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G.O., No. 681 M

DATED 15-5-99

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Appointment of Secretary

Sanctioning the proposal of the Vizianagram Municipal Council to appoint a Secretary to the Council & to delegate to him certain powers and requesting the Council to select another suitable person for the post than M.R.Ry. T. Audinarayana-Swami Nayudu.

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25 FEB 1899

From

The Collector of
Vizagapatam

C No. 503

Order

Dated 22 February 1899

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SUBJECT.

Submitting letter from the Chairman Municipal Council Vizianagram requesting the sanction of Government for the appointment of M.R.Ry T. A. Narayanaswami Naidu garu as Municipal Secretary.

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PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT COLLECTOR, 15 FEB 1899

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COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, VIZAGAPATAM.

From The Chairman Municipal Council Vizianagaram
(through the Revenue Divisional officer Vizianagaram)

No. 276

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Forwarded to the Collector. The Secretary elect is the son-in-law of the local Inspector of Police, which fact renders his appointment undesirable, in my opinion.

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Ag. P. A. Collector

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Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Local & Municipal dept. The Inspector of Police referred to by the Principal Assistant, will be very shortly transferred so that I do not think the objection very cogent.

19 FEB 1899

Collector

22-2-99

Dated 14th February 1899.

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SUBJECT

Requesting Sanction to appoint M.R.Ry. A Narayanaswamy Naidu garu as a Secretary to this Municipality

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Municipal Office,

Vizianagaram, 14th February 1899

No 276

From

THE CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
VIZIANAGARAM.

To

The Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George, Madras.
(thro the Revenue Divisional officer)
Vizianagram

Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Govern-
G. -ment No 1539 M. Misc dated 3rd September 1898, regarding
the appointment of a Secretary, I have the honor to submit
that the question was discussed at a meeting of the
municipal Council held on the 22nd November 1898
and as its opinion was divided as regards the
appointment of an officer on so high a salary as Rs 125
to Rs 150, the question was adjourned for another meeting.
Again the matter was discussed at the meeting held on
the 14th December 1898 along with the Budget and with
due deference to the opinion of the Government, it was
resolved by a majority that a Secretary be appointed
on the above salary though the Council experienced
much difficulty in providing funds for the appointment,
as it may be evident from my report on the Budget
B (Vide para 27 of the report on the revised and budget
estimates for the years 1898-99 & 1899-1900 respectively
No 243 dated 29th December 1898). It was also resolved
at the same meeting to advertise for the vacancy and
accordingly through the Fort Saint George Gazette and the
Madras Mail as well as through the weekly newspaper

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of the district, viz the East Coast News and the Vizag
Spectator applications for the post were invited to reach
the municipal office on or before the 31st January 1899-
Seventy applications were received in all and a special
meeting of the Council was called on the 11th morning to
make the appointment - A list of applications with a
few remarks regarding their qualifications was prepared
and circulated along with the meeting notice and the
applications of candidates were laid on the Chairman's
table at the municipal office for three days for the
inspection of Councillors.

2 The meeting was attended by all the sixteen members,
the full number allowed to this municipality including
the Divisional officer and after some discussion,
the Council proceeded to make the appointment by
election - The marginally + noted five candidates were
proposed and the Councillors were agreed upon noting
by ballot, and eliminating the candidate who obtained
the least number of votes until one of them secured
the votes of more than half the number of the Councillors
present. The ballot was taken on four occasions,
at the last of which M. R. Ry T. Audinarayanaswami
Naidu garu, a pensioned Deputy Tahsildar, having
secured a majority of 9 votes, was considered to have
been elected Secretary - It would appear from his
application that M. R. Ry T. Audinarayanaswami
Naidu garu has put in a service of nearly 22 years
in

× G. Bhaskararau Pantulu garu
+ T. J. Narayanaswami Naidu garu
A. Venkataram Pantulu garu
G. J. Matribhataiyar garu
P. Venkaiya garu

in the Government and was Deputy Tahsildar in the
Agency tracts of this District for over six years until
he retired from service recently on pension -

3. The Council resolved to delegate to the Secretary
the powers of the Chairman as contained in section 42
of the amended Act of the District Municipalities, to the
extent of appointing, fining, suspending and dismissing
municipal servants on a salary of Rs 15 and below - At
a former meeting of the Council, it was resolved to
delegate to him all the powers of the Chairman except
those relating to the assessment of taxes and the sanctioning
of expenditure; and the Council on this occasion resolved
to delegate the same powers - As it would appear that 42,
sections 54, 63. 66, 69, 69(a), 69(b), 69(c), 69(d). 75, 77, 79,
85, 28(2), relate to the assessment of taxes and the
sanctioning of expenditure, I beg to submit that all the
powers of the Chairman except those contained in the
above sections may be delegated to the Secretary -

I have the honor to request that the Governmen
will be pleased to sanction at their earliest conveni
the above appointment as well as the proposal of the
Council to delegate to the Secretary the above mentioned
powers of the Chairman -

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

V. Venkatayarathi.
Chairman, M. C

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council Vizianagaram at a meeting held on Thursday the 14th July 1898.

Present.

1. E. B. Elwin Esquire, Ex-officio Chairman, M. C
2. M. R. Ry Dewan Bahadur V. Anantaram Pantulu garu, Councillor
3. " Ch. Ramamurti Pantulu garu. "
4. " P. Govindarajulu naidu garu "
5. " P. Sreeramasastri garu "
6. " Mohomed Patchan Saheb garu "

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The Council proposes that all the Chairman's powers be delegated to the Secretary except the appointment of municipal servants other than those mentioned in section 42, the power of sanctioning expenditure & the power of assessing to taxes.

