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Public DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers :—

No. 51. From the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddalore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Pondicherry, 8th October 1867, No. 49.

At the request of S. Mootoosawmy Moodelly, I have the honor to forward the accompanying letter, in original, addressed to Government, remonstrating against his removal from the Municipal Board, and complaining of my proceedings in the matter.

2. It is unnecessary for me to disclaim the motives which S. Mootoosawmy has so boldly ventured to ascribe to me for the part I have taken anent his removal. The imputation of any such motives reflects, in my opinion, on the person making it, and I do not propose to defend myself against an attack of the kind.

3. Much stress is laid by Mootoosawmy on a Memorandum, of which he encloses a copy, addressed by me to him in continuation of the correspondence, copy of which was forwarded to Government under date the 13th August last, No. 46, and which will be found printed with the Government Proceedings of the 23rd idem, No. 1043.

4. A copy of that Memorandum was not sent simply because it was not necessary, but it will prove to Government how unwilling I was to remove Mootoosawmy, in the belief I then entertained of his influence and respectability in the esteem of his countrymen, and my desire in consequence to retain his services, provided they were duly rendered ; and I allowed nearly three months to elapse before I again moved in the matter, but during that interval not once did Mootoosawmy attend either the bi-monthly or the appeal meetings, and on no occasion has he apologised or excused himself.

5. My reasons for subsequently recommending Mootoosawmy's removal after the further period of three months are already sufficiently before Government, and I maintain that his unceremonious and continued neglect of his duties as a Commissioner, no matter from what cause arising, fully justified my recommendation ; and although I regret with Government that I did not at once accept Mootoosawmy's resignation as tendered in his letter, which was printed with the Proceedings of Government already quoted, yet it was entirely out of consideration for himself, and because of his status, as I believed, in the estimation of his countrymen that I was induced to show him every forbearance.

6. Before my going into the District on duty, up to which date I had deferred my recommendation, Mootoosawmy had not attended a single meeting in the Committee room of New Town, and the difficulty at times of forming a quorum, as required by the law for the transaction of business, had frequently occasioned to myself and others very serious inconvenience, and more than once at the Board I have expressed my annoyance, and I believe more than one remonstrance was circulated by me on the subject, in order to insure more punctual attendance.

7. The number of bi-monthly and appeal meetings from the 1st November 1866, the date of the institution of the Municipality, up to August, or the date of my former letter, is entered in the margin, making a total of 81 meetings ; while the number of both at which Moo-

Bi-monthly, ...	24
Special, ...	4
Appeal Meetings, ...	55
	81

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toosawmy attended during the same period was seven, the details of which are also given marginally, and I am not prepared to recommend that Mootoosawmy Moodelly be re-nominated to the Commission, until he shall have satisfied me that his health will admit of his taking a due and proper share in the labors of the Board; but, as already intimated to him, I shall be most willing and happy to recommend his re-appointment the moment I am assured that he will be able to give that attention and time to Municipal affairs which the rest of the Commissioners have all along been compelled to do, and which, in my opinion, it is only fair to require of each individual member.

BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS.
10th December 1866.
21st January 1867.
11th February „
18th March „
APPEAL MEETINGS.
19th March 1867.
21st Do. „
22nd April. „

From S. MOOTOOSAWMY MOODELLIAR, late Municipal Commissioner, Cuddalore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cuddalore, 23rd September 1867.

I beg leave to address Government in respect of their Order, dated the 29th August last, No. 1040, relative to my removal from the Commission of the Municipality of Cuddalore. The President of the Commission, in submitting to the consideration of Government copies of correspondence that transpired between himself and me, has kept back the all-important letter, No. 246; if that had been laid before Government, I believe they may not have passed such an order of removal upon me.

2. From the correspondence herewith submitted for the consideration of Government, you will be pleased to observe that the President wrote to me on the 18th May last, giving me to understand that my absence from meetings is causing inconvenience, and if I could not manage to attend more regularly, that I had better resign. In reply to this, I wrote on the 25th idem, informing the President that, owing to my ill-health, I am grievously disabled from attending the meetings, and tendering my resignation therewith.

3. Did the matter end here, there would have been no necessity for any further correspondence on the subject. But, on the other hand, the President wrote to me on the 25th of the same month the letter, No. 246, above alluded to, couched in a most flattering language, in which he says, he would retain my services in the Commission, "as he did not wish to deprive the Municipality or the community of the advantage of the counsel and experience of one who holds so prominent a position in the esteem and consideration of his countrymen and others in Cuddalore;" and as regards my ill-health he thus expresses himself—"and trusts that his health will soon permit of his taking a fair share in the labors of the Commission."

