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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1713 M

DATED 28-11-99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Secretary

Declining to approve the nomination of M.R.Ry G. Bhaskara Rao as — to the Munl. council of Vizianagram & requesting the council to select another suitable person for the place

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1919. M.

C.Nos. 1919, 1954, 2033, 2065, 2079, 2691, 2766M, and 2889 M.

Misc.

Order No. 1713 Muni 18/11/99

The nomination of M.R.Ry G. Bhaskara Rao as Secretary to the Municipal Council of Vizianagram cannot be approved. The Municipal Council is requested to select another suitable person for the place.

2. M.R.Ry T. Audinarayanaswami Nayudu will be informed that the Government sees no reason to reconsider the orders already passed in his case.

(From orders)

V.R.
17/11/99

17.XI.99

From

The Collector of Vizagapatam

No. 1985.

Dated 13th July 1899.

Received 18th — —

Registered —

Enclosures (2)

Spare copies (nil)

SUBJECT.

Submitting letter from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Vizianagram requesting that the election of M.R.Ry. G. Bhaskara Rao Pantulu as Municipal Secretary may be approved.

The chairman and the Vizianagram thro' the Collr. of Vizagapatam
Petitioner.
Ref. 28/10/99

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. 1919 M. of 1899, dated 13th July from the Collector of Vizagapatam

Current No. 1954 M. of 1899, dated 22d Do from ~~the~~ T. Audinarayanaswami Nayudu, Vizianagaram

" 2033 M " " 27th Do

" 2065 M " " 26th July " the Private Secretary [illegible] Vizianagaram

" 2079 M 29th July

" 2691 M " 9th October from the Coll.

SUBJECT. Appointment of a Secretary to the Vizianagram Municipal Council.

Resubmitted to H.M. for orders. [illegible]

13-xi-99

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FOR ORDERS.

The H.M. asked for papers about Bhaskara Rao – They have been submitted by the Inspr. Genl of Registration. v.d. F. A.: The H.M.'s orders are requested as to whether this man should be appointed as Secretary, Vizianagram Council.

13-xi-99

It is not desirable that Bhaskara Row should be appted. The M.C. should make another selection. A.A. 15.11.99

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In its Proceedings No. 681 M. dated 15th May 1899, the Government, while sanctioning the appointment of a Secretary on a salary of Rs 125-5-150 and the delegation of certain powers to him, vetoed the nomination of M.R.Ry T. Audinarayanaswami Nayudu for the place, on the ground that he was retired on an invalid pension with effect from the 21st September 1898, the District Medical Officer certifying him "to be completely "and permanently incapacitated for further "service of any kind", and that such a person could hardly be expected to attend efficiently to the outdoor duties of the Secretary of a large municipality like Vizianagram. The municipal Council was also then requested to nominate another suitable person for the post.

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reports, together with the Subregistrar's explanation, are forwarded for perusal and return. The Subregistrar was at once transferred from the station.

Yours sincerely,

To

M. Hammick Esqre

Secy Local & dept

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Vide his petition in G.O. No. 974 M. 12-7-99 C.

" The certifying officer does not perhaps know that a municipal secretary as many outdoor duties to perform "and that a considerable amount of activity is required. The disease he has been, and is suffering from, viz. "malarial dysentry, beri beri & Brights' "disease, must prevent him from "rendering efficient service. His ap-"pointment was moreover considered "objectionable on other grounds than "his ill-health".

* Surgeon of the First District, Madras.

The Government, in its order No. 974 M. dated 12th July 99, accordingly declined to reconsider G.O. No. 681 M. dated 15th May 1899.

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Nayudu

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Cno. 2033. L.

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Vide his endorsement flagged M.

Vide his letter N. dated 9-3-99

" The Inspector has been a member " of the municipal Council, and at the last " election, stood for chairman without, as " I understand, consulting his departmental " superiors. He has much influence in " Vizianagram, where he has been for a " long time and I do not consider it " advisable that his near relation should " be Secretary."

This circumstance was referred to

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the note for orders in G.O. No. 681 M. dated 15th May 1899, as being a reason for not approving the nomination of the petitioner and in his notes in G.O. No. 974 M. dated 2nd July 1899, the Secretary evidently alluded to this circumstance by his remark that "his (petitioner's) appointment was moreover considered objectionable on other grounds than his ill-health". The petitioner produced a medical certificate of physical fitness, which, however, the Govt. declined to accept, and it is for consideration whether the circumstance now brought to light viz: the death of the petitioner's father-in-law, is a sufficient ground for a reconsideration of the orders already passed in the matter, of his appointment to the office of Secretary.

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No. It is not.
MA

4. With the first of the letters read above, the Collector forwards a copy of the resolution of the Municipal Council of the 1st July 1899, nominating in accordance with G.O. No. 681 M. dated 15th May 1899, M.R.Ry. G. Bhaskara Rao Pantulu for the place. The Council's nominee is a fourth grade Sub Registrar (Salary Rs 45 + Commission about Rs 50) now at Guntur. He has put in

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Vide their remarks flagged
R & Q.

Vide G.O. No. 1261 dd 21st June 99.
Flag I

a service of 19 years under Government and is now 41 years old. The District Registrar and the Deputy Collector speak well of his abilities & character, and the Collector says that he has no objection to offer to the proposed appointment. If the orders regarding the nomination of M.R.Ry. Audinarayana Nayudu Swami are not to be reconsidered, the Council's nomination of M.R.Ry. G. Bhaskara Rao Pantulu may, it is submitted, be accepted. In this connection, however, attention is invited to para. 2 of the Resolution of the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department (Pensions and Gratuities), No. 1282-P, dated 20th March 1899, which runs as follows:—

" As explained in Article 805, Civil Service
" Regulations, the Government of India do
" not lend their own officers to a foreign
" employer, unless it can be shown that
" the latter cannot otherwise obtain com-
" -petent officers, and that political or
" public considerations require that the
" foreign employer should be assisted by
" the Government. Where these conditions
" are not satisfied, an officer of the
" Government, who in his own interests

seeks

seeks to be transferred to foreign service, must be content to forfeit all claims on the British Government."