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(Signed) E. B. Elwin
Ex-officio Chairman

(True Extract)

Municipal office
Vizianagaram
18th February 99

V. Venkatapati
Chairman M. C

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council Vizianagaram at a meeting held on Friday the 14th October 1

Present.

1 - M. R. Ry V. Venkatrayasastri garu, Chairman M. C
2 - Ch Ramamurti Pantulu garu, Councillor
3 - Diwan Bahadur V. Anantaran Pantulu garu, Councillor
4 - K. V. Kristnaran Pantulu garu "
5 - P. Govindarajulu Naidu garu "
6 - P. Kristnamurti Pantulu garu "
7 - P. Sreeramasastri garu "
8 - Mohomed Padshah Saheb garu "

I. Read G. O., No 1539 M. Misc dated 3rd September 98 regarding the appointment of a Municipal Secretary.

The Council resolves to postpone the consideration of the question until its usual strength is replenished.

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(Signed) V. Venkatrayasastri
Chairman M. C

(True Extract)

Municipal office
Vizianagaram
1 February 99

V. Venkatrayasastri
Chairman. M. C

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council Vizianagarum at a meeting held on Tuesday the 22nd November 1898.

Present.

1- M. R. Ry V. Venkatrayasastri garu B.A. Chairman M.C
2. - K. Ramanujachariar avarghal M.A.B.L. Councillor
3 - K.V. Kristnarau Pantulu garu "
4 - D. Suryaprakasalingam garu "
5 - Perla Sanyasi garu "
6 - P. Govindarajulu Naidu garu "
7 - P. Kristnamurti Pantulu garu "
8 - Mohomed Patshan Sahib garu "
9 - P. Sreeramasastri garu "

1. Read again G.O No 1539 M. Misc dated 3rd September 1898 regarding the appointment of a municipal Secretary.

The Council resolves to postpone the consideration of the question to a later date.

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(Signed) V. Venkatrayasastri
Chairman. M.C

(True Extract)

Municipal office }
Vizianagarum. }
13th February 1899 }

V. Venkatrayasastri.
Chairman M.C

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council Vizianagarum at a meeting held on the 14th December 1898.

Present.

1. M. R. Ry V. Venkatrayasastri garu B. A. Chairman M. C
2. E. B. Elwin Esquire. Ex-officio Councillor
3. M. R. Ry K. Ramanujachariar avarghal M. A. B. L, Councillor
4. " K. V. Kristnarau Pantulu garu "
5. " P. Sreeramasastri garu "
6. " P. Venkannagaru "
7. " P. Sanyasi garu "
8. " D. Suryaprakasalingum garu "
9. " P. Govindarajulu Naidu garu "

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2. Read again Proceedings of the Madras Government No 1539 M. Misc dated the 3rd September 1898 regarding the appointment of a Municipal Secretary.

Resolved that a Secretary be appointed on Rs 125 rising to Rs 150 by annual increments of Rs 5 and that the vacancy be advertised.

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(Signed) V. Venkatrayasastri
Chairman M. C

(True Extract)

Municipal office
Vizianagarum
13th February 99

V. Venkatrayasastri.
Chairman M. C

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Proceedings of the municipal Council, Vizianagarum at a meeting held on Saturday the 11th February 1899.

Present.

1. M. R. Ry V. Venkatray asastri garu, B.A, Chairman M. C
2. E. B. Elwin Esquire., Divisional officer & Ex. officio Councillo
3. M. R. Ry Dewan Bahadur V. Annntarau Pantulugaru, Councillor
4. " K. Ramanujachariar Avarghal M.A. B.L "
5. " Ch. Ramamurti Pantulu garu "
6. " K. Venkanna Pantulu garu "
7. " K. V. Kristnarau Pantulu garu "
8. " P. Govindarajulu Naidu garu "
9. " Y. Appalanarasaiya Pantulu garu "
10. " P. Kristnamurti Pantulu garu "
11. " B. Suryaprakasalingum garu "
12. " P. Sanyasi garu "
13. " P. Venkanna garu "
14. " S. Ramamurti garu "
15. " Mohomed Padshah Saheb garu "
16. " P. Sreeramasastri garu "

1. Read again resolution of the municipal Council, Vizianagarum dated the 14th December 1898 No 2 sanctioning the appointment of Secretary on a salary of Rs 125 per mensem

Read also list of Candidates who submitted applications with testimonials for the post of Secretary.

Resolved by a majority that M. R. Ry T. Audinarayanaswami Naidu garu be appointed Secretary, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council.

Resolved further that the Secretary be empowered to appoint, fine, suspend and dismiss servants employed by the Council on a salary of Rs 15 and below. The Chairman will quote the sections of the Act specifying

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the powers proposed to be delegated to the Secretary at a former meeting.

(Signed) V. Venkatrayasastri

Chairman M.C.

(True Copy)

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Vizianagaram
13th February 99

V. Venkatrayasastri
Chairman M.C.

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CURRENT No. 677 M

From Certain municipal Councillors of Vizianagram.

Order

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SUBJECT.

Praying for reasons stated that the appointment of a Secretary to the Vizianagram municipality may be postponed.

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To

His Excellency the Governor in Council
Fort Saint George,
MADRAS.

May it please Your Excellency,

The humble memorial of the undersigned Municipal Councillors of the Vizianagram Municipality respectfully showeth:

1. That Your Excellency's memorialists have been for several years connected with the Municipal Council of Vizianagram and that one of them was the Chairman of the Municipality for nearly three years and that all of them have been taking considerable interest in Municipal affairs.

2. That Your Excellency's memorialists venture to state the fact which is already so well known to Your Excellency's Government that this Municipality has been, for a long series of years, far from being prosperous from a financial point of view.

