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GOVERNMENT OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

NOTICES FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1899, AT 12 O'CLOCK.

(1) *Additional Members.*

The Secretary reports that the following gentlemen take their seats as Additional Members of Council:—

The Hon'ble Mr. F. A. NICHOLSON, C.I.E.
" " Mr. C. E. P. VANS AGNEW.
" " Mr. E. NORTON.
" " M.R.Ry. G. VENKATARATNAM PANTULU Garu.
" " " P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal.
" " " C. JAMBULINGAM MUDALIYAR Avargal, Rao Bahadur.
" " " C. VIJAYABAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal.
" " " V. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR Avargal, C.I.E., Diwan Bahadur.

(2) *Questions.*

With the permission of His Excellency the President—

The Hon'ble the RAJA OF BOBBILI asks the following questions:—

I. Will the Government be pleased to consider the advisability of granting to the leading Unions in the Presidency the right of electing to a seat on the Taluk Board one, at least, of the members of each Union? Ltr

The Hon'ble the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—

II. Will the Government be pleased to grant to the tax-payers under every Taluk Board the right of electing a certain proportion of the members of such Board, —the electors to be subject to the same property qualifications as in Municipalities? Do

The Hon'ble the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—

III. Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of granting to the tax-payers and inhabitants of the most prominent Unions the right of electing the members of those Unions as in the case of Municipalities? Do

The Hon'ble the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—

IV. Will the Government be pleased to grant to the members of the leading Unions in the Presidency the right of electing their Chairman? Do

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

I to IV. The Government does not consider that the inhabitants of rural tracts are yet sufficiently advanced to appreciate and avail themselves of the elective franchise with advantage to the administration.

The Hon'ble the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—

V. Is the Government aware of the fact that the same Deputy Tahsildars who assess income-tax generally hear appeals against their own assessment ?

The Hon'ble the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—

VI. Will the Government be pleased to direct that appeals in such cases should be heard by a Divisional officer or in a Civil Court ?

The Hon'ble the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—

VII. Will the Government be pleased to consider it right that our zamindari children under the Court of Wards should be taught and trained to the satisfaction of our community ? If so, will the Government be pleased to appoint a committee of zamindars and native gentlemen of position who shall act as visitors with power to report to the Court of Wards the results of their visitation to the Madras establishment for the minors under the Court of Wards ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

VII. The Honourable Member's suggestions will be communicated to the Court of Wards in whom the supervision of the minors during their term of wardship is vested by law.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

VIII. (*a*) With reference to my question No. VI put at the meeting of the Council on the 6th June 1899 on the subject of the water-works at Trichinopoly, and the G.O. thereon, Mis. No. 1062 M., dated 26th July 1899, I beg to ask whether Government is aware that the filtration wells have again failed, and that during the last two months or thereabouts the ordinary unfiltered flood water of the Cauvery is being pumped and distributed to the town by pipes ?

(*b*) Will Government be pleased to state what steps are proposed to be taken in the matter ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

VIII. (*a*) The answer to the first part of this question is in the negative.

(*b*) The second part of the question, therefore, requires no answer.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

IX. With reference to the complaints made to Government by several municipalities on the great fall in their revenue by the operation of the amended schedule on the tax on arts and professions, and the contemplated amendment of the schedule, will Government be pleased to consider the desirability of affording speedy relief in the matter, and to state when the proposed measure is likely to be brought forward ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

IX. The matter is under the consideration of Government.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

X. (*a*) With reference to question No. X, clause (*d*), put by me at the meeting of the Council held on the 6th June 1899 on the subject of defining by rules the position of Municipal Secretaries in relation to their Chairmen, will Government be pleased to state whether any action has been taken in the matter ?

(*b*) Whether, in view of the friction generally existing between Secretaries and their Chairmen, Government will be pleased to take into consideration the desirability of amending the law in such manner as may be found necessary ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

X. (*a*) The Collectors of certain districts have been asked to suggest a set of rules on the subject, and their replies are awaited.

(*b*) Without admitting the assumption in this part of the question the Government will await the result of the working of the rules referred to in the answer to the first part of this question before considering the desirability of amending the law.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XI. Whether, in view of the fact that there are at present no rules for the guidance of Municipal Councils in electing their Secretaries, will Government be pleased to frame rules on the subject on the lines of the rules now in force in regard to the election of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, providing, among other things, for the securing by the successful candidate a clear majority of more than half the votes of the entire council ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XI. The matter will be considered.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XII. (*a*) Has the attention of Government been drawn to the following extract quoted by the *Hindu* in its issue of the 19th September 1899 from the order of a Sessions Judge in this Presidency, passed in receiving an appeal presented by an accused person who had been convicted of perjury in having made two contradictory statements on oath ? —

"Appeal admitted. But as to appellant's action (in committing perjury by two contradictory statements, in consequence of which a guilty person had been acquitted) whether criminal or not, it was a serious blunder. It has caused apparently the acquittal of a guilty person. I will not hear the appeal until he produces a certificate from Mr. . . . . that he has petitioned for an appeal by Government against the acquittal of a guilty person or persons whom appellant's stupidity caused to escape unconvicted and unpunished.

(Signed) . . . . . .
Sessions Judge."

(*b*) Is Government aware whether any and what notice has been taken of the above procedure by the High Court ?

(*c*) If Government has no information on the matter, will it be pleased to call for the same ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XII. (*a*) Government has now perused the article in question.

(*b*) Government has no information on the subject.

(*c*) Government sees no reason to call for any information on the matter.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XIII. (*a*) Is Government aware of the recent orders of the Board of Revenue in July 1899 to the effect that no person can be appointed to posts in the Revenue Department carrying a salary of upwards of Rs. 35 per mensem unless he has had a training as revenue inspector for a period of twelve months ?

(*b*) Was Government consulted by the Board before the orders were issued, and does it approve of the same ?

(*c*) Is Government aware that revenue inspectors on Rs. 35 and Rs. 40 per mensem have to keep conveyances for touring in their ranges, and incur other expenses incidental to travelling, while they are not paid any travelling allowances, and does Government consider that in the face of such demands on their purse, these officers will be able to keep themselves above temptation?

(*d*) Is compulsory training in such posts, before promotion to the superior appointments of Deputy Tahsildars, Tahsildars and Sub-Magistrates, &c., conducive to official morality?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XIII. (*a*) & (*b*) The Board's instructions were in accordance with the principle enunciated in G.O., No. 413, Revenue, dated 27th July 1898, which was founded on the Government of India Resolution published in the *Gazette of India* on the Proceedings of the Agricultural Conferences of 1893 and 1895-96. The Government Order will be placed on the Editors' table.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Government declines to express an opinion.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal:—

XIV. With reference to the strictures of Government passed year after year in its review of the administration reports of municipalities in general, that the registration of vital statistics in them is not satisfactory, will Government be pleased to state upon what standard these remarks are based, and whether it will advise the municipalities as to how the registration of births and deaths is to be improved?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XIV. The average birth and death rate for the Presidency according to the last census is taken as the standard. With reference to the latter part of the question, the Honourable Member is referred to G.O., No. 926 M., dated 17th May 1898.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal:—

XV. With reference to the report of the Hon'ble Dr. D. Duncan, Commissioner for Government Examinations, for the year 1898-99 that the Upper Secondary examination has been in existence for nine years, that only thirty candidates have up to date rendered themselves eligible for superior services under Government, and that the examination has served no useful purpose, will Government be pleased to take into consideration the desirability of abolishing the examination?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XV. No; not at present. The concession of bringing up a vernacular as their first language now enjoyed by female candidates has just been extended to male candidates. The effect of this change will be awaited.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal:—

XVI. (*a*) Will Government be pleased to state whether any and what arrangements are in force for the sanitation of Vaidísvarankóyil, a station on the South Indian Railway in the district of Tanjore?

(*b*) Is it a fact that although there are ten tanks in the village which contains upwards of 1,000 houses, not one is conserved but that all the tanks are used indiscriminately for drinking, bathing and washing of clothes and cattle, &c.?

(*c*) In view of the fact that the place is resorted to by large numbers of pilgrims and worshippers every month, will Government be pleased to take into consideration the desirability of establishing a union in it?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XVI. (*a*) A provision of Rs. 40 has been made in the Local Board's budget for the current year to meet the cost of making sanitary arrangements at fairs and festivals in this village.

(*b*) The Government has no information on this subject.

(*c*) The District Board will be requested to report on this suggestion.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal:—

XVII. (*a*) Has Government perused the paragraph in the *Madras Standard* of the 19th October 1899, headed "A Tale from Tinnevelly," from which it appears that a midwife, attached to a dispensary near the railway station at Tinnevelly, complained to the District Medical and Sanitary Officer that the prosecuting inspector of police had made improper overtures to her, that her complaint was forwarded by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer to the Taluk Board President, ... who held a departmental enquiry, found that the complaint was well founded and reported the matter to the Superintendent of Police, that the Superintendent objected that the Taluk Board President's proceedings were *ultra vires*, and that the District Magistrate concurring, ordered that the midwife should complain to the proper authorities?

(*b*) Was not the dispensary to which the midwife had been attached under the control of the President of the Taluk Board, and was not that officer entitled as such to hold an enquiry into the complaint of the midwife?

(*c*) Will Government be pleased to call for a report upon the matter, and deal with it in such manner as may be deemed fit?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XVII. (*a*) The Government has now perused the paragraph referred to.

(*b*) & (*c*) Government has no information on the matter and sees no reason to call for any.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal:—

XVIII. (*a*) Is it a fact that one Pera Sinnanna Nadar of Sivakási despatched the following telegram on the 5th of June 1889, *i.e.*, the day preceding the riots at that place to the Superintendent of Police of Tinnevelly?—

"After honour's visit here on the 31st May, I hear Iyempati, Karvisalkulam, Kongankulam, Kattanarpati, Satisarati, Anciкuttam are plundered day time by Maravars, Kallars, Pallars being helped by other caste people. Pushakavatti, two miles from here, was plundered yesterday. My caste people only sustain loss. Notice to the effect that Sivakási will be plundered on the 6th, Tuesday, is known. My caste people fear, as no precautions, and after attempts, are taken by native officials here to the people whose properties are plundered. I have seen mobs 200—300 in number. I humbly crave honour to take immediate steps before plunder and murder. Notwithstanding crying for protection of person and property, by wire and petitions, your honour didn't believe the facts; but if your honour be pleased to stay here for a few days, evidence will be personally known. There will be no plunder and murder at all if your honour be pleased to arrest Vellia Thevan *alias* Veerappa Thevan, Naduvapatti, and Vandar Arumugam Pillai, Sivakási."

