

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 882 M

DATED 22-6-99.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition Informing the rate payers of the
Trichinopoly Municipality that the Govt see no
reason to reconsider its order No. 666 M 99 dis-
allowing the election of ^{Mr.} J. Rangaswami Aiyar
to the Chairmanship of the Municipality

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The Government see no reason
to reconsider its order No. 666 M. dated 12th

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From

The President.
Rate-payers' Association
Trichinopoly.

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Note

Please see the notes and orders in G.O.
No. 666 M. dated 12th May 1899. A

SUBJECT.

Praying a reconsideration
of the order disallowing
the election of S. T. Rangaswami
Aiyar to the Chairmanship
of the Trichinopoly munity.

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The Petitioner's *100*
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From

M. R. Ry. C. E. SUNDARAM AYYAR AVERGAL,

President

Ratepayers Association,

TRICHINOPOLY.

To

His Excellency

THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

FORT ST. GEORGE.

May it please your Excellency,

On behalf of the ratepayers of Trichinopoly Municipality I beg most respectfully to solicit a merciful reconsideration of G. O. 666 M. Mis. disallowing 12-5-99

the election of M. R. Ry. S. T. Rungasami Aiyar B. A. B. L. High Court Vakil as Chairman of the Trichinopoly Municipality.

2. The disallowance seems to be based on a former G. O. 1490 M. in which Dr. King the Sanitary Commissioner reported that during the cholera epidemic of 1893, the then executive and the council did not give full compliance to all Dr. King's suggestions and that in consequence the epidemic could not be well kept in hand. Upon this report, Government thought that the executive should be strengthened, and that a full-time paid Chirman would be able to turn out more satisfactory results and in this view asked Mr. Rungasami Aiyar to resign his Chairmanship and the Council was also requested to select a suitable Government official for the place.

3. Mr. Rungasami Aiyar, whose efforts of but a few months previous had elicited from Government the appreciative remark 'the energetic measures taken to combat the cholera epidemic were creditable to the council' G. O. 1267 3-8-92

ventured to suppose that his previous good services for which credit had year after year been given him by Government would stand him in good stead, pleaded hard to be given one more year of grace and probation and also prayed that a Health officer who was considered a desideratum both by the District Medical and Sanitary officer as also by the Sanitary Commissioner be appointed in the meanwhile.

4. The council in submitting the above requests for favorable consideration also brought it to the notice of Government that in their then state of finances, with a deficit staring them in the face on account of the water-supply scheme, Rs. 3000 a year on account of the pay of the Government official Chairman was too heavy a strain on their resources.

5. These representations and requests were unfortunately for us, understood by Government as springing from a spirit of defiance disclosing unwillingness or inability to act on lines indicated by Government and Government thereupon in indignation towards the council withdrew from it the much prized privilege of electing its Chairman and reduced the number of elective seats, and appointed one of its trusted Deputy Collectors to the Chairmanship.

6. In the view taken of the situation, the above action of Government, though extreme was only just: but I may be permitted to point out in extenuation that the virulence of the Cholera Epidemic was chiefly owing to circumstances over which one could have had no control.

7. The season was one of incessant and heavy downpour and there were inordinate freshes in the river carrying away the strong foundations of the water works. Several breaches were caused in the town and a great amount of filth was washed into our city.

8. The water supply had not then begun to exist: and all the drinking water-tanks had got contaminated by percolation. The houses in the town—some of them collapsed because of the rains—had got very damp: and the price of food grains rose high.

9. The head and front of Mr. S. T. Rangasami Aiyar's offence lay in the circumstance that literal compliance was not given to all Dr. King's suggestions. Here again in all deference, I may submit that Dr. King's letter when it reached the chairman had not the impress upon it of a Government order.

Government itself had doubts as to whether to enforce his suggestion in whole or in part and in this view called for further information from Dr. King and had the scheme ultimately threshed before a subcommittee.

10. As a matter of fact substantial compliance was given by the chairman to the suggestions of Dr. King.

11. The carrying out of all the original suggestions of Dr. King would have involved an extravagant expenditure of money. There was only the sum of Rs. 1000 sanctioned by the Government for expenditure on cholera; and all the available reserve was ordered to be used for water works purposes.

12. The above circumstances if charitably and generously considered would afford much extenuation for Mr. S. T. Rangasami Aiyar's short comings.

13. Local opinion also is in favor of Mr. S. T. Rangasami Aiyar. That the people believe that during the six years of his chairmanship he has been conscientiously and at much self-sacrifice discharging his duties would become patent from the circumstance that 12 councillors voted for him as against 7 who supported the candidature of Mr. T. V. Annasami Mudaliar (Asstt. Auditor) in no way inferior to Mr. S. T. Rengaswamy Aiyar in influence and popularity.

14. That even if Mr. S. T. Rangasami Aiyar was because of his profession really unsuited to be the responsible executive of a large and important municipality that disqualification I beg respectfully to submit no more exists.

15. Since the last order of dis-enfranchisement was passed, circumstances have vastly altered and in very important matters.

16. A well paid Secretary holding the position of a Tahsildar has been appointed, and all the powers of the Chairman save those of presiding at meetings have been delegated to him with the sanction of Government.

17. It may indeed be said that the paid secretary was designed and appointed by Government for meeting cases of this kind. From his seat in the Legislative council, Sir Henry Bliss voicing the intentions of Government referred to the Trichinopoly Municipality and stated that in case the paid Secretary became an accomplished fact it would be perfectly possible for the chairman to ply his profession as a busy and prosperous vakil. The paid secretary has become an accomplished fact and what is more the Trichy Municipality possesses the further privilege of possessing a Vice-Chairman in the person of M. R. Ry. N. G. Gopala Aiyar B. A. an energetic and leisured First Grade Pleader who some 10 years ago was even appointed by Government to the chairmanship.

18. In view of the altered circumstances in the *personnel* and policy the undersigned begs most respectfully to solicit that Government will be pleased to give effect to the promise held forth by Sir Henry Bliss and reconsider the G. O. disallowing the election of S. T. Rengaswamy Aiyar to the chairmanship of the Trichy Municipality.

I beg to remain

Your Excellency's most humble and obedient servant.

C. E. Sundram Aiyar

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