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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Police DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	465	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	13-4-	1870

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

13th April 1870.

No. 122. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 14th March 1870, No. 13.

At the request of the Municipal Commissioners of Cochin, I have the honour to forward a letter from the Vice-President, enclosing an Extract from the Proceedings of the Commissioners, bringing to the notice of Government the discourtesy shown to them by Mr. O'Shaughnessy, Executive Officer, Public Works Department, Cochin, in returning the Vice-President's letter with a simple endorsement.

From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Cochin, to the President of the Cochin Municipal Commission, Calicut, dated 20th November 1869, No. 82.

It is with much pain that I am now compelled to address you on a very unpleasant subject, and however much I may deplore the unhappy necessity of obtruding personal disagreements upon your notice, the duty is forced upon me by circumstances for which neither I, nor the Commissioners of this Municipality, are responsible.

2. The accompanying Resolution passed at a meeting held on the 17th instant, with its enclosures,* will speak for themselves, and show the uncivil and irritating tone of conduct which Mr. O'Shaughnessy has thought fit to persevere in towards the Commissioners, notwithstanding their great forbearance and the conciliatory spirit by which they have been actuated.

3. It is not long ago that Mr. O'Shaughnessy addressed the Commissioners a Memorandum couched in terms which, to say the least, were most intemperate and reckless as you are well aware. Such expressions as "unmannerly insolence," and "howling impertinence," were applied to me and one of my colleagues, and "unfair and under-hand proceedings" were directly imputed to the Commissioners generally.

4. Such language could not have been passed over in silence by any body of gentlemen, and it was solely in deference to your wish that the matter was finally permitted to rest. But scarcely had the Commissioners yielded on this point, from a desire of conciliation and respect to your opinion, than they have again been met with gross discourtesy.

5. The letter addressed to Mr. O'Shaughnessy, under date the 11th instant, was written in terms befitting his position, and there was nothing in its tone or language that could have been deemed offensive, or provoked a deviation from the usual forms of official courtesy. The Commissioners cannot, therefore, but regard his curt endorsement as studiously vexatious and irritating. I beg that this letter may also be submitted with the resolution.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners, dated 17th November 1869.

"Read letter from the Vice-President to the Assistant Engineer in charge of Public Works, pursuant to a resolution passed at the meeting of the 8th instant, and returned by the latter officer with an endorsement written across it.

Proposed by Mr. Pestonjee and seconded by Mr. Brunton—

That as the Commissioners cannot but view the return of the Vice-President's letter with the aforesaid endorsement as a gross breach of official decorum, and a studied insult to them, the matter be brought to the notice of Government through the President.

Dr. Whitton dissenting."

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

J. CASTOR,
Vice-President.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
13th April 1870.

No. 123. ORDER THEREON, 13th April 1870, No. 465.

By an order in the Public Works Department the services of Mr. O'Shaughnessy have been transferred to the Tanjore District.

2. The correspondence now before the Government would have rendered his removal from Cochin necessary. It will be intimated to Mr. O'Shaughnessy that the Government consider the language used by him in his communications with the Cochin Municipality most improper, and he will be informed that any recurrence of such conduct will be attended by the most serious consequences to himself.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Cochin,
with three original papers returned.
,, Public Works Department.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Cochin,
Dec., A. D., 1870.

Dated April, 1871.

Recd.

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G. O., 13th April 1870, No. 465.

APRIL.

Nos. 122-123.

Informing Mr. O'Shaughnessy, late Executive Engineer at Cochin, of the discharge of Government at the time of his communication with the Cochin Municipality.

Memo for order.

The Muniapat (Council) at
Cochin complain of the
conduct of Mr. O'Shaughnessy
in ^{having} returned a letter to them
with his answer written
across it.

It would appear that Mr.
O'Shaughnessy had ~~once~~
before written very ^{imprudently}
to the Muni: Council but
the matter had been hushed
up by the President.

The present complaint
is not founded on
anything more than

the terms used. See para
2 of the Muni: Council's Vice President's
letter. "unmanly insolence,
importuning importunement,
underhand proceedings"

It seems true
but not true as

want of courtesy, in
returning a letter with
the endorsement scribbled
across it, instead of
answering the letter
properly.

But it seems clear that
Mr. O'Shaughnessy will
never get on with the
municipality a Nochin
and as it seems doubtful
whether any more money
can be spent at Nochin
till the opinion of

option but to
remove Mr. O'Shaughnessy
hereby at once to
confer him for
his want of space
discretion to the
municipality. The
previous instance
cited of his mis-
conduct has been
condemned, however
measures would be
very important here
have been necessary.
The order for his
removal should
be issued at once in
the name of the
City Council.

the removal of Mr.
O'Shaughnessy has
been already ordered
it is correct in the
law. It is a
discretionary
power for his
conduct in
addressing the
municipality.

The form referred
to is a
copy of the
order for his
removal.

The Marine Engineer if
he is not a myth is
blamed, it may be
as well to remove Mr.
O'Shaughnessy.
He evidently thinks
that departmental
differences between the
Dept. of the
Marine & D.D. W.
justified him in endorsing
the Municipal
Comrs. & to Mr. Carter
their Vice Pres.
P.H.G.

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10th March 1870. No. 13.

Order thereon 13th April 1870. No. 465.

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