

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1858 M.

DATED 13-12-99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Municipal Council

Accepting, with Remarks, the
resignation of Mr. A. Chelvaparammal
Chettiar of his seat on the Vellore—

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 2592m

From

The Collector of Madras

Order

Revenue No. 348
Btg 499

Dated 30th September 99

Received } 5th Oct. 99

Registered }

Enclosures nil

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding the petition of
Municipal Councillors Messrs.
K. Krishnasami Aiyar & Co.
Saswarappa Mudaliar & Co.
complaining against Councillors
Messrs. A. thevarumal Chetty
and of the Vellore Municipality

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	1253	1253	29.99
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Petition Register No. 1712 of 1899



LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.

CURRENT No. 25922M

The Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Departments

Reference on No. 348 of 1899.

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Submitted

through the collector.

d. 26.99 Through

The Sub Collector of

Maamichal
22.9.99
A. M. M. M.

N. K. A. S. D. S.

DESPATCHED
25 SEP. 99

We respectfully beg to submit
That Government in their Order No.

1253 in this dated 2nd September 1899,

Forwarded have called on Mr. Chellam.

A. M. M. M. Perumal Chettiar A. M. M. M. to show cause

As Collector why he should not be removed from

the Municipal Council for certain

intentional omissions in the Voters

list for the Mahomedan ward

in Vellore in 1894 when, as a

Municipal Councillor he was

entrusted with the preparation of

the Voters List

2. In the memorial dated 26th December 99

Submitted

Submitted to Government by 5 Councillors including ourselves, Sukky Chellaperumal Chettiar and gal is charged with similar conduct vide the concluding portion of para 5 and para 11 of the memorial, and this charge was fully proved at the enquiry held by the Sub-Collector. But this has not been referred to in the Government Order above alluded to.

3. We therefore request that the above charge and other charges against him - brought to light at the Sub-Collector's enquiry may be added in the Government Order in question so that they may also be taken into consideration when passing orders on his explanation.

We beg to remain

Vellore }
Date 10th Sep 99 }
Your most obedient Servant
K. S. Srinivasan
Municipal Councillor
Vellore

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 2979M



From

The Collector of North Arcot.

Order

Dis No. 1976
L. S. S. 288

Dated 15th November 1899.

Received } 18th Nov 99

Registered }

Enclosures 5/19

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SUBJECT.

Submitting with remarks the explanation of Mr. R. S. A. Chellaperumal Chettiar a/c, a member of the Vellore Municipal Council called for in G.O. No. 1253 M. M. S. dated 2nd September 1899.

BACK PAPERS.

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CM	2592	h/99	
So	1751	In Press	23-11-99
So	1253	h/99	2-9-99
So	987	h/99	14-7-99
So	986	h/99	14-7-99
So	255	h/99	21-1-98
So	1919	h/99	25-8-98
So	1353	In Press	17-8-95
So	1876	h/99	8-12-90

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Exhibit A.

Certified that the following records asked for in his letters dated 25-9-99 and 30-9-99 respectively are not available in this office.

1. Voters' Registers for the years 1893-1894 and 1894-95 of B-Ward
2. His letter sent with the Voters' list for 1893-94
3. List containing in detail reasons for the inclusion and exclusion of certain names from the Voters' list of B Ward for 1894 and his report thereon.
4. Voters' list for 1897-98 B. Ward.

Vellone
Municipal Councilor Office
2nd October 1899

(Signed) A. C. Seshapillai
Chairman

To.

Subby. A. Chelva Perumal Chettai
Municipal Councilor
Vellone

(True copy)

[Signature]

5-10-99

submitted through the collector.

2. The G.O. to which this is the reply was not communicated to me, and I am not fully aware of its contents. I believe, however, that the facts of the case were fully explained by Sir Henry Bliss before the Legislative Council.

Vide page 125
of the Proceedings
of the Madras
Legislative
Council for
1896.

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I regret the delay in despatching this paper; it was due to an oversight on my part.

A. Mac Michael

Camp Chittoor, A. S. Sub Collector
28th Oct., 1899.

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NORTH ARCOT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Chittoor, 15th November 1899

Dis No. 1976 of 1899
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FROM

R. H. Campbell Esq: I. C. S.,

AG. COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.

