

Public (1898) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 741

Dated 7-6-98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the Board of Revenue
to consult Collectors of Districts and to obtain
such other opinions as they think fit regarding
the desirability of granting a holiday to
Muhammadans on the anniversary of the birth
of their Prophet instead of one of the special
holidays now allowed to followers of that religion

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From

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No. 871

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding for draft answer
Copy of questions to be put
at the Legislative Council
meeting to be held on the
4th

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GOVERNMENT OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

QUESTIONS proposed to be asked at the Meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 4th April 1898 (by the Honourable C. Vijiaraghavachariar.)

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XXV. (a) With reference to the statement made by the Government in the meeting of the council in November last that the principle on which translatorship to Government should be filled up, was engaging its attention, has the question been since disposed of? If so, will the Government be pleased to state on what principle these places will henceforth be filled up and the circumstances under which the principle has been adopted?

(b) Is it a fact that these appointments are no longer open to the natives of this country? If so, has the Government considered the fact that the change will place the Government and the people in the hands of irresponsible and ill-educated moonshees in the place of educated Indians of ability and character?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any necessity there was to take up and consider this question was pointed out to it by the Government of India or whether this Government took up the subject without any suggestion from without?

XXXII. While sanctioning the list of public holidays, was any suggestion received by Government to include (Duazdaham-i-sheriff) or the birthday of the Prophet as a holiday for Muhammadans?

XXXIII. In view of the great sanctity attached to the birthday of their Prophet by the Muhammadans, will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of including the above-mentioned day in the list?

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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Memorandum. 871

THE accompanying copy of a question,* which will probably be put at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 4 proximo is forwarded to the Public Department for favour of the preparation of a draft answer with a note of such other information as may be deemed necessary.

It is requested that the draft answer may be forwarded so as to reach the undersigned before 5 pm on Thursday the 31 instant

* Question No. XXV of the Hon'ble XXXII + XXXIII

FORT ST. GEORGE,
28. 3. 1898.

28. 3. 1898
for Secretary to Government.

To
The Public Department.

Copy of Qⁿ with memo 8.10
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P.S.—It is requested that the draft answers together with the notes, if any, may be written only on one side of the paper.

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SUBJECT.

(2) HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.

(1) THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

Legislative Council
Questions

FOR ORDERS.

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(b) Is it a fact that these appointments are no longer open to the natives of this country? If so, has the Government considered the fact that the change will place the Government and the people in the hands of irresponsible and ill-educated moonshees in the place of educated Indians of ability and character?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any necessity there was to take up and consider this question was pointed out to it by the Government of India or whether this Government took up the subject without any suggestion from without?

(a) & (b) In the notes flagged 2² in the linked file H.R. the Govern^{or} and the ^{Hon^{rs}} ~~then~~ ^{now} have agreed that the matter should be left open. The following answer may, it is subd^d, be given. Answer. The Govt does not ^{at present} contemplate any change in the principle regulating the ^{in the existing arrange-} ~~ments~~ ^{for} ~~regarding~~ the appointment of Translators to Govt.

M.
M. 20/3/98

1) If the above answer is
given (b) it does not, it is sub-
sequent answer.

This question seems to
me objectionably inquisitive.
This Govt. does not desire to
throw responsibility on the
Govt. of India in such a matter
even if it ^{would} rightly rest
there.

~~on the other hand as this Govt. raised the question on motion it would if necessary say so.~~

Vide note flagged in
G.O. No. 853 of 2-7-97 in the
Bills case

I think the best reply will be
"The Govt. is not prepared
to give any information
on the subject."
M.A. 30.3.28.

To Legislative Dep.
M.A. 31/3/28

(b) will require to reply:
add (b) to (a)

(c) The reply may perhaps
be that
The Govt. looks upon the
question as in connection
with the filling of the
appointments of Tamil
Translator.

(d) Re. The question came up
when the Tamil
Translator retired from
the Secy's Dept. & the
subject of his retention
as Translator was discussed

M.A.
30/3/28

I will reply (a) It has been decided
by Govt. not to make any
change in the principles regu-
lating the appointments of Translators
W & W.