(*b*) Is it a fact that the same person despatched on the same date, *i.e.*, the day preceding the date of the riots at Sivakási, the following telegram to the District Magistrate, Tinnevelly?—

"I crave honour sufficient protection of person and property is indispensable to Sivakási Nadars from marauding of Maravars and their addition which will commence 6th, Tuesday morning, as several adjoining villages have been plundered and their booties are carried in carts only in day time. Government native officials here take no steps before or after. Honour's presence with Police Superintendent is indispensable here for a week at least from Monday. Cause of plunder and murder by Maravars and their addition in several villages is higher authorities disbelieving telegrams and petitions of my innocent caste people at beginning but believing words and tricks of Government native officials here. There will be no plunder and murder elsewhere, if Vendar Arumugam Pillai, Vellia Thevan Naduvapatti are arrested. Sivakási Nadars tremble that mobs have fixed Tuesday for their plunder and murder as the mobs have already fulfilled their mischiefs in several villages according to their words. Precaution is indispensable before plunder and murder."

(*c*) Is it a fact that the Assistant Superintendent of Police of Tinnevelly recommended towards the end of April last, that a Magistrate should be stationed at Sivakási in view of the strained relation between the Shanars and other classes, and what action was taken upon such recommendation if it had been made?

(*d*) Is it a fact that the District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police visited Sivakási on the 31st May and the 5th June 1899, and that the Police Inspector, Parthasaradhi Aiyangar, had reported to them that Sivakási would possibly be attacked on the 6th of June 1899?

(*e*) What was the Police force available at Sivakási on the day of the riots, and what part did they take in the suppression of the riots?

(*f*) Is the following opening speech of Mr. Sankaran Nair, Government Pleader, made in the Court of the Additional Sessions Judge of Tinnevelly in the trial of Sivakási rioters, Vadigada Thevan and 92 others, correctly reported by the *Madras Mail* in its issue of the 13th October 1899?—

"The situation was considered so serious that the Sub-Magistrate of Virudupatti was stationed at Sivakási till about the end of May. From the end of April negotiations were going on between the Shanars and Maravars in view to an amicable settlement of the dispute but to no purpose. The missionaries of Sachiapuram did what they could, but the Maravars insisting on the exclusion of the Shanars from the temple nothing came of it. But they obtained pledges of immunity for themselves—pledges that were faithfully kept. Towards the end of May, matters became more serious. From acts of lawlessness on the part of individual Maravars and Shanars, it came to a matter of riots between the Maravars as a class and Shanars as a class. The public roads were rendered unsafe and villages were attacked wholesale and all sorts of serious offences were perpetrated. The first of such riots attended with dacoity, &c., occurred on the 23rd May and cases continued to occur on the following days. On the 24th, 26th, 27th, 29th and 30th villages were thus attacked. On the 31st May two villages were attacked, two others again on the 1st June, four on the 2nd June, three on the 4th June, two on the 5th June and four on the 6th June, exclusive of the big riot at Sivakási. A point about these riots was that the earlier riots occurred at night; but, owing apparently to the fact that the inquiries made into these earlier riots were not efficiently full and complete to observe the rioters, the latter became more and more bold and reckless and from midnight dacoities they ventured on broad daylight dacoities. On these occasions it was only the Shanars who were attacked, the other classes either joining the attacking force in the plunder or quietly looking on. The Nadars meanwhile were not idle but were keeping the authorities informed by telegrams of their fears. From the 26th May such telegrams were being sent to the District Magistrate, the Superintendent of Police and the Deputy Magistrate. The prosecution case was that the authorities were, as a matter of fact, kept informed of what was alleged to be going on. The question whether the information conveyed ought or ought not to have impressed the authorities with the seriousness of situation was one with which the prosecution was not concerned. The prosecution was content to show that the plans for the attack on Sivakási were long maturing, that the ringleaders concerned were acting openly, and that the very day and the hour of the intended attack were known previously. Besides the Shanars, the Christian Missionaries were aware of what was going on, and what was to take place at Sivakási. There were on the spot a Sub-Magistrate and a Police Inspector, they knew of what was going on. They kept the Divisional Magistrate informed of the state of things and they told the District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police that Sivakási was to be attacked on the 6th June. The Sub-Magistrate officially, within whose jurisdiction lay the villages that were attacked before the 5th June, had informed the Divisional Magistrate that all these attacks were due to the feeling against Sivakási Shanars, and it was also on record that these attacks before the 6th June were by the smaller gangs that were gathering for the attack of Sivakási. The information was available early enough, in point of time and with sufficient fullness as to details to support the prosecution case that the attack was deliberately planned and carried out."

(*g*) With reference to the matters disclosed in clauses (*a*) to (*f*) of this question, will Government be pleased to state whether any and what precautionary measures were taken by the district authorities for the purposes of preventing the riots?

(*h*) Will Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points?—

(i) Number of persons killed at Sivakási on the 6th June 1899, the date of the riots.

(ii) Number of persons fatally wounded on the above date, and who died subsequently.

(iii) Number of persons wounded on the above date, but subsequently recovered.

(iv) Number of houses and other buildings burnt or otherwise destroyed at Sivakási on the above date.

(v) Extent of other loss caused by the rioters at Sivakási on the above date in the matter of cattle, grain, money and jewels, &c.

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XVIII. The whole question of the circumstances which led up to the recent disturbances in Tinnevelly is now under the consideration of Government and orders will shortly issue on the subject. If the Honourable Member will repeat his question at the next meeting of the Council, the Government will endeavour to place at his disposal such papers as will afford the information which he desires.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal:—

XIX. With reference to G.O., No. 1697 L., dated the 22nd August 1899, which announces that the Mysore Government has declined to supply preserved vaccine lymph to Municipal Councils and District Boards, will Government be pleased to take steps to open and maintain a vaccine institute of its own for making the supply?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XIX. This subject is now under the consideration of Government.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal:—

XX. With reference to the question No. VII asked by me at the Council meeting of the 7th April last regarding the private practice of Mr. R. A. Nelson, Principal of the Law College, and the reply of Government that it was not then prepared to make a statement, will it be pleased to state if any decision has been now arrived at on the matter?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XX. No decision has yet been arrived at in the matter.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal:—

XXI. (*a*) Has Government any information regarding a proposal to abolish the Board Middle School at Kasaragod (South Canara) in favour of a mission or other agency, and the protest of the people of Kasaragod against such abolition addressed to the Director of Public Instruction?

(*b*) Will Government be pleased to see that the wishes of the people concerned are consulted before it sanctions the proposal?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XXI. (*a*) The Government has no information on this subject.

(*b*) Any representations which may be made on such a proposal will be duly considered.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal:—

XXII. With reference to question No. VIII, dated the 7th April last, on the subject of the alleged irregularities in the plague camp at Tadpatri, will Government be pleased to call for the records in the calendar case on the file of the Deputy Magistrate of Gooty in which the Hospital Assistant attached to the camp was charged with extortion from passengers and prosecuted under its orders, and satisfy itself as to the correctness of the Magistrate's judgment of acquittal, in view to an appeal being preferred to the High Court?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXII. The Collector's report on the matter has not yet been received. When it has been, the matter will receive due consideration.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXIII. With reference to section 562 of the amended Code of Criminal Procedure, Act V of 1898, will Government be pleased to cause a statement to be prepared, showing the instances in which first offenders were subjected to an order under that section from the date of the coming into operation of the section till the end of calendar year 1898 and placed on the table ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXIII. The Government has already, in its review of the report on the administration of Criminal Justice during 1898, requested the High Court to append to its annual reports in future such a statement as is desired by the Honourable Member. The Government does not consider it necessary now to call for a similar statement in regard to the year 1898.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXIV. (*a*) Has the attention of Government been drawn to the paragraph in the *Madras Standard* of the 11th October 1899 referring to the currency of rumours that some of the native apothecaries employed in the Madras General Hospital are in the habit of receiving money from the in-patients and that those who refuse to pay are subjected to all sorts of inconveniences ?