4. After writing this letter so complimentary, I am indeed sorry to observe that the President had taken such a harsh step as to expose me to the disgrace of a public removal.

5. There is a suit pending before the Court regarding some water dispute between the President as Collector, and myself and several others. In connection with this, the President in his Magisterial capacity laid a criminal charge against one of my principal parties. The Magistrate being interested in the dispute, and as he was much prejudiced against myself and others connected with the aforesaid water dispute, I considered it necessary, for the ends of justice, to get the criminal case taken out of his hands through the High Court. This, I believe, has excited the President's annoyance, who, to take the better of me, has taken such severe measures as to disgrace me with a public removal. The President having suppressed the important letter, No. 246, is by itself sufficient evidence to prove that he allowed his ill-feelings to take the better of me.

6. The President in his letter to Government, dated 13th August last, says that "although since then the Municipal office has for the time been removed to New Town, close to Mootoosawmy's residence, he has taken no share in the work, nor has he been present at any of the bi-monthly meetings." I beg here to observe that I have been ill since some time back, and am still under medical treatment; hence, I presume to add, that the removal of the office somewhat closer to my residence could not obviate the difficulty an unhealthy man like myself is laboring under; but

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yet the change of time in convening the meetings suited me a little; for in New Town the meetings were held at 3 p.m. instead of 8 a.m. as before, and this enabled me to attend some of the meetings, which the President, I am sorry to find, has not thought necessary to bring to the notice of Government.

7. Had the whole correspondence been laid before Government, I am convinced that they would not have passed an order of public removal upon me. The step taken by the President has inflicted upon me a serious injury. I, therefore, take the liberty to address Government with these lines, trusting that they would be pleased, in justice to myself and to the community, to adjudge upon the matter as they deem proper.

No. 233.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The Magistrate of South Arcot desires to ascertain from S. Mootoosawmy Moodelly if it is his wish to be nominated as one of the Town Commissioners. It is observed that, during the past six months, Mootoosawmy Moodelly has attended only three of the bi-monthly meetings, and he has only twice attended the appeal meetings appointed under the Act since the 8th March. Of course, if all the Commissioners are equally indifferent to the working of the Act, and evidenced as little zeal and interest in the duties of a Commission, the law would simply be inoperative and the Municipal office might close. The Magistrate has no wish to exclude Mootoosawmy Moodelly from the Commission, but if he wish to remain on it, it will be an understood condition of his nomination that he fulfil the functions of a Commissioner better than he has done, and that he do attend the meetings and appeal Committees more frequently, and with greater punctuality than heretofore; on the other hand, should Mootoosawmy Moodelly wish no longer to serve, he will be good enough to send in his resignation at once, as the Magistrate is on the eve of submitting to Government a fresh list of Commissioners for the official year 1867-68, as required by the Act. An early acknowledgment of this is requested.

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Magistrate.

Cuddalore,

18th May 1867.

To S. Mootoosawmy Moodelliar, Municipal Commissioner, Cuddalore.

From S. MOOTOOSAWMY MOODELLIAR, Municipal Commissioner for the Town of Cuddalore, to the Magistrate of South Arcot; dated Munjacoopum, 25th May 1867, No. 278.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Official Memorandum, No. 233, dated 18th May 1867, and, in reply, beg to inform you that, since some time back, I have not been in good health, I am, in consequence, undergoing a course of medical treatment, and have to continue it for some time longer. I am very thankful indeed for your kind expressions to retain my services in the Commission.

2. While I am glad to serve as a Commissioner for the ensuing year, I beg, in consideration of my health, to be allowed for some time to attend to the meetings as my health would permit me to do so; but in the event of this not meeting with your approval, I beg you will be kindly pleased to accept of my resignation.

No. 246.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The Magistrate has received the explanation of Mootoosawmy Moodelly of this date, and, under the circumstances represented, the Magistrate would be sorry to deprive the Municipality or the community of the advantage of the counsel and experience of one who holds so prominent a position in the esteem and consideration of his countrymen and others in Cuddalore; and, therefore, the Magistrate purposes to include Mootoosawmy Moodelly's name on the Commission for the ensuing official year, and he trusts that his health will soon permit of his taking a fair share in the labors of the Commission.

MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE, CUDDALORE,

25th May 1867.

To S. Mootoosawmy Moodelliar, Municipal Commissioner, Cuddalore.

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Magistrate.

No. 52. From Mr. J. SHAW, and other Municipal Commissioners, Cuddalore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cuddalore, 14th October 1867.

