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1st March 1867.

No. 1. Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Chittoor, 26th January 1867, No. 7.

I have the honor to forward, for the orders of Government, copies of the correspondence noted in the margin, which

From Vice-President, Municipal Commission, Vellore, dated 8th January 1867, No. 3.
To do. 14th do. No. 7.
From do. 18th do. No. 14.

has passed between the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission of Vellore and myself. The point upon which there

is a difference of opinion between us is, whether the special orders of Government are necessary for the purpose of enabling the Commissioners to levy the rates, tolls, taxes, and fees, as provided in Sections 38 to 44, and 51 to 63 of the Towns' Improvement Act. I am still of opinion that, as the proposition to collect these imposts has

Order of Government, dated 13th September 1866, No. 930, Public Department.

been approved,* and sanctioned by Government, the Commissioners thereby ap-

pointed are competent to levy such taxes without any further specific order.

2. Should, however, Mr. Barlow's view of the matter be correct, I beg respectfully to request that Government will be pleased to accord their sanction to the levy of the taxes prescribed in the aforesaid Sections of the Act.

From R. W. Barlow, Esq., Joint Magistrate of North Arcot, to J. D. Robinson, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot, dated Arcot, 8th January 1867, No. 3.

In enclosing extracts from the Resolutions passed at three recent meetings of the Vellore Municipal Commissioners, I have the honor to request that you will obtain the sanction of Government to the Municipality raising, for the purposes of Act X of 1865—

- i. Rates on houses and buildings at five (5) per cent. per annum on the annual value thereof.
- ii. Taxes on trades, professions, &c., at the full rate prescribed in Schedule A.
- iii. Tolls on carriages, carts, and animals, entering the Municipal limits.
- iv. Taxes on carriages, horses, and other animals kept within the Town ; and,
- v. Fees for the registration of carts and other wheeled vehicles without springs, as provided in the said Act.

2. I request that this application to Government may be made as quickly as possible. Yesterday at the first meeting held since the holiday, and since my return from leave, I found to my regret that the application has not been already made, and as I read the Act nothing can be collected until sanction is accorded.

From J. D. Robinson, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot, to R. W. Barlow, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Vellore ; dated Stripurushamangalam, 14th January 1867, No. 7.

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, No. 3, I have the honor to observe that as Government have already, in their Order of the 13th September last, No. 930, Public Department, sanctioned the levy of all the several items of taxations which you name as sources of Municipal income, any further reference on the subject appears to me superfluous.

2. I find from the *Fort Saint George Gazette* that, although the Act has been introduced into, and is working in many Districts in the Presidency, in one District only, viz., Coimbatore, is the authority of Government to levy the rates, tolls, taxes, and fees, as provided in Sections 38 to 44, and 51 to 63 of the Act specially published and notified therein. From this I assume, that such publication in the Official Gazette is not an indispensable preliminary to the working of these Sections.

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Joint Magistrate and Vice-President, Municipal Commission, Vellore, to J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., President, Municipal Commission, Vellore ; dated Arcot, 18th January 1867, No. 14.

In reply to your letter, No. 7, dated 14th instant, I have the honor to observe that, as the authority conveyed therein, I shall at once commence operations, but I still have

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1st March 1867.*

request you will make a reference of some kind, if you have not already done so, to avoid possible illegality on the part of the Government.

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No. 2. ORDER THE GEON, 1st March 1867, No. 224.
The sanction of Government is hereby granted.
the Municipal Council.

2. The general approval of the sanction of Government is clearly required for the purposes of enabling the Municipal Commissioners of Vellore to levy the rates, tolls, taxes, and fees leviable under the Towns' Improvement Act.

2. The general approval expressed by Government of the arrangements proposed by the Magistrate, for the introduction of the Act, does not obviate the necessity of obtaining the sanction of the Governor in Council required by Sections 27, 45, 50, and 57 of the Act.

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(4). Offices for the registration of carts and other wheeled vehicles without springs, as provided in Sections 65 to 68 of Act X (Municipal) 1867.

4. It is observed that it is proposed by the Joint Magistrates, as V.-President of the Commission, to levy taxes on trades, professions, and callings, while the Sections providing for the levy of this tax, are expressly omitted by the President.

5. Mr. Robinson will explain whether this omission was intentional, or whether it has been determined by the President.

A. J. ANDERSON,
Chief Secretary

To the President, Municipal Commission, Vellore.
Magistrate of

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North West,
Magistrate's Office,
Chittoor, 26th Aug 1867.

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From

J. D. Robinson Esq.
President of the
Municipal Court of
North Street.



The Honble A. J. Roberts
Chief Clerk to Gov.
Port St. George.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following
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Vellore.

Recd. letter 26th Jan'y 1867 No. 7.

Order thereon 1st March 1867 No. 224.

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Resol. of the
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No 127. State of
Vellore 26th Jan'y 1867
No 39. 26th Jan'y 1867

Copy of correspondence
between the Municipal
Commissioners of Vellore
and the Government of
Madras, in relation to
the proposed introduction
of the Towns' Improvement
Act, 1867.

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Sanction of the Governor
in Council required by
Sections 37, 45, 50, and
57 of the Act.

3. The Governor in
Council is pleased to
sanction the levy of the
following Rates, Tolls,
Taxes and Fees which it
has been determined by
the Municipal Commissioners
to levy for the
purposes of the 'Corporation'
Improvement Act, 1865.

(1) of rates on houses,
buildings and lands, ac-
cording to the annual
value thereof, as provided
in Sections 38 to 44.

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carts and animals entering
the Municipal limits, as
provided in Sections 51 to

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66 to 68, of Act I (Madras)
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5. Mr. Robinson will
explain whether this omis-
sion was intentional,
or whether it has been
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by the Vice President, to
levy this Tax also.

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To the Vice President, Commission.

All Magistrates, Vellore - 1865.



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