(*b*) Will Government be pleased to direct an enquiry into the complaint and call for a report ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXIV. The Government has perused the paragraph referred to. The matter will be brought to the notice of the Surgeon-General.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXV. Will Government be pleased to state whether proposals for strengthening the staff and the establishment of the College of Civil Engineering have been submitted to it, and whether any decision has been arrived at ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXV. Yes. The proposals for strengthening the staff of the College, made by the Director of Public Instruction, have been generally approved.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXVI. Since the replies were made by Government to the questions by myself and the Hon'ble Mr. C. Vijayaraghavachariar at the meeting of the Council held on the 6th June 1899 on the subject of the Municipality of Srívilliputtúr, will Government be pleased to state whether any fresh enquiry was ordered by it into the representation of the rate-payers that they were unable to maintain a Municipality, and if so, with what result ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXVI. An enquiry was held by the Collector of Tinnevelly into the representations made by the rate-payers of Srívilliputtúr, and the Government has decided that the Municipality should be maintained.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXVII. In view of the fact that the raising of the price of quinine from 2 pies to 3 pies per 5-grain powder in sales at the post offices has resulted in a large decrease in the quantities sold, the number of packets sold in 1898–99 being 4,766·14 against 8,605 in the preceding year, will Government be pleased to order a reversion to the old reduced rates of prices ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXVII. The Government has already under consideration a reduction in the price of quinine sold at post offices.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXVIII. Has the attention of Government been drawn to the inadequacy of the teaching staff of the Medical College at Madras by the Director of Public Instruction and other authorities, and whether any and what steps have been taken by Government to supply the defect ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXVIII. The matter is now under consideration.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXIX. With reference to the complaint which has appeared in the columns of the *Madras Mail* of the 14th October 1899, I beg to ask whether it is a fact that passengers arriving at Jallarpet from Kuppam and other uninfected areas are examined at Jallarpet and their tickets punched, with the result that they are furnished with passports at the place of their destination compelling their appearance for medical observation for ten days ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXIX. Yes. Kuppam and the other three railway stations on the Madras Railway between Jalarpet and the Mysore frontier are not infected with plague, but the passport rules have been extended to them by Notification No. 530, Part I-A, page 242, *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 20th June 1899, owing to their close proximity to the Mysore Province where plague still exists. It was found that people from that Province were travelling by road as far as these stations, and then booking by railway in order to conceal the fact of their having originally started from an infected area and thus evading the taking of passports at their destination.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXX. Is the appointment of Storekeeper in the office of the Inspector-General of Police not open to the Statutory Natives of India, and if not, will Government be pleased to state the reasons why it should be held only by Europeans ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXX. The appointment is open to Statutory Natives of India. A copy of G.O., No. 991, Financial, dated 14th September 1899, which deals with the subject referred to by the Honourable Member, will be laid upon the table.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXXI. Is there any rule restricting the post of Personal Assistant to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras only to Commissioned officers of the Indian Medical Service, and is there any objection to the appointment being held by a Non-Commissioned officer ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXXI. There is no rule. Government considers that the appointment should be held by a Commissioned officer, if possible.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXXII. Is it a fact, as stated in the *Hindu* of the 7th October 1899, that the District Judge of Trichinopoly has addressed the Superintendent of Police to institute enquiries into the investments of the earnings made by the members of the bar in that district, and if so, whether such a procedure is legal and meets with the approval of Government ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXXII. The Government has no information on the subject.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXXIII. (*a*) Is the Maravar population in the district of Tinnevelly 136,350, and is it a fact that there is only a solitary Maravar school in the whole of the district with 39 pupils on the rolls ?

(*b*) In view of the recent disturbances in which the Maravar classes took part, will Government be pleased to take steps to establish schools at every important Maravar centre ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXXIII. (*a*) According to the last Census report, the Maravar population of the Tinnevelly district is 188,977. Maravar schools and pupils are not distinguished in the returns of the Educational Department from schools and pupils belonging to other classes of Hindus, hence no special statistics are available.

(*b*) Government does not consider it to be either necessary or expedient to open special schools for Maravars. As far as the funds at the disposal of Government and Local Boards permit, schools open to all classes of the community are maintained at all the important towns and villages.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXXIV. With reference to the following observation of Captain A. E. Grant, Assistant Physician in charge of the wards of the General Hospital, on the sanitation of the Black Town and its ever-increasing malariousness, will Government be pleased to state whether the matter is engaging its attention, and whether remedies to grapple with the serious condition of the town will be devised in the near future ?—

"In conclusion, attention must be drawn once more to the fact that the Black Town is becoming year by year more malarious. By far the large number of bad malarial cases admitted to my wards come, not from the mofussil, but from the densely populated area between the First Line Beach and the Mint Street, Popham's Broadway, Francis Joseph Street, and in fact almost the whole of Black Town furnishing example of malaria and its sequalæ, which could not be beaten by Cuddapah, Kurnool or the Wynaad. All suffer alike—Natives, Eurasians and Europeans—save those living under exceptionally good conditions. In my opinion this is a most important matter and something must be done if Black Town is not to become uninhabitable. It is highly probable that the striking increase in this class of cases noticed by me since my return to Madras in 1895 is chiefly due to the heavy rainfall, and consequent high level of the sub-soil water during these years as compared with the years 1890 to 1894 when I first joined the staff of the General Hospital."

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXXIV. The remarks quoted by the Honourable Member will be communicated to the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, and to the Sanitary Commissioner for consideration.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXXV. (*a*) Will Government be pleased to state the reasons which influenced it in dispensing with the Police orderlies in the case of minor wayside stations on the South Indian Railway, and the principle which guided the selection of such stations ?

(*b*) Whether the new system of posting constables only in the case of important stations is in force on the Madras and other Railways in this Presidency ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes : —

XXXV. (*a*) Experience having proved that it was unnecessary to maintain policemen at minor wayside stations they were withdrawn from stations where owing to the insignificance of traffic no special police protection was called for.

(*b*) Yes.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXXVI. With reference to the notification of Government in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 30th August 1899, Judicial Department, withdrawing the privilege of trial by jury in the riot cases in Tinnevelly, will Government be pleased to state the reasons as to why this measure was necessary ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXXVI. A copy of G.O., No. 1384, Judicial, dated 30th August 1899, will be laid on the table.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXXVII. (*a*) Has Government received a memorial from the salt licensees of *Arasady Factory*, Tuticorin Circle, representing the want of a proper road from their factory to the railway station at Tuticorin, and stating that the Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division, of Salt and Abkári Revenue, has declined to attend to their wants unless they advanced the whole amount required for the road ?

(*b*) Is the Deputy Commissioner justified in deciding that the cost of the road should be borne by the licensees ?

(*c*) Will Government be pleased to state whether any and what action has been taken upon the memorial ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXXVII. ~~No such memorial has been received by the Government.~~ The memorial has been received since the Hon'ble Member put his question. The petitioners will be told to appeal to the Board of Revenue before addressing the Govt.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXXVIII. With reference to my questions Nos. XII and VII asked at the Council meetings of the 7th April and the 6th June current, respectively, on the subject of the appointment of Civil Assistant Surgeons as Civil Surgeons, will Government be pleased to state whether it proposes to appoint to the Civil Surgeoncy of Tellicherry, vacated by Captain Charles Donovan, I.M.S., a Commissioned officer or a Civil Assistant Surgeon ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXXVIII. A Commissioned officer has already been appointed.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. G. VENKATARATNAM PANTULU Garu :—

XXXIX. (*a*) Is it not the policy of Government that, where a reasonable expectation of a thirty years' term has been created in the minds of the people by past practice, that term should be adhered to as the normal term of settlement ?

(*b*) Is it not the case that in this Presidency a widespread impression prevails among the bulk of the population that a thirty years' term is an essential feature of the Ryotwari system?

(*c*) Is it not a fact that in consequence thereof Government declared at the recent settlement of Tanjore that its duration should be thirty years?

(*d*) If the policy of Government is as stated above, will Government be pleased to direct the modification of the Board's Standing Order No. 1 and of the corresponding provisions of the Settlement Manual, so as to bring them into conformity with the said policy, and to thereby remove the impression conveyed to the people, since the amendment of the said Standing Order in May 1895, that Government has the discretion to fix at each settlement or re-settlement of a district the period for which such settlement or re-settlement shall be in force?

The Hon'ble Mr. Winterbotham:—

XXXIX. The policy of Government is not quite correctly stated, and the Honourable Member is referred to the answer given to question XLV in the meeting held on 9th December 1896 (Proceedings of Council, Volume XXIV, page 365).

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. G. VENKATARATNAM PANTULU Garu:—

XL. (*a*) Have District Registrars been required to furnish the Inspector-General of Registration with any statistics in regard to the economic condition of the agricultural population of their districts?

(*b*) Will Government be pleased to obtain and lay on the table any such statistics submitted by the District Registrars of Gódávari and Kistna for the five years ending with 1897–98?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XL. The Honourable Member is requested to repeat his question at the next meeting of the Council.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. G. VENKATARATNAM PANTULU Garu:—

XLI. Will Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 488, dated 8th July 1897, returning to Government, with remarks, memorials from the Gódávari District Association regarding the re-settlement of the district?

The Hon'ble Mr. Winterbotham:—

XLI. The paper will be laid on the table.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. G. VENKATARATNAM PANTULU Garu:—

XLII. In the Annual Administration Report for 1898, the Acting Inspector-General of Police, in speaking of the administration of the Police in the Kistna and Bellary districts, made the following remarks:—

Paragraph 36.—"In Kistna detection is as unsatisfactory under this head (dacoity) as under murder, and no explanation has been attempted by Mr. Hasted. The Kistna Police have for many years been most feeble in the matter of handling grave crime . . . ."

"The state of affairs in Bellary is truly deplorable. The number of dacoities rose from 25 to 30, which is the highest on record during the last six years, while detection was absolutely *nil*."

Paragraph 41.—"The Ceded Districts show poor results as usual, Bellary being the worst this year. The figures indicate incompetency of the Police in the detection of cases as well as their prosecution before courts."

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In reviewing this report, Government observed :

Paragraph 10.—"Kistna was unfortunate in its Police administration; only one out of eighteen murder cases was detected, and out of 183 persons tried for dacoity only twenty were convicted; detection in burglaries was also poor. The results in Bellary continued to deteriorate. Thirty dacoities are reported without a single detection, and only one out of twenty-three murders ended in conviction. In the detection of house-breakings and robberies also there is room for much improvement. Police work in this district has shown unsatisfactory results for some years past . . . ."

(*a*) Will Government be pleased to state whether any and, if so, what steps have been taken for improving the efficiency of the Police in the said districts?

(*b*) Whether any scheme has been definitely decided upon for the prevention of crime and detection of the dacoities that are of frequent occurrence between Hospet and Kúdligi, either by employing a special detective party or by improving the existing Ghât Talayari system?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XLII. (*a*) More attention is being paid by the police in Kistna to the detection of grave crime in that district. An improvement in the Talayari system is under consideration and the Inspector-General has in view the deputation of some special Inspectors on detective duty.

(*b*) The Inspector-General has under consideration a scheme for strengthening the Talayari staff. A special detective party has been organized in Bellary. The *temporary* entertainment of 128 additional Ghât Talayaris has already been sanctioned.

The Hon'ble Mr. E. NORTON :—

XLIII. Will the Government state the circumstances which have led to the change in the Madras Educational Rules forbidding managers and teachers of aided institutions from taking part, directly or indirectly, in political movements or agitation without the previous sanction of the Director of Public Instruction?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XLIII. The Government is not prepared to do so.

The Hon'ble Mr. E. NORTON :—

XLIV. Will Government lay on the table all the correspondence on the subject?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XLIV. The Government is not prepared to do so.