North Arcot,

TO

CURRENT No. 2979m

THE Secretary to Government,

Local and Municipal Department,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit herewith the explanation of M. R. Ry. A. Chelvaperumal Chettiar Avergal, Municipal Councillor, Vellore, called for in para. 2 of G. O. No. 1253 M. Mis. dated 2nd September 1899 together with this Office file Dis.No. 1357/ Eng. of 95, dated 24th September 1895 containing the records of the Sub Collector's enquiry into the same charge brought against the Councillor in 1895 and referred to the Collector for report in G. O. No. 1353 M. Mis. dated 17th August 1895.

2. While the explanation given by the Councillor in 1895 (pages 13 to 16 of the file Dis. No. 1357/Eng. of 95) is by no means satisfactory, the explanation which he now gives is inconsistent with his former one and is also not convincing. His misconduct could not be noticed by the Government at the time under the rules then existing. I may say here that he is by no means a desirable person as a Councillor and is the leading spirit in the cabal against the Municipal Secretary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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16 NOV. 1899

R. H. Campbell

For Ag. Collector.

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Local & Muni. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 3078M

From A.R. Py. A. Chelvaaperumal
Councillor Vellore
Municipality

Order

No.

Dated 30-11-99

Received 1-12-99

Registered 1-12-99

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SUBJECT.

Resigning his councillorship of
the Vellore Municipality.

BACK PAPERS

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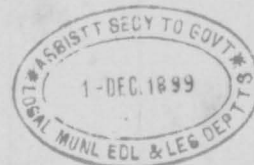
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The Secretary to Government
Local Municipal Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

Under section 18(1) of the
Amended District Municipalities Act
please accept my resignation
as municipal Councilor of Villore.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant
[Signature]

Councilor

Villore
November
1899

x

x A. Chelvanaparamal

Removal of M.Ry. Chelvaperumal
Chettiar from the Municipal
Council of Vellore.

Local and Municipal Department.
Agam's No. 1253 M., dated 2-9-99.
Cu. 2592, 2979 and 3078 m.

FOR ORDERS.

In January 1899, a petition was received from five of the Municipal Councillors of Vellore, pointing out certain irregularities in the administration of the Municipality and requesting that the Chairman, M.Ry. A.C. Seshagiri Rao and M.Ry. Chelvaperumal Chettiar, one of the Municipal Councillors, might be removed from the Municipal Council, that the number of Municipal Councillors appointed by election might be reduced and that the Chairman might be nominated by Government. The Government in para. 3 of its order thereon, No. 986 M., dated 14th July 1899, while considering that the continuance in office of M.Ry. Chelvaperumal Chettiar was likely to bring the Municipal administration into contempt, stated that no action would be taken in his case, as his term had expired. M.Ry. Chelvaperumal Chettiar, however, having been subsequently reelected as a Municipal Councillor, the Government in its order No. 1253 M., dated 2nd September 1899, while ordering the publication of his election in the Fort St. George Gazette, observed that in 1894 when he was a Municipal Councillor and was entrusted with the preparation of the list of voters for the Muhammadah ward, he was reported to have omitted from the list the names of a number of Muhammadan voters and included therein

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therein the names of several Hindus in order to keep the Muhammadan voters in a minority and thus facilitate his election and that his conduct in that matter was such that his holding the office of Municipal Councillor was likely to bring the Municipal administration into contempt, and accordingly directed him under the proviso to section 19(1)(iv) of the Madras District Municipalities Act to show cause why he should not be removed from the Municipal Council.

