

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

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G.O., No. 583 M.

DATED 1-5-1899.

Election Rules

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Election Rules . Communicating to the Chairman
Municipal Council, Secanada, with concurrence
the remarks of the Collector of Godavari, stating
that no alterations are required to the rule
in the revised — regarding the voting by
illiterate persons.

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From *Vernor A Brodie Esq collector Cocorani*
Misc *No. 583 Misc 81-5-99*
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The Collector's remarks in which
 the Government fully concurs, will be
 communicated to the Chairman.

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Dated 3rd April 1899.

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SUBJECT.

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 To the Chairman, Municipal Council Cocorani
 re: the Collector's report to the Council suggesting
 some alterations to the rule in the
 revised election rules about voting
 by illiterate persons, with remarks.
 Dated 8/5/99

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SUBJECT.

*Suggesting some alterations to
the rule in the revised election
rules about voting by illiterate
persons.*

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No 1444 Municipal office,
Co. Cane 15th March 1883.

From Mr. H. L. Penajuram,
Chairman, Municipal Council,
Co. Cane.

To The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Madras,
through the Collector,
Godavari Dist.

Sir,
I have the honour to bring
to your notice that under rule 24 of the
revised election rules, the polling officer
will enter the name and number of the
illiterate voter inside the ballot envelope
and signing or sealing the same, hand it over
to the voter who is to go to the cubicle
provided for the purpose, strike out the
name of the Candidate he does not wish
to vote for and put it in the ballot box.
The illiterate voters form a large
majority and not being able to identify or
make out the name of any particular
Candidate, may generally run the risk of
scoring out the wrong name. Of course,
the object of the rule seems to be
secrecy so that no one knows whom the
voter voted for but some precaution needs

be taken so as to enable the voter to carry out his intention unmistakably.

2. I beg leave to suggest that the rule must be altered in the way of enabling the polling officer to ascertain the wish of the illiterate voter and himself score out the names mentioned by the voter for him. If this cannot be done, I intend to print the names of the Candidates in different Colours for the guidance of illiterate voters should there exist no objection to do so. This will not cover the case of blind persons but the rule cannot meet every possible case ~~but~~ the illiterate people form a large majority, their case deserves sufficient consideration.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

W. P. S. S. S.
Chairman

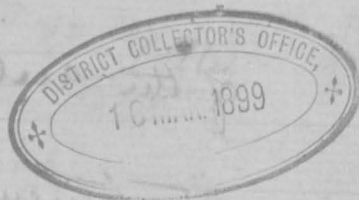
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Chairman

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 I do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original as submitted to me by the District Collector, dated 3-4-99.
 District Collector, [illegible]
 1035/Jan/99

submitted to Government Local and Municipal Department.
 I fail to see the force of the Chairman's arguments and think no alteration of the rule required. In the first place, a statement that illiterate voters form the majority is not quite correct. The illiterate no doubt constitute the majority of the poor but not of electors who have to possess certain qualifications. These are possessed generally only by the rich and not the poor classes. In the second place, illiterate persons take little or no interest in Municipal elections and seldom come forward as voters. When they do, they come prepared as to which name to come out - whether

the first or second or third be printed

on the envelope. Asking the Polling officer

to score out the name mentioned by the

voter defeats the main object of the

rules viz secrecy. Printing the names in

different colours would of course be a

great help to illiterate voters but it is

not necessary to amend the

rules themselves.

(signed) A. Broadie

Collector

For collector.

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