The Hon'ble Mr. E. NORTON :—

XLV. Will the Government, in view of the many interests touched and of the public dissatisfaction already evoked by the notification in question, withdraw the same?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XLV. The Government is not prepared to comply with the suggestion of the Honourable Member, but will give careful consideration to any representation that may be made to it on the subject.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XLVI. Will Government be pleased to state the reasons which influenced it in introducing a rule in the revised Educational Grant-in-Aid Code prohibiting the managers and teachers of aided institutions from taking part in political movements, either directly or indirectly, without the previous consent of the Director of Public Instruction?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XLVI. The Honourable Member is referred to the reply given to question XLIII put by the Hon'ble Mr. Norton.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal :—

XLVII. (*a*) With reference to the new provision in the Madras Grant-in-aid Code that every application for aid made by the manager of an institution shall contain a declaration to the effect that he and the teachers of the institution will not take part, either directly or indirectly, in political movements or agitation, and that further they will not, without the previous permission of the Director of Public Instruction, attend political meetings, will the Government be pleased to state the circumstances under which these new conditions of aid have been deemed necessary ?

(*b*) Has the Government made any rules for his guidance in this particular ? If not, is it the intention of Government to do so ?

(*c*) Have persons dissatisfied with the decision of the Director a right of appeal to the Government ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XLVII. (*a*) The Honourable Member is referred to the reply given to question XLIII put by the Hon'ble Mr. Norton.

(*b*) No. The Government has not at present thought it necessary to issue any rules.

(*c*) The right of appeal to Government against an order of the Director of Public Instruction is not removed.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal :—

XLVIII. (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the circumstances under which it was deemed necessary that trials in connection with the recent riots in the Tinnevelly and Madura "districts" should not, as hitherto, be by jury, but with the aid of assessors.

(*b*) Is it a fact that the District Magistrates of those districts did not suggest the above course, and the District Magistrate of Tinnevelly suggested that the Additional Sessions Judge might hold his Court in some other district ?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether in addition to the opinion of the Special Commissioner it had any evidence before it that men could not be had in those districts who, by their special educational and other qualifications, were competent to try the riot cases divesting themselves of any information they might have received outside the Court ?

(*d*) Have the provisions of section 325 of the Criminal Procedure Code relating to trials by specially-qualified jurors been extended to those districts, and if so, when ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Winterbotham :—

XLVIII. (*a*) The Honourable Member is referred to the answer given to question XXXVI.

(*b*) The District Magistrate of Tinnevelly agreed with the Special Commissioner in the course he suggested. The District Magistrate of Madura was not consulted in the matter.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes. The Honourable Member is referred to the notification published at page 1359 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 10th November 1896.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal :—

XLIX. (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state how many Civil Assistant Surgeons appointed temporarily in the year 1895 and subsequently have been transferred to the permanent list ?

(*b*) Is it a fact that there are now fifteen or sixteen temporary Civil Assistant Surgeons appointed from 1895, and will the Government be pleased to state what chances these officers have of being appointed to the permanent service ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XLIX. Sixteen Civil Assistant Surgeons have been appointed temporarily since 1895. None of these officers have as yet been transferred to the permanent list. Their chances of permanent promotion depends upon the decision of Government upon certain proposals for the reorganisation of the Subordinate Medical Department which will soon come under consideration.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal :—

L. Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any distress in the Presidency in consequence of the failure and lateness of the monsoons this year ? If so, in what parts, and will the Government be pleased to state what measures it is adopting for the relief of the people affected by it ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Winterbotham :—

L. No distress from failure of crops exists at present, and unless further unusual drought occurs none need be apprehended. The high price of dry food-grains at present prevailing is chiefly due to extensive exports to the north.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. JAMBULINGAM MUDALIYAR Avargal :—

LI. Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons which necessitated the inclusion of a clause in rule 2, chapter II of the revised Grant-in-aid Code, published in the issue of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 31st October 1899, whereby managers and teachers of grant-in-aid institutions are precluded from taking part, either directly or indirectly, in political movements or agitation and from attending political meetings without the previous consent of the Director of Public Instruction ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

LI. The Honourable Member is referred to the reply given to question XLIII put by the Hon'ble Mr. Norton.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. JAMBULINGAM MUDALIYAR Avargal :—

LII. Has anything transpired in this Presidency which necessitates the enforcement of this rule as a condition precedent to recognition for grant ? If so, will the Government be pleased to state such facts ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

LII. The Government is not prepared to make a statement on the subject.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. JAMBULINGAM MUDALIYAR Avargal :—

LIII. Have any rules been laid down for the guidance of the Director of Public Instruction for granting or refusing his consent to such managers and teachers for attending political meetings ? If so, will the Government be pleased to state them ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

LIII. No, none.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. JAMBULINGAM MUDALIYAR Avargal :—

LIV. Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the correspondence, if any, which led up to the issue of the said rule in the Grant-in-aid Code ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

LIV. The Honourable Member is referred to the answer given to question XLIV put by the Hon'ble Mr. Norton.

(3) *Act assented to by His Excellency the Governor.*

The Secretary reports that the Bill to amend Madras Regulation V of 1804 which was passed into law at the meeting of the Council held on the 6th June last received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 22nd idem.

(4) *Act assented to by His Excellency the Governor-General.*

His Excellency the President announces the assent of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General to the Act to amend Madras Regulation V of 1804.

(5) *Petitions, &c.*

The Secretary reports the communication to the Select Committees concerned of the following papers :—

G.O., No. 87, Legislative, dated 24th July 1899.
" " 97 " " 5th September 1899.
" " 107 " " 13th October 1899.

The Secretary also reports the receipt of a petition from the Madras Landholders' Association requesting that the Bill to amend the Madras Rent Recovery Act VIII of 1865, introduced by the Hon'ble M.R.Ry. V. Bhashyam Aiyangar Avargal, C.I.E., Diwan Bahadur, may be passed into law without delay, and of another from several landholders of North Malabar protesting against the passing of the Malabar Compensation for Tenants' Improvements Bill as amended by the Select Committee.

The Secretary also lays on the table the following papers :—

G.O., No. 289, Revenue, dated 3rd May 1898 referred to in the answer to questions I and II at the meeting of the Council held on the 7th April 1899.

Copy of the report of the Commissioner of Police referred to in the answer to clauses (*a*) and (*c*) of question XVIII at the same meeting.

G.O., No. 1065, Public, dated 22nd August 1898 referred to in the answer to question XXIII at the meeting of the Council held on the 6th June 1899.

Board's Proceedings, No. 1635, dated 25th April 1898 referred to in the answer to question XXIX at the same meeting.

(6) *Bill further to amend the Madras Local Boards Act*, 1884.

The Hon'ble Mr. A. T. Arundel, C.S.I., will move the addition of certain gentlemen to the Select Committee on the Bill further to amend the Madras Local Boards Act, 1884, in the place of the Hon'ble Mr. C. Arnold White, the Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. Jambulingam Mudaliyar Avargal, Rao Bahadur, and the Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. Ratnasabhapati Pillai Avargal who have vacated their seats on the Committee.

(7) *The Malabar Compensation for Tenants' Improvements Bill.*

The Hon'ble Mr. H. M. Winterbotham presents the report of the Select Committee on the above Bill and moves that the report and the amended Bill be taken into consideration at once.

GOVERNMENT OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

NOTICES FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1899, AT 12 O'CLOCK.

(1) *Additional Members.*

The Secretary reports that the following gentlemen take their seats as Additional Members of Council :—

The Hon'ble Mr. F. A. NICHOLSON, C.I.E.
" " Mr. C. F. P. VANS AGNEW.
" " Mr. E. NORTON.
" " M.R.Ry. G. VENKATARATNAM PANTULU Garu.
" " " P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal.
" " " C. JAMBULINGAM MUDALIYAR Avargal, Rao Bahadur.
" " " C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal.
" " " V. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR Avargal, C.I.E., Diwan Bahadur.

(2) *Questions.*

With the permission of His Excellency the President—

The Hon'ble the RAJA OF BOBBILI asks the following questions :—

I. Will the Government be pleased to consider the advisability of granting to the leading Unions in the Presidency the right of electing to a seat on the Taluk Board one, at least, of the members of each Union ?

The Hon'ble the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—

II. Will the Government be pleased to grant to the tax-payers under every Taluk Board the right of electing a certain proportion of the members of such Board, —the electors to be subject to the same property qualifications as in Municipalities ?

The Hon'ble the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—

III. Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of granting to the tax-payers and inhabitants of the most prominent Unions the right of electing the members of those Unions as in the case of Municipalities ?

The Hon'ble the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—

IV. Will the Government be pleased to grant to the members of the leading Unions in the Presidency the right of electing their Chairman ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

I to IV. The Government does not consider that the inhabitants of rural tracts are yet sufficiently advanced to appreciate and avail themselves of the elective franchise with advantage to the administration.

The Hon'ble the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—

V. Is the Government aware of the fact that the same Deputy Tahsildars who assess income-tax generally hear appeals against their own assessment ?

The Hon'ble the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—

VI. Will the Government be pleased to direct that appeals in such cases should be heard by a Divisional officer or in a Civil Court ?

Withdrawn.

The Hon'ble the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—

VII. Will the Government be pleased to consider it right that our zamindari children under the Court of Wards should be taught and trained to the satisfaction of our community ? If so, will the Government be pleased to appoint a committee of zamindars and native gentlemen of position who shall act as visitors with power to report to the Court of Wards the results of their visitation to the Madras establishment for the minors under the Court of Wards ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

VII. The Honourable Member's suggestions will be communicated to the Court of Wards in whom the supervision of the minors during their term of wardship is vested by law.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

VIII. (*a*) With reference to my question No. VI put at the meeting of the Council on the 6th June 1899 on the subject of the water-works at Trichinopoly, and the G.O. thereon, Mis. No. 1062 M., dated 26th July 1899, I beg to ask whether Government is aware that the filtration wells have again failed, and that during the last two months or thereabouts the ordinary unfiltered flood water of the Cauvery is being pumped and distributed to the town by pipes ?

