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No. 79. Read the following letter from the President of the Salem Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Salem, 4th June 1867, No. 38.

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government the conduct of Kabini Chetty, one of the Municipal Commissioners of Salem.

2. Some time back, it was proposed that the houses within the Municipality shall be valued and numbered, and, with a view to facilitate the work, the town was divided amongst certain of the Commissioners.

3. At Kabini Chetty's own request, a particular portion of the town was given over to him for assessment. After he had finished it, and had sent in his statement, a petition was presented against certain of his assessments. The petitioner, one Moothoosawmy Chetty, reported that, in two streets (Mareyatha Covil Bazaar Street, and Pullayar Covil Street), which are almost entirely occupied by Kabini Chetty's relatives, he, Kabini Chetty, assessed the houses at an improper rate, having made a false valuation. On this, the Commissioners deputed five of its members (Mr. McFarlane, Iyaloo Naidoo, Govinda Row, Raja Ruthna Moodelliar, and Manicka Moodelliar) to investigate the matter. The result was that they found that almost every house referred to in the petition of Moothoosawmy Chetty was assessed at lower rate than its value. Kabini Chetty then presented a petition to the President of the Commission, charging certain members of the Commission with enmity, and attempted to explain his mode of action. The whole Commission then sat to examine into the case, and arrived at a conclusion that Kabini Chetty had intentionally undervalued certain houses, with a view to relieving the owners from the payment of the proper tax to the Commission.

4. A few instances of Kabini Chetty's valuation are here given. A house, No. 89, in Mareyatha Covil Bazaar Street, is his private property, and was purchased by him seven years ago for Rupees 500. Though the value of houses in this street has now risen considerably, yet the value Kabini Chetty attached to this house is Rupees 370. A house, No. 17, in Pullayar Covil Street, was lately sold for Rupees 1915, in connection with a Civil Suit in which Kabini Chetty himself was connected. The value he placed upon this house was Rupees 250. Two houses, known to be mortgaged for Rupees 300 and 1000, were, respectively, valued at 125 and 370.

6. The above cases will speak for themselves as to Kabini Chetty's conduct.

7. The rest of the Commissioners have stated their unwillingness to have Kabini Chetty any longer as one of the members.

8. I have, therefore, reported the matter, and, under the above circumstances, I have the honor to request that you would obtain permission to have Kabini Chetty's name withdrawn from the list of the Salem Municipal Commissioners.

No. 80. ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1867, No. 644.

In complying with the recommendation of the President of the Municipal Commission, Salem, the Government desire to express their regret that a member of the Commission should have so conducted himself as to render his removal from the Commission imperative.

2. In accordance with Section 6 of Act X of 1865 (Madras), the Governor in Council directs that Shevapettai Kabini Chetty be removed from the Municipal Commission for the Town of Salem.

(True Extract).

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Salem.
Exd. J. H. Burns.

Chief Secretary.

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Municipal Commissioners Office

Salem 1st June 1867,

From

C. N. Pochin Esq

President of the

Municipal Commission,

To

Honourable A. J. Arbutnot

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George,

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government, the conduct of Baboo Chit one of the Municipal Commissioners of Salem.

Some time back, it was proposed that the houses within the Municipality should be valued and numbered and with a view to facilitate the work the town was divided amongst certain of the Commissioners.

At Baboo Chetty's own request a particular portion of the town was given over to him for Assessment. After he had finished it and had sent in his statement, a petition was presented against certain of his assessments. The petitioners are Moothoosam Chetty reported that in two streets (Marayatha Coik Bazar Street, and Pullayan Coik Street,) which are almost

entirely occupied by Rabenu Chetty's relatives, he Rabenu Chetty assessed the houses at an improper rate having made a false valuation. On this the Commissioners deputed five of its members (Mr. Mr. Fardano, Syaloo maidoo, Govindarao, Pagarathana Modollia, and Manicka. Modol) to investigate the matter. The result was that they found that almost every house referred to in the petition of Mothoosame Chetty was assessed at lower rate than its value. Rabenu Chetty then presented a petition to the President of the Commission, charging certain members of the Commission with enmity and attempted to explain his mode of action. The whole Commission then sat to examine into the case and arrived at a conclusion that Rabenu Chetty had intentionally undervalued certain houses with a view to relieving the owners from the payment of the proper tax to the Commission.

A few instances of Rabenu Chetty's valuation are here given. A house No. 89 in Mariatha Civil Bazar Street is his private property and was purchased by him seven years ago for Rupees 500. Though the value of houses in this street has now risen considerably, yet the value Rabenu Chetty attached to this house is Rupees 370. A house No. 17 in Pillayar Civil Street was lately sold for Rupees 1915, in connection with a Civil Suit in which

Rabenu Chetty himself was connected. The value he placed upon this house was Rupees 250. Two houses known to be mortgaged for Rupees 300 and 1000 were respectively valued at 125 and 370.

The above cases will speak for themselves as to Rabenu Chetty's conduct.

The rest of the Commissioners have stated their unwillingness to have Rabenu Chetty any longer as one of the members,

I have therefore reported the matter, and under the above circumstances I have the honor to request that you would obtain permission to have Rabenu Chetty's name withdrawn from the list of the Salem Municipal Commissioners.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant.

C. H. P. Subramanian
President of the
Municipal Commission

For the City Clerk
 Municipal
 Commission

From
 The President of the
 Police Municipal
 Commission
 To
 The Chief Secretary
 to Government

Doctd. 1867
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No 824

Regarding the
 amount of the sum of
 \$1000 to be paid from the
 City of Salem of Municipal
 Commission.
 With an order

10 June 1867 No 644

In compliance with the recommendation of the
 President of the Municipal Commission, Salem,
 the Government advise to pass their
 report that a member of the Commission
 should be so conducted himself as to
 under his name from the Commission
 inoperative.

2. In accordance with section 6 of Act of 1867
 (passed) the Government in Council
 decide that the Municipal Commission be
 moved from the Municipal Commission
 to the Town of Salem.

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Attest to the above and to the fact that the
 City Clerk of the City of Salem

City Clerk
 1867