

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 5572.

DATED 25-4-1899

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DEPT. RECORD

[Despatch Abstract.]

Municipal Council. Communicating to
the Chairman — Kumbakonam, the
remarks of the Collector of Tanjore, stating that
there is no ground for reconsidering the
orders already passed by Govt- regarding the
conduct of the Chairman in connection with
an election held in the Municipality on the 14th
July 1898.

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

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From

The Chairman, m.c.
Kumbakonam.

Order No. 20972-17

Referred to the
Collector of Tanjore for
remarks.

No. 58.

1 By order

Dated 14th February 1899.

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A. B. Livingston
Asst. Assistant Secretary

KP
20.2.99

SUBJECT.

Submitting his explanation in
regard to certain irregularities
which were noticed in an elec-
-tion held in the Kumba-
-konam municipality on the
14th July 1898.

To the Collector of Tanjore.

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 order N^o 551 M Musdy 25/4/99
 The Collector's remarks, in the Government Concurs, will be communicated to the Chairman.

To The Chairman, K.C. Kumbakonam
 Thro the Collector of Tanjore
 dated 28/4/99

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MUNICIPAL COUNCILORS' OFFICE

KUMBAKONAM 16 February 1899.

FROM

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
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CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
 KUMBAKONAM.

The Secretary to Government,
 Local Administrative Department
 Fort St George.

SIR,

W. H. ... to para 2 of G. O. dated 20/7/98
 (Dec) dated 28 November 1898. I have the honour
 to submit that I feel bound to send the follow-
 ing explanation:-
 1. Had I been allowed an opportunity to sub-
 mit my explanation and a conclusion arrived
 at thereafter, I should have felt extremely
 grateful. But I regret to have to submit that in
 the present case, I was not allowed that privilege
 and it is painful to me that in an electoral strife
 between 2 private parties my name should have
 been unnecessarily dragged, though I was not
 party to it, and my actions adjudged without
 my being furnished with an opportunity to de-
 fend them.
 2. As a matter of fact, no satisfactory or respectable
 evidence was forthcoming to prove that I was
 interested

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interested either directly or indirectly in the
election of any of the 2 Candidates. Mr. Battina-
Samy Chettiar, the unsuccessful Candidate, &
himself admits that he is "a enemy jah heath" &
will not, that he is not personally aware of any
of the allegations made, but that he bases them
on the information given him by his agents. &
This strange that one of these agents was taking
as a witness. A few witnesses were brought
forward to depose that 2 Municipal Servants
used their influence in 2 or 3 cases in buying and
a few days before the election. In the first place
these witnesses occupy so low a position in society
and bear so contradictory an evidence that no
credence could be placed therein. & that there
is nothing to show that they intended to do
as they are alleged to have done. I may also add
that these latter are not persons of Municipal
Servants.

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In a place such as Kumbhakonam where party
spirit is rampant, this kind of evidence could
be procured at the great sacrifice on the part of the
procurer. And the object of the unsuccessful
Candidate and his supporters in bringing the election
to inquiry and making allegations against the
seems evidently to be to prejudice the minds of the
authorities against this administration as much
as

as possible, though with the no substantial benefit
to themselves or to the public.

I have the honour to be
Sir
your Obedt Servant
S. Sivasamy Aiyar
Chairman

only

Local & Munl. (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 984 m



From The Acting Collector
Dumfries

Order.

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Re

Dated 4 April 1899

and 7-4-99.

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SUBJECT.

Returning Kumbakonam
Chairman's letter re: Certain
remarks of Government—
when passing orders on
an election report of the
Municipality and stating
that there is no ground for
reconsidering the orders

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TANJORE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

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Camp, Vallam 4 April 1899.

FROM

L. Dwyer Esquire,
District Magistrate,

TANJORE,

To

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The Secretary to Government,
Local & Municipal Department,
MADRAS.

SIR,

I have the honour to return Government
Endorsement No 209 dated 22nd February
1899 with the following remarks.

The Chairman complains that
the order of Government reflecting on
his conduct was passed without
his having had an opportunity of
explaining or defending himself.
It is a half hearted protest and he
does not demand further inquiry.

2. The state of parties in Kumbha
Konam is notorious. The election was

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a matter of great interest to the
Chairman and every one knew it.

In such circumstances the Chairman
should have exerted himself to
prevent Municipal servants from
Canvassing. There is no hint
anywhere of any such action on
his part, and on the contrary

there is ^{one} reason ^{to} believe

that he actively interested himself
in the Election. For instance,

according to the unsuccessful candi-
date, Mr. P. T. Badrasami Chettiar
the Chairman went twice to the polling
place; and this statement was
not challenged by the Chairman.
Though I have ascertained from
the Sub Collector that he was
present during the proceedings and
as a matter of fact — did

protest

9 protest on one occasion against
a statement that was made.

This certainly shows active interest
and the Chairman also admitted
to the Sub Collector that his brother
who lives with him may have canvassed.

3. Under these circumstances I
dearest that no reConsi.

venture to sur-

deration of the order is necessary.

I found it necessary to
see Mr. Rice personally on this subject
before replying, and was not
able to do so before the 3rd instant.
Hence the delay.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obedient servant

Shri G. N. Ramiah
For A. S. Bector

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