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THE PRESIDENT:—Gentlemen, we may as well begin. The first thing we have to do is to elect the members of the Standing Committee. The present members are: Mr. Pragasa Mudaliar, Mr. Varadappa Naidu, Mr. Lakshmana Charriar, Mr. Muzheruddin Sahib, Mr. Badsha Sahib, Mr. Sivangana Mudaliar. Mr. P. Subramania Iyer vacated his seat last month.

Messrs. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar	...	15	votes.
V. Varadappa Naidu	...	15	"
M. K. Lakshmana Charriar	...	14	"
Muzeruddin Sahib Bahadur	...	14	"
N. Appusundaram Pillai	...	14	"
P. M. Sivangnana Mudaliar	...	14	"
C. Tirumalayya Naidu	...	13	"

G.O. reviewing the Revised Estimate and Budget.

THE PRESIDENT:—The next business is the consideration of the G.O., No. 389 M., dated 17th March, 1899, reviewing the Revised Estimate for 1898-99 and the Budget for 1899-1900. There is nothing in this G.O. worth mentioning. The Government has cut down the proposed increase to the Manager by Rs. 50, but gave him Rs. 25. The Government also cut out Rs. 2 proposed by Surgeon-General pending further information, and also wanted some information with regard to the Superintendents of the Incinerator. I have answered all the points and I do not know if the Commissioners desire to say anything about the matter. On the whole, I think it is a very satisfactory order on the budget.

The G.O. was recorded.

The Lighting of the City.

THE PRESIDENT:—The next business is the Resolution of the Commissioners at their Meeting held on 29th March, 1899, deferring consideration of Mr. V. Vardappah Naidu's proposition to abolish the present system of lighting the City of Madras during moon-light nights and to adopt the old system. I have got the schedules prepared, but I have not had time to print them. I have got three schedules on different conditions. One is up to 12 midnight with five winter months, i.e., from October to March, when the lights will be lit from 6 to 12; and this gives you an increase of 15 hours which is very little. The next schedule is up to 12 midnight with three winter months October, November and December, when the lights will be lit at 6 o'clock. That gives you a decrease of 123 hours. The next one is up to 3 A.M. with five winter months from October to March, when lights will be lit at 6 o'clock. That gives you an increase of 778 hours, that is, 40 per cent. Then there is also the 4th schedule which provides for lighting up to 3 A.M. with only three winter months. That gives you an increase of 556 hours. The Commissioner of Police writes thus:—"I see from a Notice in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 11th Instant, that a General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners of the City of Madras is to be held on Monday, the 24th April 1899, to consider a proposition by Mr. Varadappa Naidu, to abolish the present system of lighting the City of Madras during moon-light nights, and to adopt the old system. I have the honor to request that you will be so good, in connection with the matter, to inform the Commissioners that in the interests and safety of the public, I consider that the Municipal lamps should be kept lighted up to 3 A.M. on dark nights and from 6 to 10 P.M. daily, whether there be moon-light or not during the time of the monsoon from October to March." The schedule that meets his view is the whole time lighting with five winter months, which gives you an increase of 40 per cent. The best thing I can do is to have all these printed and circulated.

MR. VARADAPPA NAIDU:—In the meantime why should we waste money in lighting our lamps on moon-light nights?

THE PRESIDENT:—You may go back to the old system until this question is settled.

MR. VARADAPPA NAIDU:—I beg to propose, "that until the schedules have been circulated and the question finally disposed of, the old system of lighting up to 3 A.M. by schedule be reverted to."

MR. C. THIRUMALAYYA NAIDU seconded the proposition.

MR. W. D. SMITH:—Does this mean that we should have no lights on moon-light nights?

THE PRESIDENT:—Yes. I can get these schedules out next week and the question can be disposed of at the next general meeting.

The proposition was put to the vote and carried.

The Proceedings of the Standing Committee.

