

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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Dated	17-6-	19/8/8

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
19th June 1868.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 144. From the President of the Municipal Commissions, Vizagapatam District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Vizagapatam, 29th May 1868, No. 309.

I have the honor to forward, for the consideration of Government, a letter from the Vice-President on behalf of the Municipality of Vizianagram, pointing out the impossibility of carrying on their current business without the assistance of Government, in consequence of the suspension of the collection of the tax on arts and trades.

2. I regret to say that the same difficulty is experienced by the Municipality of Vizagapatam, and I request, therefore, that Government will be pleased to pass speedy orders on my letter of the 12th May 1868, No. 269, suggesting that the tax on trades might be collected at least from those who are not subject to taxation under the Imperial Certificate Act.

3. If it become necessary, through the abandonment of the tax on trades, to have recourse to the very unpopular house tax hitherto avoided, no funds from this source can be collected before the 1st August, and the Municipalities can only be carried on during the interim by Government assistance.

From the Vice-President, to the President, Municipal Commission, Vizianagram; dated Vizianagram, 28th May 1868, No. 84.

In consequence of the Proceedings passed by Government on the 16th October 1867, No. 1274, the Government grant of 25 per cent. is now received by this Municipality quarterly in arrears, and the Commissioners have not hitherto been inconvenienced by the change.

2. But now that the tax on trades, arts, and professions has been discontinued, the Commissioners anticipate serious difficulty in meeting the demands upon them.

3. For instance, in lieu of the source of income above referred to, and which amounted to Rupees 2975 per annum, the Commissioners hope to realize Rupees 1700, by rate on houses; but many weeks must elapse before the necessary arrangements can be completed, and it cannot be demanded until the 1st August next (Vile Section 33, Towns' Improvement Act). In the meanwhile the outgoings will far exceed the receipts.

4. I have, therefore, the honor to request that some temporary assistance may be accorded to this Municipality, or that the Government grant may be paid monthly for the future.

No. 145. From the President of the Municipal Commissions, Godavery District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cocanada, 2nd June 1868, No. 144.

The abolition of the tax on arts and trades by Government having embarrassed the Municipality, the Commissioners for the town of Cocanada resolved, at a Meeting held on the 30th ultimo, to apply to Government to sanction the first quarter's payment of their contribution in advance, instead of in arrears, to meet the Police Establishment and other charges for May and June, amounting to Rupees 2071-10-8, which have to be met in June and July.

2. I have, therefore, the honor to request that you will have the goodness to obtain the sanction of Government for the payment of the above contribution in advance.

Letter of the 12th May 1868, No 269, suggesting

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3. A statement of the anticipated receipts and expenditure in the months of June and July is enclosed.

Statement showing the anticipated receipts and expenditure in the months of June and July 1868 in the Municipality of Cocanada.

Particulars.	Amount.	Total.
Balance on the 30th May 1868...		164 1 9
<i>Anticipated receipts in June and July.</i>		
Tolls...	808 0 0	
License Tax, Schedule C...	50 0 0	
Miscellaneous receipts...	10 0 0	868 0 0
Total...		1,032 1 9
<i>Anticipated expenditure in June and July.</i>		
Police...	891 10 8	
Establishment, Office and Conservancy...	530 0 0	
Bulky hire for conveying gravel...	250 0 0	
Charges on account of labor for road works, &c...	400 0 0	2,071 10 8
Difference...		1,039 8 11
Amount of first quarter's payment in advance now applied for, being one-fourth of the Government contribution, viz. Rupees 1008, as per revised Statement C...		1,002 0 0

(Signed) J. H. MASTER,

Acty. Magistrate and President.

COCANADA, 2nd June 1868.

No. 146.

ORDER THEREON, 19th June 1868, No. 754.

The above are applications from the Presidents of Municipalities in the Vizagapatam and Godavery Districts for assistance to the Municipal Funds until certain new sources of income, rendered necessary by the partial withdrawal of the local license tax, are available.

2. The Government think it is probable that a similar difficulty may be experienced generally, and, therefore, authorize the advance of one-half the estimated Government contribution for the year in any Municipality in which the license tax has been (in part) withdrawn.

3. The Magistrate will take care that this sanction is only made use of in case of necessity. The advance will be adjusted at the close of the municipal year.

(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission,

„ Accountant General.

„ Inspector General of Police.

Ed. J. H. Burns

No. 309.

Vizagapatam 29th May 1868.

From,

J. I. & Minchin Esquire,
President & Municipal Commission.

To,

The Honble R. S. Ellis, C. B.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the consideration of Government a letter from the Vice President on behalf of the Municipality of Vizianagaram, pointing out the impossibility of carrying on their current business without the assistance of Government, in consequence of the suspension of the collection of the Tax on Arts and Trades.

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3. If it become necessary through the abandonment of the Tax on Trades to have recourse to the very unpopular House Tax hitherto avoided, no funds from this source can be collected before the 1st August, and the Municipalities can only be carried on during the interim by Government assistance.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obed^t. servant,

James Lees Murchie

President Municipal Commission

J. Giffen
H. St. J. H.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter.

from the President of the Municipality
Vizagapatnam } Recd. 29 May 1868. No. 309.

Forwarded Date 2 June 1868 No. 444.

Order thereon 19 June 1868 No. 454.

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Municipal Council
Vizagapatnam

From Pres. of Council

The President

Municipal Council

Vizagapatnam

to Government

dated 29 May 1868

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No. 309.
Encl. 1. No. 1035.

Substantially in the same
form of Government copy
letter from the Hon. Secy.
of Vizagapatnam, and
quoting that Government will
assist it to find a ready
source of the necessary
on the letter from the Hon. Secy.
of the 10 May 1868 No. 269 on
the subject of the difficulty
of the Municipalities of Vizagapatnam
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To the President of the Municipal Committee
Chief General
Chief General of Police

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated *15 June* 1862

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