Unless the Government is of opinion that the transfer of the Council's nominee to the municipal service is justifiable on public grounds, he will have to forfeit all claims for pension &c, and the question will then arise as to whether the Council's nominee will be prepared to accept the appointment on such conditions. It is however submitted that in cases of this kind where a municipal Council selects an official for appointment as its Secretary, it may be presumed that the transfer is justifiable on public grounds.

5. C.No. 2065 M is a copy of a petition purporting to be from the public of Vizianagram protesting against the appointment of M.R.Ry G. Bhaskara Rao Pantulu, as Secretary. The original has apparently been forwarded through the Collector.

V.R.
4/8/99

Ref No. 844 / 16/8/99

The Collr. of Vizagapatam is requested to report on the enclosed petition against G. Bhaskara Rao – objecting to his being appointed Secretary of the Vizianagram Municipal Council

11. viii. 99.

The man rejected on the score of health is out of the question.

As to the other, Govt. has sanctd. the appt. of Govt. servants – ~~specially~~ esp. sub Registrars – in several cases & if there is a difficulty about getting a good ~~man~~ non official, as there seems to be in this case, I wd. not object; but Mr. Horne the Collr. should first be asked to report on the allegations made in the petn. against the Sub Regr. AA 9. 8. 99.

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It is submitted that there is no reason to sanction the appt. of either of these men. One is sick, & the other a govt. servant. The Council might be told to select a suitable non-official in good health & of sufficient intellectual ability to do for the post.

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Desp. 16/8/99

To The Collr. of Vizagapatam

Curt No. 2691 M/99.

× Vide copy of the letter flagged

There is no linked file. Better ask Mr. Rajaratna Mudali D.O. what character the man bears. If he speaks well of him it will do. AA 31.10.99

Please see the petition against the man's appointment in the linked file

27. x. 99

In reply to the reference made to him, the Collector now reports that the petition is pseudonymous, that there is no record of the alleged objections of Messrs Elwin and Scott to the person whose election is complained against, ~~that~~ it appears that × Mr. Elwin made a verbal objection to Bhaskara Rao's election on the ground that he had been transferred from Palconda in consequence of certain irregularities reported by Mr. Shiple to the Inspector General of Registration and that nothing can be ascertained regarding the alleged objection of Mr. Scott. The Collector further states that it is true that Bhaskara Rao's election was conducted and his nomination forwarded to Government when the Divisional officer was absent in Madras, but that there ~~[illegible]~~ is no significance in this fact, and observes that Bhaskara Rao acted for a long time as a Sub Registrar in the District, including Vizianagram, and that he is personally known to the majority of the Councillors who need not have elected him if they did not want him.

V.R.
20/10/99

23. x. 99

Note for the Secretary.

In reply to the D.O. dated 6th November 1899, the Inspector General of Registration states that during the three years he has been in charge of the department, he has received favourable reports of M. R. Ry. G. Bhaskara Rao's work and of his character, and that he has reason to believe that his predecessor also had a good opinion of him. The I.G. further observes that there are no remarks recorded against Bhaskara Rao in the Conduct register, but that he finds that in January 1893, Mr Shipley when acting as Principal Assistant Collector of Vizagapatam reported that Bhaskara Rao who was then Sub Registrar of Palkonda was a "most mischievous and intriguing man" and was "stirring up mischief" against the Tahsildar. The I.G. forwards the papers on the subject from which it will be seen that the Complaint of the S. A. Collector & other connected papers was recorded, the subregistrar having been transferred from the place. Vide the papers flagged X

V. R.
11/11/99

13/11/99

To The Collr of Vizagapatam (with the papers to be retd)

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

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7.7.99

CURRENT No. 434

Submitted through the Collector, Vizagapatam.

I know the Candidate. He is fit for the post.

Vizagapatam
7th July 1899.

R Govinda Rao
Huzur Deputy Collector in charge.

Cur. No. 1985 of 1899
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, VIZAGAPATAM.

From

M. R. Ry K. Venkanna Pantulugaru
Chairman Delegate M. C
Vizianagarum

Order

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 1919M

No. 434

Forwarded
I have no objection to offer to the proposed appointment

Coll.
13.7.99

Dated 4th July 1899
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SUBJECT

Requesting to approve of the election of M. R. Ry G. Bhaskararaw Pantulugaru as Secretary of the Vizianagarum municipality -

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No 434

Municipal office
Vizzianagarum
4th July 1899-

From
The Chairman Delegate,
Municipal Council,
Vizzianagarum

To
The Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department
Fort Saint George, Madras-

Sir,

In forwarding herewith a copy of the Council's resolution unanimously electing M. R. Ry Garlapati Bhaskararow Pantulu garu as the paid Secretary of the local municipality, I have the honor to inform you that the existing number of Councillors is 15 and that one of them the Divisional officer is not in the station and the remaining 14 Councillors were present at the special meeting held on the 1st of July 99-

Out of the several applicants, the names of all but two were eliminated as even a proposer could not be found in the case of any of them- The two applicants remaining after elimination are M. R. Ry G. Bhaskararow Pantulu garu and M. R. Ry T. V. Apparau Pantulu garu - Each of the two Candidates was duly proposed and seconded- No supporter could be found in the case of M. R. Ry T. V. Apparau Pantulu garu

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When ballot was duly taken, it was found that all the fourteen Councillors gave their votes to M. R. Ry G. Bhaskararaw Pantulu garu, the two Councillors that proposed and seconded the other candidate having also given their votes to M. R. Ry G. Bhaskararaw Pantulu garu on the ground that the gentleman proposed and seconded by them stood no chance of success. Thus M. R. Ry G. Bhaskararaw Pantulu garu was duly and unanimously elected as the paid Secretary of the municipality.