3. That on account of the advent of the East Coast Railway, the most prominent of the sources of income has suffered considerably. Besides, the Council has otherwise suffered from a decrease in the Maharajah of Vizianagram's stud and carriages as can be easily seen by a comparison of the last 3 years' budget reports with those of the three previous years. There has been considerable falling off in the profession tax and some other items.

4. That Your Excellency's Government is well aware that, against plague knocking at our door, ample provision has to be made, and sanitation as a plague preventive demands considerable expenditure.

5. That in the circumstances stated, the most important works have had to be starved. The roads are in a bad condition. The drainage of the town is simply deplorable. Drinking water tanks and their supply channels stand in need of urgent repairs. Four out of the five drinking water tanks in the town are almost dry and there is at this date (the middle of February) in them only liquid mud which is used by the poor as drinking water. The above are only a few things calling for immediate attention.

6. That Your Excellency's memorialists have not mentioned the urgent need that exists for the drainage and the water supply schemes of the town.

7. That Your Excellency's memorialists beg to invite Your Excellency's attention to the last budget report of the Municipality which clearly shows that under all Grants except Grant V the usual percentages of expenditure which Government expect every Municipality to provide in their budgets have not been maintained as can be seen from the following:—

Only 23·356 was provided under Grant I as against 40 to 50 percent usually provided.
Only 11·528 was provided under Grant II as against 15 percent.
Only 37·736 was provided under Grant III as against 40 percent.
Only 9·997 was provided under Grant IV as against 10 percent.

It may here be added that whereas the opening balance should be 10 percent, the next year commences with only 1·501.

8. That under Grant V. there is an increase of nearly 60 per cent, as 15·882 per cent of income was provided as against 10 per cent which, the Government has repeatedly held, should never be exceeded.

9. That your Excellency's memorialists submit that this expenditure under Grant V is wholly and solely due to the contemplated appointment of a paid Secretary whose pay absorbs permanently a good round sum of Rs. 1500 a year, with the inevitable prospect of rising to Rs. 1800 a year ere long.

This question was set at rest once for all in G.O. No. 2647 M. 29-11-97

10. That in view of the above stated pressing needs of the Municipality Your Excellincy's memorialists venture to think that at present the appointment of a paid Secretary is a costly luxury which the Municipality can ill afford to have.

11. That when a municipality points out how in the face of other pressing needs, it cannot afford to have a paid Secretary, Your Excellency's Government has allowed such a Municipality to put off the appointment of a paid Secretary, and your memorialists beg to point out that the Vizagapatam & Bezvada are two of such instances in point.

G.O.s 1478 M. & 1126 M. 4-7-98

12. That the Vizinagaram Municipality is poorer Municipality than the above two and that its sanitary and other requirments call for more vigilance and attention is a fact which your Excellency's Government may well take for granted.

13. That Your Excellency's memorialists venture to think that no case has been made out why a paid Secretary should be appointed at this time, to the prejudice of every department of the Municipality.

14. That as regards the office management, it can not for a moment be said that the office is not managed properly, as can be seen from what the Assistant Accountant-General Mr. Williamson, who, in January of this year, thoroughly audited the accounts, said in a certificate which he gave to the present office manager Mr. A. Venkatarow Pantulu, "I have pleasure in testifying that he possess a good knowledge of the Municipal Account system, and that he appears to take an intelligent interest in his work. The Vizianagram Municipality bears the reputation of being well-managed from an account point of view, and my recent audit showed that there was no falling off in this respect."

15. That as regards the out-door work, a paid Secretary cannot from the very nature of his duties do much of it, the office work alone absorbing all his time, and that as for out-door duty, the Chairman and Councillors with the sanitary staff are the best to manage it.

16. That, when with an Office Manager on Rs. 50 a month the work of the Municipality has been carried on satisfactorily, it is against the best interests of the Municipality to appoint a paid Secretary on Rs. 125 a month which has the effect of superseding the claims of the present Office Manager who has served the Municipality faithfully for nearly a quarter of a century, besides entailing upon the Council a needless waste of money just at the time when every pie has to be utilised towards very urgent needs of the Municipality.

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17. That the appointment of a paid Secretary, as recently made by the Council subject to the sanction of Government, is for the following reasons, illegal and improper.

(1) The appointment was made by ballot as in the case of election of a Chairman. This has the effect of prejudicing the claims of some of the candidates.

(2) The rule adopted by the Council that the successful candidate should get an absolute majority of votes is unwarranted.

(3) The process of elimination which has been adopted is unwarranted and has resulted in probable candidates being driven out of the field altogether.

(4) When, at the penultimate ballot, there was a tie, the Chairman ought to have used his casting vote under Section 30 (2) which he did not do.

(5) The last ballot is illegal as the penultimate one was the ballot that settled the affair.

For the above reasons, Your Excellency's Memorialists most respectfully pray that the appointment of a Secretary may not be made for at least three years to come.

We beg to remain,

Your Excellency's Most Obedient Servants.

Ramamoorti
Councillor

Councillor

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CURRENT No. 721 M

From
A. Venkata Row.
Municipal Manager, Vizianagram

Order

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SUBJECT.

Praying in the circumstances stated that the nomination made by the Vizianagram Municipal Council for the post of the Municipal Secretary may be vetoed and that a fresh election be ordered to be held.

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Appendix of Testimonials and extracts from Municipal Administration, Budget, and Audit Reports.

The bearer Aripirala Venkatarow Pantulu garu, the Secretary M. C. Viziana-
gram asks me for a testimonial. I have known him for the last 3½ years under in-
structions from the President M. C. Vizagapatam District.
He is a very good accountant and pays much attention to his work. He has
given me entire satisfaction. He belongs to a respectable family and thus has polite
manners. I shall be glad to hear of his advancement in public life.
6th October 1882.

(Sd) K. NAGABHUSHANAROW.
Auditor.