On the 21st ultimo, we had the honor to forward enclosed petition to your address through the President of the Municipal Commission.

2. After waiting until the 4th instant, or 13 days after the letter was forwarded, the President was again addressed, requesting that the courtesy of acknowledging letter's receipt would be shown. On Sunday the 13th instant, or 22 days from date of letter, an answer was forwarded, declining to forward the petition, so we have now the honor to send it direct.

From Mr. J. SHAW, and other Municipal Commissioners, Cuddalore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cuddalore, 21st September 1867.

We have the honor to address you regarding the Proceedings of Government, Public Department, No. 1043, dated 23rd August 1867, relative to the removal of S. Mootoosawmy Moodelly from the office of Municipal Commissioner for the Town of Cuddalore.

2. We take this liberty as the correspondence forwarded by the President was incomplete, the most important letter having been suppressed and we are convinced that the Government would not have passed a public order of removal on a person of S. Mootoosawmy Moodelly's position, had the whole correspondence been before it.

3. In handing copies of President's letter to Government, dated 13th August No. 46, with Government Order, we have also given correspondence as stated by President, and the letter which we consider the all-important letter, which the President omitted to send, is shown in page 3.

4. We may here state that we comprise the whole of the independent members who are in no way connected with Government, and our object in addressing you is, that we consider the course taken by the President as one so unnecessarily insulting to one of our number, and so unjust that we feel we all run an equal risk of public insult by serving.

5. That the Municipal Act, however necessary, is highly unpopular must be well known to Government, and the easy enforcement must to a great extent depend on the independent members being trusted by the Native community. In losing S. Mootoosawmy Moodelly we have lost a man who holds the highest name, not only among Natives but Europeans; for confirmation of this we would draw your attention to the President's most fulsomely complimentary letter, No. 246,* which the President did not see fit to submit to Government.

* Vide page 3.

6. That the extraordinary course of removing S. Mootoosawmy Moodelly and placing one, however respectable, little known to the town-people, except that he was formerly connected with the Police and is still to a certain extent under President's control, has had a bad effect, we do not pretend to hide from Government.

7. We would first draw attention to the correspondence itself. The President on 18th May, No. 233,† draws S. Mootoosawmy Moodelly's attention, that his absence from meetings is causing inconvenience, and suggesting that if he does not wish to attend more regularly to resign. This is answered on 25th May,‡ stating for the present sickness incapacitates his attending and

† Vide page 3.

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tendering his resignation. Had the correspondence stopped here we should equally with Government have "regretted that the President did not accept S. Mootoosawmy Moodelly's resignation when tendered in May last," and thought it necessary to take such a harsh step as to suggest his removal. But after the President's letter (now laid before you dated 25th May, No. 246, in which he declines to receive the resignation, "as he did not wish to deprive the Municipality or the

"community of the advantage of the counsel and experience of one who holds so prominent a position in the esteem and consideration of his countrymen and others in Cuddalore;" and regarding the impossibility of his attending for the present, owing to ill-health, goes on to say, "and trusts that his health will soon permit of his taking a fair share in the labors of the Commission," we can only with deep regret feel that the President has allowed his annoyance at litigation, that has been going on between himself and S. Mootoosawmy Moodelly, to interfere with his better judgment, and punish S. Mootoosawmy Moodelly by the disgrace of a public removal. This letter (No. 246) is one so highly complimentary as few, except those who had rendered the highest services to the State, could expect to receive from the Chief Magistrate of a District.

8. It has been customary in any change in the Municipal Commission for the President to have the courtesy to make it known, and voting papers to be passed for intended member; in this case such was not done, and every member was kept in the dark, and S. Mootoosawmy Moodelly serving on Appeal Committees until the President forwarded Government Proceedings, ordering removal of S. Mootoosawmy Moodelly and appointing Desaka Charry; the reason for this unusual course we do not care to analyse.

9. We trust we are not asking too much when we beg that if, with ourselves, Government consider an injustice to S. Mootoosawmy to have been done, that it will reinstate him, or should that be found inconvenient that his resignation be shown in the Gazette, so as it may be as publicly known as his disgrace.

10. As a portion of the members are servants of Government under the President, we abstained from passing a vote of regret in the Commission meeting at the loss of S. Mootoosawmy Moodelly, as we felt it would be equivalent to a vote of censure.

11. As we do not wish to pursue as secret a course as that done by the President, we forward this through him for his perusal.

