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G.O., No. 694 R.

DATED 15-5-1897

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition.

Recording the correspondence regarding the claim preferred by one Haji Ali Buckthia-ri against the Madras Municipality in connection with the alleged sale of a Rhinoceros.

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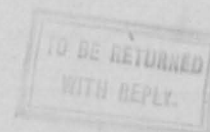
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From

The Government of India
Home Department.

Order No. 36327-3-99

Referred to the
President of the Municipal Commission,
Madras, for remarks.

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Secretary to Govt. Registered 11-3-99

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding for such action as
may be considered necessary
a copy of a letter from the
Consul General for Persia at
Bombay regarding the claims
preferred by one Hajee Ali
Buckthian against the Madras
Municipality in connection with the
alleged sale of a Rhinoceros.

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Note - The President has already
communicated his decision to
the Consul General for Persia and
to the Ambassador.

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Great Eastern Hotel
Calcutta 6th February 1899.

To Sir W. Cunningham Bart C.B. & C.
Foreign Secy. to Govt of India
Calcutta.

Dear Sir,
Ong Waz Haje Ali
Breakthuri, a Persian subject has
called upon me with a grievance
regarding the trouble he has had
with the authorities at Madras
in connection with an alleged
sale of a Rhinoceros to the Municipality
of that place.

I enclose herewith a copy
of a petition submitted by him
to His Excellency the Governor
of Madras who has so far very
kindly interested himself on this
unfortunate man's behalf, which
will give you details of the matter.

Although this is an un-
usual subject to trouble you
about yet this poor man being
perfectly helpless and in a strange
country, I hope you will be good
enough to take the trouble of
writing to the authorities at Madras
on the subject in any way you
think best, with the view of either
persuading

I beg to remain
Dear Sir

Yours truly

(Sel) Kachifoz Sactance

Counsel Genl. for Persia in

India,

L. His Excellency Sir Arthur
C. Havelock, G.C.M.G., G.C.D.E.,
Governor of Fort Saint George.
Madras.

The humble petition of Hajee
Ali Buxkthiari now residing at
No. 70 Sopham's Broadway Madras
Most highly sheweth:-

That Petitioner has already submitted several petitions regarding the sale of his rhinoceros: the first of which was presented at Ooty, having had the honor of paying personal respects to your Excellency at the same time, when your Petitioner was fully confident from the circumstances that took place on that day, that his animal was to be sold away to the Municipality for Rs 2,500/- and under that impression alone, coupled with your Excellency's recommendation to Col. Sir George Moore, your Petitioner parted with his animal and allowed it to be removed to the People's Park during his absence at Ooty.

That

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That after a lapse of long interval,
and after continual reminders
to the Municipality, Your Petitioner
was informed by one of its Officers
that it was merely taken to the
Park to save it from cruelty
and for Public safety. Your
Petitioner is at a loss why such
humanity was not displayed
by Sir George Moore when he
personally saw the animal and
offered it a less price than that
which was settled through Your
Excellency. That, moreover, the
Municipality was not only satisfied with
the money towards the animal and
sympathy towards the public, but,
on the other hand, they, by an after
thought, wish to bargain, after the
matter has, once for all been settled,
by asking your Petitioner to part with
it for a far less sum, or to take it
back at his own expense by paying
the expenses of feeding the animal
during the time it had been
at the Park, and the incidental
expenses incurred to look after it
forgetting altogether the income that
the Municipality had derived therefrom
by displaying it to the public. That
Your Petitioner is a foreigner and a
Persian subject, but he has spent
most of his life in British Dominions,

or such States as are dependent
to Her Most Gracious Majesty,
who rules over the vast portion of
this world with justice and
sublime glory, so much so, that
every other power in both the
Hemispheres are struck with terror
by her arms and valour both
on sea and land, and of whom
Your Excellency is one of the
representatives crowning the
administration of this fortunate
Presidency, endowed with those
feelings and sympathy that
are required for a ruler.

That, should your Petitioner
fail to obtain his humble redress
at Your Excellency's hand at an
advanced age of about 90 years,
during which time every one
requires rest for the remainder
of his life, which may terminate
at any moment, but, which
for his enterprising spirit led
him to travel far and distant
countries in search of livelihood,
it will be better for him to meet
a sudden death, such as, being
blown up by a cannon or a flash
of Electric lightning, instead
of being deprived of the result
of his last labour and investment
of his last resources.

