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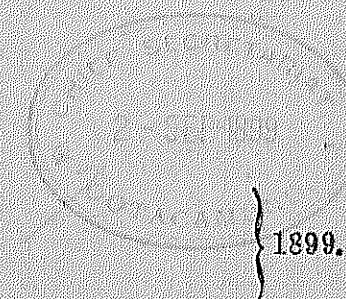
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 85 M., dated 19th January 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Ordering the publication in the Fort St. George and Madura District Gazettes of a notification declaring the intention of Government to constitute Kodaikānal a municipality, and requesting with remark the Collector to submit proposals for the constitution of the municipal council.

From V. N. SUBRAMANI AIYAR and others of Kodaikānal village, Periyakulam taluk, Madura.

From J. G. D. PARTRIDGE, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 9th March 1899, Ref. on C. No. 119-B. & G.

Adverting to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 85 M., dated 19th January 1899, I beg to report that the notification therein referred to was published in the District Gazette, dated 1st March 1899.

From the Acting Collector of Madura, dated 18th March 1899, Ref. on C. No. 119-B. & G.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting the petition of the residents of the Kodaikānal town objecting to constitute it a municipality.

READ—also the following paper:—

From J. G. D. PARTRIDGE, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 19th March 1899, Ref. on C. No. 119-B. & G.

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 85 M., dated 9th January 1899, and in continuation of this office Ref. on C. No. 119-B. & G., dated 9th March 1899, I have the honour to report as follows.

2. The maximum number of the municipal councillors to be appointed for the time being may be declared to be twelve, of whom three shall be officials. The officials (besides the Sub-Collector who will be ex-officio councillor) whom I recommend for appointment are:—

- (1) C. Michie Smith, Esq., Government Astronomer, Kodaikānal.
- (2) M.R.Ry. C. R. Krishnaswami Aiyengar, Sub-Registrar, Kodaikānal.

As to the non-officials I propose the marginally-named gentlemen who have all given their consent to be appointed as municipal councillors. I beg also to recommend that Mr. Cammiade, the Deputy Tahsildar of the place, may be appointed as the Chairman of the Municipality in accordance with the proviso (ii) to section 14 of the Municipal Act. As non-officials are few and some of them refuse to take up the appointment, the Deputy Tahsildar must be appointed the Chairman.

1. Revd. Father Sabatier, S.J., Parish Priest, Kodaikānal.
2. Revd. J. E. Tracy, American Missionary, Kodaikānal.
3. Captain Thomas Catania, Retired Police officer, Kodaikānal.
4. John Tapp, Esq., Agent, Kodaikānal.
5. W. Wetherell, Esq., Manager, Highelero Hotel, Kodaikānal.
6. M.R.Ry. T. C. Gopalasami Chettiar, Manager, Emporium and Emporium Hotel, Kodaikānal.
7. M.R.Ry. V. Subramania Maistry, Contractor, Kodaikānal.
8. M.R.Ry. P. N. Ramasubbier, private Vakil, Kodaikānal.
9. Revd. G. N. Backianathan, Native Pastor, Kodaikānal.

3. It is not certain what provision can be made to meet the charges to be incurred before the municipal council has the power of levying its taxes. An advance either from Government or the District Board of about Rs. 4,000 may be required.

4. Under section 50 of the Municipal Act the taxes to be levied will have to be resolved on by the council and, after the approval of the Government is obtained thereto, should be notified in the District Gazette. As regards the taxes on buildings and lands, the Chairman has to assess the amounts payable; but it would appear that under sub-section 3 to section 66 the assessment will take effect only from the beginning of the financial year following that in which it is made. If a special exemption from this rule cannot be granted, the council will not be able to carry on the ordinary work and meet the expenditure in 1899-1900, and as soon as the municipality is introduced the collection of house-tax under the present union must cease, the consequence being that no house-tax at all will be levied in the first year.

5. The written consent of the non-official nominees is enclosed.

ORDER—No. 1171 M., dated 16th August 1899.

The Government considers that the objections raised in the petitions read above against the constitution of the town of Kodaikānal a municipality are not valid. The proposal is accordingly now approved and the following notification will be published in the Fort St. George and the Madura District Gazettes:—

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (4) of section 4 of the Madras District Municipalities Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare that the settlement of Kodaikānal situated within the boundaries specified below shall be a municipality on and from the first day of October 1899, on which date the Kodaikānal union shall cease to exist:—

BOUNDARIES—North.—The boundary line between the waste lands of the village of Vilpatti and the Tiger shola reserved forest on the one side and the following survey numbers included within the settlement, viz., 90, 41, 40, 39, 34, 27, 26, 25, 61, 400, 401, 436, 437, 439, 440, 441, 442 and 443 on the other.

East.—The boundary line between the Tiger shola reserved forest and the waste lands of the village of Adukkam on the one side and the survey No. 443 included within the settlement on the other.

South.—The boundary line between the waste lands of the villages of Adukkam and Vellagavi on the one side and the following survey numbers included within the settlement, viz., 444, 453, 454, 451, 423, 310, 269, 268, 201, 190, 192, 188, 187, 178 and 139 on the other.

West.—The boundary line between the waste lands of the village of Poombarai on the one side and the following survey numbers included within the settlement, viz., 139, 140, 138, 132, 131, 130 and 90 on the other side.

2. The following notification under section 12 of the Act will be published in the first issues of the same gazettes after the 1st October 1899 :—

NOTIFICATION.

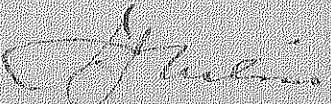
Under section 12 of the Madras District Municipalities Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council hereby declares that, until further orders,—

- (1) the maximum number of municipal councillors to be appointed, for the time being, for the municipality of Kodaikanal, shall be twelve;
- (2) none of the municipal councillors shall be elected; and
- (3) the Chairman shall be appointed by the Governor in Council.

3. The proposed appointments will be notified in the first issue of the *Fort St. George Gazette* after the 1st October 1899. In the meantime, the gentlemen nominated by the Collector should meet informally and prepare a budget estimate of receipts and charges for the second half of the current year, which should be submitted to Government as soon as possible after the 1st October next.

4. As under section 66 (3) of the Act, the assessment of the taxes on buildings and lands can take effect only from the beginning of the financial year following that in which it is made, and as no special exemption can, as suggested by the Collector, be granted from the operation of this rule, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction a grant of Rs. 2,000 from Provincial funds in order to enable the municipality to carry on the work until the 1st April 1900 in a solvent condition. The Accountant-General is requested to place this sum at the disposal of the Municipal Council from the allotment of Rs. 50,000 provided for the Vizianagram water-supply works in the budget estimate of Provincial grants to municipalities for 1899-1900. The house and land tax registers should be prepared before the close of the current year, so that the assessments may, with reference to section 66 (3) of the Act, come into force in the ensuing year.

(True Extract.)


for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Madura, with a map returned.

- " President, District Board, Madura.
- " Accountant-General.
- " Financial Department.

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