Mr. A. Venkatarow Pantulu to whom I give these lines is a member of a very
respectable family. He has been in the Municipality of Vizianagram, Secretary and
Town Superintendent for the last 9 years on ₨ 50+10 and has always given entire
satisfaction both in his office and out door duties. He is now trying to get into Govern-
ment service in the Salt and Abkary Department. The Municipal Commissioners are
quite unwilling to lose his services but as he wishes to better himself they bear testi-
mony that he possesses such capabilities of performing the duties of any responsible
post as may be given him. I wish him therefore, every success in his attempt. He
is honest and hardworking. He always tries to satisfy his employers.

Vizianagram }
13th November 1884. }

(Sd) P. JAGANNADHARAJ.,
DEWAN AND CHAIRMAN
Municipal Conncil Vizianagram

(Sd) V. V. KOTHUNDAROW,
Munshi

I have known Mr. A. Venkatarow Pantulu for some years. He has shewn
himself to be a very intelligent and energetic Municipal officer. He possesses respec-
table knowledge of English. I have no doubt that in whatever position he may be
placed he will do his best to give satisfaction to his superiors.

2nd December 1889. }
Vizianagram, Maharaja's }
College }

(Sd) K. RAMANUJACHARI,
Municipal Councillor,
Vizianagram

Vizianagram, 3rd December 1889.

I have known A. Venkatarow Pantulu garu for the past sixteen years. He
belongs to a very respectable family of this town, his father and his Grand father held
high positions in the Service of H. H. the Maharajah of Vizianagram. He is sober
honest, pain-staking and a first rate office man, and I feel sure he will do credit to the
appointment conferred on him.

(Sd) THOS. QUINN.
Surgeon to H. H. the Maharajah
and M. Councillor.

It will not be just for me not to mention here the indefatigable exertions of
the Muuicipal Secretary, Mr. A. Venkatarao, who worked out of the whole scheme on
the outlines given by me. Of course, this is not his legitimate work, as he is only con
fined to office work, but I found in him the qualifications of working out such schemes
and introductions, and he gave me entire satisfaction, which I expected, by bringing the
scavengers to submission in defiance of a great many obstacles in the way.
15th Febraury 1891.

T. QUINN.
Chairman.

A. Venkatarao Pantulu who continues to be the Manager appears to have
worked well to render satisfaction.

Camp Bimlipatam. }
30th May 1891. }

(Sd) S. RAJACANNU MUDILIAR.
Auditor, Municipal Accounts.

I have known A. Venkatarow Pantulu garu for the past 7½ years, both in his
capacity as manager of Municipal office and as a private gentleman. I have always
had a high opinion of his ability and capacity for works. He knows the ins and outs
of the Municipal work Vizianagram, and had made himself in consequence very use-
ful to the successive Chairmen within my knowledge. Those Chairmen who started

with a prejudice against him liked him the best after seeing his ability and usefulness He was of great service to me in laying out the Park works. He deserves a better appointment than what he now holds.

Vizianagram
June 92

(Sd) V. Jagannadharow.
Divisional Officer and Chairman.

27. The general result of the audit was on the whole satisfactory. The accounts show considerable improvement year after year. The Secretary A Venkatarow Pantulu sparing no pains to rectify the defects pointed out in the successive audit reports.

(Sd.) P. Rajagopala Mudaliar,
Assistant Inspector of
L. F. Accounts.

I agree with the auditor in his remark that the Secretary spares no pains to attend to the suggestions made from time to time by the auditing Officers.

4—1—94.

K. Venkanna.
Chairman M. C. Vizianagram.

An increase of Rs. 10 to the Office Manager's salary and Rs. 2-8-0 to that of the Cashier is proposed. The addition to the office Manager's pay is proposed because of the very satisfactory way in which accounts have been kept, notwithstanding the enormous increase of work in every department. The auditor remarks "The general result of the audit was, on the whole, satisfactory. The accounts show considerable improvement year after year, the Secretary A. Venkatarow Pantulu sparing no pains to rectify the defects pointed out in the successive audit reports." The office Manager is a very capable officer of large experience and well deserves the increase recommended.

22nd January 1894.

K. Venkanna.
Chairman.

The Post of Manager is filled by A. Venkatarow Pantulu. The result of the present audit is satisfactory and evince improvement over the last.

(Sd.) Rajacanoo.
Auditor, Municipal Accounts.

K. Vekanna.
25—8—94.
Chairman, M. C.

1. Mr. A. Venkatarow Pantulu—Is a very capable officer of considerable experience.

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31—8—94.

K. Venkanna.
Chairman.

I have much pleasure in stating that all the persons employed in the Municipal office gave me a great deal of help in getting the roads of the town repaired before the arrival of His Excellency the Governor, which I had to do in about a fortnight and which under ordinary circumstances would have taken about three months time and also in making other arrangements for the reception of His Excellency. My hearty thanks are therefore due to all of them and especially to Mr. A. Venkatrao Pantulu, Manager of the office whose assistance was highly useful to me and without which I could not have done the work I did.

Municipal Office.
Vizianagram.
2nd October 1894.

