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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 29th January 1873.

No. 170. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Tellicherry, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 3rd December 1872, No. 34 :—

With reference to paragraph 35 of my letter to Government, dated 21st October 1872, No. 29, I have the honour to forward, herewith, the memorial received from the inhabitants of Tellicherry, and to state as follows.

2. The first objection is as to the non-representation of the non-official European and East Indian community.

Previous to the memorial, viz., in the month of August, I submitted to Government the name of Mr. Ross, Secretary of the Oriental Bank, and his appointment was notified in the Gazette of the 27th August 1872.

Considering the vast preponderance of the native element in Tellicherry, the presence of three Europeans on the Commission is ample representation of the European and East Indian interest.

3. The next complaint is that the executive power vested in the Vice-President has virtually become inoperative. I scarcely know what is meant by this.

The Vice-President is Mr. Canaran, the late Deputy Collector, who, throughout a service of upwards of thirty years, proved himself zealous and energetic as well as able. His powers are happily but little impaired, and he is fully equal to the executive control of the Municipality.

4. In illustration of their views, the memorialists refer to the state of the roads, most of which, they state, are in such a state of disrepair as to be useless.

The memorial was drawn up just after the close of the monsoon, and it must be admitted that at this time many of the roads were almost impassable. These roads, however, have never been anything but gravelled roads, and I attribute their condition to the exceptionally heavy and continuous rain. From the marginally-noted extract from the rain register kept in the town it will be observed that, during the period commencing 11th June and terminating on the 24th August, there were seventy-three rainy days in the seventy-five days. Usually a break of a week or ten days is experienced, besides an occasional fine day or two, and after a break the road has, so to say, a fresh start; but if the rain happens, as in the present instance, to be continuous, nothing can prevent it from at length soaking in to such a depth as to render the road almost impassable. To macadamize these roads would be beyond the power of this as of other Municipalities, and the evil must be endured.

——	Total days.	Rainy days.	Inches.
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Total ...	75	73	102

I saw these roads the first week in November, and I have no hesitation in saying that they were then in very fair order, though in most cases no repairs had been effected since the monsoon.

5. There is, no doubt, considerable room for improvement; but, considering the extensive mileage and the slender income of the Commission, I do not think that the state of the roads in any way supports the complaint of defective executive.

6. The next complaint is of defective conservancy, and in illustration of this the memorialists point to the fact that there is but one latrine to a population of 20,000. It must, however, be recollected that nearly the whole of this population live in detached cocoanut gardens of considerable size, and that for such a population no system of latrines could be devised which would be an improvement on the principle of using different parts of the garden in turn. It is the comparatively limited area of the bazaar that latrines are required, and doubtless increased provision is necessary.

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8. Even here the greatest difficulty is found, as there is no scavenging class as in other parts, and no open spaces around the West Coast towns whereon to empty the night-soil carts. More should be done in this direction by the Municipality, but the repeated changes of Vice-President and Civil Surgeons have increased the natural difficulties with which this question is surrounded.

9. A further subject of complaint is the fish curing, which takes place in a fishing village adjacent to the principal quarter of the town.

To remove the fishing village would cause the greatest hardship, and the measure could only be carried out at an enormous cost, as the land is private property.

The same nuisance exists in various parts of Calicut, and I confess I do not see how it is to be obviated.

10. The Sanitary Commissioner visited Tellicherry last year, and reported that the general conservancy was carefully attended to. The arrangements then in force have been continued, the only difference being that part of the cart establishment is discontinued during the monsoon when there is no carting of coffee going on.

11. I am informed that Dr. Hyde, one of the Commissioners, was instrumental in getting up this memorial, and I think he should be called on to state if this is the case, and, if so, to detail all the sanitary measures which, it must be presumed, he himself has unsuccessfully brought before the Commissioners, giving the dates of the meetings at which such proposals were made.

To

His Excellency the Right Hon. Lord HOBART,
GOVERNOR in COUNCIL,
Fort St. George, Madras.