(b) It is not a fact that
these appointments are no longer
open to the natives of this country

(c) The Govt. is not prepared
to give the Hon. Member any
information on the subject. Jg
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Q xxv (a) (b) & (c) being
dealt with by the Comptroller
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Q xxxv

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The answer is "No"

Note

The papers regarding
gazetted holidays are
put up for ^{has} received
no suggestion to include
the birth day of the Prophet
among the holidays for
Muhammadans. The
birthday is the 12th of
the Arabic month

This year August 12th

Rabi-ul-awwal
The list of Muham-
madan holidays

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Muharram ——— 4 "
Shababarat ——— 1 "
Ramzan ——— 2 "

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may be
"The report will
consider the matter"
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then be called for
from the Board
of Revenue. (hand this)

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To
The Legislative Dept
ad
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Memo No: 934
18.4.98

to receive receipt of money
from ²²18.4.98

The Bd of Rev is
requested to report
on the suggestion that in
view of the great ^{said to be}
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birthday of their
Prophet by the
Muhammadians, that
day (Quazdaham-i-
Sheriff) may be included
as a holiday for
that community in
the list of gazetted
holidays as a
holiday for Muhammads

To the Bd of Rev
(Landed Rev) - ²²18.4.98

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Order

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from Board of Rev. to House 1845

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SUBJECT,

Coming Ques answers at
the ~~next~~ meeting of the
Council held on the 4 April
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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

(1) *Additional Members.*

The Hon'ble MR. J. THOMSON.

MR. H. P. HODGSON.

" " MR. C. A. WHITE, Advocate-General.

" " V. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR AVARGAL, C.I.E., Diwan Bahadur.
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(2) *Financial Statement.*

The Hon'ble **SIR HENRY BLISS**, K.C.I.E., explains the annual Financial Statement for 1898-99.

(3) *Questions.*

With the permission of His Excellency the President—

The Hon'ble C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR asks the following questions :—

I. Will the Government be pleased to state on how many and on which occasions since their construction the Connemara Library and the Museum Theatre have been lighted for a public purpose, and by reason of what future programme the Government has deemed fit to make a grant of over ten thousand rupees for the purpose of a gas installation for lighting up these buildings?

The Hon'ble Mr. Grose:—

I. The Library has been lighted once, the Museum theatre on 45 occasions for various purposes. The installation of gas will be provided with a view to open the library at night time and so increase its sphere of usefulness and to make the lecture theatre available for evening lectures.

The Hon'ble C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR :—

II. (a) Is it a fact that prosecutions for fiscal offences have always or generally been far more numerous in this Presidency than in the Bengal and other Presidencies, whether regard be had to the population, or the proportion of such prosecutions to prosecutions for offences other than fiscal?

(b) Is it also a fact that the proportion of convictions to the total number of such prosecutions is the highest in this Presidency? If so, will the Government be pleased to state the causes that have occasioned the special state of things in this Presidency in this respect?

The Hon'ble Mr. Forbes :—

- II. (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Member is referred to the Administration reports of the several provinces for the figures. These reports will be made available for his use in the office. If the proportion of convictions is higher here than elsewhere, the only reason the Government can suggest is that prosecutions here are conducted with greater care and efficiency.

The Hon'ble C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR :—

III. Is it a fact that in Calendar Case No. 489 of 1897 on the file of the Second Class Magistrate of Villupuram, in the South Arcot district, the accused were kept in custody pending trial for six months and finally acquitted? Is it a fact that the Magistrate refused to enlarge the accused on bail?

Will the Government be pleased to cause an inquiry to be made into the circumstances of the case which necessitated such an unusually long remand of the accused to prison and why bail was refused if the trial had to be protracted for any cause?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

III. The Government has no information, but the District Magistrate has been called upon to report whether the facts are as stated in the Hon'ble Member's question.