M. R. Ry G. Bhaskararaw Pantulu garu is at present a fourth grade Sub-Registrar working at Guntur. He has 19 years service. He has sent in his application through the proper departmental channel and the District Registrar in forwarding the application to the Inspector General says thus —:

Vide page 22 of the Establishment list of the Regn. Depart for 1898.

"Submitted for favorable consideration. The applicant is an able, intellegent, painstaking, honest and straightforward officer. I should be sorry to lose him, but he deserves encouragement. I have no doubt he will do justice to the appointment he seeks"

I have further to inform you that M. R. Ry G. Bhaskararaw Pantulu garu is an F. A and has passed

his

his Precis and Translation Tests. In the Councils' opinion he is both physically and mentally fit for the office of the Secretary. He is still in his prime and is thoroughly healthy. Such of the Councillors as knew him personally speak of him as a thoroughly capable and honest officer of remarkably active and business like habits. He holds testemonials from his departmental superiors every one of whom speaks highly of him.

The Council trusts that the Government will be pleased to approve of the Council's election of M. R. Ry G. Bhaskararaw Pantulu garu as their paid Secretary and appoint him at an early date.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

4. 7. 99.

Chairman Deligati M. C

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council Vizianagarum at a meeting held on Saturday the 1st of July 1899.

Present

1. M. R. Ry V. Venkatrayasastri garu B.A., Chairman M.C.
2. " K. Ramanujachariar avarghal M.A., B.L., Councillor
3. " K. Venkanna Pantulu garu "
4. " K. V. Kristnarau Pantulu garu "
5. " P. Govindarajulu Naidu garu "
6. " P. Kristnamurti Pantulu garu "
7. " Ch. Ramamurti Pantulu garu "
8. " D. Suryaprakasalingum garu "
9. " P. Venkanna garu "
10. " S. Ramamurti garu "
11. " P. Sanyasi garu "
12. " Y. Appalanarasaiya Pantulu garu "
13. " P. Sreeramasastri garu "
14. " Mohomed Padshah Saheb garu "

Read again resolution No 1 of the Municipal Council Vizianagarum passed at its meeting held on the 10th June 1899.

Read lists of applications for the post of Municipal Secretary.

Resolved unanimously that M.R. Ry G. Bhaskararau Pantulu garu be elected as paid Secretary of the Vizianagarum Municipality.

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(Signed) V. Venkatrayasastri
Chairman M.C.

(True Extract)

Municipal Office
Vizianagarum
4th July 1899

4.7.99

Chairman Delegate.

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1954 M.

Telegram

From I. Audinarayanaswami Nayudu
Retired Dy: Tahsildar,
Vizianagram.

Order

No.

Dated 22-7-99

Received —

Registered —

Enclosures nil.

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SUBJECT.

Stating in continuation of his petition praying re-consideration of the order disallowing his election as Secretary to the Municipal Council, Vizianagram, that his father-in-law, Rao Bahadur Suriya narayanaswami Nayudu, Police Inspector died suddenly on the 13th instant and that the alleged objections to his appointment no long exist.

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To (Person) Secretary to the Local ~~and~~ Municipal Department

From (Person) Tekkan Audi Narainasawmy Naidu retired Deputy Tahsildar

In continuation of petition begs to state his fatherinlaw Rai Bahadur Narainswamy Naidu police inspector died suddenly on July thirteen

32 Word Form.

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS

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From (Office)

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To (Person) II

From (Person)

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and deceased officer stay
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been certified to

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MADRAS FORT 22 [illegible]

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 2033 M

From
T. Authinarayana Swami Nayudu

Order

No.

Dated 27-7-99

Received 28-7-99

Registered —

Enclosures nil

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SUBJECT.

Stating in continuation of his petition dated 21st June last praying that his nomination as Secretary of the Munl Council Vizayanagram may be confirmed, that his father-in-law ~~died~~ Rao Bahadur K. Narayana Swamy Naidoo Police Inspector died suddenly on the 13th Inst.

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Through the Secretary Lol. & M. Dept.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT NO. 2033 M

TO

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL

OOTACAMUND.

May it please your Excellancy.

In continuation of my Petition dated the 21st June last, praying that my nomination for Secretaryship by the Vajayanagarum Municipality may be approved, since a Commissioned Medical Officer like Dr. Lee has certified my physical fitness, I beg leave to state that my Father-in-Law Rai Bahadbur K. Narayanasawmy Naidu, Police Inspector, Vijayanagarum, suddenly died on the 13th instant of heart disease, leaving a large family behind him unprovided for. Therefore, if it should please your Excellency to confirm my nomination, I shall be in a position to maintain the bereaved family. And, further, I trust that, his death, will now remove any impression that may have existed, namely that an influential Father-in-Law and his Son-in-Law should hold responsible positions in one and the same station is inadvisable.

I beg to remain
May it Please Your Excellency
Your Excellency's Most Obdt: Servant
T. AUTHINARAYANASAWAMY NAIDU.

27/7/99

28 JUL 1899

Secretary of Vizianagaram

By order

for Private Secretary

1/8/99

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 2065

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
[illegible] OCT.-1899
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Order

From

H. A. Sim Esquire I.C.S.
Private Secretary to
H.E. the Governor

No.