12. Finally, we may point out that treatment, such as that received by S. Mootoosawmy Moodelly, can only lead to two things, either the Commission must be formed purely of officials, or the nominally independent members must be got from a lower class, as men of respectable position will not run the risk of serving.

No. 53. From S. MOOTOOSAWMY MOODELLIAR, late Municipal Commissioner, Cuddalore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cuddalore, 14th October 1867.

I had the honor, on 23rd ultimo, to forward a petition through the President of the Municipal Commission to you, regarding the steps taken by him for my removal. The President now writes to say that he has forwarded the letter to you, and I enclose the same to show the conciliatory tone which he is in the habit of using.

The paragraph I have marked* I think a most questionable one for an officer in the President's position to write, as reflecting on the whole nation.

* Paragraph 3.

2. By some extraordinary accident this letter has taken twenty days to reach me.

From the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddalore, to S. MOOTOOSAWMY MOODELLIAR, Munjacoopum; dated Pondicherry, 24th September 1867, No. 890.

I have received your letter of yesterday's date, enclosing one addressed to Government, which you request me to forward, and wherein you object to the course taken by me to obtain your removal from the Municipal Commission of Cuddalore.

2. I am sorry you consider yourself aggrieved by what I have done, but I have acted solely on public grounds, as already recorded, and I cannot consent to your re-appointment to the Commission, until you are able to assure me that you will take more interest and a greater share in the labors of the Municipal Board than you have hitherto done; and, meanwhile, I may add that you have only to blame yourself for your removal.

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3. I will, with pleasure, forward your letter to Government as you wish, but it will be necessary that I point out to Government, as I desire now to do to you, that the imputation of motives which you have ventured so boldly to assign as having influenced me is unworthy of any one occupying the position of a Native gentleman; but I am willing to attribute this to ignorance, as I should be sorry to think it arose from an absence of that appreciation of high-minded principles, the enforcement of which, however, theoretically recognized, is unhappily too often practically overlooked by your countrymen; and though I am content on this occasion to ascribe your want of delicacy and right feeling to the first mentioned cause, I could not do otherwise than notice what would be deemed amongst European gentlemen as a grave and impertinent impropriety.

4. Some time ago I informed you, through the Municipal Board, that I shall be happy to re-nominate you as Commissioner in the coming year, provided you are able to assure me that your health will admit of your giving a fair share of your time and attention to Municipal affairs, since from whatever cause arising, I am of opinion that any man who has like yourself so persistently neglected his duties as a Commissioner, is disqualified thereby for serving and ought to be removed.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1867, No. 1395.

The Government have already, in their Proceedings of the 23rd August last, expressed their regret that the President of the Cuddalore Municipal Commission did not accept the resignation of Mootoosawmy Moodelly when tendered in May last. They have now to remark that the President was inconsistent in addressing to Mootoosawmy Moodelly a complimentary letter after the tender of his resignation, and in subsequently recommending to Government the removal of the late Commissioner without direct reference to the continued ill-health which, it appears, was the principal cause of Mootoosawmy Moodelly's frequent absence from the Municipal meetings.

2. A copy of the Official Memorandum addressed to Mootoosawmy Moodelly on the 25th May 1867 should have accompanied the other papers sent up with the President's letter of the 23rd August.

3. Under the further information now before the Government, as to the continued ill-health of Mootoosawmy Moodelly, which appears to have prevented him from performing the duties of a Municipal Commissioner, the Governor in Council directs that the Notification rescinding the appointment of Mootoosawmy Moodelly as Town Commissioner be cancelled, and that it be notified that Mootoosawmy Moodelly has been permitted to resign his appointment at his own request.

NOTIFICATION.

Fort Saint George, 5th November 1867.

The Notification of the 23rd August last, published in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 27th idem, is hereby cancelled, in so far as it relates to the removal of Singary Mootoosawmy Moodelly from the Cuddalore Municipal Commission.

2. Mootoosawmy Moodelly is permitted, at his own request, to resign his appointment as Town Commissioner for Cuddalore.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor in Council.)

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddalore.

Ed. J. Tulloch

Chief Secretary.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George
Madras

Sir,

1 I beg leave to address Government in respect of their order dated the 29th August last, N^o 1040, relative to my removal from the Commission of the Municipality of Cuddalore. The President of the Commission, in submitting to the consideration of Government copies of correspondence that transpired between himself and me, has kept back the all important letter N^o 246; if that had been laid before Government, I believe they may not have passed such an order of removal upon me.