(*b*) Will Government be pleased to state what steps are proposed to be taken in the matter ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

VIII. (*a*) The answer to the first part of this question is in the negative.

(*b*) The second part of the question, therefore, requires no answer.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

IX. With reference to the complaints made to Government by several municipalities on the great fall in their revenue by the operation of the amended schedule on the tax on arts and professions, and the contemplated amendment of the schedule, will Government be pleased to consider the desirability of affording speedy relief in the matter, and to state when the proposed measure is likely to be brought forward ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

IX. The matter is under the consideration of Government.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

X. (*a*) With reference to question No. X, clause (*d*), put by me at the meeting of the Council held on the 6th June 1899 on the subject of defining by rules the position of Municipal Secretaries in relation to their Chairmen, will Government be pleased to state whether any action has been taken in the matter ?

(*b*) Whether, in view of the friction generally existing between Secretaries and their Chairmen, Government will be pleased to take into consideration the desirability of amending the law in such manner as may be found necessary ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

X. (*a*) The Collectors of certain districts have been asked to suggest a set of rules on the subject, and their replies are awaited.

(*b*) Without admitting the assumption in this part of the question the Government will await the result of the working of the rules referred to in the answer to the first part of this question before considering the desirability of amending the law.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XI. Whether, in view of the fact that there are at present no rules for the guidance of Municipal Councils in electing their Secretaries, will Government be pleased to frame rules on the subject on the lines of the rules now in force in regard to the election of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, providing, among other things, for the securing by the successful candidate a clear majority of more than half the votes of the entire council ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XI. The matter will be considered.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XII. (*a*) Has the attention of Government been drawn to the following extract quoted by the *Hindu* in its issue of the 19th September 1899 from the order of a Sessions Judge in this Presidency, passed in receiving an appeal presented by an accused person who had been convicted of perjury in having made two contradictory statements on oath ? —

"Appeal admitted. But as to appellant's action (in committing perjury by two contradictory statements, in consequence of which a guilty person had been acquitted) whether criminal or not, it was a serious blunder. It has caused apparently the acquittal of a guilty person. I will not hear the appeal until he produces a certificate from Mr. . . . . that he has petitioned for an appeal by Government against the acquittal of a guilty person or persons whom appellant's stupidity caused to escape unconvicted and unpunished.

(Signed) . . . . . .
Sessions Judge."

(*b*) Is Government aware whether any and what notice has been taken of the above procedure by the High Court ?

(*c*) If Government has no information on the matter, will it be pleased to call for the same ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XII. (*a*) Government has now perused the article in question.

(*b*) Government has no information on the subject.

(*c*) Government sees no reason to call for any information on the matter.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XIII. (*a*) Is Government aware of the recent orders of the Board of Revenue in July 1899 to the effect that no person can be appointed to posts in the Revenue Department carrying a salary of upwards of Rs. 35 per mensem unless he has had a training as revenue inspector for a period of twelve months ?

(*b*) Was Government consulted by the Board before the orders were issued, and does it approve of the same ?

(*c*) Is Government aware that revenue inspectors on Rs. 35 and Rs. 40 per mensem have to keep conveyances for touring in their ranges, and incur other expenses incidental to travelling, while they are not paid any travelling allowances, and does Government consider that in the face of such demands on their purse, these officers will be able to keep themselves above temptation?

(*d*) Is compulsory training in such posts, before promotion to the superior appointments of Deputy Tahsildars, Tahsildars and Sub-Magistrates, &c., conducive to official morality?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XIII. (*a*) & (*b*) The Board's instructions were in accordance with the principle enunciated in G.O., No. 413, Revenue, dated 27th July 1898, which was founded on the Government of India Resolution published in the *Gazette of India* on the Proceedings of the Agricultural Conferences of 1893 and 1895-96. The Government Order will be placed on the Editors' table.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Government declines to express an opinion.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal:—

XIV. With reference to the strictures of Government passed year after year in its review of the administration reports of municipalities in general, that the registration of vital statistics in them is not satisfactory, will Government be pleased to state upon what standard these remarks are based, and whether it will advise the municipalities as to how the registration of births and deaths is to be improved?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XIV. The average birth and death rate for the Presidency according to the last census is taken as the standard. With reference to the latter part of the question, the Honourable Member is referred to G.O., No. 926 M., dated 17th May 1898.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal:—

XV. With reference to the report of the Hon'ble Dr. D. Duncan, Commissioner for Government Examinations, for the year 1898-99 that the Upper Secondary examination has been in existence for nine years, that only thirty candidates have up to date rendered themselves eligible for superior services under Government, and that the examination has served no useful purpose, will Government be pleased to take into consideration the desirability of abolishing the examination?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XV. No; not at present. The concession of bringing up a vernacular as their first language now enjoyed by female candidates has just been extended to male candidates. The effect of this change will be awaited.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal:—

XVI. (*a*) Will Government be pleased to state whether any and what arrangements are in force for the sanitation of Vaidísvarankóyil, a station on the South Indian Railway in the district of Tanjore?

(*b*) Is it a fact that although there are ten tanks in the village which contains upwards of 1,000 houses, not one is conserved but that all the tanks are used indiscriminately for drinking, bathing and washing of clothes and cattle, &c.?

(*c*) In view of the fact that the place is resorted to by large numbers of pilgrims and worshippers every month, will Government be pleased to take into consideration the desirability of establishing a union in it?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XVI. (*a*) A provision of Rs. 40 has been made in the Local Board's budget for the current year to meet the cost of making sanitary arrangements at fairs and festivals in this village.

(*b*) The Government has no information on this subject.

(*c*) The District Board will be requested to report on this suggestion.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal:—

XVII. (*a*) Has Government perused the paragraph in the *Madras Standard* of the 19th October 1899, headed "A Tale from Tinnevelly," from which it appears that a midwife, attached to a dispensary near the railway station at Tinnevelly, complained to the District Medical and Sanitary Officer that the prosecuting inspector of police had made improper overtures to her, that her complaint was forwarded by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer to the Taluk Board President, ... who held a departmental enquiry, found that the complaint was well founded and reported the matter to the Superintendent of Police, that the Superintendent objected that the Taluk Board President's proceedings were *ultra vires*, and that the District Magistrate concurring, ordered that the midwife should complain to the proper authorities?

(*b*) Was not the dispensary to which the midwife had been attached under the control of the President of the Taluk Board, and was not that officer entitled as such to hold an enquiry into the complaint of the midwife?

(*c*) Will Government be pleased to call for a report upon the matter, and deal with it in such manner as may be deemed fit?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XVII. (*a*) The Government has now perused the paragraph referred to.

(*b*) & (*c*) Government has no information on the matter and sees no reason to call for any.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal:—

XVIII. (*a*) Is it a fact that one Pera Sinnanna Nadar of Sivakási despatched the following telegram on the 5th of June 1889, *i.e.*, the day preceding the riots at that place to the Superintendent of Police of Tinnevelly?—

"After honour's visit here on the 31st May, I hear Iyempati, Karvisalkulam, Kongankulam, Kattanarpati, Satisarati, Anaikuttam are plundered day time by Maravars, Kallars, Pallars being helped by other caste people. Pushakavatti, two miles from here, was plundered yesterday. My caste people only sustain loss. Notice to the effect that Sivakási will be plundered on the 6th, Tuesday, is known. My caste people fear, as no precautions, and after attempts, are taken by native officials here to the people whose properties are plundered. I have seen mobs 200—300 in number. I humbly crave honour to take immediate steps before plunder and murder. Notwithstanding crying for protection of person and property, by wire and petitions, your honour didn't believe the facts; but if your honour be pleased to stay here for a few days, evidence will be personally known. There will be no plunder and murder at all if your honour be pleased to arrest Vellia Thevan *alias* Veerappa Thevan, Naduvapatti, and Vandar Arumugam Pillai, Sivakási."

(*b*) Is it a fact that the same person despatched on the same date, *i.e.*, the day preceding the date of the riots at Sivakási, the following telegram to the District Magistrate, Tinnevelly?—

"I crave honour sufficient protection of person and property is indispensable to Sivakási Nadars from marauding of Maravars and their addition which will commence 6th, Tuesday morning, as several adjoining villages have been plundered and their booties are carried in carts only in day time. Government native officials here take no steps before or after. Honour's presence with Police Superintendent is indispensable here for a week at least from Monday. Cause of plunder and murder by Maravars and their addition in several villages is higher authorities disbelieving telegrams and petitions of my innocent caste people at beginning but believing words and tricks of Government native officials here. There will be no plunder and murder elsewhere, if Vendar Arumugam Pillai, Vellia Thevan Naduvapatti are arrested. Sivakási Nadars tremble that mobs have fixed Tuesday for their plunder and murder as the mobs have already fulfilled their mischiefs in several villages according to their words. Precaution is indispensable before plunder and murder."

(*c*) Is it a fact that the Assistant Superintendent of Police of Tinnevelly recommended towards the end of April last, that a Magistrate should be stationed at Sivakási in view of the strained relation between the Shanars and other classes, and what action was taken upon such recommendation if it had been made?

(*d*) Is it a fact that the District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police visited Sivakási on the 31st May and the 5th June 1899, and that the Police Inspector, Parthasaradhi Aiyangar, had reported to them that Sivakási would possibly be attacked on the 6th of June 1899?

(*e*) What was the Police force available at Sivakási on the day of the riots, and what part did they take in the suppression of the riots?

