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G.O., No. 854 Do

DATED 15/6/99

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Secretary

Requesting, with remark, the Municipal Council of Tuticorin to select a person for the post of — other than Mr. Raphael Motha Poobalarayar.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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C. No 5. L/1412, L 1413 M/99

SUBJECT.

Appointment of a Secretary - Tuticorin Municipality

HM

ORDER. No. 854 Mun dt 15/6/99

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The Government agrees with the Collector in considering that the Council nominee is not a suitable person for the post of Secretary. The municipal Council is accordingly requested to select another competent person for the place.

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The nominee appears to have too many connections to the Council. It seems very doubtful if he will be a really [illegible] servant.

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To The Chairman, M.C. Tuticorin
thro' the Coll. of Tinnevelly
Sent
desp. 19/6/99

Note

Please see the Collector's Endorsement. Also the two petitions C.Nos. 1324 & 1413 from which it will be seen that four of the six Councillors who voted for the Council's nominee were his own relations.

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1324 M

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To lie over pending receipt of the Commr's report on the selection of a Secretary.

TKR
17-5-99

17/5/99.

Order

From

Mr. C. Sankara Rao
Tinnevelly

No

Dated 10-5-99

Received 13-5-99

Registered –

Enclosures nil

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SUBJECT.

Stating that four out of the six who voted for Mr. Raphael Motha the Secretary elect of the Tuticorin Munlty are his caste men and relations and requesting that the matter may be considered by Govt.

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LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
[illegible] No. 1324 M

13 MAY 1899

To

The Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department
Madras.

Sir,

I beg to report that the selection of one Mr. Raphael Motha as Secretary to the Municipal Council Tuticorin resulted in a fiasco. Out of 16 Councillors that were present at the meeting of the 29th April last 6 members voted for the nominee while the two other candidates had 4 votes each. In this connection I beg to refer you to Section 30 (3) of the District Municipalities act, wherefrom you will observe that interested Councillors should not vote. The question is not one of general applications to all persons within the Municipality. In this case four out of 6 Councillors are his own castemen and relations.

1. Mr. Councillor Phillip C Motha is Mr Raphael Motha's own brother.
2. Mr Councillor Roche Victoria is Mr, Raphael Motha's brother-in-law.
3. Mr. Councillor J. L. Motha is Mr Roche Victoria's brother-in-law.
4. Mr. Councillor V. G. Motha is the close relation of 1. 2 and 3. and the nominee

All the above four have pecuniary interest. Besides I may mention to you that Mr Raphael Mootha has all along been a book-keeper in a mercantile firm which has burst up, and he is fit only for the post as might be seen from the last para of the last certificate. He is a very poor Scholar and quite new to any official life.

It is simply a disgrace on the Council's part to have selected him.

I therefore beg to request you will kindly consider the technical objection of the selection barring the qualification of the nominee and dispose of the matter without any regard for favour in the interest of the general public.

I beg to remain
Sir,
your most obedient Servant
M. O. Sankara Ram
(a candidate for the post)

Tinnevelly
10-5-99

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

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CURRENT No. 1412 M

From The Chairman
Municipal Council
Tuticorin

[illegible]

No. 135

Dated 4th May 1899

Received ASST SECY TO GOVT LOCAL MUNL EDL & LEG DEPT 21.MAY.1899

Registered SUB-COLLECTOR'S OFFICE 6-MAY.99

Enclosures (Three)

Spare copies.

SUBJECT.

G.O. No 222 M. Mis dated 17.2.99

Forwarding for approval a copy of the resolution of the Council nominating Mr. Raphael Motha Poobal as Secretary.

Order

Submitted to the Collector of Tinnevelly.

The gentleman now elected was Messrs Darley Butler's Bookkeeper for many years and is thoroughly acquainted with Tuticorin. He was dispensed with solely on account of reduction of office establishment. His caste are numerous & influential in the municipality.

