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Local & Munl. (189) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 696 M.

DATED 16-5-99.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Appointment of Secretary.

Declining to accept the nomination of M. R. Ry. K. Venkatarama Aiyar as Secretary to the Kumbakonam Municipal Council and requesting the Council to select another suitable person for the post.

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Papers to be read in proceedings :—

G.O., No. dated 189 .

Again G.O., No. dated 189 .

Again G.O., No. dated 189 .

Current No. 958 M. of 1899, dated 27-3-99, from Vaidiswara Sastri Avl.
961 M. of 1899 " 26-3-99 , from Narasinga Rao.
1044 M. " 1899, " 30-3-99 , " Cmr. Kumbakonam
" " 1045 M. of 1899 " 10-4-99 , " Collr. of Tanjore
R " " 1209 M. " 1899, " 25-4-99 " the Private Secy to H.E. the Govr

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ORDER. No. 696 Mun. d/ 16/5/99

The Govt. considers that M.R.Ry. K. Venkatarama Aiyar, the Council's nominee is not a suitable person for the post of Secretary of such a large municipality as Kumbakonam, and that it would be advisable not to appoint a person who has previously been an executive servant of the Council. In these circumstances his nomination cannot be accepted, and the Municipal Council is [illegible] to select another suitable pe[illegible] the post.

2. The powers which are pr posed to be delegated by the Co cil to its Secretary and which referred to in its resolution da

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31st March 1898 do not appear to be ~~ample~~ sufficient. ~~It is therefore~~ The Council is requested ~~that~~ to reconsider the matter and report whether it does not think that more powers should be delegated to the Secretary especially those under Sections 42 and 73 of the Act.

(From orders)

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To

The Cm. C. Kumbakonam — Q of 1st term & [illegible]
— Collr. of Tanjore — Q of 1st term, [illegible]

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

C. No. ~~[illegible]~~, 958 M, 961 M, 1044 M and 1045 M of 1897.

SUBJECT.

Appointment of Secretary — Kumbakonam Municipality.

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FOR ORDERS.

In July 1897, the Municipal Council of Kumbakonam proposed the appointment of a Secretary on a salary of Rs 150, rising to Rs 200 by annual increments of Rs 10. But before sanctioning the appointment or the pay, the Government desired to be informed definitely what powers of the Chairman would be vested in the Secretary, and observed that his duties must be first definitely settled, so that the Municipal Council might select a candidate who would be competent to discharge them efficiently — Vide G.O. No 2456 M, dated 6th November 1897.

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2. On this, the Municipal Council, while reporting what powers it proposed to delegate to the Secretary,

requested Government to postpone the appointment for one year, in consideration of the fact that the ~~then~~ Chairman (M.R.Ry. T.S. Sivaswami Odayar) who was a full timed officer, was discharging his duties efficiently, and of the low state of the finances of the Municipality. The Sub-Collector and the Collector having supported the Council's proposal, the Government in its order No 1003.M dated 2nd June 1898, sanctioned the postponement of the appointment until the 1st April 1899.

3 With his letter read above, the Chairman submits a resolution of the Municipal Council nominating as its Secretary, K. Venkatarama Aiyar B.A, an Assistant teacher in the local Town High School on a salary of Rs 60, and states that the Council's nominee was in the service of the Municipality as Manager during the past official year, but gave it up to take up an Assistant master's place in the Town High School on a lower salary, as he probably thought that lighter work would suit his constitution better, that

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Vide the Councils in G.O. 1003.M / 2-6-98

Vide their endorsements flagged E & M

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appointments. Section 39A of the Distri

Municipalities act says that a mu-

nicipal council may at a meeting

he is apparently suffering from leuco-derma and elephantiasis, a that his physical capacity for the post requires to be tested. The Chai man further observes that considering the attractive salary attached to the post, a healthier and more suitable person migh have been selected, who will be able to cope with the great stra which the responsibilities and importance attached to such a large municipality as Kumbakonam may entail.

4. Objection has also been taken by the unsuccessful candidates and also by some of the Councillors to the nomination of Venkatarama Aiyar on the following amon other grounds:—

(1) that the process of eliminati adopted at the meeting of the Municipal Council at which the Secretary was elected, was unauthorized and was not carried out properly;

(2) that the Council's

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uties of a Secretary as he is said
be suffering from leucoderma,
ephantiasis and lymphatic fever,
nd (4) that as the Council is now
plit up by faction, the appointment
f one who is less calculated to increase
he party strife is extremely desirable.

5. With regard to the first two
bjections above referred to, it is alleged
hat at the first ballot one of the
andidates Narasinga Rao, got 9 votes
gainst 7 secured by Venkatarama
iyar, that the appointment of the
ormer should have therefore been
ecommended to Government, that
he Council however ordered a second
allot to be taken and that, in
oing so, it acted illegally and in-
ormally. It may perhaps be con-
ended by the Council that the second ballot was
ken with a view to enable the candi-
ates to obtain an absolute ma-
ority, but it is urged by the Petitioners that this
ontention is untenable, as no
olutey majority was secured

suit his constitution better, that

appointments. Section 39A of the Distri Municipalities Act says that a municipal council may at a meeting specially held for the purpose appoint a person to be their Secretary and under section 30(2) "all questi "which may come before the council "at any meeting shall be decided "by a majority of votes". There is, no doubt, no special provision in the Act or in the rules requiring an absolute majority for the election of a Secretary, but the procedure of the Council in taking a second ballot apparently to enable one of the candidates to obtain an absolute majority is not improper, in as much as it was not in conflict with section 30(2) of the Act. The statement that "no candidate obtained an absolute majority even in the second ballot" is incorrect, as from the resolution of the council it appears that Venkatarama Aiyar obtained the votes of 12 of the 23 councillors present and this is an absolute majority.

Vide the list, flagged X

6. The Sub Collector in his endorsement on the Chairman's letter thinks that there is nothing illega

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r improper about the election, but
states that the position of the succes-
ful candidate as a mere assistant
in the Town High School is not such
as to justify his selection and that
a different stamp of man should
be obtained for the pay available.
The Collector also considers that ex-
ception cannot be taken to the
second ballot and forwards a
letter received from the successful
candidate enclosing a medical certi-
ficate. He however, thinks that the
method of selection adopted was
unfortunate, and observes that the
better plan would be for the Chair-
man to carefully select the best
qualified candidate and then pro-
pose his name to the Council for
acceptance. As regards the choice
made by the Council, he agrees
with the Sub-Collector in considering
that the pay offered should com-
mand the services of a man of a
different stamp and that it would
be strange if no better man could
be found among the 55 applicants.