THE PRESIDENT:—The next business is the consideration of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 17th March, 1899. I think there is nothing in these proceedings except the drainage estimates. The Commissioners have got an idea that these drainage estimates ought not to have been disposed of by the Standing Committee. As a matter of fact, the Standing Committee disposed of the estimates only as estimates and not as a scheme. In my letter to Government forwarding

the budget, I said that the Commissioners were prepared to lay down the main the whole way, from Mylapore to Black Town. This is what I wrote. "The chief expenditure on drainage will be the iron main from Mylapore to the northern extremity—this will probably cost seven lakhs the balance will be expended in Chintadripet, and North Triplicane or as the Commissioners may decide." In the G.O. they say "In the meantime the proposal of the Municipal Commissioners to undertake at once the construction of the iron main from Mylapore to the northern extremity of the town and to borrow twelve lakhs in the open market for this purpose and for carrying out the drainage of Chintadripet and North Triplicane, is approved."

MR. THEAGARAYA CHETTY:—There is another sentence after that.

THE PRESIDENT:—That is all. The reason why I have suggested all along Chintadripet and North Triplicane is because you can clean the Cooum. That is how we prepared the estimate, but if the Commissioners wish to have it in any other way, they can have it. These estimates provide, for the main being laid down the whole way from Mylapore to Black Town and also provide for Chintadripet and North Triplicane and portions of South Triplicane. Egmore and Komaleeswarenpet are not touched. Chulai is touched so far as the estimates provide for the machinery at D'Mellow's Road station. Chulai has had already Rs. 23,000 spent on it out of the big scheme for Thacker's Street drain and Sydenham's Road drain. The only ones that will not be touched are Egmore, Komaleeswarenpet, Tondiarpet and Royapuram. My sole reason for taking up Chintadripet and North Triplicane as well as a bit in South Triplicane from Ice House Road is that we can clear the Cooum as far as possible of the sewage and we will be in a position to go to Government and say "Your scheme for cutting a canal from the sea for flushing the Cooum is not necessary, as we have cleaned out the Cooum and we are entitled to ask you to give us some money." I suppose you will now accept the estimates for the main and the question you have got to decide is what else you want done. These estimates come to 13 lakhs.

MR. P. THEAGARAYA CHETTY:—I would like to know now that you have made an estimate for the main which will take the sewage to the Black Town farm whether you have provided for extending that farm?

THE PRESIDENT:—Yes. All that is in the big estimate.

MR. THEAGARAYA CHETTY:—You mean in these 13 lakhs.

THE PRESIDENT:—No. We have enough of land there for this sewage. It is only when we divert everything we would have to extend it more.

MR. THEAGARAYA CHETTY:—Now you have enough land only for what you send in there.

THE PRESIDENT:—We have any amount there.

MR. THEAGARAYA CHETTY:—If you are to divert all the sewage that goes into the Cooum you must extend the farm.

THE PRESIDENT:—We have plenty of room.

MR. VENKATARAMANJULU NAIDU:—Do you divert all the sewage that goes into the Cooum?

THE PRESIDENT:—Yes, every drop of the sewage that goes into the Cooum through Triplicane and Chintadripet.

MR. VENKATARAMANJULU NAIDU:—There is still the nuisance of the sewage going into the Cooum from Komaleeswarenpet.

THE PRESIDENT:—Not so much. We have diverted the sewage of the biggest drain, namely, that of Sydenham's Road.

MR. THEAGARAYA CHETTY:—When I look into the old estimate I find that the sewage of Chintadripet and North Triplicane requires an extension of 70 acres. You do not touch Egmore but you are draining Chulai which requires an extension of 38.

THE PRESIDENT:—That is when we do away with the D'Mellow's Road farm. This does not provide for the piece of land along the Basin Bridge Road.

MR. THEAGARAYA CHETTY:—Are you going to have a sewage farm there?

THE PRESIDENT:—Yes, I think it is better to have it there.

MR. THEAGARAYA CHETTY:—The Committee thought it best to have it at one end.

THE PRESIDENT:—We can do that. We can go on taking up more. We are going to take up more lands to-morrow. We have got the land north of the channel in our hands. All that is provided for is the Commissariat land.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—It is better to send the estimates in circulation as it is an important matter.

THE PRESIDENT:—It is a very important matter. We have got the tenders for the main.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—Before we pass this finally I think it is better that we know something more about it. The estimates may, therefore, be sent in circulation.

MR. VENKATARAMANJULU NAIDU:—So that the Commissioners may eventually decide the question.

THE PRESIDENT:—Certainly, it is a matter to be decided by the Commissioners.