The Hon'ble C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR :—

IV. Is it a fact that the District Forest-officer of Kistna has recommended that grazing fees might be raised immediately to one rupee and prospectively to two rupees per head of cattle? If so, will the Government be pleased to state owing to what special circumstances in his district does that officer justify his proposal?

The Hon'ble Mr. Forbes :—

IV. Proposals for enhancing the grazing fees have been submitted to Government; and Government has under consideration the question of raising to one rupee the rate for grazing in a few special blocks that are frequented mainly by the cattle of professional graziers or breeders and can be treated exceptionally without prejudicing the privileges of ordinary cultivators, or that produce an exceptionally rich growth of grass for which the demand exceeds the supply.

The Hon'ble C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR :—

V. Is the Government in a position to say what measures since the issue of G.O., No. 569, of the 13th July 1897, have been adopted by the Forest Department to give ryots the benefit of the provisions contained in paragraphs 7 and 9 as to the necessity for effecting improvements in the "grazing capabilities" of forest land, especially where the people had formerly rights of free pasture and for making provision for goat browsing? If so, will the Government be pleased to place on the table papers showing the progress made in these respects?

The Hon'ble Mr. Forbes :—

V. The Government Order quoted issued no new instructions but merely recapitulated existing orders on matters of forest policy. The improvement of the grazing capabilities of forest land and the need of provision for goat browsing receive constant attention from Collectors and Forest officers. The Government has not called for any special and detailed report of the steps taken for such improvement and provision in each district and sees no reason to do so. The Government knows of no place where the people had formerly the right of free pasture.

The Hon'ble C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR :—

VI. (a) With reference to the statement made by the Government in the meeting of the council in November last that the principle on which translatorship to Government should be filled up, was engaging its attention, has the question been since disposed of? If so, will the Government be pleased to state on what principle these places will henceforth be filled up and the circumstances under which the principle has been adopted?

(b) Is it a fact that these appointments are no longer open to the natives of this country? If so, has the Government considered the fact that the change will place the Government and the people in the hands of irresponsible and ill-educated moonshees in the place of educated Indians of ability and character?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any necessity to take up and consider this question was pointed out to it by the Government of India or whether this Government took up the subject without any suggestion from without?

The Hon'ble Mr. Grose :—

VI. (a) It has been decided by Government not to make any change in the principles regulating the appointment of Translator to Government.

(b) It is not a fact that these appointments are no longer open to the natives of the country.

(c) The Government is not prepared to give the Hon'ble Member any information on the subject.

The Hon'ble C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR :—

VII. As no applicant was found fit for admission to the competitive examination which the Government proposed to hold in September last for the selection of a candidate as a probationary Assistant Superintendent of Police, will the Government be pleased to adopt this time the other method of recruitment in this country, namely, the promotion of a deserving public servant?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

VII. The question whether an appointment should be filled this year by local recruitment is under consideration.

The Hon'ble C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR :—

VIII. (a) Is it a fact that the Taluk Board of Ramnad, Madura district, has recently passed a resolution to abolish the dispensary at Mudukulattur, to transfer the management of the dispensary at Aruppukottai to the American Mission there on an annual grant of Rs. 550 from the taluk board, and to dispense with the services of the midwife at the dispensary in Pámban and that none would be attached to it in future?

(b) Has the Government received petitions signed by the officials and inhabitants of Mudukulattur and the surrounding villages pointing out the inconvenience and danger to the health of the inhabitants, numbering over 3,000, that would arise if the resolution is given effect to, stating among several other reasons that the institution was permanently established ten years ago with a substantial subscription from the people of the place?

(c) In view of the reasons urged by these petitioners, will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of rescinding this resolution?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

VIII. (a) Proposals to abolish the dispensary at Mudukulattur and to transfer the management of the dispensary at Aruppukottai to the American Mission with an annual grant from taluk funds, were embodied in the Mission with an annual grant from taluk funds, were embodied in the Local Fund budget of the Madura district for 1898-99. The Government is not aware of any proposal to dispense with the services of the midwife at Pámban.