Dated 26th July 1899.

Received 31st July 99

Registered 1st August 99

Enclosures 1

Spare copies. nil.

SUBJECT.

Transfers a petition from Vettury Lakshmaji on behalf of the public of Vizianagram, protesting against the appointment of Garikapati Bhaskarahu as Municipal Secretary of Vizianagram.

By order

H. A. Sim

Pr. Private Secretary

1/8/99

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To

His Excellency the Governor in Council
Fort St George
Madras

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 2065 M

May it please your Excellency,

I beg to forward a copy of the humble representation made by the public of Vizianagaram regarding the recent election of a Secretary to the Local Municipality and pray that your Excellency in Council be pleased to give due consideration of the facts therein contained

I beg to remain,

Your Excellency's most humble Servant
Vettury Lakshmaje

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 2079 M

From
Gundala Vizeaju Ramamurty.
Vizianagram

Order

No

Dated 27th July 99
Received 1st August 99
Registered 2nd
Enclosures 1
Spare copies nil.

SUBJECT.

Praying that under the circumstances stated the election of Mr. G. Bhaskara Rao Pantulu as the secretary of the Vizianagram municipality may be set aside and that a better qualified and competent man may be appointed for the place.

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Statement of Some of the Applicants qualified for the office of the Municipal Secretary, Vizianagaram.

No.	Names of Applicants.	Qualifications &c.	Present appointments held by them.
1.	G. A. France.	F. A. Passed Precis Writing; Criminal Higher & Pleadership Examination.	Municipal Manager Vellore, Bellary and Guntur and Manager of firm D. P. W. formerly. Now Municipal Manager Vellore
2.	P. Venkayya.	B. A. Passed Revenue Higher & Precis Writing	Head clerk District Board office Cocanada Godavery dt.
3.	G. S. Mahakunta Iyer.	Passed Matric. Hand-Writing. Entrance Examination for accountants of P. W. D. Criminal Lower Translation & Precis Higher grades.	Manager E. F. Engineer's office Bezwara Kristna dist.
4.	M. B. Thivarie.		Civil Engineer Banglore.
5.	A. Arbuthnott.	Qualified Assistant Engineer.	
6.	A. A. Vaidyanatha Iyer.	B. A. Passed Revenue & Criminal Higher grades	Thasildar under Cochin Government.
7.	Gubbapantula Suryanarayana.	F. A. Passed Criminal, Translation, Precis Higher grades. Revenue & account Test Lower & Pleadership Examination	Sub Registrar Ichapur Ganjam District.
8	P. V. Chalapatirau Pantulu	Criminal, Civil & Revenue Higher grades &c.	Sub Registrar Narsapur. Godavery District.
9.	K. Sreenivasarau Pantulu.	F. A. Passed Civil Lower; Criminal Higher, Translation Lower; Precis Higher; & Pleadership Examination	Second grade Pleader, Vizianagaram
10.	A. Venkatarau Pantulu.	G. C. S. Passed Translation, Precis Higher & Criminal Lower.	Municipal Manager, Vizianagaram Municipality.

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LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 2079 M

To

His Excellency the Governor in Council
Fort Saint George
Madras.

May it please Your Excellency,

The humble Memorial of Gundala Vijaya Ramamurty an applicant for the office of the paid Secretary for the Municipality of Vizayanagaram, Vizagapatam District most respectfully sheweth:-

1. That a paid Secretary for the Municipality of Vizayanagaram on a minimum salary of Rs. 125. with an annual increment of Rs. 5. up to the maximum of Rs. 150. has been recently sanctioned by the Government and an advertisement under its orders was accordingly published in the Fort Saint George Gazette, inviting applicants to put in their applications to the Chairman of the Council with testimonials of their character and with re-presentations of their merits and qualifications as well as experience in the department.

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On the perusal of the said article in the Gazette, many an applicant put in their applications to the Chairman, some with testimonials of character, while others supported by recommendations from the Government high functionaries. The Government further directed the Council to Elect by ballot a competent candidate out of many applicants that addressed the Chairman on the subject. Accordingly in the month of January last the Council met to Elect a competent and deserving candidate for the office of the Secretary from among the applicants, when Mr. E. B. Elwin the Principal Assistant Collector and Ex-officio Councillor presided on the occasion, who was then pleased to select only 4. out of many competent and qualified applications and to place them before the meeting. Out of the four applications thus selected by the gentleman, two were supported by recommendations from the Government high officials of rank and position, to wit, the Collector of the Godavary district &c. and the third was

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that of a pensioned Deputy Thasildar from the Jeyapuram Hills, whereas the fourth was that of the Municipal Manager and honorary Secretary. But then at the suggestion of some of the Councillors present on the occasion, who were already prejudiced for their own Nominee, the gentleman was reluctantly obliged to take up the application of one Mr. G. Bhaskararau Pantulu, Sub-Registrar of Guntur also along with the four applications thus selected by him. The five applications only were thus handled in the meeting, but the rest were entirely neglected without being placed in the meeting and fully discussed although they far excelled the selected ones not only in qualifications, but also in the departmental knowledge and experience. Among the many applicants, there were also M. A. & B. A. Candidates who had acquired higher educational qualifications than those whose applications were selected and placed before the meeting, besides some

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Europeans and Eurasians who were also brother applicants. There were also candidates who passed Tahsildar's and Deputy Collectors' Tests as well as Pleader's Test Examination and thus possess decent amount of legal knowledge. In addition to the above qualifications, some of the candidates also possess such departmental knowledge and Experience as would befit them for the office. Indeed a patient and careful perusal by the Councillors, of all those applications thus set aside would impartially ensure right and proper selection of a competent candidate for the office of a Secretary. Out of the five applications thus drawn up for ballot one of Mr. T. Adinarayanaswamy Naidu, Son-in-law of the Local Police Inspector, secured more votes than the rest owing to the influence of the latter officer, but the presiding Officer Mr. E. B. Elwin was not pleased to approve of the Election and nomination of the said applicant for the office, on grounds better known to himself and further committed to paper and reported the same to the Government.