The Memorial of the undersigned rate-payers of the Town and Municipality of Tellicherry.

Humbly Showeth,

That your memorialists would draw the attention of your Excellency in Council to the urgent need for reform in the present constitution and working of the Tellicherry Municipal Commission.

Your memorialists desire to point out that the Municipality, as at present constituted, does not adequately represent all portions of the community. That including the Vice-President it consists for the most part of Natives, the only Europeans being the Sub-Collector and the Civil Surgeon, and that, therefore, the non-official European and the East Indian residents are not represented.

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In further corroboration of what your memorialists assert, they humbly beg to point out the neglect to which all the necessary works are now subjected within the municipal limits.

Most of the roads up to within a short time were, and some of them still are, in such bad repair as to be almost impassable and useless. New roads not absolutely necessary have been cut, whilst the old means of communication were either neglected or rendered worse by the method of repair employed, and your memorialists cannot express too strongly their opinion of the gross mismanagement in general of the whole system of roads.

The conservancy of the town has also not been carefully looked after, and your memorialists, in corroboration of what they affirm, need only direct the attention of your Excellency in Council to the fact that there is but one public latrine and two scavenging carts to a population of upwards of 20,000. The very centre of the town is poisoned by the smell arising from the fish-curing operations near the sea, and, although this practice is most prejudicial to the health and comfort of the inhabitants, the nuisance still exists without abatement. In conclusion, your memorialists humbly beg that their grievances may be taken into consideration by your Excellency in Council with a view to their removal, and your memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

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From the Post Office to the Codavooly Bridge.—This road is the old Cannanore Road, and is in excellent order if we except small portions which have undergone repairs. These are covered with sea sand.

The Road joining the Cannanore and Wynaad Roads.—This road is about two miles in length; it became in parts quite impassable for carts or vehicles of any kind, and was difficult even for pedestrians. In many instances the traffic was completely stopped owing to the holes and ruts, the residents in the neighbourhood being put to much inconvenience. Here also the so-called repairs were attempted prior to the monsoons; the same common earth was used, and the after-condition of the road became worse than the first. More repairs and more money became necessary, and large pieces of stones were thrown into the holes and covered loosely with that mainstay of the Municipality sea sand, and this is the present state of the road. In many places along it there are no drains, in others the sides have been washed away into the paddy flats, and the road, at all times a narrow one, is gradually becoming more and more so. One rate-payer, residing in the

neighbourhood of this road, has been compelled on several occasions to repair portions of the road himself to allow the passage of his carts over the road with building and other materials.

Road from the boundary on the Mahé Road to the Post Office.—This road also, prior to and after the commencement of the monsoon, was in places in very bad repair. The greater part of the road is now in good order, but the materials used for the repairs have been faulty here also, and sea sand has again had to be brought to cover the defects.

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To conclude our report on the roads, we need only remark that the whole system of repairs, as at present attempted, is entirely wrong. There is abundance of excellent road-making materials to be had for the carting, which might be carried at the same if not at a less cost than that incurred by the carriage of sea sand, a material which is necessitated only by the gross mismanagement of the repairs in the first instance. The supervision of the work is most defective, and the absence of any directing head patently evident.

Sanitary Department.—We regret to report that the conservancy of the town is much neglected. There is only one public latrine to a population of 20,000, and but two scavenging carts employed in carrying away the rubbish deposited in the streets during the nights, and the filth accumulated in unpleasant heaps. For latrine the sea shore is used, and so much is it recognised as such by the authorities that the prisoners from the Police Office are marched down each morning. Apart from the recognised fishing village, and on a part of the beach, in the centre of the town, fish-curing operations are sanctioned or tacitly permitted. The consequence is that a large portion of the town is poisoned by the intense stench arising from the drying and decaying fish. The esplanade would form a pleasant resort for the townspeople of an evening, but the adjacent shore is in such a filthy state, and the senses of sight and smell are so outraged on a near approach, that it is carefully avoided. The open space of the esplanade and the open beach beyond must be conducive to the health of the town, as they form an inlet for the sea breeze, and our Commissioners are at present engaged in planting a double row of trees across the face of it, which, as they grow up, cannot but shut out a great deal of air.