It was resolved that the estimates for the drainage be circulated.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—In page 5 in regard to Proceedings No. 16 which relate to the reforming of roads I would like to have some information. There are 3 persons for the contract No. II and there are 4 persons for the contract No. III. Chinnababu Maistry who does not appear to be the lowest tenderer got both. I would like to know why it is so. Is his tender considered to be the lowest?

THE PRESIDENT:—It is considered to be the most advantageous. The Standing Committee made a rule that the reform Contractor should have no other contract such as carting materials, &c. You will find that he has nothing but reform.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—It seems to me that Krishnamachari's tender is 20 or 21 per cent. cheaper than the other one. You will see that his tender for laying down materials for 100 c. ft. is 7 annas 6 pies. Taking 3" road it will be 3 annas 9 pies per square, in regard to Chinnababu Maistry, for watering and tamping, whereas the other man makes it 3 annas 3 pies.

THE PRESIDENT:—It was worked out that he was the cheapest.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—That is not so. It seems to me that there is something wrong in the calculation. I think you took the lowest.

THE PRESIDENT:—Yes we did, but not all through.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—In these two you took the lowest.

THE PRESIDENT:—I expect these were the lowest. He must be the lowest in the next, his being 5 annas against 5 annas 9 pies.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—You will find that for laying out materials for one square is only one-fourth of that.

THE PRESIDENT:—He has got to lay down 100 c. ft.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—No, per square. That is the mistake which the Department ought to have pointed out to you. There should be laying down per square as there is the watering per square and there is the tamping per square. If it is 3" road, according to the first one, that is the 5 annas rate, it will be 1 anna 6 pies per square.

THE PRESIDENT:—I see what you mean. They calculated it at 100 c. ft. instead of per square. I will have it gone into. Of course I cannot do anything as the tenders have gone out.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—I don't want you to do anything but I simply want to point out the mistake. The man's tender has been accepted; it is better that the mistake is pointed out to the department. I cannot say whether this is wilfully done or not. But, however, a blunder has been committed with the consequence, that we have to spend 20 or 23 per cent. more than we would otherwise do. Then there is another thing. When it was said that the roads would be done under the liability system, I thought it would be cheaper. But here it is 30 per cent. dearer for material and I will tell you why it is so.

THE PRESIDENT:—Why.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—If you look at the specifications for the two, you will see the difference. There is the specification for the Penitentiary contract and the specification for this. If you will look at the two, you will find that both are not alike. Under the liability system, certain conditions are put which terrified everybody and nobody came forward except two; but with regard to the Penitentiary, the conditions were very much more favourable to the parties and much lower rates were given. I do not see why that difference should have been made between these two. Will you please look into these two specifications? If you work the north range under the liability system, it will cost us 30 per cent. more than it would otherwise cost, simply because a little difference has been made in this specification. I hope you will ask the department why there should be this difference in the specification. In the meantime you will put off this subject. Of course the contract will go on.

With the exception of resolutions Nos. 3—1 to VI, 16, and 19 the proceedings were recorded.

The meeting then terminated.

Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the City of Madras, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Wednesday, the 29th March, 1899, at 3-15 P.M., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

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The Revenue Officer's pay.

THE PRESIDENT :—Gentlemen, the first business before the meeting is the G.O., No. 312 M. Mis., dated 7th March 1899, sanctioning the carriage allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem to the Revenue Officer, but declining to reconsider the order regarding the increment to his salary.

MR. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY :—I suppose we can only record it.

THE PRESIDENT :—I do not see how you can do any more. The only thing is to wait till next year.

The G.O. was recorded.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee.

THE PRESIDENT :—The next business is the consideration of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 16th February and 3rd March 1899. The only thing in these proceedings is the loan of 1½ lakhs of rupees for the market. Resolution No. 5 of the Proceedings, dated 16th February 1899, is "Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 2nd February 1899, submitting an estimate for Rs. 1,50,000 for completing the remaining three sides of the Moore Market as it is important that the extension should be done at an early date to prevent uneven settlement between the old and the new works. The loan be recommended."