(*f*) Is the following opening speech of Mr. Sankaran Nair, Government Pleader, made in the Court of the Additional Sessions Judge of Tinnevelly in the trial of Sivakási rioters, Vadigada Thevan and 92 others, correctly reported by the *Madras Mail* in its issue of the 13th October 1899?—

"The situation was considered so serious that the Sub-Magistrate of Virudupatti was stationed at Sivakási till about the end of May. From the end of April negotiations were going on between the Shanars and Maravars in view to an amicable settlement of the dispute but to no purpose. The missionaries of Sachiapuram did what they could, but the Maravars insisting on the exclusion of the Shanars from the temple nothing came of it. But they obtained pledges of immunity for themselves—pledges that were faithfully kept. Towards the end of May, matters became more serious. From acts of lawlessness on the part of individual Maravars and Shanars, it came to a matter of riots between the Maravars as a class and Shanars as a class. The public roads were rendered unsafe and villages were attacked wholesale and all sorts of serious offences were perpetrated. The first of such riots attended with dacoity, &c., occurred on the 23rd May and cases continued to occur on the following days. On the 24th, 26th, 27th, 29th and 30th villages were thus attacked. On the 31st May two villages were attacked, two others again on the 1st June, four on the 2nd June, three on the 4th June, two on the 5th June and four on the 6th June, exclusive of the big riot at Sivakási. A point about these riots was that the earlier riots occurred at night; but, owing apparently to the fact that the inquiries made into these earlier riots were not efficiently full and complete to observe the rioters, the latter became more and more bold and reckless and from midnight dacoities they ventured on broad daylight dacoities. On these occasions it was only the Shanars who were attacked, the other classes either joining the attacking force in the plunder or quietly looking on. The Nadars meanwhile were not idle but were keeping the authorities informed by telegrams of their fears. From the 26th May such telegrams were being sent to the District Magistrate, the Superintendent of Police and the Deputy Magistrate. The prosecution case was that the authorities were, as a matter of fact, kept informed of what was alleged to be going on. The question whether the information conveyed ought or ought not to have impressed the authorities with the seriousness of situation was one with which the prosecution was not concerned. The prosecution was content to show that the plans for the attack on Sivakási were long maturing, that the ringleaders concerned were acting openly, and that the very day and the hour of the intended attack were known previously. Besides the Shanars, the Christian Missionaries were aware of what was going on, and what was to take place at Sivakási. There were on the spot a Sub-Magistrate and a Police Inspector, they knew of what was going on. They kept the Divisional Magistrate informed of the state of things and they told the District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police that Sivakási was to be attacked on the 6th June. The Sub-Magistrate officially, within whose jurisdiction lay the villages that were attacked before the 5th June, had informed the Divisional Magistrate that all these attacks were due to the feeling against Sivakási Shanars, and it was also on record that these attacks before the 6th June were by the smaller gangs that were gathering for the attack of Sivakási. The information was available early enough, in point of time and with sufficient fullness as to details to support the prosecution case that the attack was deliberately planned and carried out."

(*g*) With reference to the matters disclosed in clauses (*a*) to (*f*) of this question, will Government be pleased to state whether any and what precautionary measures were taken by the district authorities for the purposes of preventing the riots?

(*h*) Will Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points?—

(i) Number of persons killed at Sivakási on the 6th June 1899, the date of the riots.

(ii) Number of persons fatally wounded on the above date, and who died subsequently.

(iii) Number of persons wounded on the above date, but subsequently recovered.

(iv) Number of houses and other buildings burnt or otherwise destroyed at Sivakási on the above date.

(v) Extent of other loss caused by the rioters at Sivakási on the above date in the matter of cattle, grain, money and jewels, &c.

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XVIII. The whole question of the circumstances which led up to the recent disturbances in Tinnevelly is now under the consideration of Government and orders will shortly issue on the subject. If the Honourable Member will repeat his question at the next meeting of the Council, the Government will endeavour to place at his disposal such papers as will afford the information which he desires.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal:—

XIX. With reference to G.O., No. 1697 L., dated the 22nd August 1899, which announces that the Mysore Government has declined to supply preserved vaccine lymph to Municipal Councils and District Boards, will Government be pleased to take steps to open and maintain a vaccine institute of its own for making the supply?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XIX. This subject is now under the consideration of Government.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal:—

XX. With reference to the question No. VII asked by me at the Council meeting of the 7th April last regarding the private practice of Mr. R. A. Nelson, Principal of the Law College, and the reply of Government that it was not then prepared to make a statement, will it be pleased to state if any decision has been now arrived at on the matter?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XX. No decision has yet been arrived at in the matter.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal:—

XXI. (*a*) Has Government any information regarding a proposal to abolish the Board Middle School at Kasaragod (South Canara) in favour of a mission or other agency, and the protest of the people of Kasaragod against such abolition addressed to the Director of Public Instruction?

(*b*) Will Government be pleased to see that the wishes of the people concerned are consulted before it sanctions the proposal?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes:—

XXI. (*a*) The Government has no information on this subject.

(*b*) Any representations which may be made on such a proposal will be duly considered.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal:—

XXII. With reference to question No. VIII, dated the 7th April last, on the subject of the alleged irregularities in the plague camp at Tadpatri, will Government be pleased to call for the records in the calendar case on the file of the Deputy Magistrate of Gooty in which the Hospital Assistant attached to the camp was charged with extortion from passengers and prosecuted under its orders, and satisfy itself as to the correctness of the Magistrate's judgment of acquittal, in view to an appeal being preferred to the High Court?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXII. The Collector's report on the matter has not yet been received. When it has been, the matter will receive due consideration.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXIII. With reference to section 562 of the amended Code of Criminal Procedure, Act V of 1898, will Government be pleased to cause a statement to be prepared, showing the instances in which first offenders were subjected to an order under that section from the date of the coming into operation of the section till the end of calendar year 1898 and placed on the table ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXIII. The Government has already, in its review of the report on the administration of Criminal Justice during 1898, requested the High Court to append to its annual reports in future such a statement as is desired by the Honourable Member. The Government does not consider it necessary now to call for a similar statement in regard to the year 1898.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXIV. (*a*) Has the attention of Government been drawn to the paragraph in the *Madras Standard* of the 11th October 1899 referring to the currency of rumours that some of the native apothecaries employed in the Madras General Hospital are in the habit of receiving money from the in-patients and that those who refuse to pay are subjected to all sorts of inconveniences ?

(*b*) Will Government be pleased to direct an enquiry into the complaint and call for a report ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXIV. The Government has perused the paragraph referred to. The matter will be brought to the notice of the Surgeon-General.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXV. Will Government be pleased to state whether proposals for strengthening the staff and the establishment of the College of Civil Engineering have been submitted to it, and whether any decision has been arrived at ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXV. Yes. The proposals for strengthening the staff of the College, made by the Director of Public Instruction, have been generally approved.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXVI. Since the replies were made by Government to the questions by myself and the Hon'ble Mr. C. Vijayaraghavachariar at the meeting of the Council held on the 6th June 1899 on the subject of the Municipality of Srívilliputtúr, will Government be pleased to state whether any fresh enquiry was ordered by it into the representation of the rate-payers that they were unable to maintain a Municipality, and if so, with what result ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXVI. An enquiry was held by the Collector of Tinnevelly into the representations made by the rate-payers of Srívilliputtúr, and the Government has decided that the Municipality should be maintained.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXVII. In view of the fact that the raising of the price of quinine from 2 pies to 3 pies per 5-grain powder in sales at the post offices has resulted in a large decrease in the quantities sold, the number of packets sold in 1898–99 being 4,766·14 against 8,605 in the preceding year, will Government be pleased to order a reversion to the old reduced rates of prices ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXVII. The Government has already under consideration a reduction in the price of quinine sold at post offices.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXVIII. Has the attention of Government been drawn to the inadequacy of the teaching staff of the Medical College at Madras by the Director of Public Instruction and other authorities, and whether any and what steps have been taken by Government to supply the defect ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXVIII. The matter is now under consideration.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXIX. With reference to the complaint which has appeared in the columns of the *Madras Mail* of the 14th October 1899, I beg to ask whether it is a fact that passengers arriving at Jallarpet from Kuppam and other uninfected areas are examined at Jallarpet and their tickets punched, with the result that they are furnished with passports at the place of their destination compelling their appearance for medical observation for ten days ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXIX. Yes. Kuppam and the other three railway stations on the Madras Railway between Jalarpet and the Mysore frontier are not infected with plague, but the passport rules have been extended to them by Notification No. 530, Part I-A, page 242, *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 20th June 1899, owing to their close proximity to the Mysore Province where plague still exists. It was found that people from that Province were travelling by road as far as these stations, and then booking by railway in order to conceal the fact of their having originally started from an infected area and thus evading the taking of passports at their destination.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXX. Is the appointment of Storekeeper in the office of the Inspector-General of Police not open to the Statutory Natives of India, and if not, will Government be pleased to state the reasons why it should be held only by Europeans ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXX. The appointment is open to Statutory Natives of India. A copy of G.O., No. 991, Financial, dated 14th September 1899, which deals with the subject referred to by the Honourable Member, will be laid upon the table.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXXI. Is there any rule restricting the post of Personal Assistant to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras only to Commissioned officers of the Indian Medical Service, and is there any objection to the appointment being held by a Non-Commissioned officer ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXXI. There is no rule. Government considers that the appointment should be held by a Commissioned officer, if possible.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXXII. Is it a fact, as stated in the *Hindu* of the 7th October 1899, that the District Judge of Trichinopoly has addressed the Superintendent of Police to institute enquiries into the investments of the earnings made by the members of the bar in that district, and if so, whether such a procedure is legal and meets with the approval of Government ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXXII. The Government has no information on the subject.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXXIII. (*a*) Is the Maravar population in the district of Tinnevelly 136,350, and is it a fact that there is only a solitary Maravar school in the whole of the district with 39 pupils on the rolls ?

(*b*) In view of the recent disturbances in which the Maravar classes took part, will Government be pleased to take steps to establish schools at every important Maravar centre ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXXIII. (*a*) According to the last Census report, the Maravar population of the Tinnevelly district is 188,977. Maravar schools and pupils are not distinguished in the returns of the Educational Department from schools and pupils belonging to other classes of Hindus, hence no special statistics are available.