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XIV. (a) The Hon'ble Member is referred to the orders of Government noted in the margin, which contain the results of inoculation in the city of Bombay and Damaun, and which have been placed on the Editors' Table. It has not yet been shown that inoculation with prophylactic serum can be relied on as a means to prevent the spread of plague; but the results of experiments hitherto made are distinctly encouraging.

(b) Yes. Twenty syringes and a stock of serum sufficient to inoculate 500 persons are kept ready for use; while Surgeon-Major Bannerman, who has been specially trained by Professor Haffkine in preparing the serum and in the method of inoculation, is under orders of recall to the Presidency.

The Hon'ble P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI :—

XV. Will Government be pleased to state whether pensions paid by Native States to their retired officers now resident in British territory are liable to income-tax, and whether such cases are being assessed now?

The Hon'ble Mr. Forbes :—

XV. Such pensions are liable to income-tax under Act II of 1886 if they are received in British India. As far as the Government is aware, such cases are duly assessed.

The Hon'ble P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI :—

XVI. With reference to the *Fort St. George Gazette* Supplement, Part I-A, dated 1st February 1898, Notification No. 74, regarding the removal of a municipal councillor from his office at Tiruvannamalai, will Government be pleased to order the papers on the matter to be placed on the table?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XVI. The papers will be shown to the Hon'ble Member.

The Hon'ble P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI :—

XVII. (a) Is Government aware that the revised kistbandy for land revenue pattadars in Tanjore and other districts, that they are forced to bring to the market at a great disadvantage in prices the grain as it is being harvested, and that during the earlier instalments they are even obliged to obtain advances of loans from grain-dealers on unfavourable terms against crops not yet harvested?

(b) Will Government be pleased to call for reports, if necessary, as to the working of the revised kistbandy, and take into consideration the desirability of reverting to the old kistbandy?

The Hon'ble Mr. Forbes :—

XVII. (a) The Hon'ble Member will be referred to the reply given to question No. VII asked by the Hon'ble N. Subba Rao Pantulu in the Legislative Council meeting held on the 26th February 1896. As indicated in the concluding portion of that reply, the question of revising the kistbandy was before Government in 1896, and after a very careful consideration of the various proposals put forward, His Excellency the Governor in Council arrived at the conclusion that no case was made out for any change in the existing instalments of land revenue collections except in the case of the Tanjore district in which the complicated kistbandy of eight instalments previously obtaining was assimilated to that of four equal instalments as in other districts. Government is not aware that the revised kistbandy has resulted in hardship in Tanjore or elsewhere.

(b) The Government is not prepared to re-open the question at present.

The Hon'ble P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI :—

XVIII. (a) Is it a fact that the Amin Veerasami Naidu, the accused in C.C. No. 581 of 1894 (on the file of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate of Cuddalore) submitted memorials to the Government in respect of the conduct of the Sub-Magistrate M.R. Ry. S. Sundra Aiyar, who tried the case, and, if so, will the Government be pleased to state whether any and, if so, what orders were passed thereon?

(b) With reference to questions Nos. XX to XXIV asked by the Hon'ble K. Kalyanasundram Aiyar Avargal at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 8th April 1896 and the reply to question XXIV "that the matter is still under the consideration of Government", will the Government be pleased to state what action it has taken as regards the Sub-Magistrate, who is now Tahsildar of Tirukkóyilúr, South Arcot, in respect of whom, the High Court of Madras remarked among other things that he "appears to have wasted a vast amount of public time and allowed the process of the Court to be abused in the trial of the case".

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XVIII. (a) Yes. The memorials were perused by Government but no action thereon was considered to be necessary.

(b) No further action was taken in the matter. The Government considered that the censure of the High Court was sufficient.

The Hon'ble P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI :—

XIX. (a) Is it a fact that out of a total strength of 24 councillors, the Trichinopoly Municipality is allowed to elect only eight councillors?