I think it would not take long if I give you a short history of this market from the commencement. One of the Commissioners says that the matter requires due consideration as the amount now required is $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs more than what was originally estimated. That is evidently not quite understanding the position of affairs. The original estimate was Rs. 3,78,000 and the Commissioners said that they would work with a lakh to begin with, so that to say that the original amount estimate was only one lakh is not quite correct. The original commencement of the matter resulted in the appointment of a committee. That committee submitted a report, which was considered by the Commissioners on 2nd December 1895, when the following resolution was proposed: "That the detailed plans and estimates of both plans be prepared and Rs. 800 be provided for the purpose in the Revised Estimate." To this an amendment was proposed and carried "that for 'both plans' substitute 'plan No. 2,' and for 'Rs. 800,' 'Rs. 500.'"

That plan was prepared which came up before the Commissioners on the 18th December 1896, when the following resolution was passed: "That the detailed plans and estimates for the new market be considered on the hypothesis that a sum of one lakh be spent upon it, so that further extensions may, from time to time, be made when funds are available and that a loan of one lakh of rupees, bearing interest at 4 per cent. per annum, repayable in 50 years, be raised." There was an amendment to this resolution that it should be raised to $2\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs but that was lost. The Commissioners will thus see that one lakh was not the whole estimate; but we only started the work with that amount. We have now spent that lakh and we therefore come to you now to complete the four sides of the market for which we require $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs. This addition will give us 52 stalls with godowns (10×10 feet), 122 stalls without godowns inside, and 120 stalls in the verandahs all round where we propose to have vegetables and fruits. I calculate that 52 stalls with godowns will yield an income of Rs. 20 per mensem each, 120 stalls without godowns will yield Rs. 10 per mensem each, 120 stalls outside will fetch about Rs. 5 per mensem each, giving a total of Rs. 34,080 per year. The sinking fund and interest on the whole loan of $2\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs, if you sanction this loan of $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs amount to Rs. 10,000 per year. The net income from the General Market which we would lose is about Rs. 11,000. Putting these two together the amount we would lose will be Rs. 21,000. The amount that I have just given you, viz., Rs. 34,080 as the income from the market is the lowest possible estimate, and I have no doubt you will get a great deal more. We will require Rs. 2,000 a year to work this market. Deducting Rs. 23,000 from the estimated income we will have Rs. 11,000—an amount that we now get from the General Market. I think the General Market can be kept going as a subsidiary one and we may get half of what we now get from it. I do not think that financially we will be in a worse position than we are. We have already had an offer from some man of Rs. 20 per stall.

MR. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY:—Does he propose to take all the stalls?

THE PRESIDENT:—The stalls will have to be completed.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—Before any proposition is moved I should like to get some information. You will find in the papers that if only the godowns are completed without building the whole thing entirely the cost will only come to Rs. 80,000 or Rs. 90,000.

THE PRESIDENT:—Then you would not have the stalls.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—It is well that the Commissioners know that fact, because some of them may think that godowns would be enough for the present.

THE PRESIDENT:—Godowns are of no use without stalls. At present we have 21 stalls with godowns.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—I beg to propose the following resolution: "That a loan of Rs. 1,50,000 be raised for the purpose bearing interest at 4 per cent. repayable in 50 years with a Sinking Fund of Rs. 1,140." I am very diffident in putting forward this proposition. I believe you will all remember that when the question of having a new market was mooted I was one of those who very strongly objected to any market being built or any sum of money being spent on it. But the majority decided otherwise. We have already spent one lakh and if we do not complete it, the money spent will be a loss to us. Under these circumstances there is no other alternative but to go in for a fresh loan and to complete what we have begun.

MR. P. M. SIVANGNANA MUDALIAR seconded the resolution.

MR. SUBBIAH CHETTY:—Why should we raise the whole loan at once?

THE PRESIDENT:—It is much better to raise the whole thing. We can finish the market by the end of this year, once we have the money to go on with.

MR. SUBBIAH CHETTY:—If we have the money in hand, we will lose the interest.

THE PRESIDENT:—We will not raise the loan until we are prepared to spend it. We would not raise it until we are in a position to raise the loan of 12 lakhs for the drainage.

DEWAN BAHADUR V. KRISHNAMACHARIAR:—If you do not complete the market what we have spent will be a loss.

The resolution was put to the vote and carried.

The rest of the proceedings were recorded.

THE PRESIDENT:—I think you may congratulate yourselves. I am perfectly certain that you will find the market a paying concern.