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The Government consequently disapproved of and cancelled the Election and nomination of the said candidate Mr. T. Adinarayanaswamy Naidu as the Secretary of the Municipal Council and further directed to have a re-election of the Secretary for the second time.

2. That now in the Second Election which took place recently during the absence of the Principal Assistant Collector from the Station, one Mr. G. Bhaskararow Pantulu Sub-Registrar of Guntur, having come on leave from such a distant place, especially on this mission, succeeded in courting the favor of the Councillors, partly by cringing and coaxing them and partly perhaps through the medium of the official influence, as in the case of Mr. T. Adinarayanaswamy Naidu in the first Election.

3. That your Excellency's Memorialist humbly begs to submit that on what principles the Councillors based their decision in the unanimous Electi of their own nominee Mr. G. Bhaskararow Pantulu, without any difference of opinion despite other

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applicants in the lot, who are better qualified in every way is a point to be considered by Your Excellency's impartial view and judgment. When there are candidates who obtained their diplomas in the degree Examinations of the Madras University and indeed standing superior to F.A. candidates and others in point of higher Educational qualifications amongst the lot of applicants whose applications had never enjoyed the fortune of even standing ocular observations by the Councillors, when it is observed that there were also candidates of departmental knowledge and experience which are the most requisite qualifications of a candidate aspiring for the office under Election and forming a striking competition to those wanting in the same and finally when it is found, that some of the applicants thus neglected passed ~~their~~ Thasildars' and Deputy Collectors' Tests as well as Pleaders' Test Examination and ~~by~~ applicant fair amoun on grounds better it is a himself and further committing to paper and reported the case to the Government.

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unanimous verdict of Election for their own Nominee Mr. G. Bhaskararau Pantulu whose qualifications, merit and Experience are in no way superior to those of other candidates who were unfortunately incapacitated to come up to the station to cringe and coax the Councillors for votes and thus to court their favor for unanimous Election as their friend did, for they are the residents of out-stations and hence quite unacquainted with either the Councillors or the local officials. When the Councillors themselves to whom the Elective power is entrusted by the Government for bona-fide Execution would be thus prejudiced for their own dependants without previously discussing and comparatively weighing with an impartial hand the merits and qualifications of other applicants also simultaneously with those of their own nominees, Your Excellency can as well judge how justice be awarded to those poor applicants who form a fair competition to their present nominee and whose applications were quite unheeded without being discussed in the meeting and who were called on to put in their applications to the Chairman by a special advertisement published in the Fort. Saint

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George Gazette; and further of what avail the advertisement in the Gazette inviting applicants for competency under the orders of the Government would be when matters take their own artificial course. In fact such a publication in the Gazette as ordered by the Government is rightly intended to make a fair selection of a competent candidate from among the applicants that poured forth their written representations to the Chairman, but not as the Councillors hold it, to support the cause of their dependants who have some-how or other secured their favor and to unanimously grant votes for them however inferior their qualifications are when compared with those of other deserving applicants. If at all the view taken by the latter be a correct one, of course, the publication of the advertisement in the Gazette is mere a nullity and further waste of paper and time. Your Excellency's Memorialist ventures to submit whether it is proper on the part of the Councillors to hold all other applicants who are more than 90 in number presumably consisting of M.A and B.A candidates as well as experienced public officials possessing departmental knowledge and experience besides Europeans and Eurasians, as being quite incompetent and undeserving their favor, simply because they are all quite unacquainted with the Councillors and did not come in time, prior to Election and court

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their favor by adopting some means or other either by cringing or coaxing them or by some external influence being brought to exercise over them, in order to achieve their ends.

4. That Your Excellency's Memorialist therefore begs to submit that he heartily sympathizes with them all as he is not at all classified under the category of Councillors but rather included in the list of aggrieved applicants whose applications were rather treated by the Councillors, as if they were remnants of the contents of the waste-paper-basket. Your Excellency's Memorialist passed F.A. Examination and completed Deputy Collectors Test having put in 12. years service in the Government. He also appeared for the first grade Pleaders Test Examination and was subsequently obliged to resign his office on his transfer to Vinukonda Kistna District. He has also had departmental knowledge and experience as the Chairman of the Parvatipur Major Union which is tantamount to a petty Municipality for a period of about four years. He further secured a seat in the Taluq Board of Parvatipur, Vizagapatam District, which honorary office he held till his final transfer from the Station. With all these

surepresentations made in two of his applications sent up to the Chairman, one before the first Election and the other before the second, his two applications also were likewise consigned to the lumber room.