2. From the correspondence herewith submitted for the consideration of Government, you will be pleased to observe that the President wrote to me on the 18th May last, giving me to understand that my absence from Meetings is causing inconvenience, and

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if I could not manage to attend more regularly, that I had better resign. In reply to this, I wrote on the 25th idem, informing the President that, owing to my ill health I am grievously disabled from attending the Meetings, and tendering my resignation therewith.

3. Did the matter end here, there would have been no necessity for any further correspondence on the subject. But on the other hand, the President wrote to me on the 25th of the same month the letter, N^o. 246, above alluded to, couched in a most flattering language, in which he says, he would retain my services in the Commission. "As he did not wish to deprive the Municipality or the community of the advantage of the counsel and experience of one who holds so prominent a position in the esteem and consideration of his countrymen and others in Cuddalore; and as regards my ill health, he thus expresses himself, "and trusts that his health will soon permit of his taking a fair share in the labors of the Commission."

4. After writing this letter so complimentary, I am indeed sorry to observe that the President had taken such a harsh step as to expose me to the disgrace of a public removal.

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6. The President in his letter to Government, dated 10th August last, says, "since then the Municipal Office has for the time been removed to New Town, close to Prootarsamy's residence, he has taken no share in the work, nor has he been present at any of the bi-monthly Meetings." I beg here to observe that

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upon the matter as they deem proper.

Cuddalore
23rd September
1867

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient & humble servant

S. M. M.

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Public Department 23rd August 1867.
No. 186

Read the following letter from the President
of the Municipal Commission, Cuddalore, to the
Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St.
George, dated Cuddalore, 13th August 1867, No. 46

I have the honor to submit the name of Sreenivas-
macumbi Desikar Acharyas as a Municipal Commis-
sioner for the Town of Cuddalore, in lieu of
Mootosawmy Woodelley.

2 It is with reluctance that I make this proposal, but
the utter disregard of his duties as Commissioner by
Mootosawmy Woodelley ever since the establish-
ment of the Municipality, and his apparent want
of interest in Municipal affairs, leave me no alter-
native.

3 Mootosawmy has attended only three bi-monthly
Meetings since November 1866, and he has only
attended two of the appeal Committee Meetings
appointed under Section 69 of the act, although he has
only been nominated to serve in alternate weeks. The
very serious inconvenience thus occasioned to the public,
and as well as to the other Commissioners, requires no
comment.

4 Some time ago, I thought to remove Mootosawmy
Woodelley, consequent on his neglect of his municipal duties,
but

but I was unwilling to do so as he is a man of some influence and status in Cuddalore; I therefore wrote to him, and beg to enclose copy of my Memorandum, and of his answer, for the information of Government; and although since then the Municipal Office has for the time been removed to Tow Town, close to Mootosawmy's residence, he has taken no share in the work, nor has he been present at any of the bi-monthly Meetings. This want of co-operation and interest in Municipal affairs sufficiently evidences the unsuitableness of Mootosawmy to be continued in the post of Commissioner, and fully justifies my recommending that his name be removed; and accordingly I request that Government will sanction my nomination of Desika Achary in his stead, who is a highly respectable man, well acquainted with English, and holds the position of a Vakeel or pleader with the Zillah Court.
No. 233.

Official Memorandum.

The Magistrate of South Arcot desires to ascertain from M. Mootosawmy Woodelley if it is his wish to be nominated as one of the Town Commissioners. It is observed that, during the past six months, Mootosawmy Woodelley has attended only three of the bi-monthly Meetings, ^{and he has only twice attended the appeal - hearing} appointed under the Act since the 8th March. Of course, if all the Commissioners are equally indifferent to the working of the Act, and evidenced no little zeal and interest in the duties of a Commissioner the Law would simply be inoperative and the Municipal Office.

Office might close. The Magistrate has no wish to exclude Mootosawmy Woodelley from the Commission, but if he wish to remain on it, it will be an understood condition of his nomination that he fulfil the functions of a Commissioner better than he has done, and that he do attend the Meetings and appeal Committees more frequently, and with greater punctuality than heretofore, on the other hand, should Mootosawmy Woodelley wish no longer to serve, he will be good enough to send in his resignation at once, as the Magistrate is on the eve of submitting to Government a fresh list of Commissioners for the official year 1867-68 as required by the Act. An early acknowledgment of this is requested.

Cuddalore } (Signed) C. W. Peade
18th May 1867 } Magistrate.

From S. Mootosawmy Woodelley Municipal Commissioner for the Town of Cuddalore.

To, the Magistrate of South Arcot dated Manja-coorum 25th May 1867. No. 278.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your official Memorandum, No. 233, dated 18th May 1867, and, in reply, beg to inform you that, since some time back, I have not been in good health, I am, in consequence, undergoing a course of Medical treatment, and have to continue it for some time longer.