K. Ramanujachari.
Chairman Delegate M. C.

The post of Secretary and Manager was filled by A. Venkatarow Pantulu whose account work was characterised by care and intelligence as observed in the Audit notes of the two preceding years

Camp Rajahmandry
17th July 1826

T. Kristnaswami Mudaliar.
Chairman Delegate M. C.

I am glad to bring to the particular notice of the Government that the Council, at the Budget meeting attended by thirteen Councillors out of sixteen, unanimously resolved to recommend an increase of Rs. 15 to the pay of the Municipal Secretary and Manager in consideration of his long service and superior capabilities. The Secretary, A. Venkatarow Pantulu, has served the Municipality for more than twenty two years and has all along, it would appear from the office records, rendered high satisfaction to the Council. His work in the office has been reported year after year to be very satisfactory by the auditor, whose remarks after the last year's aduit have been quoted in the latest Administration Report, as the audit report happened to be received while the Administration Report was being drafted. I must thankfully acknowledge the material assistance rendered by him in the revision of house-tax, which was raised by no less than Rs. 3,500 during the current year. The Council, in my opinion, has only done him justice in recommending this increase and I fully trust that the Government will no doubt be pleased to sanction the same. If this increase be sanctioned his pay will be raised to Rs 60, which cannot be considered too high for one of his service and capabilities especially when it is remembered what heavy and responsible work naturally falls on such an office in Municipalities presided over by Honorary Chairmen who are not full-timed officers.

1st February 1897.

V. Venkatarayasastri,
Chairman.

The following remarks are left for the information of the next Chairman:—

My views on the work of M. R. Ry. A. Venkatarow Pantulu garu, Secretary and Manager of the Office have already been recorded in my Budget report for the year 1895-96. He belongs to a respectable family and has served the Municipality for nearly 22 years. It would appear from the records that he acquitted himself very ably throughout and in may tenure of office he gave me all along very useful assistance for which I feel thankful to him. In consideration of his long and useful service as well of his abilities and attainments which are well acknowledged by the Council several times, his claims should be considered by the Council when it has to fill up the office of paid Secretary as soon as the new Act comes into force. The Council cannot find a better Officer to fill that post. He knows the work thoroughly well.

V. Venkataraya Sastri.
23—4—97

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LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.

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Vizianagram
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Divisional Officer and Chairman.

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22nd January 1894.

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I have much pleasure in stating that all the persons employed in the Municipal office gave me a great deal of help in getting the roads of the town repaired before the arrival of His Excellency the Governor, which I had to do in about a fortnight and which under ordinary circumstances would have taken about three months time and also in making other arrangements for the reception of His Excellency. My hearty thanks are therefore due to all of them and especially to Mr. A. Venkatrao Pantulu, Manager of the office whose assistance was highly useful to me and without which I could not have done the work I did.

Municipal Office.
Vizianagram.
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Chairman Delegate M. C.

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Camp Rajahmandry
17th July 1826

T. KRISTNASWAMI MUDALIAR.
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I am glad to bring to the particular notice of the Government that the Council, at the Budget meeting attended by thirteen Councillors out of sixteen, unanimously resolved to recommend an increase of Rs. 15 to the pay of the Municipal Secretary and Manager in consideration of his long service and superior capabilities. The Secretary, A. Venkatarow Pantulu, has served the Municipality for more than twenty two years and has all along, it would appear from the office records, rendered high satisfaction to the Council. His work in the office has been reported year after year to be very satisfactory by the auditor, whose remarks after the last year's aduit have been quoted in the latest Administration Report, as the audit report happened to be received while the Administration Report was being drafted. I must thankfully acknowledge the material assistance rendered by him in the revision of house-tax, which was raised by no less than Rs. 3,500 during the current year. The Council, in my opinion, has only done him justice in recommending this increase and I fully trust that the Government will no doubt be pleased to sanction the same. If this increase be sanctioned his pay will be raised to Rs 60, which cannot be considered too high for one of his service and capabilities especially when it is remembered what heavy and responsible work naturally falls on such an office in Municipalities presided over by Honorary Chairmen who are not full-timed officers.

1st February 1897.

V. VENKATARAYASASTRI,
Chairman.

The following remarks are left for the information of the next Chairman:—

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 785 M

11 MAR 1899

From

The Collector, Vizagapatam

Order

No. 825

Dated 9 March 1899

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~~Re. C.~~ Dis. No. 825

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VIZAGAPATAM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Dated 9th March 1899.

FROM
W. O. HORNE, Esq.,
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L[illegible] MUNICIPAL DEPT.
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TO
J. H. A. Tremenheere Esqre,
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
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Private Secretary to
H. E. the Governor

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By order

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30th May 1891.

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with a prejudice against him liked him the best after seeing his ability and usefulness He was of great service to me in laying out the Park works. He deserves a better appointment than what he now holds.

Vizianagram
June 92
(Sd) V. Jagannadharow.
Divisional Officer and Chairman.

27. The general result of the audit was on the whole satisfactory. The accounts show considerable improvement year after year. The Secretary A Venkatarow Pantulu sparing no pains to rectify the defects pointed out in the successive audit reports.

(Sd.) P. Rajagopala Mudaliar,
Assistant Inspector of
L. F. Accounts.

I agree with the auditor in his remark that the Secretary spares no pains to attend to the suggestions made from time to time by the auditing Officers.

K. Venkanna.
4—1—94. *Chairman M. C. Vizianagram.*

An increase of Rs. 10 to the Office Manager's salary and Rs. 2-8-0 to that of the Cashier is proposed. The addition to the office Manager's pay is proposed because of the very satisfactory way in which accounts have been kept, notwithstanding the enormous increase of work in every department. The auditor remarks "The general result of the audit was, on the whole, satisfactory. The accounts show considerable improvement year after year, the Secretary A. Venkatarow Pantulu sparing no pains to rectify the defects pointed out in the successive audit reports." The office Manager is a very capable officer of large experience and well deserves the increase recommended.

22nd January 1894. K. Venkanna.
Chairman.

The Post of Manager is filled by A. Venkatarow Pantulu. The result of the present audit is satisfactory and evince improvement over the last.

(Sd.) Rajacanoo.
Auditor, Municipal Accounts.

K. Vekanna.
25—8—94. *Chairman, M. C.*

1. Mr. A. Venkatarow Pantulu—Is a very capable officer of considerable experience.

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31—8—94. K. Venkanna.
Chairman.

