

Appointing certain gentlemen elected by the local Chambers of Commerce to be members of the — for the year 1899-1900.

No. 530, MARINE, 13TH JUNE 1899.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

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Read—also the following papers:—

From the Collector of Gó dávari, dated 18th May 1899, No. 318.

" " " " 22nd " " " 117.

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J. H. Clark, Esq.

A. Gardiner, Esq.

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" P. Venkatachalapati Garu.

" P. Chittiah Garu.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
" Collector, Gó dávari District.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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To The P.O.
" Collector, Godavari District.

Rule 1
are here any rules
for such elections
The petitioners note
Rule 3

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Rule 3 quoted in the petition
is a local rule of the
Native Chamber of

disposed to go behind
the action made by
the Chamber in its
Corporate Capacity

L.S.
31 May 99

Commune, and who are
for election to the
Board - There is
no one - The Chairman
appears to have packed
a meeting of the Chamber
and got this meeting
to elect his nominees
the said nominees, who
being regular
members of the Chamber
itself - This is the
allegation of the petitioners
but we have not heard
the Chairman's version,
and it is not certain
that the fact will be

See
H.H.
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Read the following:—

Letter from the Collector of Godavari, No. 318, dated 18th May 1899.
do do No. 117, dated 22nd May 1899.

Non-official members,
Cocanada Emancipation Board

Circulated to

H.E. the Governor
Res. Hon. C. S. J. Arundel C.S.J.
Res. Hon. Mr. W. L. St. John

FOR ORDERS

In para 4 of G.O. 321 Marine, dated 11th April 1899, reconstituting the Cocanada Emancipation Board, the Collector of Godavari was asked to submit the names of the non-official gentlemen to be placed on the Board.

2. With the first of his letters read above, he submits the names of the gentlemen elected by the two Chambers of Commerce, European and Native, to serve as members on the new Board.

3. It will, however, be seen from the petition forwarded with the second of his letters that some of the members of the Native Chamber of Commerce enter a protest against the nominations and question

should accept these nominations.
Native names
the two first on the list are known
to me as those of other and good men

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questions the validity of the elections. The Collector submits the letter with the remark that, as he has no control over the Chamber, he does not think he can interfere. - If Govt. think that any action is needed, the Chairmen of the Native Chamber of Commerce might be called upon for explanation. The Rule 3rd printed by the petitioners is apparently a local rule of the Chamber, and a rule for election to the Conservancy Board, of which there are nine.

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Marine
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(1899.) Department.

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From

The Collector

Godavari

Order

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Dated 18th May 1899.

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SUBJECT.

submitting the names of the non-official gentlemen elected by the two Chambers of Commerce, Godavari as members of the new Conservancy Board.

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GODAVARI DISTRICT, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Cocanada, 18th May 1899.

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FROM

J. A. Brunning Esq.,
Acting Collector,
Godavari District.

TO

The Secretary to Government
Marine Department
Madras

SIR,

European Chamber of
Commerce, Cocanada,

- 1 Messrs. W. J. Highton
- 2 " J. W. Clark
- 3 " A. Gardiner

Native Chamber of
Commerce, Cocanada

- 1 Messrs Rao Bahadur
B. Venkataratnam
- 2 " Fayida
Venkatachalapathy
- 3 " Dalivela Chittiah.

With reference to para 4
of G. O. no 321 Marine, dated
11th April 99, I have the
honour to state on the margin
the names of the non-official
gentlemen, elected by the
two Chambers of Commerce
Cocanada, as members
of the new Conservancy Board.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

(sd) J. A. Brunning
Acting Collector

P. S. S. S. S.
19.5.99
For Collector

REVENUE (189) DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE COLLECTOR,

Godavari District.

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The Collector

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Dated 22nd May 1899.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding a petition
received from certain
members of the Native
Chambers of Commerce,
Cocanada, regarding the
nomination of members
to the New Conservancy Board.

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To

The Collector
Godavery District
Cocoanada.

Sir,

With reference to the resolution of the Native Chamber of Commerce recommending Messrs Rao Bahadur B. Venkatarahnam, P. Chittrah and P. V. Chalaphaty for nomination as members of the Port Conservancy Board, we the undersigned members of the said Chamber beg to state that the Election held for this purpose at its meeting of the 14th instant was irregular, improper and illegal.

1. Rule 3. "Persons desirous of joining the Chamber shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another and finally approved by a majority of the general Committee."

The Chairman of the Chamber contrary to the provisions of this rule enlisted the names of about thirty gentlemen just before the date for the Election of members for the Board who are either his relations, personal

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friends or dependants and as such not
expected to vote impartially.

Mr. Pyda Venkatachela paty
a money lender and a brother-in-law of the
Chairman was one of the candidates along with
himself. It is evident from the procedure of
the Chairman that he wished to secure the return
of himself and his brother-in-law, who
otherwise could not have been elected in as much
as he is merely a banker and is therefore not
qualified for the place.

The anxiety exhibited by the Chairman
in this direction can best be observed from the
fact that the members who first happened
to see the meeting notice found therein the
names of 48 gentlemen only and those who
happened to see it later on found that the
number swelled to about 52. Evidently
therefore the Chairman went on enlisting
the names of persons even up to the hour
of the meeting.

Again the Election was held when
most of the recognised members left the meeting
out of disgust as the discussion was unusually
bitter and extremely unpleasant. Even if
the Election were held among all the
members recognised or otherwise before most
of the gentlemen left the meeting the result

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Dated 22nd May 1899.

FROM

J. A. Brunning Esqre
Acting COLLECTOR,

Godavari District,

TO

THE Secretary to Government
Marine Department
Madras

SIR,

In continuation of my letter
C.M. 583 Ser no 382 B of 1899, dated 18.5.1899,
I have the honor to forward for
the information of Government a
petition received from certain members
of the Native Chamber of Commerce,
dissenting from the nominations
made by that body.

2. I do not think it is a matter
in which I can interfere as I have
no control over the Chamber.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

(sd) J. A. Brunning

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For Collector