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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
7th February 1867.*

No. 34. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated North Arcot, 7th January 1867, No. 1.

I have the honor to forward, for the orders of Government, copy of a letter from the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission at Vellore, regarding the appointment by him of his head servant to a Road Overseer's post in the Municipal Commission. The appointment appears to me ill-advised.

2. In the present infant state of these Municipalities it is more than ever desirable that the patronage connected with them should be cautiously and judiciously exercised.

3. This appointment, which would appear already to have given rise to unpleasant comments, should, I think, be cancelled.

From the Joint Magistrate of North Arcot and Vice-President, Municipal Commission, Vellore, to the Magistrate of North Arcot; dated Arcot, 6th January 1867, No. 3.

A friend of mine of standing in the Civil Service, and whose opinion I respect, having this day written to me, stating that the appointment by me of my head servant to a Road Overseer's post in the Municipal Commission, Vellore, has been commented on privately in his hearing in Madras, and, moreover, in his opinion, would be disapproved of by Government if brought to its knowledge, I think it my duty to bring the case to your notice, for submission to the Board of Revenue, as I hold my appointment as Vice-President in virtue of my office as Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate.

2. Domestic servants are not, as a rule, competent to hold even very subordinate posts, and I have never so advanced one; further, their appointment by their masters to public posts of trust is, of course, open to objection for all reasons; the present case, however, stands thus—the man whom I have appointed possesses considerable qualifications and is a good English scholar, and the post which I have given him is merely in the Municipal Board, and is that of Road Pygust (a Supervisor of coolies), an appointment carrying little influence or responsibility; being about to be thrown out of employ by my probable return to Europe my head servant and many others applied for the vacant Pygust posts, and I selected him with others as best suited both by character and qualifications. Under these circumstances, it never occurred to me that the appointment might be objected to on the ground of the man having been in my service, or I should have reported the matter before entertaining him.

3. I may observe, however, that though the nomination has been made, the man has not yet been brought on the working strength of the Municipal staff, and that, therefore, if the appointment is considered objectionable it can easily be cancelled.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1867, No. 133.

The Governor in Council concurs in the views of the Magistrate. He directs accordingly that the appointment in question be cancelled,

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of North Arcot.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

7th February 1867 No. 133.

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