The successful candidate is
now 42 years old and has been

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Vide the Health certificate Y

certified by Dr Pope to be "quite fit for outside executive duties". He does not, however, appear to be the best man for the place and there is no doubt that a much better man with larger experience could be obtained for the liberal salary given. In these circumstances, it is submitted that the Municipal Council may be asked to nominate another suitable candidate.

in G.O. 1003 M / 2-6-98 I

7. In its resolution dated 31st March 1898, the Municipal Council recommended the delegation to the Secretary of the Chairman's powers under the following sections:—

31(2), 31(3), 32(2), 39(3)(d), 52(1), 52 B(1), 54(1) and (2), 56, 61, 62, 63(1) & (5), 66(1) and (2), 69, 69-A, 69-B and D, 72(1), 79, 80, 82, 83, 86, 89, 90(1), 100, 102, 107(1), 107(2), 110 —, 131(1), 134, 138(1), 156(1), 170, 171, 173, 182(1), 191(2) and (4), 194(5), 204(1), 204(2), 205, 209, 218, 231(1), 232(1) and 274.

The selection made is Curious - the Secretary is given powers under 54. to decide class for payment of profession tax but is not allowed to appoint a servant or Register a vehicle - 85.3.
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Note. It is not proposed to delegate the powers under sections 28(2), 32(1), 42, 45, 52(2) & (3), [illegible], 73(1) & (2), 77, 85(3), 91(2), 95, 96, 103(1) & (2), 104, 138(2), 148(1) & (2), 149-A, 153, 159, 165, 181, 183, 188, 232(2), 233, 275(1), 280 and 281.

Vide the printed list of sections under which powers have to be delegated in G.O. 525 M / 8-3-98 W

These powers are no doubt sufficiently extensive, but it seems to be desirable that the Secretar
powers to

to fine, suspend and dismiss all municipal servants drawing salaries not exceeding Rs15, and the Collector in his endorsement on the Chairman's letter disposed of in G.O. No 1003. M, dated 2nd June 1898 he pointed out that the Chairman's powers under section 73(1) should also be delegated. The Municipal Council may therefore be asked to reconsider its resolution in this matter in the light of the above remarks.

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The delegation of powers seems to have been insufficiently considered. It is submitted that the Council may be asked to reconsider the matter & say whether they do not think more powers shd not be delegated especially under § 42. & 73.–

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They shd., it is submitted also be told that their nominee does not appear to Govt a suitable person & that it seems to be best not to appoint a person who has previously been an executive servant of the Council

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To lie over pending receipt of the report from the Municipal Council of Kumbakonam regarding the election of its Secretary.

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CURRENT No. 958/M

From

A. Vaidisvara Sastri L.M.S.
Kumbhakonum.

No.

Dated 27-3-99

Received 30-3-99

Registered

Enclosures

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Order

SUBJECT.

Election of Secretary, Kumbhakonam Municipality – Protesting against the conduct of held on the 24th march and praying that a reelection be directed to be held–

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TESTIMONIALS.

A. Vaidisvara Sastri was well-known to me during his student's career at the Medical College, Madras, and was an intelligent, industrious and able student. He was head of the Class of Surgery for two successive years. Subsequent to obtaining the Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery of the Madras University he worked under me in the Surgical Wards of the General Hospital for a period of ten months.

I consider him in every way qualified for independent charge of a Hospital or District, and shall be glad to hear of his continued success.

W. R. BROWNE, M. D.,
Professor of Surgery, Medical College,
and Senior Surgeon, General Hospital.

I have known A. Vaidisvara Sastri, L.M.S., since I settled down in this place three years ago. He was a private practitioner then—but has latterly taken up the post of Medical Officer in the small Tributary State of Gudwall in the Nizam's Dominions. It is not in my province to speak of his professional attainments which are much above the average and are appreciated by eminent European Doctors. He has evidently read much both in his special branch of knowledge as well as in general study. His manners are those of a gentleman and his company is always agreeable. Zeal and sincerity mark his general character and it is not unlikely he will do justice to any post of trust outside his profession. He has had as yet few opportunities of showing his worth but I hope he may soon have them.

A. SASHIAH SASTRI, C.S.I., F.M.U.,
Late Dewan Regent of Pudukottah and
formerly Dewan of Travancore.

KUMBHAKONAM,
21st September 1897.

AN
OPEN TESTIMONIAL
FOR
A. VAIDISVARA SASTRI, L.M.S.

I have known A. Vaidisvara Sastri, L.M.S., a little more than four years, since I settled down at Kumbhakonam both in his professional capacity and as a private gentleman. In both these respects he seemed to be a worthy person who can do very useful service. I have a high opinion of his general scholarship in English and of his capacity to do justice to any work which may be entrusted to him. He tells me that he is about to apply for the post of Secretary to the Municipal Council, Kumbhakonam, which has been the chief centre of his private practice. It is my opinion that he is worthy to be given a trial and that the result will be satisfactory.

H. H. THE RAJAH'S GUEST
At Pudukottah, 3rd March 1899.

A. SASHIAH SASTRI, C.S.I.,
Late Dewan Regent of Pudukottah.

31 MAY 1898

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
No. 958 m

FROM

A. VAIDISVARA SASTRI, L.M.S.,
Kumbhakonam.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

As one of the candidates proposed and seconded for the office of the Municipal Secretary at the last meeting of the Municipal Council held on the 24th instant, I beg to tender this protest petition of mine with the request you will be so good as to forward it to Government with your opinion thereon.

I beg to take exception to the method of elimination adopted, which in fact was no *elimination* but only a form of *selection*. For, after the first ballot, instead of declaring the candidate with the largest mumber of votes as elected, or eliminating the one with the least number and reballoting among the rest only, the first two candidates have been retained for the second ballot and the rest *en bloc* rejected. This method it will be seen is no *elimination*, since the essential principle in elimination is the rejection *only of the last candidate*. The principle of elimination followed imperfectly has deprived me of the benefit of a second ballot. If that benefit of a second ballot had been given to none and the whole election had turned upon a single ballot, I could have no reason to complain. For, then the simple principle of majority would have been followed. But the introduction of a second ballot was the principle of elimination which, as I submit, has not been carried out in its entirety.

On this ground, I beg there would be a re-election in which either the principle of majority or the principle of elimination would be faithfully adhered to.

Another element open to objection in the proceedings was the circumstance whereby a candidate duly proposed and seconded from within the selected candidates, failed to receive any vote whatsoever, either of the proposer or of the seconder. Not conforming to any ascertained principle of election, it only rendered the *rationale* of the method followed, nugatory. For when after a preliminary selection, if proposing and seconding do not indicate preference in voting, then proposing and seconding are divested of responsibility; and any ballot proceeding thereon can be neither fair nor satisfactory. If, on the other hand, proposing and seconding as several of the Councillors thought, had carried with them the preference they indicate, the result of the first balloting must certainly have been

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different; and consequently the necessity for a second balloting, very probably, might not have risen at all. In fact a separate balloting on each of the candidates proposed and seconded, should have been the fairest procedure, giving the least scope for the election to have proceeded upon party lines.

Mainly for the reason that the principle of elimination pursued was calculated to prejudice my chances, and on the ground of the irregularity adduced above, I pray that a re-election, such as would give the greatest scope for a candidate and the least for party combination, be directed to be held.

I herein enclose copies of my testimonials for favour of perusal.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

MADRAS,
27th March 1899.

A Vaidisvara Sastri L. M. S.