That if your Petitioner succeeds
in getting the sum of Rs. 2,500/-
for the price of his animal, he
will pass the rest of his days in
an honorable way in some solitary
abode of his native land awaiting
the call of the Supreme Master
to be obeyed peremptorily, offering
 fervent prayers for the longevity and
prosperity of your Excellency and family.
That under these circumstances,
your Petitioner most humbly
begs your Excellency to persuade
Doll Sir George Moore to settle his
claim by paying him Rs. 2,500/- as
early as possible so much so that about
eight months have already been
elapsed since the animal has been
taken away during his absence at
Duty by the servants and officers of
the Municipality or to direct the
President of the Municipality to send
back the animal at his present
residence safely and duly put
into a strong wooden cage so that
he may be able to take it to any of
his Native States to effect a sale
thereof, paying any at the same
time such amount as has been
realized by the display of the animal
to the public, the Municipality bearing
the expenses of transport to his
sent abode. It will not be out
of place to point out that if the price

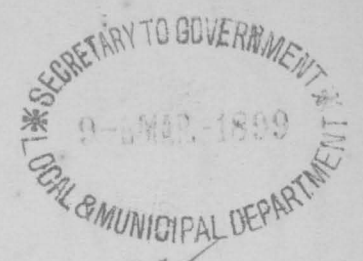
of the animal was not previously
settled as suggested in the reply
sent by the Acting President of
the Municipality (a copy of which
has already been submitted in the
last petition to your Excellency),
why was the animal removed at
all from the Petitioner's place of
residence, keeping aside the afterthought
suggestions and reasons of the
Municipality mentioned above.

Begging to be excused for the
constant trouble which your
Petitioner is putting your Excellency
to and wishing your Excellency
the happiness of the New Year
and also your Excellency's family,
your petitioner, as in duty bound
is praying for success in his attempt.

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Calcutta, the 3rd March 1899.

Dear Sir,

I am desired to forward, for such action as may be considered necessary, a copy of a letter from the Consul General for Persia at Bombay to the address of the Foreign Secretary regarding a claim preferred by one Hajee Ali Buckthiari against the Madras Municipality in connection with the alleged sale of a rhinoceros.

Yours faithfully,

A. A. Fraser

To

J. H. A. Tremenhoe, Esq.,
Secy. to Govt., Madras,
Local and Municipal Department.

H.L.B.

People's Park.

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 927m



From

THE PRESIDENT,

Municipal Commission,
Madras.

Order

G. No. 1456

Dated 28th March '99

Received } 29th March '99
Registered }

Enclosures Two. & C. no 770m

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding Copy of his
letter to the Journal
for Persia, explaining
the circumstances which
necessitated the removal
of rhinoceros to the
People's Park.

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MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS,

General Department,

Madras, 27th March 1899.

G. No. 1444

From

THE HON'BLE LIEUT.-COL. SIR GEORGE MOORE, KT., C. I. E.,
President, Municipal Commission.

To

The Consul for Persia.

SIR,

Enclosure.

With reference to your letter dated 18th March 1899, I have the honour to forward the accompanying report which will place you in possession of the facts.

I am prepared to pay Rs. 1,000 for the Rhinoceros or let him remove it.

It was a source of danger to the public - as you will see the animal broke the cage to pieces.

I have already informed the man that if he does not remove it, it will be sold by public auction.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) G.M.J. Moore, Lt.Col.

President, Munl. Commn.

(True copy)

G.M.J. Moore Lt.-Col.

President, Munl. Commn.

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People's Park,
Madras, 12th January 1899.

TO

The President.

Sir,

With reference to your order of the 9th Inst., I beg to state that at about 5 P. M. on the 3rd June 1898, I met you near the Maharajah of Vizianagaram's fountain, Mount Road, by order, and both of us went to Wallathambi street in Triplicane where the Rhinoceros was kept, there we met the owner Hajee Ali Bekhiari who took us inside a compound in the same street and there we saw the Rhinoceros in an old rickety cage, hardly room for the poor animal to turn, much more to move about, it was in a poor condition and very dirty for want of a bath the way in which the animal was kept was a good case for the Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals and also to the Police as it was dangerous to the public which I had brought to the notice of the Inspector of Triplicane Division and also to the Agent of the S.P.C.A. then you told him (the owner) that as the animal is not properly caged it might break out some day and become dangerous to the public and offered to keep it in the Park in safe custody at his expense to which he agreed. I according to your orders and with the consent of the owner had the animal removed to the park on the 7th June 1898, before removing I had the cage properly secured with ropes and covered over with tarpaulin, while putting the cage into the enclosure I was so afraid that it might fall to pieces as it was in a most rotten state as soon as the animal saw water it forced itself through the cage and the whole fell to pieces and myself and some of the keepers had to run for our lives, it was fortunate for us that the animal took to the water instead of attacking us.

The Rhinoceros has been in the Park ever since, although the owner was written to and asked to remove it, if he did not accept a reasonable price for it, the price asked by him being very

Rs 1000

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high (Rs. 2,500).