I am very thankful indeed for your kind expressions to retain my services in the Commission.

While I am glad to serve as a Commissioner for the ensuing year, I beg in consideration of my health, to be

be allowed for some time to attend to the college as my health would permit me to do so, But in the event of this not meeting with your approval. I beg you will be kindly pleased to accept of my resignation.

16/187. Order thereon, 23rd August 1867, 12 10 11

The appointment of Streelidamacumbi Desika Achary, vice Singary, Mootosawmy Moodelliar, a Town Commissioner for the Municipality of Cuddalore, will be notified in Fort St. George Gazette.

2 It is to be regretted that the president did not accept Mootosawmy Moodelliar's resignation when tendered it in May last

Notification

Fort St. George, 23rd August 1867.

The appointment of Singary, Mootosawmy Moodelliar to be a Town Commissioner for the Municipality of Cuddalore is hereby cancelled, and Streelidamacumbi Desika Achary is appointed a Town Commissioner for the said Municipality during the year ending on the 30th April 1868, under section 6 of Madras Act X of 1865.

(By order of his Excellency the Governor-in-Council)

(Signed) R. J. Ellis

Acting Chief Secretary.

To
The President of the Municipal Commission Cuddalore

N^o 246

Official Memo

The Magistrate has received the explanation of Mootosawmy Moodelliar of this date, and under the circumstances represented the Magistrate would be sorry to deprive the Municipality or the community of the advantage of the counsel and experience of one who holds so prominent a position in the esteem and consideration of his countrymen and others in Cuddalore; and therefore the Magistrate purposes to include Mootosawmy Moodelliar's name on the Commission for the ensuing official year, and he trusts that his health will soon permit of his taking a fair share in the labors of the Commission.

Magistrates Office } (Signed) C. W. Reade
Cuddalore } Magistrate
25th May 1867 }

To

S. Mootosawmy Moodelliar
Municipal Commissioner, Cuddalore

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resignation at once, as the Magistrate is on the
point of submitting to Government a fresh list
of Commissioners for the official year 1867-68,
required by the Act. An early acknowledgment
of this is requested.

(Signed) C. B. P. R. S.
Magistrate.
Dated 10th May 1867.

From Mr. Proctor'saunmy Moodli, Municipal
Commissioner for the Town of Pondicherry,
to the Magistrate of South Arcot; dated
Pondicherry, 25th May 1867, A. N. 278.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your Official Memorandum, A. N. 233, dated
5th May 1867, and, in reply, beg to inform you that,
since some time back, I have not been in good
health, I am, in consequence, undergoing a course of
medical treatment, and have to continue it for
some time longer. I am very thankful indeed for
your kind expressions to retain my services in the
Commission. While I am glad to serve as a Com-
missioner for the ensuing year, I beg, in consideration
of my health, to be allowed for some time to attend to
the Privies as my health would permit me to do so.
But, in the event of this not meeting with your approval,
I beg you will be kindly pleased to accept of my resignation.

Cuddalore, 21st September 1867.

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

We have the honor to address you
regarding the Proceedings of Government
in the Department of 186 dated 23rd Aug
1867 relative to the removal of - S.
Mootersaamy Moodelliar from the
office of Municipal Commissioner
in the Town of Cuddalore.

We take the liberty as the corres-
pondence forwarded by the President
was incomplete, the most important
letter having been suppressed, you are
convinced that the Government would
not have passed a public order of
removal on a person of S. Mootersaamy
Moodelliar's position, had the whole
correspondence been before it.

N^o 187. Order thereon 23rd August 1867.
The appointment of S. Mootersaamy Moodelliar, as
Municipal Commissioner for the Municipality of Cuddalore, is
annulled. It is to be regretted that the President did not
except Mootersaamy Moodelliar's resignation - which
tendered it in May last.

Notification.

Fort Saint George, 23rd August 1867.
The appointment of S. Mootersaamy Moodelliar
to be a Town Commissioner for the Municipality of
Cuddalore is hereby cancelled, and S. Mootersaamy
Desika Achary is appointed a Town Commissioner
for the said Municipality, during the year ending
on the 30th April 1868, under section 6 of Madras Act 2 of 1865
(by order of this Council, the Governor in Council.)

(Signed) P. S. S. S. S.

Acting Municipal Commissioner.
Fort Saint George.

3 In handing copies of President's letter to Government dated 13th August No 46. with Government order, we have also given correspondence as stated by President and the letter which we consider the all important letter which the President must send is shown in Red Ink.

