

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>1217</i>	Press
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Dated	<i>27-11-</i>	<i>1866.</i>

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

27th November 1866.

No. 164. Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Chittoor, 13th November 1866, No. 70.

In Section 6 of Madras Act X of 1865, it is provided that, in any Town to which the operation of the Act shall have been extended, the Governor in Council shall appoint any number, not less than five, of the inhabitants thereof to be Town Commissioners, for carrying out in such Town the purposes of the Act. Under the limitation that the Town Commissioners must be inhabitants, the Head Assistant Magistrate of this District cannot be on the Commission, as his Head Quarters are at Raneepet, some two miles distant from Wallajapet, and beyond its Municipal limits. The Head Assistant Magistrate being thus disqualified as a Municipal Commissioner, I am (as I construe Section 8) precluded by it from appointing him Vice President of the Municipal Commissioners, and have accordingly, as a temporary arrangement, named the Tahsildar whom*

* Proceedings, dated 15th October 1866, No. 1050, Public Department. Government permitted me to place on the list as my representative.

2. Situated as I am, at a distance, and utterly unable, with any regard to my more important duties, to take personally any active part in the numerous preliminary arrangements connected with the introduction of the Act into Wallajapet, my position is more nominal than real, and the Commission, as now constituted, will lack wholly that European element which would give it coherence and practical usefulness.

3. If, as the law now stands, Mr. Wilkinson cannot be appointed Municipal Commissioner at Wallajapet, similar difficulties will arise, when the Act comes to be extended to Gudiatum, Tirpathi, &c., &c. It seems, therefore, desirable that the difficulty should at once be set to rest, and the simplest remedy which suggests itself to me is that Section 8 should be slightly modified by a legislative enactment, declaring that "the Magistrate in charge of a Division of the District" shall, ex-officio, be Vice President of all Municipal Commissioners within such Division.

No. 165. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1866, No. 1217.

Mr Robinson's suggestion will be duly considered when the Act is revised.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of North Arcot.

„ Legislative Department.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

North Street,
Magistrate's Office
Chittagong Nov. 1866

No 70

From

J. D. Robinson Esq.
Magistrate of N. Street.

To The Honorable A. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secy. to Govt.
Port St. George

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I have the honor to be,

Sr

Yours most obedient

Wm C. C. C.

Magistrate

North Street
Magistrate's Office,
Boston 13 Nov 1866

To The Honorable A. J. C. C.
Chief Clerk of the
Court St. George

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