(cd) C. Jas. Way Ellis,
Superintendent of Parks.

(True copy)

C. Moore Lt.-Col.
President, Munl. Comm.

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MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS,

General Department,

Madras, 28 March 1899.

From

THE HON'BLE LIEUT.-COL. SIR GEORGE MOORE, KT., C.I.E.,
President, Municipal Commission.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.

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To

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,

Fort St. George.

SIR,

EnclosureS

Current No. 363 of 27-3-99

G. No. 1444 of 27-3-99
with its enclosure.

With reference to your endorsement No. 363

dated 27th March 1899 on Current No. 770 M (herewith re-
turned) I have the honour to forward a copy of my letter
to the Consul for Persia on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

C. Moore Lt.-Col.

President, Munl. Comm.

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CURRENT No. 971 m

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WITH REPLY.

From

The Government of India
General Department

No. 4768 27-6-99
Order

Referred to the President, Municipality
Commission, Madras for remarks.
By order

No. 1043

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Ag Assistant Secretary

Dated 25-3-99

Received 7-4-99

Registered 8-4-99

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SUBJECT.

I
The President, Municipal Comm., Madras.

Forwarding for disposal petition
of Hajie Ali Isfahani praying
that, in the circumstances stated,
a rhinoceros, belonging
to him, now in the Zoological
gardens, Madras, may be
restored to him.

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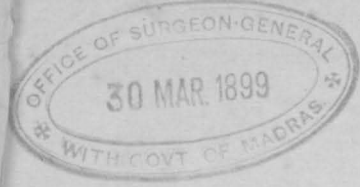
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No. *1043*.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

(General)

Calcutta, dated the *25th* March 1899.



Forwarded to the Government of Madras for disposal.

By order,

G. Maconochie

Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

List of Papers forwarded.

Petition of Hajie Ali Isfahani of No. 61, Canning Street,
Calcutta, dated the 11th March 1899.

To His Excellency the Viceroy
and Governor General of India,
Foreign Department
Calcutta.

The humble Memorial of
Kaji Ali Isfahani
of No. 61, Canning Street,
Calcutta.

Respectfully Sheweth,

That your Excellency's Memorialist is an inhabitant of Persia, whence he migrated to India with a view of bettering his condition and seeking his fortune.

That after visiting various places, your Excellency's Memorialist went to Singapore where he stayed for a long period and succeeded in making a fortune where with he purchased a Rhinoceros for 1500 Rials (a rial being equivalent to Rs 2), with the view of presenting the same to His Imperial Majesty the Shah of Persia, in the hope of obtaining reward from him to enable him to pass the remaining days of his life, which are being counted, in peace and comfort.

That, after incurring an expense of another 500 Rials which he was possessed of, your Excellency's Memorialist visited Madras, preparatory to his departure for his native soil; but Mr. Moore of the Zoological Gardens at Madras, hearing that your Excellency's Memorialist had a rhinoceros with him, ordered the said animal to be taken to the said Gardens and offered your Excellency's Memorialist Rs 1000- which he refused to take, on the ground of the amount being inadequate, inasmuch as it did not cover the cost price and the additional expenses incurred. But Mr. Moore would neither condescend to pay your Excellency's Memorialist the full price he demanded nor would he restore the animal itself.

That under the circumstances, your Excellency's Memorialist would humbly pray that your Excellency would be graciously pleased to take his pitiful case into your Excellency's gracious consideration and order the payment of either the full amount or the restoration of the animal to your Memorialist, for which act of kindness and grace

your Excellency's Memorialist will ever remain grateful to
your Excellency.

Calcutta
11th March
1899

And your Excellency's
Humble Memorialist, as in
duty bound shall ever pray.

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1217m



From

THE PRESIDENT,

Municipal Commission,
Madras.

Order

G. No. 63.

Dated 1st May '99

Received 3rd May 99

Registered 4th _____

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SUBJECT.

Inviting reference to G.
D. 28th March 99. wherein
Ali Isfahani's Case ^{re}nt,
reference is explained

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G. No. 63

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS,

General Department,

Madras, 1 May 1899.

From

R. E. Ellis Esq. M.Inst.C.E.,

THE HON'BLE LIEUT. COL. SIR GEORGE MOORE, RT., C.I.E.,

President, Municipal Commission.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.

To

CURRENT No. 1217 M

The Secretary to Government,

Local and Municipal Department,

SIR,

Fort St. George.

Enclosure.

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With reference to your endorsement No.476

dated 27th April 1899 on Current No.971 M. herewith re-

turned, I have the honour to invite your attention to

this Office G.No.1456, dated 28th March 1899, to which I

have nothing further to add.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. E. Ellis

Ag. President, Munl. Commn.

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