4 We may here state that we consider the whole of the independent members who are in no way connected with Government. Our object in addressing you is that we consider the course taken by the President as one of unnecessarily insulting to one of our number, and so unjust that we feel we all run an equal risk of public insult by serving.

5 That the Municipal Act however necessary is highly unpopular must be well known to Government & the easy enforcement must to a great extent depend on the independent members being trusted by the native community. In losing S. Mootosawmy Moodally we

we have lost a man who holds the highest name not only among natives but Europeans for information of this we would draw your attention to the President's most friendly complimentary letter No 46, which the President did not expect to submit to Government.

That the extraordinary course of removing S. Mootosawmy Moodally and placing one however respectable and known to the town people except that he was formerly connected with the State is still to a certain extent under President's control, has had a bad effect, we do not pretend to hide from Government.

We would first draw attention to the correspondence itself. The President on 18th May (No 235) draws S. Mootosawmy Moodally's attention that his absence from meetings is causing inconvenience and suggesting that if he does not wish to attend more regularly to resign - this is answered on 25th May, stating for the present sickness incapacitates his attending

attending & tendering his resignation.
Had the correspondence stopped here
we should equally with Government
have "regretted that the President did
"not accept S. Mootosawmy Mudaliar's
"resignation when tendered in May last"
& thought it necessary to take such a
harsh step as suggest his removal.
But after the President's letter (now laid
before you) dated 25th May (No. 246) in
which he declines to receive the resigna-
tion "as he did not wish to deprive the
Municipality or the community of the
"advantage of the counsel & experience
of one who holds so prominent a position
in the esteem & consideration of his
"Countrymen & others in Cuddalore"
& regarding the impossibility of his
attending for the present owing to ill
health goes on to say and "trusts that
"his health will soon permit of his
"taking a fair share in the labors of
"the Commission". we can only with
deep regret feel that the President has
shown his annoyance at litigation that
has been going on between himself
and

S. Mootosawmy Mudaliar is possible
with his better judgment and prudence
to have removed Mudaliar by the following
"a quiet removal". This letter (No. 246)
is a highly complimentary reference
to one who has rendered the highest
services to the State could expect to receive
from the Chief Magistrate of a District.
It has been customary in every
large in the Municipal Commission
for the President to have the courtesy to
show kindness to his officers & to have
a friendly meeting in this case such
was not done and very much was
said in the case of S. Mootosawmy Mudaliar
concerning an official Committee until the
President forwarded Government Proceedings
concerning removal of S. Mootosawmy Mudaliar
to the District Officer - the reason
for this unusual course was to not cause
a mistake.

9 We trust we are not asking too
much when we beg that if with ourselves
Government considers an injustice to
S. Mootosawmy to have been done
that it will reinstate him or should that
be

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பெரிய மந்திரம் செய்து
பெரிய மந்திரம் செய்து

11 As we ^{do} not wish to pursue or
secret a course as that done by the President
we forward this through him for his
perusal.

12 Finally we may point out that treatment such as that received by St. George saw my Goodell can only lead to two things: either the Commission must be formed purely of officials, or the nominally independent members must be got from a lower class, as men of respectable position will not run the risk of serving.

We have the honor to be
Sir

Yours Most Obedient Servant

U. Shaw

S. Jayana the birds
to the *Bartholomew*,

Public Department.

Public DEPARTMENT.

No. 1684

From Mr. Shaw and other Municipal Commissioners Buddalore.

Dated 14th October 1867.

FOR ORDERS.

It is to be regretted that the resignation of Protesamy Moolichan was not accepted by Mr. Reid on the 25th of May and that instead of accepting it Mr. Reid wrote him a complimentary letter expressing his hope that Protesamy would recover his health and be able to take up the efficient discharge of his official duties. —
on the 13th of August Mr. Reid

See 5th Nov 1867. No 52.

addressed ~~got~~ recommending the removal of Morterany. In the interval, not quite three months, it appears that the health of Morterany was not recovered and that he had not given a punctual attendance at the Municipal Meetings. Mr Reid would have been justified in recurring to the proposal of resignation and in addressing Morterany to that effect but he was not justified in advising his unequalled removal, he was not justified in omitting all reference to health in his letter to Govt and he committed an error in omitting in his letter to Morterany of the 25th of May the encouragement

sent up. I think that Mr Reid should be thanked for the course which he has pursued. I don't think, however, that Morterany should be restored. His seat on the Municipal Council as for one reason rather he does not ~~deserve~~ but Govt should give him the option of resigning in a ~~respectable~~ health in an honorable manner.

