

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From V. MUTHUSAWMI IYER, Officiating Chairman, Municipal Council, Trichinopoly, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Collector) dated Trichinopoly, — March 1887, No. 34.

In accordance with the instructions contained in para. 3 of G.O., No. 862 M. Financial, dated 26th August 1886, the annual value of Government buildings situated outside the cantonment was fixed, under section 65 of Act IV of 1884, with reference to the annual rental at which they might reasonably be expected to let. The bills of assessment for the above buildings, prepared on the valuation thus fixed, were forwarded to the Executive Engineer, Mr. Martin, for his certificate. They have all been returned by that officer, reducing the amount of assessment by about a half. In reply to a communication asking him for an explanation of the cause of the reductions he made, he states that the annual value fixed by the Chairman was excessive, and that his own valuation was “fair and reasonable.”

2. As the certificate of the Executive Engineer appears to be necessary prior to the collection of the tax in question (*vide* G.O., No. 780 W., of 23rd March 1886,) and as there is no use of making a reference to the Superintending Engineer on the subject, Mr. Martin himself being now in charge of the Superintending Engineer's office, the council resolved, on 28th February 1887 (extract attached), to address Government. I have therefore the honor to request the favor of your obtaining the orders of Government as to the procedure to be adopted in this as well as in similar cases, whenever a difference arises between the rate of assessment fixed by the Chairman and that fixed by the Executive Engineer.

3. I may add that the valuation of the above buildings was fixed by a sub-committee appointed by the council for the purpose of revising the valuation of all the buildings in the municipality.

From the Councillor in charge of the Municipal Office, Municipal Council, Trichinopoly, dated 16th March 1887, No. 36.

ORDER—dated 20th April 1887, No. 357 M., Local and Municipal.

If the assessment fixed by the Chairman is considered excessive, the Executive Engineer should take the necessary legal means under section 97 of the District Municipalities Act to have it reduced, and in doing this the provisions of section 99 (ii) should be borne in mind. The assessment fixed by the council on appeal must be regarded as final, and all that the Engineer has to do in such cases is to certify that all legal means have been taken to have the excessive assessment reduced. If the assessments on Government buildings generally, as fixed by the council after appeal, are considered grossly unfair, Government can be addressed with a view to action

being taken under Act XI of 1881. But it must be clearly understood that the Executive Engineer has no power to reduce, on his own authority, an assessment fixed by a chairman or municipal council.

2. The attention of all Executive Engineers will be drawn in the Public Works Department to these rules.

(True Extract.)

W. Meyer
for Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
„ the Revenue Department.
„ the Chairman, Municipal Council, Trichinopoly, through the Collector.
„ all other Chairmen of Municipal Councils,
 through the Collectors concerned.
„ the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
„ the Accountant-General.

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APRIL.

Taxes.

Passing orders on letter from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Trichinopoly, regarding the rate of assessment fixed on Government buildings outside the cantonment limits.

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