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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1029	Press Mis.
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No. 86. Read the following letter from Mr. J. FISCHER, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Keringakotay, 26th June 1871 :—

The Right Honourable the Governor in Council was recently pleased to nominate me to the office of Vice-President of the Salem Circle under the Local Funds Act, and I was glad that I would soon have the opportunity of serving Government in a public capacity.

2. When the Collector of Salem, through his Sheristadar, asked me whether I was willing to accept the office, I replied in the affirmative, knowing perfectly well that though the appointment was honorary, I should have had to reside in Salem, to attend office daily, and “be in fact the working member of the Board.”

3. But as I could not tell how soon after I had expressed my willingness to serve as Vice-President I would be called upon to enter upon the duties of the office, I left Salem and proceeded to Erode, Madura, and Shevagunga on business.

4. As soon, however, as I saw the announcement of my appointment in the Official Gazette, I wrote to the Collector begging of him to bear with me till the 30th instant, as I had undertaken and commenced work at Shevagunga, which it was not desirable I should leave unfinished.

5. Under these circumstances, my surprise was indeed great when the Collector wrote to inform me that he had applied to Government to have me superseded because, as I was a member of the Coimbatore Board, “no man can serve two masters,” and because he had *heard* “I was likely to proceed to England, at any rate not to return to Salem for some time, and not eventually to reside there.”

6. And as it is probable that the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, in the interests of the public service, may accede to the Collector’s suggestion, based though it be upon hearsay reports, I feel that it is due to myself that these facts should be brought to the notice of His Lordship in Council.

7. In conclusion, I have respectfully to request that you will be good enough to lay this letter before His Excellency in Council, together with the correspondence which accompanies it, with an expression of my thanks for the confidence reposed in me—confidence which I should have done my very best to have merited but for the discourteous and capricious act of the Collector.

No. 87. ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1871, No. 1029.

The Government have already informed the Collector of Salem that they are not prepared to appoint any one as Vice-President of Salem Local Fund Board in place of Mr. Fischer, unless they learn from that gentleman that he will be unable to serve.

2. They feel assured that Mr. Longley intended no discourtesy to Mr. Fischer, and they trust that Mr. Fischer may be able to give his services for the important duty in question.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To Mr. J. Fischer.

To the Collector of Salem.

Ed. J. Wright.

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To
Mr. J. FISCHER,
Sec., Sec., Sec.

Dated July, 11th.

Recd.

G. O., 11th July 1871, No. 1029.

JULY.
Nos. 86-87.

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doubt I would be called upon to
enter upon the duties of the office,
I felt I had better be called to Enos,
as I had a good opportunity to be
called.

Enos however as I saw
the circumstances of my appoint-
ment in the official register
with the letter to the Board, begging of
him to leave, with me till the
last, as I had no other
means worth taking, which
it was not desirable I
should be surprised in

Under these circumstances,
my confidence was indeed great
when the collector wrote to
inform me that he had applied
to the Government. I had me as
sured, because as I was a mem-
ber of the Committee, and, "no
man can be a turncoat," the
word he had heard I was likely to
be called to England and migrate
not to return to India for some
time, but eventually because
there."

It should be impossible that
the Right Hon. the Governor
in Council, in the absence of
the public service, misapprehended
the collector's suggestions
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deliberate and capricious act
of the collector.

I am, Sir,

Yours most obedt. servant,

W. A. C. A. C.

Shewagunga Zennu Gany
Keningakotay. June 26/74
W. Muddleston Esq.
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Madras.
Sir,

The Right Honorable the Governor
was in Council was recently
pleased to nominate me to the
Office of Vice President of the
Latter Church under the Social
Funds Act, & I was glad that I
would soon have the opportu-
nity of serving, God & my
in a public capacity.

When the collector of Salem
through his stenographer, asked me
whether I was willing to accept
the office, I replied in the affir-
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that though the appointment was

Wm. C. Foster

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Regarding this ap-
pointment as the
President of the
Circle under the
Fund Act.

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Haingolley 22 June 1871

W. J. Longley Esq. Collector of Salem

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 15th Inst, intimating to me that you have written to Government to appoint another person as the Vice President of the Salem Circle, for certain reasons which you assign.

When your despatcher wrote me on the 17th ult to know whether I was willing to accept the above mentioned office, I at once replied in the affirmative, with the full knowledge that to enable me to perform my duties to the satisfaction of Government, I should have had to reside in Salem, to be at hand, as you say, to consult with the President on all matters.