The Lighting of the City.

MR. V. VARADAPAH NAIDU:—I beg to move the following resolution of which I gave notice: "That the present system of lighting the City of Madras during moonlight nights be abolished and the old system be adopted." This is a proposition on which I need say very little. It needs no argument to prove that lighting on moonlight nights is useless. Practically every Commissioner knows that it is a useless thing and it is better that we go back to the old system.

MR. S. SUBBIAH CHETTY:—I have great pleasure in seconding this proposition. I am the first to admit if we have really committed a mistake, that we have committed a mistake. From the experience I have had of lighting on moonlight nights, it is just like holding a candle to the moon. I think it is a dead waste of money to continue the present system of lighting any longer. I think that we should revert to the old system at once.

THE PRESIDENT:—I quite agree in what was said, so far as the present season is concerned, but I think it would be better to light the lamps from 6 to 9 p.m. during the months of October to December. We can go back to the old system from the 1st of April and the question can be brought up at the end of the year. I certainly think that lighting now from 6 to 9 p.m. is absolutely unnecessary, though in the winter months it will be necessary.

MR. W. D. SMITH:—You can ask the Commissioner of Police to compel the carriage lights to be lit at 6 p.m.

THE PRESIDENT:—When the police took up cases before Magistrates they said that they could not inflict any punishment as the Municipality itself would not light the lamps at 6 o'clock.

MR. W. D. SMITH:—Only 3 or 4 weeks had elapsed since we introduced this change and at the end of this short period, a resolution is brought forward to knock the thing on the head. I think this resolution ought to be knocked on the head.

MR. N. SUBRAMANIAM:—I quite agree in saying that there is a lot of waste of oil and money in lighting the lamps when the moon is very nearly full. We don't get strong light when the moon is only 4 or 5 days old and sets about 9 p.m. According to the old system we call such nights moonlight nights and the streets will not be lighted. There is only just enough light to make us see that there is a moon. But the moonlight is not enough to light our path. I think, therefore, there ought to be some system combining the old and the new systems, the object being that when the moon sets before 10 p.m., our streets should be lit.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—The proposition says that we go back to the old system. The old system is regulated according to the rising of the moon.

MR. N. SUBRAMANIAM:—According to the old system, if the moon sets about 9 o'clock, we do not light the streets from 6 to 9. I do not want to keep the present system in its entirety, but we must have some adaptation by which our street lamps would be lit, when the moon sets before 10 p.m. That would be advantageous to all people.

THE PRESIDENT:—Then we will have to prepare a new Schedule.

Mr. E. NORTON:—Let us have a committee on the moon.

Mr. GURUSAWMY CHETTY:—It would be more expedient to revert to the old system at once.

LT.-COL. MAITLAND:—We made the change in regard to lighting only short time ago and it is now proposed that we should suddenly turn round to our former position. I think it would be much better, if, instead of going back to the old system, we start in a proper direction, as suggested by Mr. N. Subramaniam.

THE PRESIDENT:—Will Mr. Varadappa Naidu consent to have his proposition deferred, pending the preparation of a Schedule?

Mr. V. VARADAPPA NAIDU:—Yes.

The consideration of the question was then deferred pending the preparation of a new Schedule for lighting the streets so that on faint moonlight nights the lamps should be lit and that from October till February the lamps be lit every night at 6 P.M.

The meeting then terminated.

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS of a GENERAL MEETING of the MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS for the CITY of MADRAS, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Wednesday the 29th March 1899, at 5-15 P.M., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

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No. 1.

G.O., No. 312 M., Mis., dated 7th March 1899.
sanctioning the carriage allowance of Rs 50 per mensem to the Revenue Officer, but declining to reconsider the order regarding the increment to his salary.

Recorded.

No. 2.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 16th February and 3rd March 1899.

With reference to resolution No. 5 of the Proceedings dated 16th February 1899, viz.:—

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 2nd February 1899, submitting an estimate for Rs. 1,50,000 for completing the remaining three sides of the Moore Market as it is important that the extension should be done at an early date to prevent uneven settlement between the old and the new works.

Recommended that a loan be raised.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal and seconded by M.R.Ry. P. M. Sivangana Mudaliar Avargal—

"That a loan of Rs. 1,50,000 be raised for the purpose bearing interest at 4 per cent. repayable in fifty years with a Sinking Fund of Rs. 1,140."