I am very much interested in the Parish Council and the first year's session it has been disposed of by my colleagues. Assuming the money raised by H.E.

to President L. L. Corcoran
 come which he has
 seen to me judicious

I concur in the remarks of Mr. the Presd.
 and although I think it might be desirable
 to re-appoint the Hon. Attorney General
 Court, they that step, receive the greatest &
 cordial cooperation of the other - Cases in
 who will not work kindly until Mr.
 is again one of themselves, I am willing to
 adopt the minor mode of reparation.
 Her Lordship has suggested.

It has been noted that the Municipalities
 are at the present time through the in some cases
 indebted and that the addition of the
 cases of the strength of the present hands
 take a large share of work, with only enable
 them better to do what comes before them.

Many believe that Mr. Reade has no
 feeling of hostility towards the Ex. Comd. but
 will be glad to see him reappointed when he
 has been recommended. The order of the day is

Madam 14 October 1875

re Chief Secretary to Government
 Madam

Sir,

In the 1st of the 11th I had the
 honor to forward the said Petition
 to the address through the President
 of the Municipal Commission.
 After waiting until the 4th inst. or
 13 days after the letter was forwarded,
 the President was again addressed,
 requesting that the courtesy of re-
 sponding to the letter receipt would be
 shown - On Sunday the 13th inst.
 12 days from date of letter, an
 answer was forwarded declining to
 receive the petition. So we have
 now the honor to send it direct
 We have the honor to be

Yours most truly
 J. H. Shaw

S. Jayanatha Saidero

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C. Nageswaram

C. Sivachandrasekhar

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:-

From the Presd. Muni. Comm.
Cuddalore. Res. letter 8 Oct. 1874 No. 49.

M. Thorey to the Muni. Comm.
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S. Murtasamy Muni. Comm.
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Order thereon 5 November 1874 No. 1395

The Government have already in their Proceedings of the 23rd August last expressed their regret that the President of the Cuddalore Municipal Commission did not accept the resignation of Murtasamy Mordelley when tendered in May last. They have now to remark that the President was inconsistent in addressing to Murtasamy Mordelley

W.M.

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From 23rd August 1874.
From 18th 1874.

Public 1874 Sept

From
Principal Municipal
Commission
Cuddalore

11/14
1874 Oct

2nd December

10/10/74

Forward Municipal
Commission of the Muni.
Comm. of the President in

the matter of the several
of S. Murtasamy Mordelley
from the Commission &
except his resignation.

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Moodelly. a complimentary letter after the tender of his resignation, and in subsequently recommending to Government the removal of the late Commissioner without direct reference to the continued ill-health which it appears was the principal cause of Mootorsamy Moodelly's frequent absence from the Municipal meetings.

2. A copy of the official memorandum addressed to Mootorsamy Moodelly on the 25th May 1887 should have accompanied the other papers sent up with the President's letter of the 23rd August, but the Government are assured that this omission would not have occurred had the President considered that the communication had any important bearing.

I would omit this. I am not quite convinced in my heart that the omission was entirely accidental. N

now am I. WDM

I would omit all this as raising the question whether the Municipal Commission is further warranted in its interference with the Municipal officers. WDM

hearing on the question. This omission, the Govt. observe, does not in any degree ~~afford any ground~~ ^{justify} ~~ground~~ for the imputation of improper motives to the President, such as have been made by Mootorsamy Moodelly and the other Municipal Commissioners in the communications addressed to Government. Under the further information now before the Government, as to the continued ill-health of Mootorsamy Moodelly, which appears to have prevented him from performing the duties of a Municipal Commissioner, the Govt. in Council directs that the Notification rescinding the appointment

appointment of Mootoo-
samy Moodelly as town
Commissioner be cancelled,
and that it be notified
that Mootoo-samy Moodelly
has been permitted to
resign his appointment
at his own request.

Notification

Fort St. George 1867.

The Notification of
the 23rd August last pub-
lished in the Fort St. George
Gazette of the 27th idem,
is hereby cancelled, in so
far as it relates to the
removal of Snigary -
Mootoo-samy Moodelly,
from the Cuddalore Mu-
nicipal Commission.

Mootoo-samy Moodelly,
is permitted, at his own
request, to resign his
appointment

appointment as Town
Commissioner for Cuddalore.

PM

To the Presd. Munt. Commn.
Cuddalore dated 27th
Gazette 8th.

P. M.
1867. Department.

No. 1896-

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 5th November 1867.