Sub Collector
6.5.99

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Proceedings of the Municipal Council
[illegible] meeting held

[illegible] names [illegible]
for the post of Secretary were
duly Circulated.

The Councillors were requeste

TESTIMONIALS.

(3)

Raphael Motha has served under me for the past two years. He is thoroughly versed in all shipping business, and, as a writer and book keeper is more than usually intelligent and painstaking.

(Signed) E. H. SKRINE.

TUTICORIN, *3rd January* 1879.

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(4)

TUTICORIN, *2nd June* 1879.

It is mutually agreed between Messrs. Darley Butler & Co. of Tuticorin and Raphael Motha also of the same place that Raphael Motha shall continue to serve them honorably for a period of two years commencing from 1st June 1879 as a general writer, or in any service, not menial, which may be required of him.

In consideration of his so doing Messrs. Darley Butler & Co. agree to pay Raphael Motha the sum of Rupees Fifty (50) per mensem for the first year and Rupees sixty (60) per mensem for the second year, each year commencing as above on the 1st of June.

In the event of Messrs. Darley Butler & Co. wishing to dispense with Raphael Motha's services they agree to give him six months notice, and Raphael Motha on his part agrees to give them six months notice if from reasons beyond his control he should be compelled to quit their services.

(Signed) P. P. DARLEY BUTLER & Co.
Do. J. M. MACMARTIN.
Do. RAPHAEL MOTHA.

Witness.
(Signed) JOHN CRAN.

(5)

On the occasion of my leaving Tuticorin it gives me great pleasure to comply with Mr. Raphael Motha's request for a certificate of character.

I have known him for about seven years, part of which he has spent with me as book keeper in the firm of Darley Butler & Co. His skill in that capacity, and his experience of office work generally, combined with diligence, will I am sure result in a continuance of the esteem in which he is now held by the firm.

(Signed) J. M. MacMARTIN.

Tuticorin, *31st August 1881.*

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(6)

Colombo 16*th November* 1883.

Dear Raphael,

I am very glad to give you a certificate to say that during the five years I have known you you have kept the books of our firm in Tuticorin in excellent order, and I am quite sure you are capable of taking charge of any business there. I must also express myself as not having the slightest doubt regarding your trustworthiness or general character and any thing I can do for you at any time will be a pleasure.

Mr. Raphael Motha,
Tuticorin.

I am
Yours Sincerely

(Signed) SCIPIO M. KENNEDY.

(7)

Tuticorin, *15th April 1884.*

I have known Raphael Motha for three years and during that time he has proved himself trustworthy intelligent and a very good book keeper. His obliging disposition and excellent judgment in business matters I have great pleasure in noticing.

(Signed) T. WHITWORTH.

(8)

During my residence in Tuticorin I have found Mr. Raphael Motha a very good book keeper, accurate in calculation and steady and painstaking. I have much pleasure in recording his good qualities and his practical usefulness.

(Signed) PHILIP SOMERVILLE.

Tuticorin, *22nd May* 1884.

(9.)

Tuticorin, *24th March* 1886.

I have very great pleasure in testifying to the very high opinion I hold of Mr. Raphael Motha— He is a first class accountant, hard working, steady and energetic. This combined with a perfectly reliable character and pleasing disposition is what I always found him to be.

(Signed) JOHN B. MacFARLANE.

(10)

Glasgow, *3rd June* 1889.

I have much pleasure in testifying that during the six years, from 1883 to 1889, that Mr. Raphael Motha served under me, as Head Book keeper to Messrs. Darley Butler & Co. Tuticorin, he has performed his duties to my entire satisfaction. He has a good knowledge of book keeping and general office work, he is zealous in his duties, trustworthy, of good character, and has good business abilities.

(Signed) R. S. NISBET.

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(11)

Tuticorin, *9th March* 1894.

Raphael Motha has been known to me for nearly two years, and I have no hesitation in recommending him for a trustworthy position.

He is a good book keeper, hard working, and intelligent, and I have always found him most civil and obliging.

