  
 To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,  
 LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS,  
 Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on  
 the 28<sup>th</sup> October 1899 of the Proceedings of the Madras  
 Government, No. 1570 M. D. dated 25<sup>th</sup> idem, stating  
 that Mr. Atkinson who has been recently appointed  
 as Municipal Overseer in Vellore, was employed  
 in 1894 as European Head Constable in Bellary  
 and that he was dismissed from the Police  
 force as he was found guilty of breach of trust  
 and misappropriation of reward-money, and  
 requesting me to identify the man with the  
 help of Mr. Willix, now Police Inspector at Vellore,  
 and on identification to cancel his appoint-  
 ment as Municipal Overseer.

2. In obedience to the Order of Government, I asked Mr C. W. Atkinson, the Querecar, to explain with reference to the C. O., and to appear before me on the evening of the 30<sup>th</sup> October 1899, when there happened also to be a meeting of the Council. I also requested Mr Willis, the Town Police Inspector to be present to help me in identifying Mr Atkinson.

3. Mr Atkinson submitted his explanations. He also submitted to the examination of his person under protest, as he considered it a degradation to be so examined.

4. Mr Atkinson in his explanations absolutely denies that he ever was in the Police force at Bellary or that he was dismissed therefrom on the grounds mentioned in the C. O. (Vide his explanation herewith submitted).

5. Mr Willis's report is also submitted for the information of Government. He refused to examine Mr Atkinson as to other marks, scars &c which he had on his body other than those specified in the C. O.

6. Mr Willis was positive in his verbal statement prior to the examination of Mr Atkinson

a District Medical and Sanitary Officer, that the latter was the very person who was employed in the Police force at Bellary - and as this statement did not tally with his written report, I considered it unsafe to place any reliance upon his statement, because it appeared to me to have been based upon bias, and I felt it would be more satisfactory to me and the Government also, to obtain the professional opinion of a Medical Officer and I therefore asked Lieutenant Colonel John Lancaster, the District Medical and Sanitary Officer to examine Mr Atkinson with reference to the C. O. in question. His report is also submitted herewith.

7. I append below for the information of Government, a comparative statement of the marks of identification specified by Government, by Mr Willis the Police Inspector, and by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer.

| Marks as per C. O.                          | Marks as per report of Mr. Sillis, Towns Inspector of Police.         | Marks as per report of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer.                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Age - About 31.                             | Not given                                                             | Between 35 and 36 years.                                                                                                                 |
| Height - 6 feet.                            | 5 ft 11 in with boots and 5 ft 10 1/2 in without boots.               | 5 ft. 10 in.                                                                                                                             |
| <u>Marks:-</u>                              |                                                                       |                                                                                                                                          |
| 1. A mole on hollow of left shoulder.       | A mole 2 inches below left collar bone.                               | A line of 4 moles extending from top of left shoulder downwards - the latter 3 being very distinct. Also a mole and scar on left nipple. |
| 2. A scar on the outer aspect of left eye.  | A raised mark on outer aspect of left eye which appears to be a scar. | There are small creases of skin near the angles of both eyes and a very small small-pox pit also at the angles of both eyes.             |
| 3. A mole on centre of back near the waist. | No mole on the centre of back near the waist.                         | There is no mole on the centre of the back near the waist.                                                                               |

8. The District Medical and Sanitary Officer, further adds "There is a very large scar on the left shin-bone and another scar on the inner side of left knee which would have been noted in a descriptive roll."

9. As the District Medical and Sanitary Officer certifies "I do not consider the descriptive marks noted in the C. O. tally with those noted by me and as given above" and as my own personal examination of Mr. Atkinson in the presence of Mr. Sillis confirms me in the same opinion, I respectfully beg to state that I consider that Mr. C. W. Atkinson, Overseer is not that Atkinson who served in the Police force at Bellary and was dismissed, and I do not therefore feel justified in cancelling his appointment as Municipal Overseer.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant

*H. W. Sillis*  
Chairman

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READ AGAIN G.O., No.

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