Carried.

The rest of the proceedings were recorded.

No. 3.

M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Naidu Garu moved the following resolution of which he had given notice—

"That the present system of lighting the City of Madras during moonlight nights be abolished and the old system be adopted."

M.R.Ry. S. Subbayya Chetty Garu seconded.

Deferred pending the preparation of a new schedule for lighting the streets so that on faint moonlight nights the lamps should be lit and that from October till February the lamps be lit every night at 6 P.M.

The meeting terminated.

G. M. J. MOORE, Lieut.-Col.,
President, Municipal Commission.

Municipal Office, Madras,
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MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS of a GENERAL MEETING of the MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS for the CITY of MADRAS, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Monday the 24th April 1899, at 5-15 p.m., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT :

The Hon'ble Lieut.-Colonel Sir George Moore, *Kt.*, c.i.e., President.
H. Ormerod, Esq.
M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. P. M. Appaswami Pillai Avargal.
M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal.
Cawasjee Eduljee, Esq.
M.R.Ry. Salla Gurusawmy Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. S. Subbaya Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. P. M. Sivangnana Mudaliar Avargal.
Mahomed Sheriff Khan Bahadur.
M.R.Ry. P. V. Kistnasawmy Chetty Garu.
M.R.Ry. N. Appusundaram Pillay Avargal.
M.R.Ry. C. S. Theagaroya Mudaliar Avargal.
E. H. Elliot, Esq.
Mir Muzheruddin Sahib Bahadur.
J. DeCaster, Esq.
M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Naidu Garu.
M.R.Ry. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Naidu Garu.
M.R.Ry. V. Masilamani Pillay Avargal.
M.R.Ry. M. K. Lakshmana Charriar Avargal.
M.R.Ry. Rai Bahadur A. Dhanakoti Mudaliar Avargal.
W. D. Smith, Esq.
Major F. J. Crawford, I.M.S.
M.R.Ry. C. Tirumalayya Naidu Garu.
M.R.Ry. G. Subramania Iyer Avargal.

No. 1.

Election of the Members of the Standing Committee.

The Commissioners having proceeded to elect by ballot seven members of the Standing Committee, the following gentlemen were elected and obtained the number of votes opposite their names :—

	No. of Votes.
M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal	15
M.R. Ry. V. Varadappa Naidu Garu	15
M.R.Ry. P. M. Sivangnana Mudaliar Avargal	14
M.R.Ry. N. Appusundaram Pillai Avargal	14
Mir Muzheruddin Sahib Bahadur	14
M.R.Ry. M. K. Lakshmana Chariar Avargal	14
M.R.Ry. C. Tirumalayya Naidu Garu	13

No. 2.

G.O., No. 389 M., dated 17th March 1899 reviewing the Revised Estimate for 1898-99 and the Budget for 1899-1900.

Recorded.

No. 3.

Resolution of the Commissioners at their meeting held on 29th March 1899 deferring consideration of Mr. V. Varadappa Naidu's proposition to abolish the present system of lighting the City of Madras during moon-light nights and to adopt the old system.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Naidu Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. C. Tirumalayya Naidu Garu—

"That until the schedules have been circulated and the question finally disposed of the old system of lighting to 3 a.m. by schedule be reverted to."

Carried.

No. 4.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 17th March 1899.

Resolution No. 3—I to VI, that the estimates for the drainage be circulated.

Resolution Nos. 16 and 19 deferred.

The rest of the proceedings were recorded.

The Meeting terminated.

G. M. J. MOORE, Lieut.-Colonel,
President, Municipal Commission.

Municipal Office, Madras,
April 1899.

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G. No. 170.

General Department,

Madras, 28 June 1899.

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

~~THE HON'BLE LIUT. COL. SIR GEORGE MOORE, RT., C. I. D.,~~

Ag. President, Municipal Commission.



To

The Secretary to Government,

Local and Municipal Department,

SIR,

Fort St. George.

Enclosures

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I have the honour to submit herewith for the
information of Government full proceedings as also
copies of abstract proceedings of Meetings of the
Commissioners held on 29th March and 24th April 1899.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

R. E. Ellis

Ag. President, Munl. Commn.

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