(Signed) J. A. STONEHAM.

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(12)

Tuticorin, *1st December* 1894.

Mr. Raphael Motha has been book keeper to this firm since 1876 and during the time I have been in charge from 1st May 1892 to this date I have found him a most trustworthy and hard working servant of the firm and could always place the greatest confidence in him.

(Signed) G. H. ALSTON.

(13)

TUTICORIN, *1st February* 1899.

In dispensing with the services of Mr. Raphael Motha, on account of a reduction in the office staff, I regret being obliged to part with a valuable hard working servant.

As a book keeper and in general office work he is invaluable and I can safely recommend him to any one requiring a reliable man, to place in charge of their office.

He has been with Messrs. Darley Butler & Co. for the past 23 years and his work has been highly appreciated by each successive manager here, as his numerous testimonials will show.

Under me he has been for the past 3½ years & I can only say that the testimonials above referred to, are thoroughly deserved.

(Signed) FREDK. SCOTT. CLARK.

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(14)

LONDON *24th February 1899.*

Having known Mr. Raphael Motha since the beginning of the year 1884, I have much pleasure in certifying that on the four periods when I have been in charge of Messrs. Darley Butler & Co's business at Tuticorin, I have found him to be a very efficient Book-keeper, attentive to his duties, careful of the interests of his employers and always trustworthy.

I have every reason to believe that he would carry out, conscientiously and effectively, any such duties as he has for some years been employed in.

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Proceedings of the Municipal Council

Tuticorin 5 april 1899.

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Tuticorin

Sir,

Referring to the advertisement calling for application for the Secretary Ship I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the same.

I have been Accountant and Book-keeper under messrs. Darley Butler & Co for the last nearly 23 years and my knowledge of the Books and my experience in various business matters make me duly qualified for the post.

I beg to enclose herein printed copies of my testimonials.

Should the Council be pleased to confer on me the Secretary Ship I beg to assure you that I would give every satisfaction in the discharge of my duties.

I beg to remain
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
Raphael Motha

The names of the applicants for the post of Secretary were duly circulated.

The Councillors were requested

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Proceedings of the Municipal Council Tuticorin, in their Special meeting held in their Office on Saturday the 29th April 1899 at 5 P.M. for the purpose of selecting a Candidate for the post of Secretary to the Municipality

Present

G. Sellweger Esq Chairman
L. Vibert Esq Sub Collector
T. L. H. Baker Esq
T. H. Walthew Esq
D. Muller Esq
M.R.Ry. J. M. B. Roche Victoria Avergal
" J. L. Motha Avergal
" V. R. Motha Avergal
" Philip C. Motha Avergal
" T. M. Ramakrishnasami Nayak. Garu
" S. Arumugam Chettiar Avergal.
" P. Viraragu Pillai Avergal
" S. R. Krishnamachariar Avergal
" M. Kadir Moidin Rowter Avergal
A. Ganapati Pillai Avergal
Revd. C. P. Gnanakan.

The names of the applicants for the post of Secretary were duly circulated.

The Councillors were requested

at the meeting to write down first the names of Candidates (not more than 3) with the following result:-

Mr Raphael Motha Boobalarayer Secured	8 Votes
" Simpson	3 "
" Y. France	3 "
" Vedamurthi Mudaliar	9 "
" Ramasami Pillai	7 "
" Santarama Iyer	6 "
" Shanmugam Pillai	2 "
" Mallathambi	1 "
" Ramalingam Pillai	1 "
" Sesha Iyer	3 "

The final ballot took place with the following result:-

Mr Raphael Motha Boobalarayer obtained	6 Votes
" Ramasami Pillai	4 "
" Vedamurthi Mudaliar	4 "

One vote having contained 3 names was cancelled & one was a blank paper.

Mr Raphael Motha Boobalarayer is therefore declared to be duly elected

(Signed) G. Tellweger
Chairman

(True Copy)

Chairman

No 135

Municipal Councillor's Office
Tuticorin 6th May 1899

Enclosure: 3

From

G. Tellweger Esq
Chairman Municipal Council
Tuticorin

MUNICIPAL DEPT
RENT 1412/99

To

The Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department
Madras.