I have much pleasure in stating that all the persons employed in the Municipal office gave me a great deal of help in getting the roads of the town repaired before the arrival of His Excellency the Governor, which I had to do in about a fortnight and which under ordinary circumstances would have taken about three months time and also in making other arrangements for the reception of His Excellency. My hearty thanks are therefore due to all of them and especially to Mr. A. Venkatrao Pantulu, Manager of the office whose assistance was highly useful to me and without which I could not have done the work I did.

Municipal Office.
Vizianagram.
2nd October 1894.
K. Ramanujachari.
Chairman Delegate M. C.

The post of Secretary and Manager was filled by A. Venkatarow Pantulu whose account work was characterised by care and intelligence as observed in the Audit notes of the two preceding years

Camp Rajahmundry
17th July 1826
T. Kristnaswami Mudaliar.
Chairman Delegate M. C.

I am glad to bring to the particular notice of the Government that the Council, at the Budget meeting attended by thirteen Councillors out of sixteen, unanimously resolved to recommend an increase of Rs. 15 to the pay of the Municipal Secretary and Manager in consideration of his long service and superior capabilities. The Secretary, A. Venkatarow Pantulu, has served the Municipality for more than twenty two years and has all along, it would appear from the office records, rendered high satisfaction to the Council. His work in the office has been reported year after year to be very satisfactory by the auditor, whose remarks after the last year's aduit have been quoted in the latest Administration Report, as the audit report happened to be received while the Administration Report was being drafted. I must thankfully acknowledge the material assistance rendered by him in the revision of house-tax, which was raised by no less than Rs. 3,500 during the current year. The Council, in my opinion, has only done him justice in recommending this increase and I fully trust that the Government will no doubt be pleased to sanction the same. If this increase be sanctioned his pay will be raised to Rs 60, which cannot be considered too high for one of his service and capabilities especially when it is remembered what heavy and responsible work naturally falls on such an office in Municipalities presided over by Honorary Chairmen who are not full-timed officers.

1st February 1897. V. Venkatarayasastri,
Chairman.

The following remarks are left for the information of the next Chairman:—

My views on the work of M. R. Ry. A. Venkatarow Pantulu garu, Secretary and Manager of the Office have already been recorded in my Budget report for the year 1895-96. He belongs to a respectable family and has served the Municipality for nearly 22 years. It would appear from the records that he acquitted himself very ably throughout and in my tenure of office he gave me all along very useful assistance for which I feel thankful to him. In consideration of his long and useful service as well of his abilities and attainments which are well acknowledged by the Council several times, his claims should be considered by the Council when it has to fill up the office of paid Secretary as soon as the new Act comes into force. The Council cannot find a better Officer to fill that post. He knows the work thoroughly well.

V. Venkataraya Sastri.
23-4-97

The post of Municipal Secretary has been occupied by Mr. A. Venkatrow Pantulu garu, since the year 1875, who has rendered good service for 22 year in this Municipality. He belongs to a respectable family. He has always performed his duty to the entire satisfaction of several Chairmen under whom he has served. He passed the U. C. S. General Test and Special Tests of Translation, Precis-writing and Criminal Lower. He is an energetic and good financial officer. When he first entered the Municipality in 1875, the assets of the Municipality amounted to about Rs. 17,000 and now they amount to Rs. 32,800 in 1896-97. He was recommended for a salary of Rs. 60/ a month in consideration of his services in general and in particular on account of the last revision of House-tax as embodied in para 31 of the Budget for 1896-97 dated 25th March 1896 No. 527 M. He is able to estimate for ordinary works and is also acquainted with general Sanitary principles. He has been drafting Administration and Budget eports besides doing ordinary routine business. He has been energetic on all occasions of famine and Cholera. We believe he can perform the duties of a Secretary to be appointed now under the Amendment Act. We therefore rocommend that he should be appointed as Secertary on a salary of Rs. 75 per month, and that the same be represented to Government for favourable consideration. The expenditure under Grant V. according to the Administration Report for 1896–97 was only 8 per cent and the additional expenditure will only be Rs. 300 a year.

14th October 1897.

Ch. Ramamoorty.
N. Pattayya.
D. S. Prakasalingam.
G. Baulakristnamma.
P. Venkanna.
Councillors.

The memorialist is permitted to submit this memorial. He is in my humble opinion competent for and quite capable of performing the duties of Municipal Secretary, as he has put in long and approved service as the chief ministerial officer of this Municipality. Though he has not passed any Higher Educational Test, he has given himself liberal education.

Vizianagram.
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(Sd) V. VENKATARAYASASTRI.
Chairman M. C.

Camp Rajahmundry.
31st January 1899.

Mr. A. Venkatarow Pantulu, Manager of the Vizianagram Municipal Office, has asked me to give him a certificate. I have pleasure in testifying that he possesses a good knowledge of the Municipal account system, and that he appears to take an intelligent interest in his work. The Vizianagram Municipality bears the reputation of being well managed from an account point of view, and my recent audit showed that there was no falling off in this respect.

(Sd.) W. F. H. WILLIAMSON.
Assistant Accountant General, &
Inspector of L. F. Accounts.

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LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 848 M

To

His Excellency the Governor in Council
Fort Saint George,
MADRAS.

May it please Your Excellency,

The humble memorial of A. Venkatarow the present Muncipal Manager Vizianagaram most respectfully showeth:—

1. That he is one of the applicants for the post of the Municipal Secretary which has been filled up only recently *i. e.* on the 11 instant.

2. That out of seventy applications only five including that of Your Excellency's memorialist were taken up as valid and these were disposed of by ballot drawn in the Council.

3. That more than ten Councillors who had ample opportunities of judging the work of Your Excellency's memorialist disitnctly promised to vote for him.

