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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

1471

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Dated

29-7-

19 1871

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No. 127. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Bellary, 16th September 1871, No. 1134:—

With reference to G. O., No. 76, of 8th instant, requesting to know what observations I may have to offer on the remarks of the Acting President of the Gooty Municipal Commission, I have the honour to inform you that I am at a loss to know how Mr. Foster makes out that I did “not think it wrong in Mr. Gray to absent himself persistently” as I never stated anything of the kind.

2. On the 29th July 1871, Mr. St. Clair, the then Acting President, addressed me, informing me that he learnt from the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission at Gooty “that the Range Officer, who is ex-officio a member of the Commission, never attends their meetings.” Mr. Gray was at the time absent on privilege leave which has since been converted into sick leave to Australia, &c., and I was not able to call on him for any explanation he might have to offer, and so I replied in general terms.

3. I pointed out that the “Towns Improvement Act of 1871” did not provide for the Range Officer being an ex-officio member of a Municipal Commission, and then added that his presence at meetings could not be depended upon as his stay at head-quarters was short, and then his time was much taken up with his office duties as the disposal of the greater portion of his correspondence was kept over until such time as he returned from his out-door inspections, and that I thought it would be hard if it was thought his attendance at municipal meetings should be made compulsory.

4. I may have been wrong in not being more explicit, and in thus sending what might be considered a defence for Mr. Gray, but I contend that I have in no way said anything to call for such a remark from Mr. Foster.

5. On turning up Mr. Gray’s diaries, I find that only on one occasion since 1st April 1871 was Mr. Gray at Gooty when a meeting was held, and on that occasion he was sick and under medical treatment. I cannot think that Government would wish their officers to neglect their regular duties in order to attend municipal meetings.

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Transferred to the Public Department, with reference to the Order in that Department, No. 1334, dated 30th August 1871.

(Signed) A. DEC. SCOTT, Captain, R. E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1871, No. 1471.

The Government accept the explanation offered regarding Mr. Gray’s failure to attend the meetings of the Municipal Commissioners at Gooty.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

29th September 1871.

2. The Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division is informed that Mr. Gray was nominated a member of the Commission solely in his capacity of Range Officer, and that the Government attach great importance to the attendance of Range Officers at the meetings of the Municipal Commissions of which they are members.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R. E.,
Acting Joint Secretary, P. W. D.,
for *Chief Secretary,*

To the Public Works Department.

„ President of the Municipal Commission, Ghooty.

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To
THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Kc., Kc., Kc.

Dated September, 29th.

Recd.

G. O., 29th September 1871, No. 1471.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 127-128.

Containing the explanation furnished in reference to the failure of the Range Officer, Mr. Gray, to attend the meetings of the Ghooly Municipality, as satisfactory.

No. 1134

Superintending Engineer's Office.

3rd Division.

Camp , Talook

Bellary District.

The 16th September 1871.

From,

The Superintending Engineer

3rd Division.

To,

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Fort Saint George.

Enclosures.

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W. H. C. 186
Superintending Engineer
3rd Division

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From,

The Superintending Engineer

Public 3rd Division.

To,

The Secretary to Government.

Public Works Department.

Fort Saint George.

No. 1334

Dated

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Capt R.E.

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we say for leave to attend

the meeting in the building

as soon as we can do so

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can be very much improved

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No 76. To the Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the September 1871.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Public Dept. 1 H. E. No 1334 of 30. Aug 1871

Communicated
to the Super Engineer
of the 3^d Division,
for such observations
as he and Mr. Gray
may have to offer on
the remarks of the
President of the
Ghootee municipality.

Ans

To. The Super Engineer

3^d Divⁿ

Sept 2/9/71

Public Department,

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Engineer 2nd Division } 1134.

Order thereon. Got a command
29th September/71 No. 1471.

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No. 1134
The meetings of the
Municipal Government

29th 9/71

Dated 28th September 71
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Following for
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Municipal Government.

29th Sep. 2040/71

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