(*b*) Government does not consider it to be either necessary or expedient to open special schools for Maravars. As far as the funds at the disposal of Government and Local Boards permit, schools open to all classes of the community are maintained at all the important towns and villages.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXXIV. With reference to the following observation of Captain A. E. Grant, Assistant Physician in charge of the wards of the General Hospital, on the sanitation of the Black Town and its ever-increasing malariousness, will Government be pleased to state whether the matter is engaging its attention, and whether remedies to grapple with the serious condition of the town will be devised in the near future ?—

"In conclusion, attention must be drawn once more to the fact that the Black Town is becoming year by year more malarious. By far the large number of bad malarial cases admitted to my wards come, not from the mofussil, but from the densely populated area between the First Line Beach and the Mint Street, Popham's Broadway, Francis Joseph Street, and in fact almost the whole of Black Town furnishing example of malaria and its sequalæ, which could not be beaten by Cuddapah, Kurnool or the Wynaad. All suffer alike—Natives, Eurasians and Europeans—save those living under exceptionally good conditions. In my opinion this is a most important matter and something must be done if Black Town is not to become uninhabitable. It is highly probable that the striking increase in this class of cases noticed by me since my return to Madras in 1895 is chiefly due to the heavy rainfall, and consequent high level of the sub-soil water during these years as compared with the years 1890 to 1894 when I first joined the staff of the General Hospital."

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXXIV. The remarks quoted by the Honourable Member will be communicated to the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, and to the Sanitary Commissioner for consideration.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXXV. (*a*) Will Government be pleased to state the reasons which influenced it in dispensing with the Police orderlies in the case of minor wayside stations on the South Indian Railway, and the principle which guided the selection of such stations ?

(*b*) Whether the new system of posting constables only in the case of important stations is in force on the Madras and other Railways in this Presidency ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXXV. (*a*) Experience having proved that it was unnecessary to maintain policemen at minor wayside stations they were withdrawn from stations where owing to the insignificance of traffic no special police protection was called for.

(*b*) Yes.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXXVI. With reference to the notification of Government in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 30th August 1899, Judicial Department, withdrawing the privilege of trial by jury in the riot cases in Tinnevelly, will Government be pleased to state the reasons as to why this measure was necessary ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXXVI. A copy of G.O., No. 1384, Judicial, dated 30th August 1899, will be laid on the table.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXXVII. (*a*) Has Government received a memorial from the salt licensees of *Arasady Factory*, Tuticorin Circle, representing the want of a proper road from their factory to the railway station at Tuticorin, and stating that the Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division, of Salt and Abkári Revenue, has declined to attend to their wants unless they advanced the whole amount required for the road ?

(*b*) Is the Deputy Commissioner justified in deciding that the cost of the road should be borne by the licensees ?

(*c*) Will Government be pleased to state whether any and what action has been taken upon the memorial ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXXVII. The memorial has been received since the Honourable Member put his question.

The petitioners will be told to appeal to the Board of Revenue before addressing the Government.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XXXVIII. With reference to my questions Nos. XII and VII asked at the Council meetings of the 7th April and the 6th June current, respectively, on the subject of the appointment of Civil Assistant Surgeons as Civil Surgeons, will Government be pleased to state whether it proposes to appoint to the Civil Surgeoncy of Tellicherry, vacated by Captain Charles Donovan, I.M.S., a Commissioned officer or a Civil Assistant Surgeon ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XXXVIII. A Commissioned officer has already been appointed.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. G. VENKATARATNAM PANTULU Garu :—

XXXIX. (*a*) Is it not the policy of Government that, where a reasonable expectation of a thirty years' term has been created in the minds of the people by past practice, that term should be adhered to as the normal term of settlement ?

(*b*) Is it not the case that in this Presidency a widespread impression prevails among the bulk of the population that a thirty years' term is an essential feature of the Ryotwari system?

(*c*) Is it not a fact that in consequence thereof Government declared at the recent settlement of Tanjore that its duration should be thirty years?

(*d*) If the policy of Government is as stated above, will Government be pleased to direct the modification of the Board's Standing Order No. 1 and of the corresponding provisions of the Settlement Manual, so as to bring them into conformity with the said policy, and to thereby remove the impression conveyed to the people, since the amendment of the said Standing Order in May 1895, that Government has the discretion to fix at each settlement or re-settlement of a district the period for which such settlement or re-settlement shall be in force?

The Hon'ble Mr. Winterbotham :—

XXXIX. The policy of Government is not quite correctly stated, and the Honourable Member is referred to the answer given to question XLV in the meeting held on 9th December 1896 (Proceedings of Council, Volume XXIV, page 365).

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. G. VENKATARATNAM PANTULU Garu :—

XL. (*a*) Have District Registrars been required to furnish the Inspector-General of Registration with any statistics in regard to the economic condition of the agricultural population of their districts?

(*b*) Will Government be pleased to obtain and lay on the table any such statistics submitted by the District Registrars of Gódávari and Kistna for the five years ending with 1897–98?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XL. The Honourable Member is requested to repeat his question at the next meeting of the Council.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. G. VENKATARATNAM PANTULU Garu :—

XLI. Will Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 488, dated 8th July 1897, returning to Government, with remarks, memorials from the Gódávari District Association regarding the re-settlement of the district?

The Hon'ble Mr. Winterbotham :—

XLI. The paper will be laid on the table.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. G. VENKATARATNAM PANTULU Garu :—

XLII. In the Annual Administration Report for 1898, the Acting Inspector-General of Police, in speaking of the administration of the Police in the Kistna and Bellary districts, made the following remarks :—

Paragraph 36.—"In Kistna detection is as unsatisfactory under this head (dacoity) as under murder, and no explanation has been attempted by Mr. Hasted. The Kistna Police have for many years been most feeble in the matter of handling grave crime . . . ."

"The state of affairs in Bellary is truly deplorable. The number of dacoities rose from 25 to 30, which is the highest on record during the last six years, while detection was absolutely *nil*."

Paragraph 41.—"The Ceded Districts show poor results as usual, Bellary being the worst this year. The figures indicate incompetency of the Police in the detection of cases as well as their prosecution before courts."

In reviewing this report, Government observed :

Paragraph 10.—"Kistna was unfortunate in its Police administration; only one out of eighteen murder cases was detected, and out of 183 persons tried for dacoity only twenty were convicted; detection in burglaries was also poor. The results in Bellary continued to deteriorate. Thirty dacoities are reported without a single detection, and only one out of twenty-three murders ended in conviction. In the detection of house-breakings and robberies also there is room for much improvement. Police work in this district has shown unsatisfactory results for some years past . . . ."

(*a*) Will Government be pleased to state whether any and, if so, what steps have been taken for improving the efficiency of the Police in the said districts?

(*b*) Whether any scheme has been definitely decided upon for the prevention of crime and detection of the dacoities that are of frequent occurrence between Hospet and Kúdligi, either by employing a special detective party or by improving the existing Ghât Talayari system?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XLII. (*a*) More attention is being paid by the police in Kistna to the detection of grave crime in that district. An improvement in the Talayari system is under consideration and the Inspector-General has in view the deputation of some special Inspectors on detective duty.

(*b*) The Inspector-General has under consideration a scheme for strengthening the Talayari staff. A special detective party has been organized in Bellary. The *temporary* entertainment of 128 additional Ghât Talayaris has already been sanctioned.

The Hon'ble Mr. E. NORTON :—

XLIII. Will the Government state the circumstances which have led to the change in the Madras Educational Rules forbidding managers and teachers of aided institutions from taking part, directly or indirectly, in political movements or agitation without the previous sanction of the Director of Public Instruction?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XLIII. The Government is not prepared to do so.

The Hon'ble Mr. E. NORTON :—

XLIV. Will Government lay on the table all the correspondence on the subject?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XLIV. The Government is not prepared to do so.

The Hon'ble Mr. E. NORTON :—

XLV. Will the Government, in view of the many interests touched and of the public dissatisfaction already evoked by the notification in question, withdraw the same?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XLV. The Government is not prepared to comply with the suggestion of the Honourable Member, but will give careful consideration to any representation that may be made to it on the subject.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

XLVI. Will Government be pleased to state the reasons which influenced it in introducing a rule in the revised Educational Grant-in-Aid Code prohibiting the managers and teachers of aided institutions from taking part in political movements, either directly or indirectly, without the previous consent of the Director of Public Instruction?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XLVI. The Honourable Member is referred to the reply given to question XLIII put by the Hon'ble Mr. Norton.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal :—

XLVII. (*a*) With reference to the new provision in the Madras Grant-in-aid Code that every application for aid made by the manager of an institution shall contain a declaration to the effect that he and the teachers of the institution will not take part, either directly or indirectly, in political movements or agitation, and that further they will not, without the previous permission of the Director of Public Instruction, attend political meetings, will the Government be pleased to state the circumstances under which these new conditions of aid have been deemed necessary ?

(*b*) Has the Government made any rules for his guidance in this particular ? If not, is it the intention of Government to do so ?

(*c*) Have persons dissatisfied with the decision of the Director a right of appeal to the Government ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XLVII. (*a*) The Honourable Member is referred to the reply given to question XLIII put by the Hon'ble Mr. Norton.

(*b*) No. The Government has not at present thought it necessary to issue any rules.

(*c*) The right of appeal to Government against an order of the Director of Public Instruction is not removed.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal :—

XLVIII. (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the circumstances under which it was deemed necessary that trials in connection with the recent riots in the Tinnevelly and Madura "districts" should not, as hitherto, be by jury, but with the aid of assessors.

(*b*) Is it a fact that the District Magistrates of those districts did not suggest the above course, and the District Magistrate of Tinnevelly suggested that the Additional Sessions Judge might hold his Court in some other district ?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether in addition to the opinion of the Special Commissioner it had any evidence before it that men could not be had in those districts who, by their special educational and other qualifications, were competent to try the riot cases divesting themselves of any information they might have received outside the Court ?

(*d*) Have the provisions of section 325 of the Criminal Procedure Code relating to trials by specially-qualified jurors been extended to those districts, and if so, when ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Winterbotham :—

XLVIII. (*a*) The Honourable Member is referred to the answer given to question XXXVI.

(*b*) The District Magistrate of Tinnevelly agreed with the Special Commissioner in the course he suggested. The District Magistrate of Madura was not consulted in the matter.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes. The Honourable Member is referred to the notification published at page 1359 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 10th November 1896.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal :—

XLIX. (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state how many Civil Assistant Surgeons appointed temporarily in the year 1895 and subsequently have been transferred to the permanent list ?