Sir,

In acknowledging receipt of G. O. No 222 M. Mis dated 17th February last, I have the honour to enclose a Copy of the resolution of the Council dated the 29th April last nominating Mr Raphael Motha Boobalarayer as Secretary to this Municipality & request you will be good enough to obtain the Sanction of Government for same.

2. His application together

with Copies of the testimonials
is enclosed.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

Chairman

Dis D. 889/90/99 d 17.5.99.

S u b m i t t e d .

2. I consider the selection a very poor one and it shows that the action of Government ~~is~~ in raising the salary to ₨ 125 to ₨ 150 has not had the desired effect. The person selected by the Municipality is not likely to be independent in the discharge of his duties, and I cannot recommend that his appointment be approved.

17th. May 1899.

For Acting Collector.

S.T.T. 19.5.99

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1413 M

Order

From

The Collector of
Tinnevelly.

P. C. No. 1362/99.

Dated 19th May 1899.

Received ASSISTT SECY TO GOVT LOCAL MUNL EDL & LEG DEPT 21.MAY.1899

Registered 26th

Enclosures 1

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SUBJECT.

Submitting the application of M. R. Ry. S. Vedamurthi Mudaliar, for the Secretaryship of the Tuticorin Municipality.

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A Candidate for the Secretaryship of
the Tuticorin Municipality

TESTIMONIALS
OF
S. VEDAMURTI MUDALIAR

The Forum Union Square
New york
Editor's room
April 30th 1895.

Dear Sir,

I am very greatly obliged by your kindness in offering an article to The Forum on a Subject of prime importance touching the civilization of India in rebuttal of the articles that we have published.

Very truly yours

(Signed) Walter H. Page.

To,
Mr. Vedamurti Mudaliar
Madras.
India.

Rose Bank Darjeling
March 3-1895

Dear Mr. Mudaliar,

The pamphlet seemed to me very straightforward and dignified in tone and will, I am sure, do good in its present form* * *. Your proposal to append some of the principal letters (or leaders) which appeared in the papers seems a good one as no doubt this affair will be a matter of history in Social Reform and your pamphlet may probably become the authoritative reference on the subject.

Yours sincerely

(Signed) F. Henrietta Muller B. A.

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No 13
12 MAY 1899

To. His Excellency
The Right Honorable
The Governor in Council of
Fort Saint George
Madras

Through, The collector of
Tinnevelly

The humble petition of
S. Vedamurti Mudaliar B.A
Sub Registrar of Surandai
Tinnevelly district

Most respectfully sheweth:—

That your humble petitioner was a candidate for the Secretaryship of the Tuticorin Municipality, and that at the meeting of the Municipal Council held on the 29th of April 1899, one Mr Raphael Motha was elected by a small majority of 6 (of whom 4 are his own castemen) out of the full council of 16 Commissioners that met.

2. That the above elected candidate is a Matriculate, and without employment, and that he was able to secure this small majority, not from the fact of any of his qualifications but owing to the influence of four commissioners, one of whom being his own brother, and 3 others his near or distant cousins or castemen.

(3) That

Meads Maidenhead
July 11-1895

Dear Mr. Vedamurti Mudaliar,

I was pleased to hear from you that you are satisfied with the results of our endeavours last winter * * * I enclose a letter from Lady Henry Somerset in reply to your pamphlet and I hope to send some more later.

Yours sincerely
(Signed) F. Henrietta Muller B. A.

"The Madras Standard"
8th May 1897

Mr. S. Vedamurti Mudaliar B. A. Sub-Registrar of Pallambadi, has been transferred to Surandai in the Tinnevelly District. During his stay in the District these 4 years, he has won the esteem and good-will of the public. His transfer is a serious loss to this District but a gain to Tinnevelly.