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 961m

Order

From

R. Narasinga Rao
Kumbhakonum

No.

Dated 26-3-99
Received 5-4-99
Registered 7-4-99
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SUBJECT.

Praying that in the circumstances
stated ~~that he may be~~ his first election as
~~appointed as the~~ secretary
to the Kumbhakonum municipality
may be upheld by Govt.

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5 APR. 1899

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Local and Municipal Department,

FORT SAINT GEORGE.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
[illegible] 961 M

Sir,

I beg to submit that I was a candidate for the Secretaryship of the Kumbakonam Municipality and was duly elected as such at the meeting of the Council, held on the 24th Instant, by a majority of 9 over 7 secured by K. Venkataramier, lately Manager of this Municipality, and at present 3rd Assistant, Town High School, Kumbakonam. My appointment should, in this circumstance, have been recommended to Government for sanction.

2. The Council, however, chose to order a second ballot to be taken, and in doing so, have, I submit, acted illegally and informally.

3. It may perhaps be contended that the second ballot was taken with a view to enable candidates to obtain an *absolute* majority. But the contention is untenable, firstly because no absolute majority was actually secured by any candidate even in the second ballot, and secondly because no such majority is necessary under the existing law governing such appointments.

4. I am now 36 years old and a graduate of 15 years standing.

5. I know how to ride; and as to my physical fitness any District Surgeon or Medical Board would certify. These qualities, I beg to submit, are most essential to out-door work.

6. For these reasons I pray that Government will be pleased to uphold my first selection or order a re-election.

7. I herewith submit copy of my testimonials which will speak to my eligibility for the office in question.

26—3—99
Kumbakonam.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

P. Narasinga Row

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1044 M

SUB-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
1 APR. 99
TANJORE.

15 APR. 1899.
MUNL. LOL. & LEG.

COLLECTOR & MAGISTRATE
5 APR. 1899
TANJORE.

From

The Chairman,
Municipal Council
Kumbakonam,

No. 164.

Order

Dated 30th March 1899.
Received 15th April 99
Registered 17th ——
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SUBJECT.

Submitting the resolution of the Council regarding the appointment of a Secretary.

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TESTIMONIALS.

Letter from R. B. Clegg. Esq. I. C S. Sub-Collector dated 15th March 1896.

Dear Venkatarama Iyer.

I can well imagine that the office of manager of the Kumbakonam Municipality is a difficult one, seeing the dissensions in the council that were already beginning to make things unpleasant when I left Kumbakonam last December.

From what I saw of your ability and straightforward work when I was connected as Divisional Officer with the Municipality I think you would make a very able and efficient Head writer for the Madras Railway Manager's office. I do not know that gentleman personally or I would recommend you to him, but you can make what use of this letter you deem fit.

Your truly.

(Signed) R. B. CLEGG.

I became first acquainted with M. R. Ry. K. Venkatarama Aiyar, Municipal Manager when I came to Kumbakonam in the beginning of this year on special duty for the Mahamakham festival. So far as his work lay with me I am bound to testify that it was always characterized by zeal, promptness and an intimate acquaintance of Municipal law and administration. I understand that he is now a candidate for the newly created Municipal Secretaryship. In my opinion, he is excellently fitted for the post both by his educational qualifications which are of no mean order and by his thoroughness of knowledge with reference to the affairs of this Municipality. I shall be very happy to hear of his success.

Kumbakonam
14—7—97.

(Signed) T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI
Special Deputy Collector.

The applicant has rendered excellent service to this Municipality and has a thorough acquaintauce with all Municipal details. He deserves to be encouraged in every way and although personally I should be loath to lose his services, I do not like to stand in the way of his prospects. His attainments are indeed of a high order and I trust he will prove a valuable acquisition to any office. When the question of the appointment of a Secretary for this Municipality comes up, I intend putting forth his claims thereto.

(Signed) T. S. SIVASWAMI ODAYAR.
Chairman
Municipal Council
Kumbakonam.

10—6—97.

I have known K. Venkatarama Aiyar B. A, Manager, Municipal Office, for the past two years and a half. I have a very high opinion of his integrity, business capacity and attainments. I understand he is one of the applicants for the office of Secretary. If I were Chairman I should not prefer any body to him for this responsible post.

(Signed) P. TAMBISAMY MUDALIAR
Late Chairman.

Extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Cuddalore College Committee held on the 23rd. January 1895.

"Resolved that the committee feel bound to place on record their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr. K. Venkatarama Aiyar as a teacher in their service for over 12 years, and express their great regret at losing the services of such a valuable teacher whom they have always found to be zealous and faithful in the discharge of his duties".

Cuddalore College
24th. January 1895.

(Sd) C. RAMACHANDRA AIYAR B A & B L.
Secretary,
Cuddalore College Committee.

for your

Audit notes for 1894–95. The post of manager is at present filled by K. Venkatarama Aiyar. From the short experience I had of him I find him to be a fit person to hold the responsible post.

Audit notes for 1895–96. K. Venkatarama Aiyar B. A., was the manager for the period under audit. He is very intelligent, painstaking and willing. He is taking pains to see that the defects noticed are remedied.

The manager and the accountant continued to merit the good opinion recorded of them by previous Inspecting officers. The former who is a graduate of the Madras University appeared to be a good office man. He was, moreover, willing and hard working.

Extract from an address presented by the people of Cuddalore and the students of the Cuddalore College:—

During the long period of 13 years that you were connected with their schools and College you spared no pains to make yourselves useful in a variety of ways. Your single-minded devotion to duty, the fidelity and oneness of purpose with which you served the Committee, the ability and zeal you brought to bear on your work, the strict discipline you enforced on your students with at the same time a tender love for them and the high moral tone you infused in them, your uniformly straightforward conduct and highly amiable manners.........................have made you an object of respect. Ever since you entered the Committee's service in 1882 you have been steadily working up your way, finding time to win University honours...................

Kumbhakonam
6th April 1899.

From,
K. Venkata Rama Aiyar. B.A.,
Assistant, Town High School,
Kumbhakonam,

To.
J. Twigg. Esq. I.C.S.
Collector of Tanjore

Most Honoured Sir,

I beg respectfully to state that when I was at Madras during the recent Easter recess, I heard that some Councellors of the Kumbhakonam Municipality had submitted a memorial objecting to my election to the post of Secretary on the ground that I was physically disqualified for the same. This information was confirmed by an article which appeared in one of the Madras newspapers. I then presented myself before Surgeon Lt Colonel T. H. Pope. M. D. B. Sc of the Indian Medical service for examination. I beg to submit the certificate granted to me by that officer for your Honour's gracious acceptaance and also a copy of the testimonials given to me by the various gentlemen under whom I had the good fortune to serve. These will, I humbly hope, show that I am neither physically nor mentally disqualified for the post.

I beg to remain
Most Honoured Sir,
Your Honour's most
obedient servant,
K. Venkata Ramaiyar

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From

K. Venkata Rama Aiyar B.A.
Assistant, Town High
School, Kumbhakonam.

To,

The Collector of Tanjore.