4. That Your Excellency's memorialist has very strong reasons to believe that the local Police Inspector Mr. Rai Bahadur K. Narayanaswami Naidu who is the father-in-law of the successful candidate Mr. T. Audinarayanaswami Naidu has unduly interfered with the free voting of the Conncillors who under his mandate could not act up to their promise to vote for Your Excellency's memorialist but were obliged to give their vote to the son-in-law of the said influential local official; that he (the Police Inspector) has visited the houses of the several Councillors the previous day and night with a lot of his constabulary, Your Excellency's memorialist is prepared to prove.

5. That the successful candidate got only one vote over and above his rival candidate and Your Excellency's memorialist respectfully ventures to submit that but for the undue interference of his father-in-law he would not have got even a single vote as all Councillors knew him to be a stranger to the place absolutely unfit for any more active service by reason of his having been completely debilitated by a long residence in a hill climate.

6. That Your Excellency's memorialist begs to inform Your Excellency that so recently as August last the said successful candidate was pronounced by a competent Medical authority 'to wit' The District Medical and Sanitary Officer, to be unfit for further active service, and that he should be pensioned off; that Your Excellency's memorialist cannot but express his surprise that such a man should have been elected to the office of the paid Secretary of the Municipality an office which requires a strong energetic man able to devote his whole time to the duties required of him.

7. That Your Excellency's memorialist ventures to submit that he has been faithfully and satisfactorily serving the Municipality since 1875, that all the Chairmen under whom he has served have given him excellent testimonials as can be seen from a printed copy appended to this memorial.

8. That the management of the office has from year to year, been considered eminently satisfactory is borne testimony to, by officers of Government and that Your Excellency's memorialist respectfully begs to invite Your Excellency's attention to one among other testimonials which was given him by Mr. Williamson Assistant Accountant General who audited every department of Municipal Accounts so recently as January 1899; that Your Excellency's memorialist was, from the time of his entertainment in the Municipality, entrusted with the office work and out door duty of the Municipality which he always performed to the satisfaction of his superiors and that he was allowed a horse allowance of Rs 10 for out door supervision.

9. That Your Excellency's memorialist is in full vigor of mind and body and is able to discharge the duties of a Secretary, that it is needless to submit to Your Excellency, that it is extremely hard lines for one who has put in nearly quarter of a Century's faithful service, to be superseded by one who, in addition to his other disqualifications, is an utter stranger to Municipal work.

10. That but for the unto-ward causes mentioned above Your Excellency's memorialist would have been duly elected by a very large majority of Councillors as has been done on a former occasion when there was no such official influence brought to bear upon the Councillors.

11. That should Your Excellency's Government be pleased to ask the Chairman to send the individual opinion of each Councillor as to the fitness or otherwise of Your memorialist for the office of a paid Secretary, Your Excellency's memorialist has the little doubt that one and all of them will unanimously pronounce the opinion that the memorialist is the fittest candidate out of the seventy applicants.

12. That Your Excellency's memorialist begs to pray as a last resort that he may be appointed on probation for a period of one year or even six months that in case he is then found unequal to the duties required of him he may be superseded by one who will do greater justice to the office of a paid Secretary; that in this prayer Your Excellency's memorialist has nothing but justice to seek at the hands of both the Government and the Municipality.

13. That Your Excellency's Memorialist has passed the U. C. S., Translation Test, Precis Writing and Criminal Lower Examinations and is thoroughly acquainted with every Department of Municipal work as can be easily seen by a reference to the Council as well as to several officers of Government who have been for years inspecting the work of this Municipality.

14. That your Excellency's memorialist respectfully begs Your Excellency to consider why the councillors who on a former occasion unanimously considered Your Excellency's memorialist to be fit for the office of a paid secretary should now change their mind to vote for one who is unknown to them and who is physically and mentally unfit for doing the duties appertaining to the office.

15. That Your Excellency's Memorialist ventures to submit that if he has served the Government for the long period during which he served the Municipality his claims would not certainly have been ignored as has been done in the present case.

16. Your Excellency's memorialist respectfully prays that after such enquiry as the Government may consider fit and proper, the nomination made by the Council may be vetoed, and that a fresh election be ordered to be made.

For this act of kindness & justice,
Your Excellency's humble memorialist shall in duty bound ever pray
Your Excellency's most obedient servant.

Vizianagaram
26th February 99

A Venkatarow

Appointment of a Secretary to the Munl Council of Vizianagram.

Local and Municipal Department.

C.Nos. 667 M, 677 M, 721 M, 785 M & 848 M. of 1899.

For orders.

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In its Proceedings No.2647 M, dated 29th. November 1897, the Government while observing that the salary of Rs 75 which the Municipal Council of Vizianagram proposed to assign to its Secretary was insufficient and that it should be fixed at Rs 125 rising to Rs 150 by annual increments of Rs 5, requested the Council to state what powers of the Chairman it considered should be delegated to the Secretary. The Council replied that it could not afford to pay more than Rs 100 per mensem to its Secretary & that all the powers of the Chairman, excepting those of appointing Municipal servants other than those mentioned in section 42, of sanctioning expenditure and of fixing the assessment of taxes, would be delegated to him. The Government then refused to approve the appointment of a Secretary, ~~wit~~ with the powers proposed to be delegated to him, on a salary of less than Rs 125-5-150, and stated that although the finances of the Municipality were not in a satisfactory condition, a capable Secretary would be able to improve the revenues and by greater economy effect savings which would more than cover the cost of his employment. The Government at the same ~~sin~~ time directed the Council to select a suitable candidate for the place and to specify, quoting the sections of the Act,

Vide cls Resolution in G.O. 1539 M / 3-9-98 L.

