

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	263	Press Mis.
Dated	3 - 3 -	1869.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
3rd March 1869.

No. 12. Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., President of the Adoni Municipal Commission, Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bellary, 3rd February 1869.

Mr. D'Cruz, a Municipal Commissioner for the town of Adoni, has placed in my hands his resignation, and as he has taken a salaried situation under the Commission. I beg to recommend that it be accepted.

2. Mr. Bullmore, the Vice-President, has also resigned, giving as his reason that his duties in connexion with the Railway Company prevent his devoting any portion of his time to the affairs of the Municipality, and that he does not wish to expose himself again to the petty annoyances he has undergone since he accepted office. I requested him to re-consider his determination, but he declined to do so.

3. I am this day in receipt of the Government Order, Public Department, dated 17th December, No. 1549, which appears to have been forwarded to Adoni, where the cover was opened by the late Vice-President, from whom I have just obtained a copy. I should otherwise have endeavoured, ere this, to clear myself from the imputation of neglect of duty conveyed therein.

4. I beg that you will be good enough to point out to Government that the report commented on in the Proceedings under reply had reference to the Municipal administration of the town of Adoni during the year 1867-68, and as I did not take charge of the offices of Magistrate and Ex-Officio President till March 1868, and was employed in visiting other parts of the District in anticipation of a bad season until June, I can hardly be held responsible for the "discreditable state of things" alluded to in paragraph 3, nor do I think can my predecessor. When the Act was introduced into Adoni he took the best steps in his power for carrying out its provisions. His choice of Commissioners was limited to the residents within the Municipal boundaries of the town, the majority of whom were uneducated men, who resented the imposition of the tax, and looked upon measures of sanitation and conservancy as a dangerous innovation. With the exception of the Police Inspector, the only person who knew English was the Deputy Collector of the Division, who was selected as Vice-President. His other duties which could not be neglected, especially that of taking up and settling the compensation to be paid for lands required for the railway, prevented his devoting that attention to Municipal work, which, under other circumstances, he might have afforded; and, owing to none of his colleagues being either willing or able to carry out the provisions of the law during his absence, it remained almost a dead letter. The Government observe in paragraph 2, that, under such circumstances, I should have taken the necessary steps for providing for the performance of the duties, but this was a sheer impossibility, as, at that time, there was not a single person resident within Municipal limits who was fit to perform them.

5. After the Deputy Collector was removed to the Western Division of the District, I lost no time in nominating Mr. Bullmore, whose residence had recently been included within the limits of the town, as a Commissioner, and as soon as the nomination received the approval of Government, I appointed him Vice-President in the hope that he would redeem the past, but he has failed me almost at the eleventh hour, and I do not know a single man at Adoni competent to take the post. The

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Tahsildar is a public servant of the old school; he does not know one word of English; and from what I hear, I believe that he has sided with the other Commissioners in offering a passive resistance to every measure of improvement. The only solution of the difficulty that presents itself to me is to transfer him to another Taluq, and to put a more enlightened man in his place, who may, perhaps, be able to control and direct the other Commissioners, and I will lose no time in obtaining the sanction of the Board of Revenue to this arrangement, but at the same time I beg earnestly to deprecate the introduction of the Act into any other town where there is no European Government Officer stationed. The Government in paragraph 3 of their Proceedings quote Tanjore as a district where the ordinary administrative duties are as onerous as those of Bellary, and where, notwithstanding, the Municipalities are efficiently controlled by the

	Area.	
Tanjore.....	8,735	square miles.
Bellary.....	11,351	„ „

Collector. I beg respectfully to refer the Government to the comparative extent of the two districts noted in the margin, and to observe that at Combaconum, Tranquebar, and Negapatam, all brought within easy reach of Tanjore by rail, Government Officers are stationed. The cases are not, therefore, quite analogous especially when it is also considered that in the Tanjore District are to be found the best educated and most enlightened natives in Southern India, between whom and the ignorant boors of the Ceded Districts no fair comparison can be made. Even at Bellary if it was not for the strong infusion of the European element, Municipal action would come to a standstill. There is only one of the Native Commissioners who regularly attends the Meetings.