5. That Your Excellency's Memorialist further begs to invite Your Excellency's attention to the fact that, from the unanimous voting of Mr. G. Bhaskararau Pantulu an F.A and Sub-Registrar as the Secretary for the Municipality, despite other better qualified applicants, without any difference of opinion in the Council consisting of 14 members present on the occasion, the Principal assistant Collector having been absent unfortunately for the aggrieved applicants, the Councillors were predetermined and prejudiced before they made their appearance in the Council to vote for their own nominee, either on account of favor courted or on account of the influence of some external agency brought to be exercised over them; lest even one of the fourteen Councillors present on the occasion of the re-Election should have naturally hit upon any other application in the lot, which when carefully perused would of course leave the impression of better competency and deservedness for the office. Your Excellency's Memorialist begs

in addition to submit that the applications supported by strong recommendations from the Collectors of the districts, namely, Mr. Brodie the Godavery Collector &c. as to the deservedness and competency were also uncared for, perhaps because the applicants though certified by Collectors, yet were not the favourites of the Councillors. Had it been also previously known to the public that the Election of a paid Secretary would take place not on merits and qualifications as well as departmental knowledge and experience, but would be based solely on acquaintance, influence and favoritism as the Councillors hold it indeed, the aggrieved applicants should have also danced attendance at the mansions of the Councillors for favors and by adopting some means or other should have secured unanimous voting from the Councillors rather patrons for the office of the Secretary. Had the Councillors previously comprehended with a judicious view what the duties and responsibilities of a Municipal Secretary were, indeed, they should not have so offhand elected their own nominee for the office, since it involves good deal of account-branch of work, in addition to the important correspondence with the Government on matters of no trivial

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importance. The Councillors should have taken up all the applications in the Council and discussed them at length regard being had as to the merits, qualifications and departmental experience before any limited number thereof have been selected out for being put to votes. After they were thus taken up and well discussed with an impartial view caring very little either for favouritism or influence, then the selected few should have been placed again before the meeting and discussed as to the comparative merits which each possesses. Then one or two applications only possessing same merits and qualifications would have eventually stood examination and discussion before the meeting, so that they might fairly be put to votes to arrive at a final decision which of them should providentially prevail. After all these preliminaries have been duly undergone by the Councillors, then the choice of voting either for the one or the other, both standing on the same or equal level, would have been left to them discretionally and then the candidate thus elected by votes from a majority of the Councillors would have been the right man in a right place and the proper Secretary elect of the Municipality.

6. That your Excellency's Memorialist humbly begs to submit that, such being

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the right and straight-forward course to be adopted by the Councillors in electing a competent Secretary for their Municipality, the Council has made the other day a mess of the Election owing to the absence of the Principal Assistant Collector and Ex-officio Councillor from the Council Hall and forwarded the meeting minutes and the nomination roll of Mr. G. Bhaskararam Pantulu to the Divisional officer in charge during the Principal Assistant Collector's temporary absence from the Station with all expeditious haste perhaps with the object of securing a recommendation from the in-charge Divisional Officer to the District Collector. If all the applications received by the Chairman just before the two Election would be sent up to Your Excellency in Council along with the meeting minutes of the Council unanimously voting for Mr. G. Bhaskararam Pantulu as the Municipal Secretary, indeed impartial justice can as well be ensured not only to the Election but also to the competent applicant whose merits and qualifications would comparatively top those of others and would consequently recommend him for the office in the consideration of the Government, quite unprejudiced either by favor or influence.

7. In conclusion, Your Excellency's Memorialist therefore humbly prays

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that your Excellency would be gracious enough to call for all the papers in connection with the said Election as well as all the applications received by the Chairman for the office of the Secretary and to equitably compare the merits and qualifications of the said Nominee Mr. G. Bhaskararow Pantulu with those of other candidates whose applications were even read over in the meeting and discussed but were uselessly thrown away, perhaps in the destructable records as the Councillors thought that they might only deserve as much merit in their high consideration and then to pass orders for the appointment of such a competent and better qualified applicant in the lot as your Excellency would deem just and proper for the efficient discharge of the functions of a Secretary for the Municipality of Vijianagaram.

8. Lastly your Excellency's Memorialist most humbly begs to enclose herein for your Excellency's easy reference a Statement of some of the better qualified candidates in the lot, whose applications were even read over in the meeting and discussed but were thrown away quite uncared for by the Councillors as if

they were so many useless papers that do not at all deserve their attention for consideration.

Vijianagaram
29th July 1899

Your Excellency's Memorialist humbly subscribes himself as your Excellency's most dutiful and obedient Servant

Gundala Vijaya Ramamurty

Through the Secretary to Govt [illegible]

C. No 2033 M.

ASSISTT SECY TO GOVT LOCAL MUNL EDL & LEG DEPTS
31 JUL 1899

TO

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL

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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLANCY.

In continuation of my Petition dated the 21st June last, praying that my nomination for Secretaryship by the Vajayanagarum Municipality may be approved, since a Commissioned Medical Officer like Dr. Lee has certified my physical fitness, I beg leave to state that my Father-in-Law Rai Bahadhur K. Narayanasawmy Naidu, Police Inspector, Vijayanagarum, suddenly died on the 13th instant of heart disease, leaving a large family behind him unprovided for. Therefore, if it should please your Excellency to confirm my nomination, I shall be in a position to maintain the bereaved family. And, further, I trust that, his death, will now remove any impression that may have existed, namely that an influential Father-in-Law and his Son-in-Law should hold responsible positions in one and the same station is inadvisable.

July 2[illegible]th 1899.

I beg to remain
May it Please Your Excellency
Your Excellency's Most Obdt: Servant
T. AUTHINARAYANASAWAMY NAIDU.

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 2691 M.

From The Collector, Vizagapatam

Order

R. Dis No. 2160/99.

Dated 9th October 1899

Received 16th "

Registered 16th "

Enclosures 2. (Two)

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SUBJECT.

Reporting on the petition received with Govt. Memorandum No. $\frac{844}{16\text{-}8\text{-}99}$, regarding the election of G. Bhaskaranna as Secretary of the Vizianagaram Municipality.