Dated- 6th April 1899.

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Enclosures (Three only).

Submitting Health Certificate and copies of Testimonials in Connection with the Kumbhakonam Municipal Secretaryship.

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2. M.R.Ry S. ... Subramaniya Iyer Avergal propose
S. Gopalakrishna Iyer. Mr. Henneman seconde

Proceedings of the Special Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kumbakonam, held on the 24th March 18

Present.

1 M.R.Ry T. S. Sivasamy Odayar Avergal, Chairman
2 S. P. Rice Esquire,
3 Revd. Gustav Pattseling
4 Mr. J. M. Henneman.
5 Mr. M. Bappu Sahib.
6 M.R.Ry S. A. Subbramaniya Iyer Avergal.
7 " A. C. Narayanasamy Iyer "
8 " A. L. Tiruvengadam Pillai "
9 " V. Dorasamy Pillai "
10 " V. Krishna Iyer " B.A. B.L.
11 " T. Krishnamachariar " B.A.
12 " A. Ramalinga Chettiar "
13 " S. Sivagurunatha Chettiar " B.A. B.L.
14 " N. Krishnasamy Iyengar " B.A. B.L.
15 " V. T. Chinnasamy Pillai "
16 " T. Iyapuri Mudaliar "
17 " T. S. Sivavadivelu Odayar "
18 " N. Krishnasamy Chettiar "
19 " N. Ramasamy Chettiar "
20 " A. Rangasamy Chettiar "
21 " M. C. M. Dorasamy Chettiar "
22 " M. C. Amirthalinga Chettiar "
23 " T. S. Gopalakrishna Chettiar "

1. Read list of applications received for the post of Secretary

Read application

Mr A. E. Tanner.
" Mr Balakrishna Iyer.
M.R.Ry V. C. Natesa Dikshither
" R. Gopalakrishna Iyer
" R. Narasinga Rao
" T. S. Seshaiengar
" B. Ganpath Rao
" K. Seshadri Iyengar
" G. Gnasilamani
" K. Venkataramana Iyer
" S. Raghunandana Sastri
" Mr A. Saminada Iyer
" R. Mattur Asari
" S. K. Krishnasamy Iyer
" S. Srinivasa Venkatachariar
" Gnanappa Mudaliar
" A. Vaideswara Sastriar
Rev. A. R. Stern.

The Chairman announces the withdrawal of S. Srinivasa Venkatachariar Manager from his Candidature.

2. M.R.Ry T. S. Sivavadivelu Odayar Avergal proposes M.R.Ry R. Narasinga Rao B.A. Revd. Gottschling seconds.

3. M.R.Ry V. Dorasamy Pillai Avergal proposes M.R.Ry K. Venkatarama Iyer B.A. M.R.Ry A. L. Tiruvengadam Pillai Avergal seconds.

4. M.R.Ry S. [illegible] Iyer Avergal [illegible] M.R.Ry R. Gopalakrishna Iyer. Mr Heineman seconds.

5. M.R.Ry S. Sivagurunatha Chettiar Avergal proposes M.R.Ry S. K. Krishnasamy Iyer. M.R.Ry Mr. C. Dorasamy Chettiar Avergal seconds.

6. M.R.Ry T. Krishnamachariar Avergal proposes M.R.Ry A. Vaideswara Sastri. M.R.Ry T. S. Sivasamy Odayar Avergal seconds.

7. Rev. J. M. Heineman proposes M.R.Ry Gnanappa Mudaliar. M.R.Ry V. Dorasamy Pillai Avl. seconds.

8. M.R.Ry A. Krishnasamy Iyengar Avergal proposes M.R.Ry K. Seshadri Iyengar. M.R.Ry S. A. Subramanya Iyer Avergal seconds.

9. A ballot being taken, the results are:-

R. Narasinga Rao	obtained	9 votes.
K. Venkatarama Iyer	"	7 votes.
R. Gopalakrishna Iyer	"	1 vote
S. K. Krishnasamy Iyer	"	2 votes.
A. Vaideswara Sastriar	"	2 votes
Gnanappa Mudaliar	"	1 vote and
K. Seshadri Iyengar	"	no votes, the

Subcollector not voting.

10. The Council resolves to take a second ballot between M.R.Ry R. Narasinga Rao and M.R.Ry K. Venkatarama Iyer, eliminating the names of the other Candidates as they have not secured a sufficient number of votes.

The ballot being taken, the votes are:-

M.R.Ry. K. Venkatarama Iyer 12.

" R. Narasinga Rao 9, the Sub Collector

Councillor not voting.

M.R.Ry. K. Venkatarama Iyer is therefore declared appointed Secretary by a majority.

(S) T. S. Sivasamy Odayar

Chairman

(True Copy)

T. S. Sivasamy Odayar

Chairman

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To,

THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
KUMBAKONAM.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE
29 MAR 99
KUMBAKONAM.

SIR,

WE, the undersigned Councillors, beg to inform you that we take objection to the resolution of the Council dated 24th Instant, on the following among other grounds and request that you will be so good as to submit this communication along with your letter to Government.

1. The process of elimination adopted at the meeting under reference does not apply to the appointment of Secretary, this course being deemed necessary only for elections where an absolute majority is required by the law in force. In the present case no such majority was required, nor was any obtained by any of the two candidates who secured the largest number of votes in the two ballots taken, the present strength of the Council being 24.

2. The process of elimination was not carried out in its entirety at the said meeting, 5 candidates having been eliminated *en bloc* at one time.

3. The first ballot was taken with the result that R. Narasinga Row secured 9 votes and K. Venkataramier 7. The result thus arrived at was quite satisfactory and could have answered the purpose very well, so as to obviate the necessity for a second ballot. It may be mentioned that the said R. Narasinga Row is a graduate of many years standing and of respectable parentage, and has held the post of Judge of the Chief Court of Indore, as the testimonials given him by distinguished men would show.

4. The Council, however, took a second ballot in which K. Venkataramier obtained 12 votes and R. Narasinga Row 9. This procedure of the Council is unique and unjustifiable. If, in adopting it, the Council meant to secure an absolute majority, we submit, their object was frustrated, none of the candidates having obtained an absolute majority in either ballot.

5. K. Venkataramier is suffering from Leuco derma, Elephantiasis and lymphatic fever, the effects of which necessitated his applying for leave while in the Municipal office. We have therefore strong doubts as to his physical fitness for the post.

6. He resigned his post as Manager and took up the 4th Assistant Master's place in the Town High School on Rs. 50, which has subsequently been raised to Rs. 60. The lift given him from Rs. 60 to a salary of Rs. 150 to 200 is open to serious objection and requires to be discountenanced in the best interests of the Municipality.

7. The Council is now split by factions ; and the appointment of one who is less calculated to increase the existing party strife is extremely desirable at present.

8. The responsibilities attached to the office are so great and the strain both mental and physical to which the incumbent of the office will necessarily be put to, is so enormous that the greatest discretion should be exercised in the selection of a hand for it.

