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Supt. Engineer's Office  
V. Circle Madras.

N<sup>o</sup> 1635A.

Camp Bangalore 13 July 1887

From

Col. H. M. Vibart R. E.

Supt. Engineer, V Circle.

To

The President

of the Municipality,

Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I happened to visit the Dhoby's Wells Water Works this morning and I observed a number of natives - one of whom was putting up trees to auction - At the time I saw him he was actually engaged in selling some trees which form the border of the land belonging to the Madras Government. These trees are the property of the Madras Government and of course must not be touched without due authority.

The native engaged as the auctioneer showed me a paper signed by Mr. Gibson as his authority - I request you will be good enough to inform Mr. Gibson that he cannot be allowed to touch the trees belonging to the Madras Government.

A great many trees have been cut down in the

neighbourhood of the Dhoby's Wells. This I  
also consider most objectionable - and regret  
very much that they have been removed. I think  
it would be well if the Municipality were to  
consider more carefully what they are doing. It  
is easy to cut down a tree but many years  
must elapse before they can be replaced.

I have the honor &c &c

Signed H. M. Vibart Col. R.E.  
Supt. Engineer, V Circle.

No. 2166A

Supt. Engrs Office  
V Circle Madras  
Camp Bangalore 22 Aug 1897

To

The President,  
Municipal Commission,  
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to repeat that you will  
be good enough to expedite your reply to my  
letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 1897 regarding cutting down  
some trees near the Ulloor Tank which belong  
to the Madras Government.

I have the honor &c

Signed H. M. Vibart Col. R.E.  
Supt. Engineer, V Circle.

No. 831 Civil and Military Station  
Bangalore.

Municipal Office 21<sup>st</sup> September 1897

To

Colonel H. M. Vibart R.E.  
Supt. Engineer, V Circle.

Sir,

With reference to the first paragraph of  
your letter No. 1635A dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 1897, I  
have the honor to observe that you have been  
somewhat premature in your statement that  
certain trees which were being put up to auction  
by this Municipality were on land belonging  
to the Madras Government, as the trees referred  
to are the property of the Municipality and this  
view has been fully confirmed by my recent  
inquiries. However if there is anything on record  
in your office or any information forthcoming to  
support your statement that the trees in question  
are the property of the Madras Government and  
situated on land belonging to that Government,  
I would be obliged by your referring me to the same.

2. You may not probably be aware that the  
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land in the vicinity of the Dholies' Wells in  
Uleor which was made over to the Deputy Asst.  
Quartermaster General of the Bangalore Division  
on the 17 August 1868 was done as by the Municipality  
from which it may reasonably be presumed  
that the Municipality would under the  
circumstances be the best judge as to the land  
that was or was not made over to the Military  
authorities in August 1868.

3. I would add that the Municipality  
has no inclination or desire whatever to interfere  
with land or trees which are not its property,  
and in cases where circumstances may require  
its interference in regard to land, trees, or any  
other property other than its own, it is the invari-  
able custom of the Municipality to make reference  
to the recognized source which in the present  
instance would have been the Asst. Quartermaster  
General Bangalore Division.

4. Mr. Gibson in giving the order he did  
was guided by the President's directions, and  
the President would have been glad if you had  
not acted in the way you did but have awaited

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an early reference to him as to the ownership of  
the land and trees, this he suggests would have  
been a more satisfactory procedure, for as regards  
the sale such could have been easily cancelled  
by the undersigned with whom rests the power  
of confirming the bids.

5. Touching your remarks about the cutting  
down of trees in that locality which you consider  
objectionable, I would ask you to be so good as  
to leave in the hands of those really concerned, this  
question, in regard to the disposal of which, they are  
alone answerable.

6. I am always glad to receive suggestions  
provided they take legs of the dictatorial form as  
embodied in the latter part of your letter.

