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[Despatch Abstract.]

Secretary.

Confirming, with remark, the appointment
of Mr. M. Ramalinga Chetty as — to
the Munk. Council of Madras.

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 Order 875799 *5-99*
 From The Collector
 Madurai

The appointment of Mr. R. Ramalinga
 Chettyar, as Secretary to the Municipal
 Council of Madurai, is Confirmed. Conf. No. 1/1899

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SUBJECT.

Note
 With reference to paras. 9 & 10 of the
 Collector's letter reporting that Venkatasulu
 Nayudu & some other Councillors are op-
 posing the Secretary, the Collector may be
 instructed to recommend the removal
 under Sec. 19(IV) of the Act, of such of the
 Councillors as are persistently opposing
 the Secretary & are ^{bothering} the Chairman
 may be asked to support the Secretary as much
 as possible.
 To The Collector of Madurai
 Chairman The Madurai Municipal Council
 Recommending the Con-
 firmation of Mr. R. Ramalinga
 Chettyar
 in his appointment as
 Secretary to the Madurai
 Municipal Council.
 8/5/99

wait until the 6 months period of probation expired before reporting to you on the subject.

4. Mr. M. Ramalingam Chettiar has, I feel certain, done very good work since his arrival in putting matters straight in the Municipal office and also in improving the roads and sanitation. I have been with him through the town, which I cannot describe as in any way sanitary owing to the crowded population, the narrowness of most of the streets and the habits of the people.

5. The office was, I consider, in a very bad state when the Secretary assumed charge. A manager who was a Government servant appears to have let the clerks do as they liked and frauds could go on for years undetected. The remarks of the Inspector of Local Fund Accounts for the past two years will show only too clearly what a bad state the municipal accounts had fallen into. This manager has since retired on the ground of ill-health and I have recommended to the Board, in my letter No. 726 Genl dated 13th April 1899, the appointment of another manager who is an experienced accountant.

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6. Two clerks in the Municipal office have been suspended for their conduct with regard to the alleged defalcations of a Bill Collector, and the latter has been ordered to be prosecuted.

7. The Chairman of the Council Mr. Fisher now reports to me that 'he is quite satisfied with the Secretary and does not think we can get a better man. He only wishes he were a little younger. The work is too much for him. Probably, with a manager, he will do very well.' I regret that there has been considerable delay in according sanction to the deputation of the manager and shall appoint him as soon as the sanction is received.

8. With regard to the age of the Secretary, I have only to express my opinion that he is not too old for the work, that he is able to do outdoor inspection by means of a carriage and that he is capable of doing the work for some years.

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9. The Secretary has, I understand, in the past few months done a large amount of work hitherto devolving on ward Councillors and has deprived them of their much cherished privileges. A fierce opposition has been directed against him, both in an underhand way and by interpellations at every meeting of the Council. The opposition is headed by a Councillor named Venkatesalu Naidu who tried to get the appointment of Municipal Secretary himself last year, and has also acted as Chairman. The Secretary is therefore placed in a very difficult position and requires the thorough and consistent support of the Chairman and others, if he is to remain in office.

10. I have thought it advisable to explain the attitude of some of the Councillors towards the Secretary as I feel almost certain that they will endeavour to remove him from the

appointment by annoying him and by petty attacks.

11. As the Secretary is reported on so favourably by the Chairman and has improved the state of affairs in the town, I have the honour to recommend that he be Confirmed in his appointment.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed^t Serv^t

J. D. R. S. S.
Acting Collector

Yours