In these circumstances we pray that Government will be graciously pleased to uphold the first selection, as the result of the first ballot is sufficient and the eliminating process resorted to by the Council informal, unnecessary and unprecedented in the history of such appointments in the District, or order a fresh election to be held.

28th March 1899 }
Kumbakonam.

We have the honor to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient and servants.

T. S. Sivasamy Odayar.

Councillors

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Note of Sections under which power is not to be delegated

28.2.	drawing cheques.
32.1.	General executive power
42.	Appointment of servants
45.	Signing Contracts.
52.2 & 3.	Amending Assessments
69.	Considering revision petitions
73.(1) & (2)	Assessing tax on new buildings
77	Taxing vehicles
85.(3)	Registering vehicles
91.(2)	Compounding for tolls
95.	Selling article seized for non payment of toll.
96.	Stopping sale on tender of toll.
103(1 & 2)	Distraining movable for nonpayment of taxes
104.	Issuing warrants.
138.(2)	Ordering vaccination.
148(1 & 2)	Entering premises to examine water pipes
149-A.	Cutting off water supply
153.	Lay open & examine pipes
159.	Temporarily close street.
165.	Letting up land between fallen building & street.
181.	Stop construction of a private work.
183.	Providing for safety of ruined houses falling trees &c
188.	Granting & refusing licences for offensive trades
232(2)	Notifying places for washing
233.	Order removal of patients to Hospital
275.(1)	Enter on lands to deposit materials

HEALTH CERTIFICATE.

No.

I do hereby certify that I have examined K. Vencatrama Aiyar a candidate for employment in the Municipal — Department, and cannot discover that he has any disease, constitutional affection or bodily infirmity, except ______

I do not consider this a disqualification for employment in the Office of ______ ______ His age is, according to his own statement, 42. years and by appearance about 42 years. — He is in my opinion quite fit for outside executive duties

He bears marks of Vaccination —

Personal marks. (a) Extensive scar from a burn on left cheek.
(b) another on palm left hand.

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M.D., B.Sc., &c
Lt Colonel IMS
~~Surgeon-Major,~~
Superintendent, Ophthalmic Hospital.

MADRAS,
April 24 1899.

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MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
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KUMBAKONAM.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Local and Municipal Department,
FORT SAINT GEORGE.

Through the Chairman Municipal Council
Kumbakonam

SIR,

I beg to submit that I was a candidate for the Secretaryship of the Kumbakonam Municipality and was duly elected as such at the meeting of the Council, held on the 24th Instant, by a majority of 9 over 7 secured by K. Venkataramier, lately Manager of this Municipality, and at present 3rd Assistant, Town High School, Kumbakonam. My appointment should, in this circumstance, have been recommended to Government for sanction.

2. The Council, however, chose to order a second ballot to be taken, and in doing so, have, I submit, acted illegally and informally.

3. It may perhaps be contended that the second ballot was taken with a view to enable candidates to obtain an *absolute* majority. But the contention is untenable, firstly because no absolute majority was actually secured by any candidate even in the second ballot, and secondly because no such majority is necessary under the existing law governing such appointments.

4. I am now 36 years old and a graduate of 15 years standing.

5. I know how to ride; and as to my physical fitness any District Surgeon or Medical Board would certify. These qualities, I beg to submit, are most essential to out-door work.

6. For these reasons I pray that Government will be pleased to uphold my first selection or order a re-election.

7. I herewith submit copy of my testimonials which will speak to my eligibility for the office in question.

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Kumbakonam.

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Third class special Magistrate Kumbakonam from August 1898.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
30 MAR. 99
KUMBAKONAM.

FROM

A. VAIDISVARA SASTRI, L.M.S.,
Kumbhakonam.

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT,
Fort Saint George.

Through The Chairman, Ml. council, Kumbakonam.

SIR,

As one of the candidates proposed and seconded for the office of the Municipal Secretary at the last meeting of the Municipal Council held on the 24th instant, I beg to tender this protest petition of mine with the request you will be so good as to forward it to Government with your opinion thereon.

I beg to take exception to the method of elimination adopted, which in fact was no *elimination* but only a form of *selection*. For, after the first ballot, instead of declaring the candidate with the largest mumber of votes as elected, or eliminating the one with the least number and reballoting among the rest only, the first two candidates have been retained for the second ballot and the rest *en bloc* rejected. This method it will be seen is no *elimination*, since the essential principle in elimination is the rejection *only of the last candidate*. The principle of elimination followed imperfectly has deprived me of the benefit of a second ballot. If that benefit of a second ballot had been given to none and the whole election had turned upon a single ballot, I could have no reason to complain. For, then the simple principle of majority would have been followed. But the introduction of a second ballot was the principle of elimination which, as I submit, has not been carried out in its entirety.

On this ground, I beg there would be a re-election in which either the principle of majority or the principle of elimination would be faithfully adhered to.

Another element open to objection in the proceedings was the circumstance whereby a candidate duly proposed and seconded from within the selected candidates, failed to receive any vote whatsoever, either of the proposer or of the seconder. Not conforming to any ascertained principle of election, it only rendered the *rationale* of the method followed, nugatory. For when after a preliminary selection, if proposing and seconding do not indicate preference in voting, then proposing and seconding are divested of responsibility; and any ballot proceeding thereon can be neither fair nor satisfactory. If, on the other hand, proposing and seconding as several of the Councillors thought, had carried with them the preference they indicate, the result of the first balloting must certainly have been

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different; and consequently the necessity for a second balloting, very probably, might not have risen at all. In fact a separate balloting on each of the candidates proposed and seconded, should have been the fairest procedure, giving the least scope for the election to have proceeded upon party lines.

Mainly for the reason that the principle of elimination pursued was calculated to prejudice my chances, and on the ground of the irregularity adduced above, I pray that a re-election, such as would give the greatest scope for a candidate and the least for party combination, be directed to be held.

I herein enclose copies of my testimonials for favour of perusal.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

MADRAS,
27th March 1899.

A Vaidisvara Sastri L. M. S.

TESTIMONIALS.

A. Vaidisvara Sastri was well-known to me during his student's career at the Medical College, Madras, and was an intelligent, industrious and able student. He was head of the Class of Surgery for two successive years. Subsequent to obtaining the Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery of the Madras University he worked under me in the Surgical Wards of the General Hospital for a period of ten months.

I consider him in every way qualified for independent charge of a Hospital or District, and shall be glad to hear of his continued success.

W. R. BROWNE, M. D.,
Professor of Surgery, Medical College,
and Senior Surgeon, General Hospital.

I have known A. Vaidisvara Sastri, L.M.S., since I settled down in this place three years ago. He was a private practitioner then—but has latterly taken up the post of Medical Officer in the small Tributary State of Gudwall in the Nizam's Dominions. It is not in my province to speak of his professional attainments which are much above the average and are appreciated by eminent European Doctors. He has evidently read much both in his special branch of knowledge as well as in general study. His manners are those of a gentleman and his company is always agreeable. Zeal and sincerity mark his general character and it is not unlikely he will do justice to any post of trust outside his profession. He has had as yet few opportunities of showing his worth but I hope he may soon have them.