7. I think that there can be but little doubt  
that the removal of the Casuarina trees on Kensington  
Road for a better class of tree is a great improve-  
ment. Casuarinas are neither ornamental nor shady.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant  
Signed Edw. Hewatson  
President-

Suply. Engineer's Office  
5<sup>th</sup> Line, Madras.  
Camp Bangalore 11 October 1887-

N<sup>o</sup> 2798A

To The President,  
Bangalore Municipality.

Sir,

I have pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N<sup>o</sup> 831 of 21<sup>st</sup> September. - I should have replied to it before but have been away in South Arcot for the last 2 or 3 weeks. I much regret that you should have thought it fit and proper to write me such a discourteous letter.

I am clearly of opinion that the tone of your letter is utterly unjustifiable.

The simple facts of the case are that on 13<sup>th</sup> July last I made an official inspection of the Ulsoor Water Works and having observed some natives selling trees by auction which to my view clearly belonged to the Madras Government. I told them they had no right to be selling the trees. Directly I returned home I addressed a letter to you on the subject. The trees which were being sold at the time of my visit were those forming the boundary

boundary of the Dholji's Wells' ground belonging to the Madras Government.

I consider as Suply. Engineer of 5<sup>th</sup> Circle having the Ulsoor Water Works under my care I was bound to interfere in the matter and I considered the best way was at once to address you as President of the Municipality.

I was formerly for many years in charge of the Ulsoor Water Works and at the present moment they are under my care. This being the case I thought as I was writing to you I might as well at the same time bring to your notice that I did not consider the cutting down of trees in the neighbourhood of the Ulsoor Water Works - in any way desirable. but I had no wish to be dictatorial and I think any unbiassed person reading my letter would find a more favorable construction on the meaning & intention of my letter. I can see nothing in my letter which calls for an expression of regret.

I shall now forward this correspondence to the Madras Govt. through the Secy. to Govt. D. P. W.

I have the honor &c

(Irene Lohia) Signed M. M. Herbert C.E.S.  
Suply. Engineer, 5<sup>th</sup> Circle.  
Hurstwood  
Suply. Engineer, 5<sup>th</sup> Circle

No. 2788

Camp Bangalore

V Circle, Madras,

Chennai, 11 October 1887.

From

Colonel A. M. Vibart R.E.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, V CIRCLE,

To

THE Secretary to Government  
Public Works Department.

Sir,

Enclosures.

I have the honor to forward correspondence between the President Bangalore Municipality and myself, which I request you will be so good as to place before the Madras Government. I consider myself that as Supt. Engineer I was bound to interfere in the matter. I trust that the Government will be pleased to point out to the President through the Mysore Government - that I was justified in addressing him on the subject - and that under no circumstances was the President justified in writing me such a discourteous letter as his dated 21<sup>st</sup> September.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant.

Henry M. Vibart R.E.

Supt. Engineer, V Circle

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PW.8162/57

From  
The Supt Engineer  
5<sup>th</sup> Mile

To  
The Secretary to Govt.  
P.W. Department.

Dated 11<sup>th</sup> } October 1897.  
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No 2852 W of 24<sup>th</sup> October 97

No 2788.

Sholay's Wells Water Works  
at Bangalore.

Forwards correspondence  
between the President  
Bangalore Municipality &  
himself regarding - and  
requests to file before  
Madras Government

C.No. 8162.

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For orders as to whether the inter-  
ventions of Govt in regard to  
the tone of the correspondence <sup>is necessary</sup>  
The Supt Engineer does not  
give sufficient information  
to decide as to the ownership  
of the trees.

The question of the ownership of  
the trees is not the point at  
issue - I think however it  
is probable that Col Vibart  
was mistaken; and that  
that the trees were and have  
belonging to the Municipality:

The letter from the President  
Bangalore Municipality.

No 531 of 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 97 is a  
most disconcerting one; but  
I consider that it was provoked  
by the tone of Col Vibart's letter  
1635 A and reminder 2466A.

I do not think it advisable  
that the Madras Govt should  
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 24<sup>th</sup> October 1887

Read the following

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