(b) With reference to the circumstance that minor municipalities have been given the privilege of electing two-thirds of the councillors, and that the privilege of electing its Chairman has been restored to the Trichinopoly Municipal Council, will Government be pleased to grant to it the privilege of electing a larger proportion of councillors?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XIX. (a) The answer to the first part of this question is in the affirmative.

(b) The Government regrets that it cannot accept this suggestion.

The Hon'ble P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI :—

XX. (a) Is Government aware that the people of Trichinopoly are just now suffering much on account of the failure of water-works?

(b) Is it a fact that the several defects existing in the boiler-room, engine-house, and the pumping well were brought to the notice of the Government by means of petitions, and also by the Chairman of the Municipal Council, and will Government be pleased to state what orders have been issued by it?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XX. (a) The answer to the first part of this question is in the negative.

(b) No petitions have been received pointing out defects in the boiler-room, the engine-house and the pumping well. The Chairman of the Municipal Council brought to notice the existence of certain defects and the matter is now under the consideration of Government.

The Hon'ble P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI :—

XXI. Is it a fact that the cost of the scheme (Trichinopoly water-works), as prepared by Mr. Oldham, was only 2½ lakhs of rupees and that it included the construction of a reservoir capable of holding a three days' supply for the town, and that the scheme as modified by Mr. Jones has already cost over 6 lakhs without the reservoir?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XXI. The scheme prepared by Mr. Oldham in 1888 was estimated to cost 2½ lakhs for the supply of water to only certain portions of the municipality; but including the South Indian Railway station and the sepoy lines, the estimate amounted to Rs. 3,59,559. The estimate as revised by the Sanitary Engineer in 1891, with reference to the rates and prices then current, amounted to Rs. 4,43,000. This scheme provided for a supply of 10 gallons per head and for the construction of a service reservoir, capable of holding two days' supply.

The scheme as modified by Mr. Jones does not provide for a reservoir, but is calculated to supply 15 gallons per head per diem instead of 10. The total expenditure on the scheme up to 31st March 1897 was Rupees 5,00,500 against an estimate of Rs. 5,18,255. There is no information as to what expenditure has been incurred subsequently.

The Hon'ble P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI :—

XXII. Is it true that the head-works were constructed at a place a little lower down the present site, and that these were washed away by the floods in 1893, and will Government be pleased to state the extent of the loss in consequence thereof?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XXII. The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. With regard to the latter part, the Hon'ble Member is referred to paragraph 14 of the Assistant Sanitary Engineer's report on the revised water-supply scheme printed in G.O., No. 384 M., dated 28th March 1894, which has been placed on the Editors' Table.

The Hon'ble P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI :—

XXIII. (a) Is it a fact that the Municipal Council of Trichinopoly has now applied to the Government to have a reservoir capable of holding a day's supply at a cost of Rs. 75,000?

(b) Is it a fact that even so late as last year Mr. Jones advised the council to extend the pipe laying to Oraiyur and Puttur which form part of the municipality, instead of building a reservoir which he considered to be a superfluity?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XXIII. (a) and (b) The answer to the two parts of this question is in the affirmative.

The Hon'ble P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI :—

XXIV. In view of the fact that the pumping had to be stopped owing to the failure of the water-works at Trichinopoly, so soon after their construction, will Government be pleased to order a thorough investigation into the causes of the failure, and ascertain whether there were faults in construction and, if so, who is responsible for the same?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XXIV. The matter will be considered.

The Hon'ble P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI :—

XXV. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Collector's present Huzur Sarishtadar M.R.Ry. T. Sesha Aiyar in Tinnevely is a native of that district, and whether he has lands and relatives in it?

(b) If it is a fact, will Government be pleased to issue orders in view to his transfer to some other district?

(c) If Government has no information on the matter, will it be pleased to call for a report?

The Hon'ble Mr. Forbes :—

XXV. (a) and (b) The Government has no information on the subject.

(c) The Government does not think it necessary to call for a report in the matter; but a copy of the question will be communicated to the Board of Revenue as the confirmation of the appointment of Huzur Sarishtadar rests with that authority.