G.O. 1539 M / 3-9-98 G.

the powers proposed to be delegated to him and observed that it was desirable that the Secretary should have full power to appoint, fine, suspend and dismiss all servants of the Municipal Council on a salary of Rs 15 & below. Vide G.O.No.1539 M., dated 3-9-1898.

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2. The Chairman now submits copies of the resolutions of the Municipal Council ~~M.C.~~, dated 14-12-1898 & 11-2-99, fixing the salary of the Secretary at Rs 125-5-150, nominating one T. Audinarayanaswami Nayudu for the place, & stating that the power to appoint, fine, suspend and dismiss all servants of the Municipal Council ~~M.C.~~ on a salary of Rs 15 & below and ~~that~~ all the powers of the Chairman, excepting those contained in sections 28(2),54,63,66, 69,69A,69B,69C,69D,75,77,79 & 85, which relate to the assessment of taxes and the sanctioning of expenditure, may be delegated to the Secretary. The Council's nominee is a pensioner who has served for nearly 22 years under Government and was Deputy Tahsildar in the Agency tracts of the Vizagapatam district for over six years prior to his retirement. In forwarding the resolution of the Council, the Principal Assistant Collector states that as the Secretary elect is the son-in-law of the local Inspector of Police, it is undesirable that he should be appointed for the place. The Collector who at first considered this objection untenable, as the Inspector of Police referred to was likely to be transferred ~~Vide~~ from

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~~Current No.785 M.~~ from the station in a short time, is now opposed ~~opp-~~ ~~osed~~ to the confirmation of the Council's nominee, as the transfer of ~~th~~ the Inspector is doubtful. He adds that the Inspector who is a member of the Municipal Council ~~M.C.~~ stood as a candidate for the office of Chairman at the last election without consulting his official superiors and that he has much influence in the town where he has been resident for a long time; and he therefore considers it inadvisable that his near relative should be Secretary.

Cr. 677 M. F.

3. The second of the papers read above is a petition from some of the Municipal Councillors of the town, requesting that in view of the bad state of the finances of the Municipality and of the fact that some of the most important works have had to be postponed in view to provide funds for plague expenditure, the appointment of a Secretary may be post~~t~~poned for the next three years. The Petitioners add that there is no need for the appointment of a Secretary, as the accounts of the Municipality are kept in a good condition, and the Chairman and the Councillors with the sanitary staff will be able to attend to the outdoor work, and urge that the appointment of T. Audinarayanaswami Nayudu is illegal and improper on the following grounds:-

(i) The appointment was made by ballot as in the case of Election of a Chairman. This has the effect of p

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of prejudicing the claims of some of the candidates.

(2) The rule adopted by the Council that the successful candidate should get an absolute majority of votes is unwarranted.

(3) The process of elimination which has been adopted is unwarranted and has resulted in probable candidates being driven out of the field altogether.

(4) When at the penultimate ballot there was a tie, the Chairman ought to have used his casting vote which he did not do.

(5) The last ballot was illegal as the penultimate one was the ballot that settled the affair.

4. The third and fifth of the papers read above are petitions from the manager of the Municipal office, Vizianagram, stating that as T. Audinarayana swami Nayudu was so recently as in August 1898 pronounced by the District Medical and Sanitary officer to be unfit for further active service, it is a wonder that he should have been elected to the office of Secretary, which requires a strong and energetic man, able to devote his whole time to the duties required of him, and requesting that his nomination may be cancelled and a ~~first~~ fresh Election ordered to be held.

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5. The Petitioners' request that the appointment of a secretary may be postponed for the next three years, should not be complied with, as the plea of want of funds on which this request is based, has once before been considered by Government and rejected. Vide G.Os.,

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No. 2647 M. dated 29th November 97. and No 1539 M., dated 3rd. September 1898. Further, as the administration of the Municipality in 1897-98 was characterized as poor, it seems to be essential that a full-time officer should be appointed to look after the affairs of the Municipality. Nor is the objection taken to the validity of the election on the score of certain alleged irregularities entitled to any weight. The Municipal Councill's proposals to appoint a Secretary on a salary of Rs 125-5-150 and to delegate to him the powers specified in the Chairman's letter may therefore be now sanctioned. As regards the Council's nominee, however, it is observed ~~the~~ that he was retired on an invalid pension with effect from the 21st. September 1898, the District Medical & Sanitary Officer certifying him "to "be completely and permanently incapacitated for further service of any "kind ~~and~~ or in the department to which "he belonged, in consequence of malarial dysentery, beriberi, & Brights' disease." Such a person can hardly be expected to attend efficiently to the outdoor duties of the Secretary of a large Municipality like Vizianagram. Moreover, it seems to be inadvisable, as observed by the Collector, that he should be appointed as the Secretary, while his father-in-law, who is the local Police Inspector and a very influential man is a member of the Municipal

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Council. In these circumstances, it is submitted that the nomination of T. Audinarayanaswami Nayadu may be vetoed and the Council asked to select another suitable person for the place.

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677 M. „ 1899, „ 26th Feby „ the Municipal Manager, Viz
721 M. „ 1899, „ 9th March „ the Colr. of Vizagapatam
785 M. „ 1899, „ 14th March „ the Private Secy to H.E. the G
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The Municipal Council's proposals to appoint a Secretary on a salary of Rs 125-5-150 and to delegate to him the powers specified in the Chairman's letter No. 276 d/ 14th Feby 1899 are sanctioned. As regards the Council's nominee for the Secretary's place, i.e., M.R.Ry. T. Audinarayanaswami Nayudu, however it is observed that he was retired on an invalid pension with effect from the 21st Sept. 1898, the Distt. Medical officer certifying him "to be completely and permanently incapacitated for further service of any kind." Such a person can hardly be expected to attend efficiently to the outdoor duties of the Secretary of a

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