14th February 1921] [The Hon'ble the President]

'The Mulgeni Rent Enhancement Act, 1920 .. 20th October 1920.
'The Madras Local Boards Act, 1920 .. .. 3rd November ,,
'The Madras Village Panchayat Act, 1920 .. 20th October ,,'

VI

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce that the undermentioned Acts which were passed at the meetings of the Legislative Council held on the 30th September and 4th October 1920, received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the dates severally noted against them :—

'The Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920 .. 18th November 1920.
'An Act to amend the Madras Salt Act, 1889 .. 27th ,, ,,
'An Act to amend the Madras Co-operative Societies Act, 1912 .. .. 28th ,, ,,
'An Act to amend the Madras General Clauses Act, 1891 .. .. 24th ,, ,,
'The Madras District Municipalities (Amendment) Act, 1920 .. .. 25th ,, ,,
'The Mulgeni Rent Enhancement Act, 1920 .. 27th ,, ,,
'The Madras Local Boards Act, 1920 .. .. 19th December ,,
'The Madras Village Panchayat Act, 1920 .. 19th ,, ,,

VII

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce under section 52 (4) of the Government of India Act, that His Excellency the Governor has appointed the following non-official Members of the Legislative Council as Council Secretaries, viz. :—

'(1) M.R.Ry. Edwin Periyanayakam Avargal.
'(2) ,, A. Ramaswami Mudaliyar Avargal.
'(3) ,, P. Subbarayan Avargal.'

VIII

The Hon'ble Mr. SUBBARAYALU REDDIYAR Avargal :—" I approach my brother councillors with a resolution relating to the pay of Council Secretaries. They are three in number and their names appear on the paper in hand. They were appointed by His Excellency the Governor in Council under the discretionary power vested in him."

Mr. S. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" I rise to a point of order. We should have had notice of this before coming to the Council. It is not on the agenda which was circulated."

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT :—" Was not a revised agenda placed on the table ? "

Cries of " Yes, Yes."

Mr. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO :—" Apparently another agenda has subsequently been printed."

Mr. S. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" There is only one agenda."

Rev. MACPHAIL :—" I ask the gentlemen to speak out so that we may have some chance of hearing them."

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT :—" What is the point of order ? "

Mr. S. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" The point of order is we have not had notice of this motion."

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT :—" What is the Standing Order ? "

Mr, S. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" I take it that the agenda was settled by the President."

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT :—" Was not a copy of the revised agenda placed on the table an hour before the Council met ?"

Sir P. TYAGARAYA CHETTIYAR :—" Yes, we have all got it here."

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT :—" Is there any specific period for the circulation of the agenda ? "

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO :—" May I know whether it is proposed seriously to suggest that the agenda should be placed on the table one hour before the Council begins and we should be prepared for the agenda ? All that I can inform you, Sir, is that we received a printed agenda through the post, and that is the one we have here. In that agenda, No. 8 is mentioned as the Deputy Speaker's Salary Bill. Under these circumstances, I suggest that the question of ' Council Secretaries ' which is placed before the Council should not have come today on the paper. Another agenda should be issued to all the Members, and the matter must come later or at some time convenient to the Minister in charge of the Bill. I would appeal to the Honourable Members of Government to treat us with a certain amount of consideration, because we were taken by surprise when this matter was put before the Council to-day."

The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur A. SUBBARAYALU REDDIYAR :—"I have got an agenda which contains this resolution."

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO :—" I never saw it before I came here. I have got another which does not contain it."

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT :—" The Standing Order simply says that a list of business will be prepared and circulated to all Members."

' A VOICE ' :—" All Members ? "

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT :—" I have not yet finished : I will ask the Members to permit me to finish what I have to say before they say anything. At the same time I think it must be somewhat inconvenient to have such a short notice, and it is a matter for consideration, by the Hon'ble Mr. Subbarayalu Reddiyar, whether this may not be taken up at a later stage, so that Members may have some time to think over it."

The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur A. SUBBARAYALU REDDIYAR :—" I have no objection to the President's suggestion, if he thinks it may be taken to-morrow."

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT :—" I will take it up to-morrow."

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO :—" I formally move that the resolution be adjourned for to-morrow."

Mr. S. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" I second it."

Sir P. TYAGARAYA CHETTIYAR :—" We all have a copy. If by any mischance it was not placed on the table, or that my colleague Mr. Ramachandra Rao has not seen it. . . ."

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT :—" Order, order. I take it that it has been proposed and seconded that item No. 8 on the agenda be postponed for consideration as the first subject to-morrow. Do Members agree ? "

The motion for adjournment was put to the Council and carried.