The Hon'ble C. JAMBULINGAM MUDALIYAR :—

XXVI. (a) Is the Government aware that under permissions granted to the Revenue Department in or about the year 1863, ryots of the villages of Molakathalla, Chithraghad, Tharimala, Panidi, Chittur, and other villages situated close to the banks of the Pennéru river in Gooty taluk of Anantapur district dug river channels from the Pennéru at their own expense and brought waste lands under cultivation?

(b) Is the Government also aware that in consideration of the large expense and trouble incurred by ryots in digging channels at their own cost and bringing waste lands under cultivation, a permanent arrangement was made by the Revenue Department to collect special reduced rates, generally Rs. 1-8-0 per acre as tirvajasti and half the said amount as fasaljasti instead of the usual wet assessment levied for lands irrigated by Government channels?

(c) Is it a fact that during the recent settlement of the Gooty taluk the Settlement officers ignored the existence of private channels and special rates and charged the said lands with wet assessment thus placing the lands under private channels on a level with lands under Government channels?

(d) Is it a fact also that on appeal to the Board of Revenue by the ryots, who were affected by the orders of the Settlement officers, the Board were pleased to confirm the special rates fixed in 1863 and cancel the settlement rates in the case of Chittur village only as per Board's Proceedings, No. 3747, dated 27th June 1893, but declined to set aside the settlement rates in the case of other villages similarly situated?

(e) Will the Government be pleased to inquire into this matter fully, and afford relief to the owners of all private channels and lands thereunder by confirming the special rates fixed at the time when the ryots agreed to dig them at their own expense and remit all enhancements over the said rates?

The Hon'ble Mr. Grose :—

XXVI. (a) Several cases have come to the notice of the Board of Revenue in which permission had been granted by local officers, at various times, for the construction of irrigation channels by private persons from the Pennéru river in the Gooty taluk.

(b) In all such cases, certain special rates, less than the ordinary rates, had been sanctioned by local officers. Such special rates were, in some cases, consolidated wet rates; in some favourable water rates charged in addition to dry assessment. There was no permanent arrangement made by the Revenue Department.

(c) The existence of these channels and rates was not ignored. The assessment of the lands was revised with the sanction and approval of the Board of Revenue and the Government.

(d) In no case of appeal traceable in the office of the Board of Revenue was the original special rate confirmed. In the case of the Chittur village referred to, a special rate of Rs. 2-8-0 per acre was sanctioned in lieu of the original rates which averaged less than one rupee per acre.

(e) The cases were fully investigated at the time of settlement and the Settlement Department held that the special rates sanctioned by local officers were subject to revision at the time of settlement, as the terms of the original grants did not preclude such revision and as the rates which were very moderate had been in force sufficiently long to compensate the ryots for their outlay. The Government sees no reason to inquire further into the matter.

The Hon'ble GHULAM MUHAMMAD :—

XXVII. Is the Government aware that of the eleven boys presented in 1896 and nine boys presented in 1897 for the Matriculation Examination from the Government Madrasa-i-Azam not one was successful in passing that examination?

The Hon'ble Dr. Duncan :—

XXVII. Yes.

The Hon'ble GHULAM MUHAMMAD :—

XXVIII. Has the Headmaster of the school been asked to explain the cause of this failure?

The Hon'ble Dr. Duncan :—

XXVIII. Yes.

The Hon'ble GHULAM MUHAMMAD :—

XXIX. Will the Government be pleased to state whether any scheme for the re-organization of the school has been received by it and, if so, when?

XXX. Does the scheme for the re-organization referred to in question No. XXIX include any proposal for improving the efficiency of the teachers of the lower department?

The Hon'ble Mr. Grose :—

XXIX & XXX. Certain proposals for improving the accommodation and the establishment of the Madrasa-i-Azam have lately been received from the Director of Public Instruction.