A. SASHIAH SASTRI, C.S.I., F.M.U.,
Late Dewan Regent of Pudukottah and
formerly Dewan of Travancore.

KUMBHAKONAM,
21st September 1897.

AN
OPEN TESTIMONIAL
FOR
A. VAIDISVARA SASTRI, L.M.S.

I have known A. Vaidisvara Sastri, L.M.S., a little more than four years, since I settled down at Kumbhakonam both in his professional capacity and as a private gentleman. In both these respects he seemed to be a worthy person who can do very useful service. I have a high opinion of his general scholarship in English and of his capacity to do justice to any work which may be entrusted to him. He tells me that he is about to apply for tne post of Secretary to the Municipal Council, Kumbhakonam, which has been the chief centre of his private practice. It is my opinion that he is worthy to be given a trial and that the result will be satisfactory.

H. H. THE RAJAH'S GUEST
At Pudukottah, 3rd March 1899.

A. SASHIAH SASTRI, C.S.I.,
Late Dewan Regent of Pudukottah.

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No. 164.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILORS' OFFICE
KUMBAKONAM 30th March 1899.

FROM

T. S. Sivasamy Odayar Avergal,
CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPPAL COUNCIL
KUMBAKONAM.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
1044 M

To

The Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Department,
Thro' the Sub Collector & the Collector of Tanjore.

SIR,

In submitting the accompanying resolution of the Council dated 24th instant, for the orders of Government, I have the honour to make the following observations:-

1. The question of the appointment of Secretary was taken up by the Council at its meeting held on the 24th instant. 55 applications were received for the post. Votes were taken by ballot, and the process of Elimination was adopted.

2. In the first ballot K. Narasinga Rao secured 9 votes and K. Venkatarama Iyer 7. A second ballot was taken with the result that K. Venkataramaier obtained 12 votes and K. Narasinga Rao 9 and K. Venkatarama Iyer was declared appointed.

3. Objection is taken by some of the Councillors and K. Narasinga Rao (vide enclosures) to the second ballot as being of doubtful legality and not called for in the circumstances of the case. The procedure of the Council in this instance is, I must admit, open to serious debate; and I leave it to Government to decide whether a re-election is not necessary.

4. K. Venkataramana Iyer, the nominee, was in the service of this Municipality, as Manager, during the last official year and gave it up to take up an assistant master's place in the Town High School on a lower salary, as he probably thought that lighter work would suit his constitution better. He seems to be suffering from leucoderma and elephantiasis, and his physical capacity for the post requires to be tested by competent medical authorities.

5. Considering that an attractive salary of Rs 150 to 200 is offered for the post, I should think that a healthier and more suitable person should have been selected, the officer so selected having to cope with the great strain that the responsibilities and the importance attached to such a large municipality as this may entail.

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I have the honour to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant
T. Sivasawmy Iyer
Chairman

FROM

THE CHAIRMAN

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

KUMBAKONAM.

To

rrent No. 1499 of 1899

Dated
Despatched
Received

ENCLOSURES.

No.

SUBJECT.

Endt- on Curr no. 1499/Rev of 99
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1 Forwarded to the Collector Tanjore.

2. I see nothing illegal or improper about the election. It was necessary to reduce the number of candidates somehow to two so that the Councillors might choose between them. This has been done.

3. I know nothing about the successful candidate K. Venkataraman Iyer. He is an assistant master in the Town High school & his position it seems to me is not such as to justify his selection. A different stamp of man shd be obtained for the pay available.

W. Hughes.
Sub Collector

Kumbakonam.
2/4/99

Endorsement on Kumbakonam Municipal Chairman's letter No. 164 dated 30 March 1899.

D. Dis. No. 1286/Rev of 99

Enc. 7.

Forwarded.

2. It does not appear to me that exception can be taken to the second ballot. I forward a letter received from the successful candidate enclosing a medical certificate

3. The method of selection adopted was unfortunate. The applications of Eighteen candidates were read out, and the choice limited to seven of these who were put up by irresponsible proposers and seconders. It is impossible for a body of Councillors to judge fairly of the comparative merits of a large number of candidates in this way, and the

selection

selection tends to become too much a matter of personal feeling. The better plan would be for the Chairman to carefully select the best qualified candidate and then propose his name to the Council for acceptance.

4. As for the choice made, I agree with the Sub Collector that the pay offered should command the services of a man of a different stamp. It would be strange if no better man could be found among the 55 applicants.

5. A separate communication is being sent on the subject of delegation of powers to the Secretary.

Tanjore Collector's Office
10th April 1899

T. Sivagnanam Pillai
14-4-99
For Ag. Collector

To
The Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Depatt.
Madras.

Local & Munl. (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 1045 M

15 APR 1899

From The Acting Collector of Tanjore

Order.

D Dis **No.** 1285/Rev of 99

Dated 10th April 1899

Received 14-4-99

Registered

Enclosures Nil.

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SUBJECT.

Suggesting that the Kumbakonam Municipal Council should be asked to reconsider their resolution delegating certain powers to the Secretary

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TANJORE ~~DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S~~ Collector's OFFICE,
10th April 1899.

No. 1285/Rev ~~of 99~~. Camp,

FROM
J. Twigg, ESQUIRE,
Ag Collector ~~DISTRICT MAGISTRATE~~,
TANJORE,

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
No. 1045 M

TO
The SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Local and Municipal DEPARTMENT,
MADRAS.

SIR,

In my Endorsement No. 1786/Rev dated 18th May 1898 forwarding Kumbakonam Municipal Chairman's letter No. 200 dated 11th April 1898, I remarked that in the matter of delegation of powers the Council did not go far enough to allow of the Secretary being really useful, and suggested that the Council should be asked to reconsider their resolution. No orders were passed on

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this point probably because the postponement of the appointment of a Secretary rendered it un-necessary to do so ~~thus~~ then: but I beg now to bring the matter again to notice, as I fear that unless the full powers contemplated by the Act are delegated to the Secretary the administration may suffer as has happened elsewhere.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant

E. K. Sivagnanam Pillai
14-4-99
For Acting Collector

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~~Judicial~~ (189 9) Department.

CURRENT No.

ASSISTT. SECY. TO GOVT. 13 MAR 1899 L. & MUNL. DEPT. & LEG. DEPT.

From The Inspector General of Registration Madras.

~~*Order*~~ No.

Transferred to the Municipal Council of Kumbakonam.

By order
Asst. Assistant Secretary.

Mr. No. 167

Dated 4th March 1899.

Received

Registered

Enclosures

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V.R. for Supdt.
18/3/99

SUBJECT.

Submitting an application from M. R. Ry. K. Seshadri Aiyangar B.A. acting Sub. Registrar of Villipuram, South Arcot District, for the post of Secretary in the Kumbhakonam Municipality

To
The Chairman M.C. Kumbakonam.

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TESTIMONIALS.

No 1.

Madras Christian College,

3rd MAY 1884.

