

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 546 *du*

DATED 24-2-1899.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Gratuity.

*Declining, with remark, to sanction the payment
of an honorarium to the Managers of the Vellore Municipality
for collecting large arrears of taxes.*

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Local & Munl. (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 928 m

Submitted,

45 MAR 1899



From

The Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Vellore.

No. 568 of 99.

CRA
8/3/99

his.
Order. N^o 546 M. M. 24/4/99

In view of the present state
of the Municipal finances, the payment
of an honorarium of ~~Rs 100~~ to the ma-
nager, for the additional work done Dated 28th February 1899
by him, is sanctioned.

Received } 29th March 99.

2. Strict supervision should, Registered

in future, be exercised over the work Enclosures one.
of the bill-collectors, to whose neglect Spare copies
the accumulation of the large arrears
of taxes was evidently due.

Officers
The Executive much have
seriously neglected their duties in
the matter, and the
manager himself was
probably partly responsible
in this. H.O.

SUBJECT.

~~Manager much have neglected his
duty to have allowed such
large arrears to have accumulated~~

H. 26th W 99.

Note In consideration of the trouble said to have
been involved in the collection of the arrears, it
is thought that an honorarium of at least half the
sum recommended by the Council might be sanctioned. For a
To the Chairman, M.C. Vellore Through
the Collector of North Arcot
H. 26th W 99

Forwarding for the very early and
favourable consideration of Govern-
ment, copy resolutions of the Municipal
Council, Vellore, No 6 dated 26th Feb 1899
granting the manager ^{of the Municipal Office, Vellore} a
gratuity of Rs 100 for the large ^{having collected} arrears
accumulated ^{of taxes} made by him in
addition to his now duties. - as
the accounts of the year will soon have
to be closed.

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MEETING No. 65

Extract from Proceedings at a ^{GENERAL}~~SPECIAL~~ Meeting of
the Municipal Council for the Town of Vellore,
dated 25th February 1899.

PRESENT.

Res: No.

1. Mr. R. Ky. - A. C. Seshagiri Iyer Mergal.
Chairman.
2. " " Gopala Krishna Mudaliar Mergal.
3. " " C. Siva Iyer Mergal.
4. " " Sammakoti Mudaliar Mergal.
5. " " Swarappa Mudaliar Mergal.
6. Reverend D. W. Hidd. B.A.
7. Mr. R. Ky. Chelva Gnanulchettiar Mergal.
8. Zahid Hazi Azizulla Sahib.
9. Mr. R. Ky. - Kuthiasami Naidu Iyer.
10. " " Manikka Chettiar Mergal.
11. " " Narayanasami Reddiar Mergal.
12. Subadar Major Hussain Khan Sahib.
13. Reverend H. J. Seudder. M.A.

Resolution No 6

Read petition of the manager, Municipal Office, requesting the Council to pay him a bonus of Rs 206, viz 10 per cent of the annual collections made by him - postponed at the last general meeting.

Proposed by Reverend D. W. Hidd. R.A. and
seconded by Reverend H. J. Scudder M.A.
that as Mr France did this work in addi-
tion to his own duties as manager, under
special orders of the Chairman, he be re-
commended for a gratuity of Rs 100.

Carried by a majority of 11.

The dissenting members being:—

Mr. R. Ry:— Iswarappa Mudaliar Mergal.

" " Hris huasami Naidu garu.

(Signed) A. C. Seshagiri Row,
Chairman.

"True Extract"

A. C. Seshagiri Row
Chairman.

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urgent

Vellore Municipal Office,

Dated 28th February 1899.

From

Depd 4th March 1899.

M. R. Ry. A. C. Seshagiri Row Mergal,

CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

VELLORE.

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS,

Fort St. George.

(Through the Collector).

Sir,

I have the honor to submit ^{the very early and} for favorable
consideration of Government a copy of the resolution
of the Council, No 6 dated 25th February 1899, —
recommending for sanction of Government
the grant to the manager of this Office of a
gratuity of Rs 100 for work performed in the
months of July and August last in the collection
of the large outstandings under the several
taxes, which work was done by him in addition
to his own duties as manager of this Office and
at much personal inconvenience and
danger to himself.

2. When I took charge of my office I found
that there were large outstandings under the
several taxes viz under:—

Professional tax — 667-11-6

Tax on buildings — 2821-3-6

Tax on lands — 386-6-6

Total Rs 3875-5-6

3. The bill-collectors represented to me that it was exceedingly difficult to collect these outstandings in as much as $\frac{7}{10}$ ths of the defaulters were muhammadans who threatened them with bodily harm, and that the greater portion of these bills consisted of amounts ranging from 4 to 6 annas - and they suggested that most of the items should be written off as irrecoverable.

4. I thought it advisable to direct the manager to undertake the collections.

5. He did the work willingly; and at much personal inconvenience to himself he worked for several hours in the mornings and evenings without detriment to his office work, and succeeded in collecting the following amounts.

	Profession-tax	House-tax	Land-tax
July —	71-8-0	1215-6-6	56-12-3
August —	21-0-0	659-14-0	35-14-3
	92-8-0	1875-4-6	92-10-6

making a total of £2060-7-0.

6. In order to show how difficult it was to collect the amounts outstanding, I must state that in the month preceding that in which the manager was sent out the four bill-collectors employed collected, between them, of the annas —

Profession-tax	£ 7-11-6
House-tax	£ 4-12-6
Land-tax	£ 2-2-0
	12-8-0

7. Owing to the good collections made by the manager, the Council was saved the extra expense of entertaining additional temporary bill-collectors in the last calendar year.

8. Whilst employed in the collecting of these taxes, the manager was subjected to much personal indignities in the shape of taunts and insults, and in several parts of the town he was threatened with bodily harm. At last in an out-of-the-way place in one of the suburbs of the town he was actually assaulted. Many devices were adopted to deter him in the execution of the duty of collection. Notwithstanding all these attempts to deter him, the manager persevered in his work and collected the large sum of £2060.

9. The manager under the circumstances stated above presented a petition to the Council claiming 10 per cent of the total amount collected by him as a bonus - i.e. £206 - but the Council at a meeting held on the 25th February 1899 (after due deliberation of all facts

facto) resolved by a majority of 11 to 2 to
recommenced the manager for a gratuity of
Rs 100, which sum is less than 5 percent of
the total collections made by him.

10. In conclusion I have the honor to state
that at present the collection department
costs the municipality Rs 62 per month.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours most Obedient Servant

Blumy D. S.
Secretary 4/3/99

For Chairman.



OS 14/3/99

Endl.

Returned to the Chairman
of Vellore Municipality for
submission through the
Sub Collector.

M. S. A. S.
As Collector.
14. 3. 99

CR 8/3/99

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Car. Reg. (Subordinate Office)
No. 1030 of 1899.
Submitted by the
file. to Master of St. Aust

M. S. A. S.
Chairman
16. 3. 99



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The estimated closing
balance for 1898-1899 is
only Rs 350. Vise for 374 m.
While the accounts of the previous years,
viz 1896-97 + 1897-98 closed with
a deficit of Rs 59 p. 1290 m.
15-7-98

Forwarded
in the present state of the finances
the proposal does not concern
itself to me. Please put it
as Sub Collector
20. 3. 99

19. 3. 99.

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to 423
DE 825.399.

Submitted.
I agree in the Divisional
officer's opinion expressed
above.

Chambers

From Collector.

25/3/99
DESPATCHED
28 MAR. 1899.

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