6. Adverting to paragraph 7 of the Proceedings under reply, orders will at once be issued for the refund of that portion of the Government contribution which has been drawn in excess, and the Superintendent of Police will be called on to furnish the particulars called for in paragraph 9.

7. The explanation* of the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, respecting the non-recovery of the amount due on account of the Police, is submitted herewith, together with my reply†.

* Letter, No. 1609, dated 4th December 1868.

† No. 131, dated 3rd February 1869.

From the Deputy Collector, to the Collector of Bellary; dated Bellary, 4th December 1868, No. 1609.

In reply to your letter of the 25th ultimo, No. 1426, I have the honor to state that it was the duty of the Municipal Commission to have paid to Government the amount of the salary payable to the Police serving in the Commission, and the Tahsildar of Adoni being a Commissioner, should have looked to the sum in question being received monthly. In his accounts for June last the sum of Rupees 1440-2-0 was credited on account of the salary, &c., of the Police serving in the Commission there, from August 1867 to April 1868. Not finding any credit on that account for subsequent months, I addressed the Tahsildar on the 17th October regarding the same, and he intimated in reply that he had written to the Vice-President on the subject, but that no reply had been received; whereupon I addressed the Vice-President in the matter, and the draft of my letter to that gentleman was sent with the drafts of all other letters to you, as usual, for your information, and I have directed the Tahsildar to see to the pay of the Police being received regularly from the Municipality in future, and to report the circumstance in case of the Commission failing to pay the same.

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No. 131.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

Miscellaneous Department.

Your letter, No. 1609, dated 4th December 1868.

Observes that if the money for the maintenance of the Police Force was not paid monthly as it fell due, it was the duty of the Officer in charge of the Treasury to bring the same to the Collector's notice.

(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,
Collector.

3rd February 1869.

To the Treasury Deputy Collector, Bellary.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1869, No. 263.

The Government are not satisfied, from the foregoing letter from the Magistrate of Bellary, that the discreditable state of things in the Municipality of Adoni might not have been, in some measure, prevented by the advice, control, and occasional presence of the Chief Administrative Officer of the district. But the fact pointed out by Mr. Sullivan, that he only entered upon his duties in March last, entirely exonerates him from blame so far as the official year 1867-68 is concerned.

2. The Government look to the Magistrate of Bellary for vigorous action in the uncleanly Towns of the District where the Towns' Improvement Act has been introduced, all of which he should, as a rule, carefully inspect at least once a year, spending some days in each. They are not prepared to endorse Mr. Sullivan's principle that a European Vice-President is essential to the efficient working of a Municipality, however desirable European influence and guidance may be. There are, no doubt, Native Officials qualified for that position, who, with the stimulus which would be afforded by the knowledge that the Head of the District took a lively interest in the work, would labour willingly and well in the cause of Town Improvement. Mr. Sullivan should, as he has himself suggested, endeavour to select an Officer of this character for the charge of the Adoni Taluq.

3. The explanation from the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury regarding the non-recovery of the amount due on account of the Police, which Mr. Sullivan submits above, is viewed by the Government as unsatisfactory.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Adoni Municipal Commission, Bellary.
„ Inspector General of Police.

Exd. J. Wright,

N^o. 1109

Bellevue Collector's Office,
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To,
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I have &c.
(Signed) P. S. Polakie
Deputy Collector.

Miscellaneous Department.
Bellevue, 4th February 1869. N^o. 131

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(Signed) H. C. Sullivan
Collector

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PUBLIC.

Govt. of Madras

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 3rd.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 3rd March 1869, No. 263.

MARCH.

Nos. 12-13.

Absolving Mr. Sullivan, the present President, from the censure passed in G. O., No. 1549, of the 17th December last.

Brillang.
3^d February 1869.

From, W. E. Chulioan Resquid,
President of the Municipal Commission of Adony,
Brillang.
To, The Honorable R. C. Ellis, C. P.
Chief Secretary to Government.
Madras.