The Hon'ble GHULAM MUHAMMAD :—

XXXI. While sanctioning the list of public holidays, was any suggestion received by Government to include Duazdaham-i-sheriff, or the birthday of the Prophet, as a holiday for Muhammadans?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XXXI. The answer is "No".

The Hon'ble GHULAM MUHAMMAD :—

XXXII. In view of the great sanctity attached to the birthday of their Prophet by the Muhammadans, will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of including the above-mentioned day in the list?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XXXII. The Government will consider the matter.

The Hon'ble GHULAM MUHAMMAD :—

XXXIII. Is it a fact that the Collector of Madura has recommended non-Muhammadans for the two vacancies caused by the retirement of Muhammadan members in the Municipal Council of Palni?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XXXIII. The Collector of Madura has recommended the appointment of a non-Muhammadan for a vacancy caused by the retirement of a Muhammadan member.

The Hon'ble GHULAM MUHAMMAD :—

XXXIV. Has the Government received any memorial from the Muhammadans of this place protesting against the Collector's recommendation?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XXXIV. The answer to this question is in the affirmative.

The Hon'ble GHULAM MUHAMMAD :—

XXXV. If so, will the Government be pleased to state what orders have been passed on this memorial?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XXXV. A report on the subject has been called for from the Collector.

The Hon'ble GHULAM MUHAMMAD :—

XXXVI. Is it a fact that the appointment of four additional District Munsifs has been sanctioned by Government?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XXXVI. The matter is under consideration.

The Hon'ble GHULAM MUHAMMAD :—

XXXVII. Is the Government aware that, with the exception of Saiyed Tajuddin Saheb, the Madras Provincial Service, Judicial Branch, is utterly unrepresented by Muhammadans?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XXXVII. The Government is aware that there is only one Muhammadan in the Judicial Branch of the Provincial Service.

The Hon'ble GHULAM MUHAMMAD :—

XXXVIII. If the answer to question No. XXXVII be in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to suggest to the High Court the desirability of appointing some competent Muhammadans as District Munsifs?

The Hon'ble Mr. Arundel :—

XXXVIII. The appointment of District Munsifs vests by law in the High Court and the Government therefore cannot interfere in the matter.

(4) *Act assented to by His Excellency the Governor.*

The Secretary reports that the Bill to amend Madras Act II of 1886 (The Madras Harbour Trust Act), which was passed by the Council on the 1st February last, received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 3rd idem.

(5) *Act assented to by His Excellency the Governor-General.*

His Excellency the President announces the assent of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General to Madras Act II of 1898—An Act to amend Madras Act II of 1886 (The Madras Harbour Trust Act).

(6) *Petitions, &c.*

The Secretary reports that a petition on the subject of the Hindu Gains of Learning Bill has been received from one Sonty SUBBARAYUDU of Cocanada and referred under Council Rule 43 to the Select Committee on the Bill.

(7) *Malabar Testamentary Bill.*

The Hon'ble V. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR, C.I.E., Diwan Bahadur, presents the report of the Select Committee on the Bill.

(8) *Bill further to amend the Madras Local Boards Act, 1884.*

The Hon'ble Mr. A. T. ARUNDEL introduces the Bill and moves that it be read in Council.

(9) *Bill to amend the Madras City Police Act, 1888.*

The Hon'ble SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E., introduces the Bill and moves that it be read in Council.

(10) *Bill to repeal Madras Act I of 1880.*

The Hon'ble Mr. A. T. ARUNDEL moves that so much of Council Rule 34 as requires fifteen days' previous publication be suspended in view to the introduction of the Bill at the meeting.

H. TREMENHEERE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

Government of Fort St. George.
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

NOTICES

FOR THE

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

On Monday, the 4th day of April 1893.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:—

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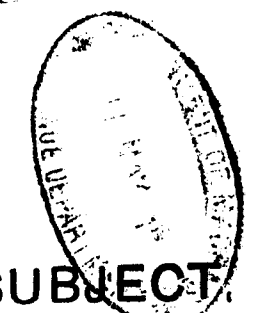
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For orders.