Mr. K. Seshadri B. A. was a student in this College for about a year. His conduct was entirely satisfactory. He showed good ability and creditable diligence. I believe him to be a young man of good principles and character and feel confident that he will be found attentive and trustworthy in discharging any duties that may be entrusted to him.

(Signed) WILLIAM MILLER,
Principal.

No 2.

Camp.
4TH NOVEMBER 1891.

K. Seshadri Aiyengar Sub-Registrar of Ambur did excellent work as Chairman of the Local Panchayet Union during the first year and a half of its existence. He experienced a good deal of opposition from the Labhais, but behaved throughout in a firm and sensible manner. He also did good work as 3rd Class Magistrate, and I always found the Sub-Registry Office in excellent order. I should be glad to hear of his further advancement.

(Signed) B. MACLEOD,
AG. SUB-COLLECTOR,
North Arcot.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

Read the following order in the Judicial Department dated 4th November 1890 R. No. 1165 on G. O. Local and Municipal dated 7th October 1890 No. 2535 L.

Read the following papers:—

From W. J. H. Le. Fanu, Esq., President, District Board, North Arcot to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chitoor, 2nd August 1890, No. 521 Ind.

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Para 11. The working of the Panchayats:—

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In Sholinghur, Kàlahasti, Ambùr and Pòlúr, the Chairman assisted by the members, assessed the houses to tax. These Chairmen, as well as the Chairmen of the other Unions in which house-tax was collected, did their work with great prudence and smoothness, taking care not to provoke popular disfavor towards the tax. I regret to have to say that there was considerable friction in the Ambur Union owing to one very influential member, who is also a member of the Taluq and District Boards, acting in antagonism to the Chairman, the Sub-Registrar. I regret, too, to say that the Vellore Taluq Board, taking advantage of a meeting at which the President, who was absent on Jamabandi, did not preside, took the very improper step of conferring on this member functions which should be exercised only by the Panchayat Chairman. Unless the latter is upheld, it would be impossible to work and I was obliged to express my disapproval very strongly. Matters are going on better now, and I trust that there will be no recurrence of factiousness. *I may state here that the Sub-Registrar Chairman, M. R. Ry. Seshadri Aiyangar Avl., has done his best in a very trying position.*

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ORDER:—dated 7th October 1890, No. 2535 L. Local and Municipal.

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Para 2. Local Boards and Panchayats:—

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The Government is glad to learn that the several Union Panchayats discharged their trusts satisfactorily as a rule, and that the Chairmen of the several Unions, in which house-tax was imposed, showed considerable prudence and judgment in the performance of their duties. *The favorable mention of the Sub-Registrar of Ambur will be brought to the notice of the Inspector-General of Registration in the Judicial Department.*

ORDER. JUDICIAL.

Communicated to the Inspector-General of Registration with reference to para 2.

(TRUE EXTRACT.)

(Signed) A. BUTTERWORTH,
Ag. Asst. Secretary.

T. No. 5215 Dated 7th November 1890.

SOLUR.

Extract from Para 11 of the Presidents report and from para 2 of Government order thereon will be communicated to the Registrar of North Arcot for communication to the Sub Registrar of Ambur.

(By Order)
Signed) C. MARIAPPA MUDALIAR,
Manager.

No. 2315. (TRUE COPY)

Communicated to the Sub-Registrar of Ambur for information.

North Arcot Registrar's Office
Chitoor 14th November 1890.

(Signed) M. NATARAJA IYER,
Registrar.

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VILLUPURAM,
1st March 1899.

FROM
K. SESHADRI AIYANGAR, B. A.
ACTING SUB-REGISTRAR OF
Villupuram,
SOUTH ARCOT DISTRICT.

TO
THE CHAIRMAN,
OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
Kumbhakonam.

SIR,

I understand, that a Secretary is shortly to be appointed to the Municipal Council Kumbakonam.

I offer myself as a candidate for the same.

I am a Graduate of the Madras University, and have passed, besides other Tests, all the special Tests prescribed for a Deputy Collector. I am, at present, a Sub-Registrar of the fifth grade, in receipt of a pensionable remuneration of about Rs. 90 per mensem.

I have, also, been a special Magistrate of the third class, for about 6 years, and a Chairman of an Union, almost as big as a Municipality, for about 2 years, and am therefore acquainted with all the details of Magisterial, as well as Municipal work.

To the good work done by me, both as a Chairman and special Magistrate of an Union, the Revenue Officer in charge of the Division then, and the Collector of the District, have, as may be seen from the copy of the testimonial (marked No. II) and the Extract from the North Arcot District Board Administration Report for 1889-1890, enclosed, borne testimony.

I am also confident, that the late, as well as the present Inspector General of Registration, will testify to my efficiency and character.

I can assure you, sir, that should the choice, therefore, fall on me, nothing shall be found wanting on my part to justify the selection.

I beg to remain,
SIR,
Your most obedient and humble servant,

Acting Sub-Registrar, Villupuram.

VILLUPURAM,
1st March 1899.

From

K. SESHADRI AYENGAR, B. A.,
Acting Sub-Registrar of
Villupuram,
SOUTH ARCOT DISTRICT.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
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To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS,
Local and Municipal,
Fort Saint George,
MADRAS.

Through the Inspector-General of Registration,
Madras.

Honoured Sir.

I am a graduate of the Madras University, and have passed the several special Tests, prescribed for a Deputy Collector, in addition to the Civil Judicial and the Translation (Higher and Lower) Tests.

I am, at present, a Sub-Registrar of the fifth grade, in receipt of a pensionable remuneration of about Rupees ninety per mensem.

I have also been a special Magistrate of the third Class for about 6 years, and a Chairman of an Union, almost as big as a Municipality, for about a couple of years, and am therefore acquainted with all the details of Magisterial as well as Municipal work.

As may be seen from the copy of the Testimonial (marked No. II) and the Extract from the District Board Administration Report, enclosed, my work as Chairman of the Union was much appreciated by the then Divisional Officer Mr. B. Macleod, (now Collector of Anantapur) and the then Collector of the District, Mr. W. J. H LeFanu, (now a Member of the Board of Revenue), so much so, that the latter in his District Board Administration Report, for the year 1889-90, brought my name prominently to the notice of Government, as one who did best under the most trying of circumstances. The Government were also pleased in their order No. 2535 L, Local and Municipal, dated 7th October 1890, to draw the attention of the then Head of my department, Dewan Bahadur S. Srinivasa Raghavayengar Esq., to the favourable mention of my name by the Collector of the District.

The Inspector General of Registration, has, however, not been able to do anything for me, as in the Registration Department, promotion is regulated by seniority and seniority alone, and there are many more above me for promotion to the Higher Grades.

I understand, a Secretary is shortly to be appointed to the Municipal Council at Kumbhakonam, on a salary of Rs. 150 per mensem, rising by annual increments of Rs. 10 to Rs. 200 per mensem.

I offer myself as a candidate for the same.

In consideration of the services rendered by me, both as a Special Magistrate and Chairman of an Union, for several years, and much appreciated by the District authorities, I most respectfully and humbly request, you will be pleased to lay this, my humble application, before His Excellency the Governor in Council, for my being appointed to the post of Secretary to the Municipal Council Kumbhakonam.