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2. With the second of the letters read above, the Collector forwards the explanation of M.R.Ry. Chelvaperumal Chettiyar in the matter and the records of the enquiry held by the Sub-Collector in 1895 into the same charge against this Councillor. M.R.Ry. Chelvaperumal Chettiyar states that as the incidents referred to relate to a period so far back as four or five years, he does not remember the details connected therewith, that as the original voters' list for 1894-95 which he submitted to the office with his reasons for the inclusion or exclusion of particular names, is not now forthcoming in the Municipal office, he has to depend on his memory for giving his explanation, that the voters' list for 1894-95 shows a decrease of 55 in the number of Muhammadan voters and an increase of 19 in that of Hindu voters as compared with the previous year, that this was due mainly to the erroneous inclusion, in the previous year's list, of the voters in seven streets which did not form part of the Muhammadan ward and to the

exclusion

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exclusion from that year's list of the voters in another street which was comprised in that ward, that the difference in the number of voters was also due to casualties, disqualification of some of the voters and changes in their residence, that the list for 1893-94 cannot be taken as a standard for comparison, as it was prepared by Municipal servants, and that the revision of the list for 1894-95 was carried out by him in conformity with the election rules and to the satisfaction of his conscience. He points out that M.R. Rys Eswarappa Mudaliyar and Rajagopala Nayudu, two of the signatories to the petition, submitted to Government in January 1899, who revised the list for the same ward for the years 1895-96 and 1896-97, respectively, did not include the names of the people removed by him from the list for 1894-95, that if the omission of those names was improper the above two councillors who complained about the omission would have been the first to include the names in the list and that as they did not do so, it is clear that the charge made against him has not the least foundation. He adds that he possessed the confidence of the voters in the Muhammadan ward, as evidenced by his success in an election held for filling up a vacancy in that ward in 1892, at which he and ~~more~~ four Muhammadans were candidates, and that as he was continually a member of the Municipal Council for another ward ever since the alleged fraud, no motive such as that

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accepted

referred to in the petition of January 1899, viz. that he practised the fraud in order to secure for himself permanently the chances of a re-election in the Muhammadan ward, can be imputed to him. In the third letter read above, however, he submits his resignation of the office of Municipal Councillor. The Collector observes that the explanation given by this Councillor in regard to the above matter in 1895 was by no means satisfactory, that his present explanation is inconsistent with the former one and not convincing and that M.R.Ry. Chelvaperumal Chettiyar is not a desirable person to be a Councillor and is the leading spirit in the cabal against the Municipal Secretary.

3. In the explanation submitted in 1895, M.R.Ry. Chelvaperumal Chettiyar stated that when he was asked to revise the voters' list for the Muhammadan ward he was not furnished with any plan distinguishing clearly one ward from another, that in preparing the list he was guided by the definition of the boundaries of the ward in given the election rules and by the instructions he obtained from the Division Sanitary Inspector, Chairman and Municipal Councillors, that the decrease in the number of voters for 1894-95 as compared with the previous year, was probably due to this cause and to the removal of the names of persons who by reason of death, transfer, non-residence in the ward or other cause had become ineligible to vote. In reporting on this matter the then Collector of North Arcot, Mr. Wynne, observed that the Sub-

Collector

In 1931 the matter fell through, as Govt. did not interfere with an election for fraud in previous registration. See file below, flag x.

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Collector examined the lists for 1893-94 and found that 104 persons (70 Muhammadan and 34 Hindus) had been excluded from the list for the latter year, 50 voters - 44 Chetties, 1 Muhammadan and 5 other Hindus. Had been newly added to it, that of the 104 persons excluded from the list, 15 had been transferred to the list for other wards, the transfers so made being correct in 13 cases, and that the remaining 89 persons, although most of them were qualified for the B ward, had not been registered in any ward. He added that no explanation was forthcoming for the exclusion of so many people among whom there were important persons such as certain Lubhai Merchants and a large number (about 16) of Subadars drawing a pension of Rs. 50 a month and upwards, that on the whole about 70 Muhammadans had been excluded from the voters' list improperly and that the voters in nine entire streets in different parts of the ward in question had been omitted.

4. It is evident from the above that the list had been deliberately prepared incorrectly by M.R.Ry. Chelvaperumal Chettiyar and that his conduct in the matter was such as to bring the Municipal administration into contempt. In this connection attention is also invited to the remarks made by the Hon'ble Mr. Bliss in the Legislative Council regarding the man's conduct, which are extracted on page 24 of the note for orders in G.O., No. 986 M., dated 14th July 1899. As, however, he submits his resignation, it is for consideration whether it should be

accepted

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Order No. 1858 minus 2 13-12-99. Course A. seems preferable.

yes.
NA
11.12.98.

This will
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prevent his
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