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[Despatch Abstract.]

Election. Requesting the collector of Vizagapatam to inform the inhabitants of the Bobbili Union Panchayat that His Excellency the Governor in Council finds himself unable to adopt the proposal to grant elective powers to that Panchayat.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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SUBJECT. H.E. the Governor's eighth tour.

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In an address presented to His Excellency the Governor at the time of his last visit to Bobbili, some of the inhabitants requested that the Bobbili Union Panchayat might be given the right of election under sub-section (b) of Section 16 and under Sections 121 and 123 of the Madras Local Boards Act.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council has given careful consideration to the subject, but finds himself unable to adopt the proposal to grant such elective powers to the Union Panchayat of Bobbili. The Collector of Vizagapatam is requested to inform the members of the deputation accordingly.

(From order.)

18/1/99

To
The Collector of Vizagapatam.
Dated 20/1/99

18/1/99

Addresses presented to and replies
delivered by H.E. the Governor during
his eighth tour

Local and Municipal Department.

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His
H.E. the Govt.

For orders

The following are the
points requiring attention in the address
presented to and replies delivered by
His Excellency the Governor during the
eighth tour:-

Election of members of Taluk Boards
and Union Panchayats and Chairmen of
of the Panchayats.

In their address, the inhabitants
of the town and the zamindari of Bobbi-
li requested His Excellency to grant to
their union which had been successfully
working for the last twelve years, the
right of electing some of the members of the
Taluk Board and Union panchayat and the Chairman
of the Panchayat, under section (b) of
section 16, and sections 121 and 123 of
the Madras Local Boards Act.

In reply to this request, His
Excellency stated as follows:-

" Before I can give you any posi-
tive answer in this direction, it will
be necessary that I should make inquiry
and I have not yet had the opportunity
or the time to do so. But I will promise
you that I will do so and with ^{the} strong
sympathy that I have with all institu-
tions of this sort, you may be sure that
if it be possible, your request will be
considered."

Section 16 of the Act provides that
the

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the members of the Taluk Board may be

(a) - either wholly appointed by the Governor in Council or

(b) partly so appointed and partly appointed by election by the members of the Panchayats in the taluk from among their own number or by the taxpayers and inhabitants of the taluk, subject to such rules and conditions as may from time to time be prescribed by the Governor in Council. Section 121 provides that the members of the Panchayat other than the ex-officio members may be

(i) either wholly appointed by the Governor in Council, or

(ii) partly so appointed and partly appointed by election by the taxpayers and inhabitants of the Union or of a part thereof, subject to such rules and conditions as may from time to time be prescribed by the Governor in Council, while section 123 empowers the Governor in Council to appoint one of the members of the Panchayat to be the Chairman or to authorize the members to appoint their Chairman by election from among their own number, in accordance with such rules and conditions as may from time to time be prescribed by the Governor in Council.

In its order No. 1216 L dated 29th May 1889 and No. 1248 L dated 1st June 1889, the Government said that it was not then prepared to introduce the elective system in the appointment of members of Taluk Boards. Later on, in reply to a question asked by the Hon'ble C. Vijayaraghava Chariyar at the meeting of the

Legislative Council of the 9th February 1897, as to whether the Government would consider the desirability of giving effect to the provisions of sec. 16 (b) of the Act and frame rules for the election by the tax payers and inhabitants of the taluks, of two-thirds of the whole number of members of the taluk Board, as fixed by sec. 18 of the Act, the Government said that it was not then prepared to take any steps in the matter - vide page 4 of the ^{Proceedings} provisions of the Legislative Council for 1897. Again in reply to a question asked by the same gentleman at the meeting of the Council of the 9th April 1897, as to the grounds on which the Government hesitated to give effect to the provisions of the Act referred to, the Government said that it did not consider that ^{the} inhabitants of rural tracts were yet sufficiently advanced to appreciate and avail themselves of the elective franchise. Please see page 118 of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council for 1897.

As regards the election of members of Panchayats, the Hon'ble C. Jambulingam Mudaliyar asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council of the 18th December 1895, whether the Government would be pleased to grant the privilege to the extent of at least half the sanctioned strength of the union, in all the major unions of the Presidency, and in reply to this the Government said that it was not then prepared to introduce the system -

Vide

Proceedings

Vide page 279 of the ~~provisions~~ of the
Legislative Council for 1895.

It does not appear to be yet
time to introduce the elective system in
the appointment of members of Taluk Boards
and Union Panchayats or of the Chairmen
of Panchayats.

Reduction of the share of tolls payable
by the Municipal Council of Ongole to the
District Board of Nellore.

The Municipal Council of Ongole
requested His Excellency to exempt it
from payment of the District Board's
share of tolls for some years until
some roads which were absolutely re-
quired in the town were constructed and
others brought to ^a good condition and to
reduce subsequently the share which was
very heavy. In reply to this, His Excellency
promised to give his best consideration
to the matter. On the representation of
the Municipal Council in March 1897, the
Government called for a special report
on the subject from the Collector and after
careful consideration came to the con-
clusion that there were no valid grounds
for requiring the District Board to re-
linquish or to reduce its share of the
Ongole Municipal tolls- Vide the notes
and orders in G.O.No.629 M, dated 22nd
March 1898. No further action therefore
appears to be necessary in this matter at
present.

Water supply scheme for the town
of Guntur.

The Municipal Council of Guntur having
requested His Excellency the Governor to

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I quite agree with
this as far as the town
& Zemindari of Bobbili
are concerned, & there is
no need to raise the
general question. When
the concession is made
it will have to be in
carefully selected localities
for Taluk Boards first.
MA 4.1.99.

I agree with the above. A.S.H. 14.1.99

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MA.
A.S.H.

do all that was necessary to make the
long cherished project of water supply
an accomplished fact in the near future,
His Excellency promised to acquaint himself
with the exact position of the scheme and
pay his best attention to it, having re-
gard possibly to the superior claims of
other places. From the Sanitary Engineer's
report for 1897, it appears that the inves-
tigation of the scheme was begun in March
1897 and that it will be ready for sub-
mission in the current year- vide page 9
of his report for 1897.

Water supply scheme for the town of
Berhampur.

The Municipal Council of Berhampur
prayed that the branch of the Rushikulya
canal, which it was proposed to carry along
the Northern limits of the town, might be
undertaken at an early date, so that it
might have Rushikulya water within easy
reach. His Excellency promised to make en-
quiry as to the exact position of this
town with regard to the water supply
scheme and said that if he found the
scheme which the Sanitary Engineer had in
view to be of a very easy, simple and eco-
nomical description, he would try if pos-
sible to hasten its preparation.

The Sanitary Engineer has already
been requested to take up the preparation
of a scheme of water supply for this town
in the current year and the Municipal
Council has been directed to arrange at
once for placing a sum of Rs.1000 at his
disposal

disposal for its investigation-Vide G.O.No.
1078 M.dated 13th June 1898. No further
action is therefore necessary in this matter.

V.R.
30/12/98

H.T.
22/99

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H.T.
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*Reminders of letters
are enclosed, for the
purpose of answering the
several questions. The
Commission is now
in a position to
reply to the
questions asked by
the Public Commission.

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