(From our own Trichinopoly correspondent)

I have much pleasure to certify that S. Vedamurti Mudaliar B. A. was a student under me for two years in the philosophy section of the B. A. Class. He possesses respectable attainments in the subjects taught, and has led me to form a very favourable estimate of his general intelligence and abilities. His conduct in the class was throughout satisfactory and his character, as far as it is known, is excellent.

(Signed) P. Soondram Pillai M. A.
Professor of Philosophy
H. H. The Maharaja's College,
Trivandrum.
25th March 1889

Trivandrum
25-3-89

My Dear Mr. Vedamurti,

Though I expected you to pass higher, I congratulate you, nevertheless, on your success * * *. The certificate you wanted me to send is enclosed. I hope it will help you in life. Remember that in these hard days of keen competition, nothing can help a man so much as his character. I shall always be happy to hear from you.

With my best wishes,
I remain yours truly
(Signed) P. Soondram Pillay M. A.

Mr. S. Vedamurti Mudaliar is made of the proper stuff for the true worker. It was due to him that the subject of "public life and private character" was taken up by the Conference at all. And he spoke well and bravely. In thunderous voice and with lightning words he poured denunciation on "the drunkard and the debauchee" being allowed to take prominent part in any public movement.

"The Indian *Social Reformer*"
January 5-1895.

My experience of you was very short, and during that short period, I found you honorable and straightforward

(Signed) P. Krishnaswamy B.A.
Registrar Madras.

To

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The Right Honorable
The Governor in Council of
Fort Saint George
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2. That the above elected candidate is a Matriculate, and without employment, and that he was able to secure even this small majority, not from the fact of any of his qualifications but owing to the influence of four commissioners, one of whom being his own brother, and 3 others his near or distant cousins or castemen.

(3) That

3. That your petitioner humbly begs to draw the attention of the Government to the fact that they have declined to approve of the election of this Municipal Council, in the first instance, of the Manager of that office who is a matriculate, and in whose favour his long municipal experience may be counted over and above the qualifications of the candidate now elected, on the ground that better candidates should be available for the salary the post carried with it.

4. That, according to the rules of procedure that guided the meeting of the Council, a ballot was first taken in which every Councillor was asked to write not more than 3 names out of the whole lot of fifty and odd applications received for the post; and that in this ballot, your petitioner stood first scoring off 9 votes, while the candidate now elected got only 8; that although it was not the last ballot which decided the fate of candidates, it indicated the sense of the meeting in your petitioner's favour as he won a clear majority at first, and that, but for an alliance to put up the Manager of that office again as a candidate against whom the Government have already passed orders, your petitioner would have succeeded even in the second and concluding ballot when every councillor was called upon to vote for only one candidate and the result of which was as follows:—

Mr. Raphael Motha	6 votes
your petitioner	4 "
Manager of the office	4 "
A fourth candidate	1 "
One invalided	1 "
Total	16

5 That your petitioner is a gradudate of 11 years' standing & has undergone 3 years' course in Law, and that he puts in 6 years' service next July in the Registration department as sub Registrar, his present income being approximately Rs 80, and that he is working honestly and conscientiously and has already gained the goodwill of his superiors and the public which fact will be evident from the copy of the testimonials submitted herewith.

6. That your petitioner humbly pray that your Excellency will be graciously pleased to veto the election of the Council on the grounds of the elected candidate's educational disqualifications, incompetency

A Candidate for the Secre-
the Tuticorin Municipality

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and local influence, he being a native of the Town & four councillors being his relations, and confer the post on your petitioners for which act of justice your petitioners will ever pray.

He begs to remain
Your Excellency's
Most Humble & obedient
Servant
S. Vedamurti
Mudaliar
Sub Registrar

Surandai
Tinnevelly district
11 May 1899

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Submitted to Government, Local and Municipal Department in continuation of this office Dis no 889. G1 / 17-5-99

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Tinnevelly
19th May 1899 } 20 / 19-5-99

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