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behaviour both in the discharge of his public commissions as well as in taking a party feeling in his private affairs, against respectable people and Government officials. Mr. Elwin highly objected to his being appointed as Secretary of this town. Mr. E. Scott, the principal assistant collector, passed a proceedings against this man and in so doing amongst other things, he pronounced that he should at once be transferred to an another district and that he should never be employed in this district for reasons best known to him. A reference on this subject either to Mr. E. Scott, the then principal assistant collector or to Mr. E. B. Elwin, the principal assistant collector, now on leave in England, or a reference to the past records about this man, will show clearly the circumstances which led those officers to so remark against this man. For his carelessness and negligence he was once made to pay a month's salary to Government, and for his impirtinence, he was once fined when at Alamanchily rupees five. For the above mentioned other similar reasons, he was suddenly transferred from Vizianagaram beyond two districts, to Gunnavaram, whence he was again transferred to Guntur, perhaps, most probably for some misconduct on his part. Such is the man that our council has elected, but it is no fault of them. Poor councillors! How can they help avoiding the recommendation or rather the pressure brought upon them by the local district Muniff and by the local police hospital assistant, Mr. P. Govindarajulu Nayadu. In proof the above statements it can very easily be shown that Mr. Bhaskararao, accompanied by Mr. P. Govindaraj Nayadu, and aided by a man sent by the Muniff, went from door to door and expressed their wish, according to the mandate sent by the district Muniff and bought up all the votes. The poor merchant councillors and the pleader councillors could not but show obedience to the order of that high public official. Mr. Bhaskararao came here on leave, finding that Mr. Elwin is not here and got everything arranged to his advantage and at last succeeded in securing the place for himself. Your honor's absence in Madras has frustrated their attempts, and as soon as the election was over, he followed the Chairman's recommendatory letter to the Divisional officer, and there in Vizagapatam where your honor's office was in temporary charge of the Husur Deputy Collector Mr. Govinda Rao Nayadu, Mr. Bhaskararao has so arranged that the councillors' recommendation be supported by the Husur Deputy Collector, without waiting for your honor's return, for fear that your honor will go into detailed information of him, and that he may not have the chance of support from you. No sooner the Chairman's letter reached the Husur Deputy Collector, than the same was forwarded with its support to the District Collector. This is all a spin woven by the native public officials both here and at Vizagapatam. If your honor will take the trouble of enquiring directly about the movements of Mr. Bhaskararao, where he took his lodging in Vizianagaram lately and with whom he worked his plan, your honor can plainly see that the election is not a real and voluntary election and that the local self-government scheme is an utter abuse in this place. If the list of

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applications is called for and examined, it can plainly be shown that far better qualified applicants were passed over, with the simple object of providing the place of Mr. Bhaskara Rao, who is quite incapable and unfit for discharging the onerous duties of Municipal Secretary.

We are sorry we have already tired your honor with this long petition, and so we pause here, and reserve points for further report.

In conclusion, we beg to inform you so as for you to judge as to how a man from a distant place could manage to secure votes and a [illegible] votes, without [illegible] the presence of the [illegible] officials here.

We beg to remain
[illegible] honoured sir,
Your most obedient servants

Signed by about a hundred people

Ex no 7

Palakonda
27-1-93

From
The Principal Assistant Collector,

To
The Inspector-General
Registration.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you in the interest of the public service, to transfer the Sub-registrar of this station G. Bhaskara Rao. He has been a very long time here, and he seems to think that he has acquired the right to meddle in affairs with which he has absolutely no concern. His conduct has, for the last three or four months, been such as to considerably impede the work of the Tahseldar. It is a matter of public notoriety here that the Subregistrar gives advice to dis-affected Karnams, and countenance to underhand intrigues against the taluk officials. I know my Tahsildar well. He served under me in another part of the District and I can place reliance on his statements. He assures me that things have come to such a pass that it is absolutely necessary that the Subregistrar should be transferred if the taluk is to be administ — properly. This taluk has only just been taken over from the renters Arbuthnot & Co, and the village officials are not at all under the control that village officials are under in other Govt taluks. It goes without saying that the encouragement afforded them by the Sub-registrar in their resistance to the Tahsildar adds very much to their ill-discipline.

I have come up here especially to see to this business and I am satisfied that the Sub-registrar is intriguing and meddling in matters which he ought to leave alone. He has been reported, previously to this, for the same thing. Mr. Tomlinson reported him to Mr. Hammett. But the report reached the latter officer on the eve of his retirement and was lost sight of.

I wrote demi-officially to the Registrar-General in the holidays about this. But as that officer appears to be on leave, I am now reporting the matter officially.

I have &c

(Signed) A. Shipley
29.1.98

Palakonda

(True Copy)

W A B Venn.

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~~Re. O.~~
Dis. No. 216 of 99

VIZAGAPATAM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Dated 9th October 1899.

FROM

W. O. HORNE, ESQ.,
~~Ag.~~ Collector,
Vizagapatam District.

TO

M. Hammick Esqre,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Local & Municipal DEPARTMENT,
Madras.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURR. 2691

Sir,

I have the honor to return herewith the petition sent to me with Government Memorandum No. 844 dated 16th August 1899.

2. As the petition is anonymous it has not been possible to ascertain the views of the petitioners.

3. There is no record of the alleged objections of Messrs. Elwin and Scott to the person whose election is complained against. But it appears that Mr. Elwin made a verbal objection to Bhaskararow's election on the ground that he had been transferred from Palakonda in consequence of certain irregularities reported by Mr. Shipley in his letter to the Inspector General of Registration, copy of which is enclosed for the information of Government. Nothing can be ascertained regarding the alleged objection of Mr. C. Scott.

4. It is true that C. Bhaskararow's election was conducted and his recommendation forwarded to Government when the Divisional officer was absent in Madras. But there appears to be no significance in the fact.

5. He acted for a long time as a Sub Registrar in this District including Vizianagram and is personally known to the majority of the Councillors who need not have elected him if they did not want him.