Please see the note at

Perhaps Mr. H. H. Shulau
Mohammed may be told
d-o. With Govt. has no objection

Submitting to Government for
remarks with reference to the
suggestion that in view of the
great sanctity said to be attached
the birthday of their Prophet by the
Muhammadans, that day may
be included in the list of
gazetted holidays as a holiday
for Muhammadans.
P.T.O.

to substituting the birthday
of the Prophet for ^{one} ~~any~~ ^{one} ~~any~~
of the existing Mohammedan
holidays if it can be shown
that the bulk of the
Mohammedan servants of
Govt. would welcome the
change. It is submitted
that it is for the
Hon^{ble} Member to establish
this.

MR
25/5/95

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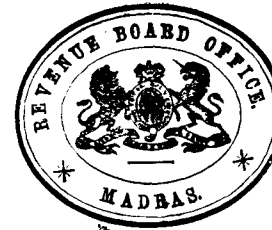
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I question whether it is advisable
to know this on the Hon. Member.
If he made out a good case Govt.
will not accept his ~~recomm~~ recommendation
without further enquiry. He may
be asked to consult ^{to obtain such other opinion as they think fit} ~~as to whether~~
any such exchange of holidays is desirable.

MR 25.5.96

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27/5/96



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue).

No 1223 - His. dated 7th May 1898.

(Full Board)

Read - Memorandum from Government
Public Department - No 934, dated 18th April 1898.

Resolution :- With reference to the Government
Order read above, the Board bego to report that the
birthday of the Prophet is apparently regarded as an
important festival by all sections of Muhamma-
dians, except the Wahabis. It is declared to be a
general holiday for Muhammadians in all the
larger Provinces in India except Madras and
Bombay, and a similar concession in this
Presidency would therefore appear to be warranted.
It is the case, however, that Muhammadians
in Southern India already enjoy a larger

Revenue

number of holidays than the followers of any
 other religion; while therefore the Board has no
 objection to the grant of a holiday on the anni-
 versary of the Prophet's birth in districts where
 a general desire to that effect is expressed by
 Muhammadan public servants, it considers
 that one of the 9 special holidays already en-
 joyed by such persons should in that case be
 converted into a working day.

(True Extract)
 Ronald Gordon
 Acting Secretary.

To The Secretary to Govt R.D.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., No.	, dated	189
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 28. 3. 1898, " Legis. Dept. (6)
 5. 5. 1898, " the Board of Rev.
 7. 5. 1898, " (Land Rev.) (6)

C.S.

OR I ER. No 741, 27 June 1898

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 If Granting a holiday to
 Muhammadans on the anniversary
 of the birth of their prophet
 instead of one of the special holidays
 now allowed to followers of their
 What Prophet? religion

The Board of Revenue
 will be requested to consult
 Collectors of Districts,
 and to obtain such other
 opinions as they think fit
 regarding the desirability
 of substituting a holiday
 on the anniversary of the
 birth of the Prophet for
 one of the special holidays
 now granted to
 Muhammadans
 (from orders)

MS.
 I don't much like the assumption
 that there is but one Prophet.
 Is Mahomet not usually
 referred to by name?

MS. 3.6.98 1.6.98

MS. 2/6/95

C.S. Please see amended draft.
 Perhaps "their" prophet will do.
 I asked the point whether the
 phrase appears in the paper read at
 the head of the proceedings made its plain that Mahomet is referred to.
 MS. 4/6/95

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For the Under Secretary

The Registrar of G.O.

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Migration Branch, for removal

of return.

On 23.5.02. 23.5.0

To L.S. P.W.D. Migration Branch
with reference to correspondence

~~in a letter dated 23.5.02. to the Under Secretary, P.W.D., Migration Branch, regarding the removal of the original of G.O. No 741, Public, dated 7.6.98. from the files of the Registrar of G.O. to the files of the Under Secretary, P.W.D., Migration Branch.~~

The Under Secy. Public Dept.
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