I beg to remain,
Honored Sir,
Your most obedient and humble servant,

Acting Sub-Registrar, Villupuram.

M. No 167 dated 4th March 1895
Bezwada

Submitted.

2 The subregistrar has been informed that his proper course was to apply through the Municipal Chairman

4th March 1895
Bezwada

To The Secretary to the Government
Local & Municipal Department.
Fort St. George

Private Secretary

Local & Muncl (1899) **Department.**

CURRENT No. 1209 M

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
MAY 1899
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

From H. A. Sim Esq Jr
Private Secretary to
H. E. the Governor

Order

No.

Dated 25th apl 99
Received 3rd May 99
Registered 4th May 99
Enclosures nil
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SUBJECT.

Transfers a petition dd 22nd apl '99 from Certain inhabitants of Kumbakonam, praying that the appointment of K. Venkatarama Iyr as their Municipal Secretary, may be Confirmed by Government –

(Bynoe)

Private Secretary

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LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 12091

To

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE RIGHT HONORABLE
SIR ARTHUR ELIBANK HAVELOCK
G. C. M. G; G. C. I. E.
GOVERNOR OF FORT ST. GEORGE
AND ITS DEPEDENCIES
OOTAKAMUND.

The humble Memorial of the undersigned inhabitants
of the Muuicipality of Kumbakonam,
Tanjore District.

Most respectfully sheweth:—

That Your Excellency's memorialists have reason to congratulate the Kumbakonam Municipal Council and themselves on the choice recently made by the Council, of a Secretary.

That K. Venkatarama Aiyar, the Council's nominee was manager of the Municipal Office for three years prior to 1898 during which period the great Mahamakham festival took place and in connection with which the said Venkatarama Aiyar rendered excellent service to the Municipality as evidenced by the testimonial given to him by the special Deputy Collector in charge of the conduct of the said festival.

That the same officer when engaged in the Revision of the Tax on Buildings in this Municipality acknowledged the assistance given to him by Venkatarama Aiyar as Manager, in his report to Government on the subject.

That three successive Chairmen have testified to his ability and integrity, including the present Chairman.

That Mr. R. B. Clegg, then Divisional Officer here and now Collector of Salem had a high opinion of Venkatarama Aiyar's work in this Municipality.

That Venkatarama Aiyar had, while in the Municipal office, discharged his duties in a manner satisfactory to all and that he possesses a thorough knowledge of the details of Municipal law and administration as evidenced by the testimonials in his possession and the reports of the Inspectors of L. F. Accounts.

That the election by the Local Municipal Council of Venkatarama Aiyar to the post of Secretary has given entire satisfaction to Your Excellency's memorialists as they have the fullest confidence in his integrity and ability to discharge the duties of the office of Secretary with credit to himself and advantage to the council and the public at large.

That the pay of Rs. 150 a month attached to the office of Secretary is, in the opinion of Your Excellency's Memorialists, not too high for one of Venkatarama Aiyar's ability, integrity and experience.

Your Excellency's memorialists therefore most humbly pray that the choice made by the Kumbakonam Municipal Council may be approved by Your Excellency's Government and Venkatarama Aiyar's appointment sanctioned as, in so doing, Your Excellency would be conferring a real boon on Kumbhakonam.

For which act of kindness and justice, Your Excellency's memorialists, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

Signature.	Occupation.
S. Krishnasami Aiyar B.A.	Headmaster, Town High School, Kumbakonam.
Annamalai B. Rajagopalu Chetty	Merchant & Dt. Board Member.
V. S. Venkatabalaguruswamy Chetty	Merchant
T. B. Venkatarama Chetty	merchant
A. Srinivasa Aiyangar	Private gentleman & Mirasdar
V. Gopala Chari	Agent Gen Life Office
C. S. Rangachariar	Dt. Mirasdar
Srinivasa Aiyangar	Mirasdar
Krishnaswami Aiyar	merchant
K. Aravamudu Aiyangar	Pleader, Kumbaconam
C. Ramaswamy Iyer	Pleader, Kumbakonam
K. Venkatasubramania Aiyar	B.A. First Grade Pleader Kumbhakonam
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N. Chidambara Dikshitar.	Mirasdar
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R. Sivaramakrishna Aiyar	Mirasdar
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A. R. Thiruvengadam Pillay	[illegible]
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Signature.	Occupation.
N. Vaithianathan M.A.	Civil Pensioner.
T. Rajagopalachariar M.A. B.L.	High Court Vakil
C. S. Subramania Aiyar B.A.	First Grade Pleader
C. S. Venkataramanatha B.A. B.L.	High Court Vakil.
R. Swaminatha Aiyar B.A. L.T.	Town High School Kumbakonam
N. Ganapati Subba Aiyar B.A.	Town High School
A. Srinivasaraghava Aiyangar B.A.	T. H. School
V. Vaidyanathan B.A.	Town High School
V. Rama Rao B.A. L.T.	Town High School, Kumbakonam.
Subbaraya Aiyar B.A.	1st assistant do do.
K. Narayanasami	Asst Town High School Kumbhakonam.
M. Natesa Aiyar	Do.
C. Sarangapani Aiyangar	Do. Do. Do.
[illegible] Aiyar B.A.	First Grade Pleader
S. K. Kothandarama Iyer	Asst Town High School
B. Narayanaswami Iyer	Do
Soundararaja Iyengar	Do
S. Vijayaraghava Aiyangar	Do Do
S. Thiruvengadatha Aiyangar	Do Do
M. Vasudeva Row	Do Do
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A. Ramaswami Aiyar	do do do
M. Ramachandra Rao	do do.

Signature.	Occupation.
S. Thirumangadachariyar	Mirasidar
S. Venkataramaiyar B.A.	Pleader Kumbakonam
S. Ramachandra Aiya.	Mirasidar & merchant.
S. Rajagopala Aiyangar B.A. B.L.	First Grade Pleader, Kumbakonam
A. [illegible]	do.
T. S. Subbaramaiyangar B.A. B.L.	do
V. Sambasivaier	Proprietor Sri Vidya Press
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S. Venkataramaiengar	Clerk [illegible] Kumbakonam & a native of Kumbakonam Town.
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R. Sundaraiyengar	Mirasidar & Secretary Hindumathabhimanasangam Kumbakonam
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Signature.	Occupation.
S. Raghava Sastrikal	Private gentleman.
E. Srinivasa Sastri	Mirasdar
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Srinivasa Raghavachari	
Srinivasa Raghavachariar	Mirasd. Combaconam
K. Rajagopala Iyengar	Mirasdar. Kumbhakonam
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R. Sawmy Iyer	[illegible] Kumbakonam
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S. Venkatachariar	[illegible]
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[illegible]	Landlord
C. S. Ramakrishnan	A. S. Merchant.
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R. Gopalachetty	Merchant.
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P. Krishnasawmy Iyer	Mirasdar.

A. S. Venkatanarayana Pillai Mirasdar 22/4/99.