(*b*) Is it a fact that there are now fifteen or sixteen temporary Civil Assistant Surgeons appointed from 1895, and will the Government be pleased to state what chances these officers have of being appointed to the permanent service ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Stokes :—

XLIX. Sixteen Civil Assistant Surgeons have been appointed temporarily since 1895. None of these officers have as yet been transferred to the permanent list. Their chances of permanent promotion depends upon the decision of Government upon certain proposals for the reorganisation of the Subordinate Medical Department which will soon come under consideration.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal :—

L. Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any distress in the Presidency in consequence of the failure and lateness of the monsoons this year ? If so, in what parts, and will the Government be pleased to state what measures it is adopting for the relief of the people affected by it ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Winterbotham :—

L. No distress from failure of crops exists at present, and unless further unusual drought occurs none need be apprehended. The high price of dry food-grains at present prevailing is chiefly due to extensive exports to the north.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. JAMBULINGAM MUDALIYAR Avargal :—

LI. Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons which necessitated the inclusion of a clause in rule 2, chapter II of the revised Grant-in-aid Code, published in the issue of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 31st October 1899, whereby managers and teachers of grant-in-aid institutions are precluded from taking part, either directly or indirectly, in political movements or agitation and from attending political meetings without the previous consent of the Director of Public Instruction ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

LI. The Honourable Member is referred to the reply given to question XLIII put by the Hon'ble Mr. Norton.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. JAMBULINGAM MUDALIYAR Avargal :—

LII. Has anything transpired in this Presidency which necessitates the enforcement of this rule as a condition precedent to recognition for grant ? If so, will the Government be pleased to state such facts ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

LII. The Government is not prepared to make a statement on the subject.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. JAMBULINGAM MUDALIYAR Avargal :—

LIII. Have any rules been laid down for the guidance of the Director of Public Instruction for granting or refusing his consent to such managers and teachers for attending political meetings ? If so, will the Government be pleased to state them ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

LIII. No, none.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. JAMBULINGAM MUDALIYAR Avargal :—

LIV. Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the correspondence, if any, which led up to the issue of the said rule in the Grant-in-aid Code ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

LIV. The Honourable Member is referred to the answer given to question XLIV put by the Hon'ble Mr. Norton.

(3) *Act assented to by His Excellency the Governor.*

The Secretary reports that the Bill to amend Madras Regulation V of 1804 which was passed into law at the meeting of the Council held on the 6th June last received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 22nd idem.

(4) *Act assented to by His Excellency the Governor-General.*

His Excellency the President announces the assent of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General to the Act to amend Madras Regulation V of 1804.

(5) *Petitions, &c.*

The Secretary reports the communication to the Select Committees concerned of the following papers :—

G.O., No. 87, Legislative, dated 24th July 1899.
" " 97 " " 5th September 1899.
" " 107 " " 13th October 1899.

The Secretary also reports the receipt of a petition from the Madras Landholders' Association requesting that the Bill to amend the Madras Rent Recovery Act VIII of 1865, introduced by the Hon'ble M.R.Ry. V. Bhashyam Aiyangar Avargal, C.I.E., Diwan Bahadur, may be passed into law without delay, and of another from several landholders of North Malabar protesting against the passing of the Malabar Compensation for Tenants' Improvements Bill as amended by the Select Committee.

The Secretary also lays on the table the following papers :—

G.O., No. 289, Revenue, dated 3rd May 1898 referred to in the answer to questions I and II at the meeting of the Council held on the 7th April 1899.

Copy of the report of the Commissioner of Police referred to in the answer to clauses (*a*) and (*c*) of question XVIII at the same meeting.

G.O., No. 1065, Public, dated 22nd August 1898 referred to in the answer to question XXIII at the meeting of the Council held on the 6th June 1899.

Board's Proceedings, No. 1635, dated 25th April 1898 referred to in the answer to question XXIX at the same meeting.

(6) *Bill further to amend the Madras Local Boards Act*, 1884.

The Hon'ble Mr. A. T. Arundel, C.S.I., will move the addition of certain gentlemen to the Select Committee on the Bill further to amend the Madras Local Boards Act, 1884, in the place of the Hon'ble Mr. C. Arnold White, the Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. Jambulingam Mudaliyar Avargal, Rao Bahadur, and the Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. Ratnasabhapati Pillai Avargal who have vacated their seats on the Committee.

(7) *The Malabar Compensation for Tenants' Improvements Bill.*

The Hon'ble Mr. H. M. Winterbotham presents the report of the Select Committee on the above Bill and moves that the report and the amended Bill be taken into consideration at once.

Notice has been given that the following amendments will be moved when the Bill is taken into consideration :—

Section 3.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal :—

After sub-section (3), *add* the following :—

" *Explanation.*—No work executed by a tenant shall be deemed to be an improvement for the purposes of this Act if it substantially diminishes the value of his landlord's property."

Section 4.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal :—

In clause (*h*), *omit* the words " or protection and maintenance " occurring between the words " planting " and " of ", and after the word " plants " *add* the words " and the protection and maintenance of trees and plants so planted ".

Section 5.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

Sub-section (1).—In the 39th line, after the words 'is so due' to add the words " but is not paid or tendered."

Section 6.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal :—

(*a*) To section 6 *add* as sub-section (4) the following :—

" When under an express agreement in writing any reduction or remission of rent or any other advantage has been given by the landlord to the tenant in consideration of any improvement made or to be made by the tenant, the court may, on account of such reduction, remission or advantage, make such deduction from the compensation to be awarded as under all the circumstances of the case may be reasonable.

" Provided that the mere omission of a landlord to revise the rent on the expiry of a kanom or lease shall not be taken to authorize any deduction from the compensation contemplated by this section."

(*b*) Re-number sub-section (4) as sub-section (5).

(*c*) *Add* the following as sub-section (6) :—

" No decree or order for the ejectment of a tenant in which compensation for improvements has been awarded to him shall be executed upon his application except in so far as the said decree or order relates to the costs of the suit or proceeding."

Section 8.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

(*a*) To number existing section 8 as section 8 (1).

(*b*) To add the following as sub-section (2) :—

" Every assessor so appointed, not being an officer of Government, shall receive such fee for his services as the Judge shall direct, provided that such fee shall not exceed five hundred rupees. Such fee shall be deemed to be costs in the suit."

(*c*) To add the following as sub-section (3) :—

" In case of a difference of opinion between the Judge and the assessors or any of them upon a question of law or practice or usage having the force of law, the opinion of the Judge shall prevail."

(*d*) To add the following as sub-section (4) :—

" In case of difference of opinion among the Judge and the assessors upon a question of fact, the opinion of the majority shall prevail."

Section 9.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal :—

(*a*) In sub-section (1) omit the words "and the number of years which such increase may reasonably be expected to continue and shall then ase the present value at 6 per cent. of an annuity equal to such money value for number of years" occurring after the word "increase" in the second line of page

(*b*) In sub-section (2) of the same section, *for* the words "present value o the annuity" in line 10, *substitute* the words "average net money-value of the increase."

(*c*) *For* the words "the present value" in line 12, *substitute* the words "such net money-value".

(*d*) And *for* the words "the present value of the annuity" in line 14, *substitute* the words "such net money-value."

Section 10.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal :—

(*a*) *Omit* section 10 of the Bill.

(*b*) If it is not carried, *omit* the words "spontaneously grown during the period of the tenancy or" occurring in lines 27 and 28.

(*c*) *For* the word "three-fourths" in line 31, *substitute* the word "one-fourth."

Section 12.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

Section 12.—To substitute for this section the following :—

"Where an improvement falls under more than one of the classes mentioned in sections 9, 10 and 11, and the amounts of compensation awardable under such classes vary, the amount awarded shall be the highest of such amounts."

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal :—

(*a*) *Omit* section 12.

(*b*) If it is not carried, *substitute* the words "equitable under all the circumstances of the case" *for* the words "favourable to the tenant" in line 51.

(*c*) *Omit* the illustrations.

(*d*) If this is not carried, *for* the words "the higher" in line 5, page 5, *substitute* the word "such," and after the word "amount" in line 6 *add* the words "as the court may find to be most equitable."

Section 13.

The Hon'ble Mr. H. M. WINTERBOTHAM :—

In line 9 between the words 'timber' and 'trees' to insert the words "or fruit."

Section 14.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal :—

Omit section 14.

Section 15.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal :—

In sub-section (1) after the word "may" in line 32 *add* the words "in communication with the High Court."

Section 16.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal :—

Omit the words "in respect of any product for which no table showing the price has been published" in lines 5 and 6.

If it is not carried, *add* after the word "published" in line 6 the words "and whenever for the purpose of rebutting the presumption under section 15."

Section 18.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

To omit this section altogether, and to number sections 19 and 20 as sections 18 and 19.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR Avargal :—

Omit section 18.

(8) *The Hindu Gains of Learning Bill.*

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. V. Bhashyam Aiyangar Avargal, C.I.E., Diwan Bahadur, presents the report of the Select Committee on the above Bill and moves that the Bill and report be taken into consideration at once.

Notice has been given that the following amendments will be moved when the Bill is taken into consideration :—

Section 3.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

To insert the following as proviso to section 3 :—

"Provided that such person makes a declaration in writing registered under the law for the registration of assurances for the time being in force that from the date of such declaration he will consider himself divided from such family in respect of his gains of learning."

Section 4.

The Hon'ble M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI Avargal :—

(*a*) If the above amendment to section 3 be carried, to move the omission of clause (*e*) of this section.

(*b*) If not carried, to move the substitution of the following for clause (*e*) of this section :—

"The right of members of a Hindu joint family to or in property being the gains of learning of any one of them, in cases in which the latter has not by express conduct or act treated such property as his self-acquisition."

(9) *Bill to amend Madras Acts, II of* 1894, *III of* 1895 *and IV of* 1897.

The Hon'ble Mr. H. M. Winterbotham introduces the above Bill and moves that it be read in Council.

(10) *Bill to amend the Madras Coffee-Stealing Prevention Act,* 1878.

The Hon'ble Mr. G. Stokes introduces the above Bill and moves that it be read in Council.

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

Government of Fort St. George.
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

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