I had quite made up my mind to forego a small share of my independence, in common with every other non-official member of the Local Fund Board, now being established throughout the country, to attend the office continually & be in fact the working member of the Board.

And I feel now you were perfectly aware that I had a dwelling house in Salem, & a considerable portion of my commercial business within your district, where my family have resided for more than 40 years, when you desired your despatcher to write to me on the subject of the Vice Presidency.

You now assign as reasons for having written to Govt to appoint another person as Vice President that I am of the Local Fund Board in the Poimbatore district, that no man can serve two masters, & that you heard I am likely to proceed to England, at any rate not to return to Salem for some time & not eventually reside there.

It was Govt who appointed me a member of the Local Fund Board at Poimbatore & Vice President of the Local Fund Board at Salem. Both appointments were made within a week of each other & I presume the Govt was perfectly aware that the nomination in both instances was one & the same person, & that there was nothing to preclude his holding office in both Districts, the one as member, & in the other as Vice President.

But your representative to Government is late.

upon hearsay reports, in reference to which I need hardly say that I should have deemed it an act of courtesy if you had asked me whether those reports were true, & in the event of their being so, if you had suggested that the interests of the public service required my placing my appointment at the disposal of Government.

It is due to myself that Government should be made acquainted with these facts, & I shall therefore submit copies of the correspondence I have had on this subject.

your most obedient servant
(Signed) J. Fischer

/ True Copy /
Fischer

No. 2

Salem 18 May 1871

MR
D Paul Allay,
My dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of yesterday and in reply I beg to inform you that I am willing to accept the office of Vice President of the Local Fund Board for the Principal Division of the Salem district, consisting of the Taluqs of Salem, Chittoor, Namkul, Trichengode, Colliery & Tripatore.

yours faithfully
(Signed) J. Fischer.

/ True Copy /
Fischer

No. 3

Shuazunga 22 June 1871

C. F. Longley Esq
Collector of Salem.

Sir,

I am by the Gazette that I have been appointed Vice President of the Local Fund Board of the Salem circle.

I regret exceedingly that circumstances preclude my entering upon the duties of this office at once, & I therefore beg that you will be good enough to give me time to do so till the 30th.

your most obedient servant
(Signed) J. Fischer.

/ True Copy /
Fischer

My dear Sir

Carepe & Htoor 15 June 71

I find you are on the Local Fund Board in the Coimbatore District, & hear you are likely to proceed to England. At any rate not to return to Salem for some time & not eventually to reside there. I consider it very important that the Vice President of the Circle should reside in Salem & be at hand to consult with the President on all matters; besides the Vice President must attend the office continually & be in fact the working member of the Board. I don't see how you can do all this having your chief residence at Erode and being also on the north Coimbatore Local Board. No man can serve two masters. Under these circumstances I have written to Government to appoint another person as Vice President of the Salem Circle. Your name will still be retained on the Board & can attend the meetings if at leisure to do so. Many thanks for the use of your Bungalow for the day I halted at Poonthra & our dinner fellow.

/ Lane Copy /

Signed, G. T. Longley.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MARDAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from

Mr. J. Fischer, dated 26th
June 1871.

Order thereon 11 July 1871 No 229.

The Government have
already informed the Collector
of Salem that they are not
prepared to appoint any one
as Vice President of Sal. in
Local Fund Board in place
of Mr. Fischer, unless they
learn from that gentleman
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serve.

They feel assured
that Mr. Longley intended
no discourtesy to Mr. Fischer,
and they trust that Mr. Fischer
may be able to give his answer
for the important duty in
question.

Mr. J. Fischer,
The Collector of Salem.

20 July 1871

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26 July 1871
in Pub. 135-7/71

(Signed) J. B. B.

The Collector has decided not to write out and not to write out
you are willing to accept the office of Vice President of the Local Fund
Board for the Province of the Salem District. It is recommended
that you will consent to the taking of the office of Vice President
of the Local Fund Board, and that you will consent to the taking of the office of Vice President
of the Local Fund Board, and that you will consent to the taking of the office of Vice President

17 May 1871

Govt. of 1871 } **QUARRIES.**

To

Public Dept.

Mrs. J. Fischer. rec

Dated *11th July* } 1871, No. 1029
Recd.

Nos. 86 & 87.

Submitting that
The Collector of Calcutta has
been informed that the fact
are not prepared to appoint
any one as this Resident
of Calcutta about two hours in
house of Mr. Fischer, under
they have given him that
he is unable to answer.