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Your Most

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NOTE FOR THE Secretary

CN° 2766m/99

May not this further petition objecting to the nomination of Bhaskara Rao Pantulu as municipal Secretary Vizianagaram, be read and disposed of with the papers in the linked file?

V.R.
24/10/99

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 2766m

From
V. Lakswaji,
Viziamagaram.

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No. -

Dated 16th } Oct. 99.
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SUBJECT.

Objecting to the appointment of M.R.Ry. Baskara Raogaru as Secretary to the municipal Counci of Viziamagaram.

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Vizianagaram
Dated 16th October 1899.

To
His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George
Madras

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 2766 M.

May it please your Excellency

At the request of more than a hundred rich rate payers and in continuation of my humble representation on behalf of the Vizianagaram public, and in the sincere interest of public friends, as also with no other motive than to simply bring to the notice of Government the real State of things, I beg to approach the Government that the Selection made by the council in favour of Mr. Bhaskara Rao pantulu as the Secretary of the Vizianagaram Municipality, is a very bad one and will produce very bad results, if approved by Government, apart from a sheer waste of public money. As none but the rate payer will suffer the consequence eventually this petition is put in so that the Government will be pleased to counter-balance with their usual noble views the arguments hereunder set forth with those already reported by their officers and the Municipality itself: ——————

(1) That Mr. Bhaskararao has got little or no experience whatever in the management of municipal affairs, a fact that bears testimony by his present occupation.

(2) That at this past middle age he cannot be expected to learn anything more

(3) That even supposing he will learn now it is not right that the Municipality should pay him for learning his business.

(4) That his physical fitness for out door duty is a hopeless one beyond doubt, which can be proved by a personal examination of the person either by Government or by the District Collector.

(5) That his educational qualification is nothing but zero: He cannot write good English nor can speak it. This can be ascertained also by personal conversation with him It can be noted here that municipal administration is one which requires a man of sound English knowledge both official and educational.

(6) That he is an orthodox brahmin of the old School which befits him no other place than the one he now occupies.

(7) That his impaired physique will never permit him to do any out door duty which up to this time he never conducted in his past life.

(8) That his moral character is of a very bad type which is admittedly proved when he was Sub registrar here a short time back.

(9) That he is a man of very frivolous character: this can be proved by the frequent transfers he had when he is a Subregistrar, a situation which requires no skill nor tact much less capabilities.

(10) That he fell out with public officers frequently is a fact proved by past records.

(11) That his so called religious brahmin feeling will not permit him to go near a meat bazar or a slaughter house or public latrine to which his proposed place requires him frequently.

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will never qualify him to be a Municipal Secretary.

(13) His utter ignorance of even the outlines of Sanitory laws will never qualify him to be a Municipal Secretary.

(14) His utter ignorance of any sort of revenue business will never qualify him as a Municipal Secretary.

(15) His lazy and indolent habits which he contracted while Sub registrar will never qualify him as a Municipal Secretary

(16). That the resolution of the Municipal Council (even unanimous) is no gospel to Government when it was apparently passed with motives and official influences brought to bear upon the illeterate Councillors as has already been shown in my former petition on behalf of the public

(17) That the favouritism shown to him by the Loca District Munsiff, the Police Hospital Assistant and the Principal of the College, should not make the public suffer in appointing such an incompetent man, while many an efficient and able applicant is ignored.

(18) That the qualifications of many nonbrahmin, Mahommedan, Eurasian and European applicants are in no way inferior to the present nominee.

(19) Many graduate, master of art applicants are not at all considered for the simple reason that he craved favour from the above-mentioned gentlemen.

(20) That present is an occasion which requires greatest economy in any direction as the Municipal Council will have to take up the construction of water works shortly

(21) That, therefore, such luxuries as the creation of a Secretary's appointment on a big round sum of expenditure, namely Rs 2000 annually which can best be utilised on some urgent necessity, shall be avoided.

(22) That the Municipality is to bear the plague charges

(23) That for the outdoor supervision the chairman has been recently allowed a carriage allowance

(24) That the office work is usually managed

with efficiency.

(25) That several councillors take interest in the outdoor and collection work

(26) That under foregoing circumstances it is not so very necessary to sanction the appointment of such a man as G. Bhaskara Rao who is incompetent in every way to hold it.

(27) But if the Government are of still opinion to appoint one, they would do well to select the best man out of the hundred applicants, or appoint a Tahasildar or Deputy Tahasildar as such officers will have experience in revenue administration, petty public works and some sort of Sanitary knowledge, as they gain such knowledge in performing this duty on behalf of the local Boards

With these remarks I conclude this with full hope that Government will be pleased to veto the nomination of G Bhaskara Rao and order to select a competent hand if they find that such appointment is at all necessary at present and then protect the public funds from being wasted in the appointment of a person from whom nothing can be expected.

For this act of kindness your Excellency's memorialist, on behalf of the Vizianagaram public, shall ever pray for the prosperity of the British Government.

I beg to remain

Your Excellency's Most obedient
Servant

V. Lakswaju.

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 2889M

From

H. A. Sim Esquire I.C.S.
Private Secretary to
H.E. the Governor

No.

Order

Dated 5th November 1899.

Received } 7th nov. 99
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SUBJECT.

Transfers a petition dated 16 October 1899 from V. Lakshmige of Vizianagaram, praying that a competent person may be appointed Secretary to the Vizianagaram Municipality.

By order,

H. A. Sim

13/11 M. Private Secretary.

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Vezianagaram
16th October 1899.

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CURRENT No. 2889 M

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His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George
Madras

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Your Excellency's most obedient
Servant

V. Lakswajee

Vizianagaram
16th October 1899

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To

The Secretary to Government Local and
Municipal department
Fort St. George
Madras

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 2753M

May it please your Excellency,

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