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Enclosure No 1
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Madras, 3rd Feb 1869.

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Letter No 1649 dated
6 December 1868-

to the Secy to Govt
26 January 1869.

Have the honor
to be,
Your Most Obedt Servant,
A. M. M. M.
President

~~not~~ I have endeavored to explain very
the neglect shown by his people
& himself of the Municipality
of Adoni.
His principle 'No European official
no Municipality' will hardly
commend itself to anybody.
The Municipalities require more
watching when the Vice President
is not a European. But there
are many energetic native
officials who are willing &
capable to guide Municipalities
if they are sensible that the
Colonial authorities great in-
fluence & take's great interest
in their matters. To the best of my

I agree with
you to have in
this manner.

Wm. A. A. S.
but I
his brother only
entirely agree his
doctrine in March
1868 he was honestly
to have improved the
for the improvement the
character of the
officer from
evolving on 30th
April 1868.

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understanding of a deposition
and the will and March 18
the President of the House
Married Commission
Bellingham

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The Chief Justice
Government
London

Callington
Edinburgh
Dun. St.
London

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Recommending that the

Recommendation of the Council is accordingly
transmitted for the consideration of the

man is useful and explaining

that neither she nor her husband

Can we hold responsible for the new
predicament of the African states in the
continent?

June 3^d 1749

Seuchen des menschl. und
Thierreichs.

the application of the Act to
there is a ~~discrepancy~~ ~~between~~
in every big town. it is ~~un~~ ~~definitely~~
to ~~provide~~ ~~municipal~~ ~~action~~
where it is most wanted.
But I ~~think~~ ^{submit that} it may be
with the consideration
of the Health W. Act which
in amending the Town
Improvements Act, whether
it may not be of advantage
to give power to the Govt
to appoint as Vice president
a person non-resident
within Municipal limits.
This might enable Collector

Yr A.P.

Yr in law
already struck
we - A.P.

in Sullivan's argument
against the fairness of a
comparison between municipal
works in London and
Belfast, etc. ~~London~~
just sound.
He should be relieved
from censure for what
he had under his hands
control, for only one month
of 1868.-
I am aware to what
degree municipal
innovation in any town
where it cannot be pre-
sented over by an English
officer, or some European
gentleman who will
take a real interest in
the subject. But the power
of appointing a President,
an European official,
not resident within
municipal limits, may
perhaps enable us to get
done what at present
to make use of their
apostate at Headmaster
in fostering manipulations
in places where there are
not unscrupulous Europeans.
The excuse of the deputy
Col. Dyaloo Naidoo is
the concern of that he
offered for not moving
during the season of
heavy ditches. 66/67. his
charge when that ditch
was most near. His
duty it was then
alleged kept him
at Adoni. Now. to answer
for his neglect of Municipalities

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the

President of the Adony Municipal Commn.
Bellary.

Recd letter 3rd Feb 1889 No 7.

Order thereon 3 March 89 No 263

I accept the draft with
some tone rather
the municipality's
- Mr Sullivan

A. A.

In it must be
seen
W. O. V. in some measure

The Government are
not satisfied from the
preceding letter from the
Magistrate of Bellary
that the ~~disorderly~~
state of things in the
municipality of Adoni
(of which he is an officer
President) might not
have been prevented by
the advice, control, and
occasional presence of

it is said that his duties
keep him from Adoni.
Mr. Sullivan does not
state whether he ever visited
Adoni. He presided at
a Municipal meeting
whether his predecessor
did so.

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is a mere sham. Still,
much cannot be expected
from a Municipal Commission
out of pay, the town a
few hurried flying visits.
Should prefer waiting
a few years, until the
results of our Municipal
Commission are fully cognizant
of the benefits of Municipal
management and are
disposed ready to accept
what they now deem to be
our members & an inspection
15.2.89. W. O. V.

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26.2.69

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W.D.H. Sullivan

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Recd. of Mr. Admin. Secy. Bellary to the Secy. of Police

Adoni Municipa
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Cont. of 11867 & 11868.

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