It now only remains for us to report on the executive powers of the Municipal Commission. The Vice-President is a pensioner of the Government, and well up in years, and it is reasonable to surmise, from the condition of the town as reported above, cannot give that energetic attention to the affairs of the Municipality which is so urgently called for. The Proceedings of the Commission are all in English, which language the Vice-President does not speak. Other members of the Commission and some of the clerks and employés are related to, or are connected with, the Vice-President, and understanding as we do that most of the other members of the Commission generally absent themselves from the meetings, the Commission may not inaptly be termed "a family circle." The European members are the Sub-Collector and the Civil Surgeon. The former does not attend the meetings, and the latter has also, we believe, ceased to do so of late. The non-official European and East Indian community are unrepresented.

(Signed) J. YOUNG.
(,,) E. BAUDRY.
(,,) G. ROSS.
(,,) H. E. ALGAR.
(,,) E. JONES, and others.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
29th January 1873.

No. 171. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1873, No. 140.

The Collector of Malabar submits, with his letter above recorded, a numerously signed memorial animadverting on the administration of the Tellicherry Municipality.

2. The points to which special attention is called by the memorialists are—

(1.) The inadequate representation of the non-official European and East Indian portions of the community.
(2.) The virtual inoperativeness of the executive power naturally vested in the Vice-President.
(3.) The almost impassable state of the roads.
(4.) The defective arrangements for sanitation and conservancy.

3. With reference to the first objection, the Government remark that one of the European gentlemen, whose signature is attached to the memorial, has lately been appointed a Member of the Board; and, considering the proportion which the European and East Indian inhabitants bear to the whole population, the Government are of opinion that no ground now exists for any further objection on this score.

4. From the second complaint, the Government presume that the memorialists are not satisfied with the personal exertions of the Vice-President. This gentleman, however, bore a high character for energy and ability when employed in the public service, and, as he was appointed to his present position on election by the Commissioners, the Government do not feel themselves called upon to interfere in the matter.

5. The memorialists' allegations as to the impassable state of the roads appear to have been well-founded at the time when the memorial was written, but Mr. Macgregor explains that this was the result of the almost unprecedented and continuous rainfall which has been experienced throughout the Presidency this year. The explanation given seems satisfactory when the nature of the material for road-making and the funds available for the purpose are taken into consideration. The roads are now reported to be in fair order; but, as the memorialists are of opinion that the material used by the Commissioners is not the best procurable in the neighbourhood, orders will be issued in the Public Works Department for the inspection of the roads by the District Engineer, who will communicate to the Commissioners any suggestions he may have to offer for the adoption of a different material, or mode of execution of repairs.

6. The reasons assigned by the Collector for the apparently inadequate conservancy arrangements, to which memorialists have called attention, show that the natural conditions of the place are such as to render unnecessary many of the measures adopted elsewhere, while peculiar difficulty is met in carrying out even such as are deemed necessary. The Sanitary Commissioner will be requested, on the next occasion of his visit to Tellicherry, to confer with the Commissioners on the sanitary measures necessary, and to afford them his advice on the subject.

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The Government have no doubt that the Commissioners will do all in their power to render the conservancy of the town effective.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Tellicherry.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.
„ Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Tellicherry.

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Dated January, 29th.

Recd. *Encl.*

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JANUARY.
Nos. 170-171.

Passing orders with reference to a memorial from the inhabitants of Tellicherry animadverting on the administration of the Municipality of that town.

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Jose Sousa Ferreira +

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A. M. Sousa

Caetano de Sousa +

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Shaikutti

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Kakrakandi Sopen.

Parambetta Packi

Cheeaneth Ahmed.

Marolly Ramen

Valia Kayeth Kumhi Packi.

Mithalajath Badroon.

Nizatham Kumhi Roman.

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Chakketh Kamen

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Manuel Dias. +

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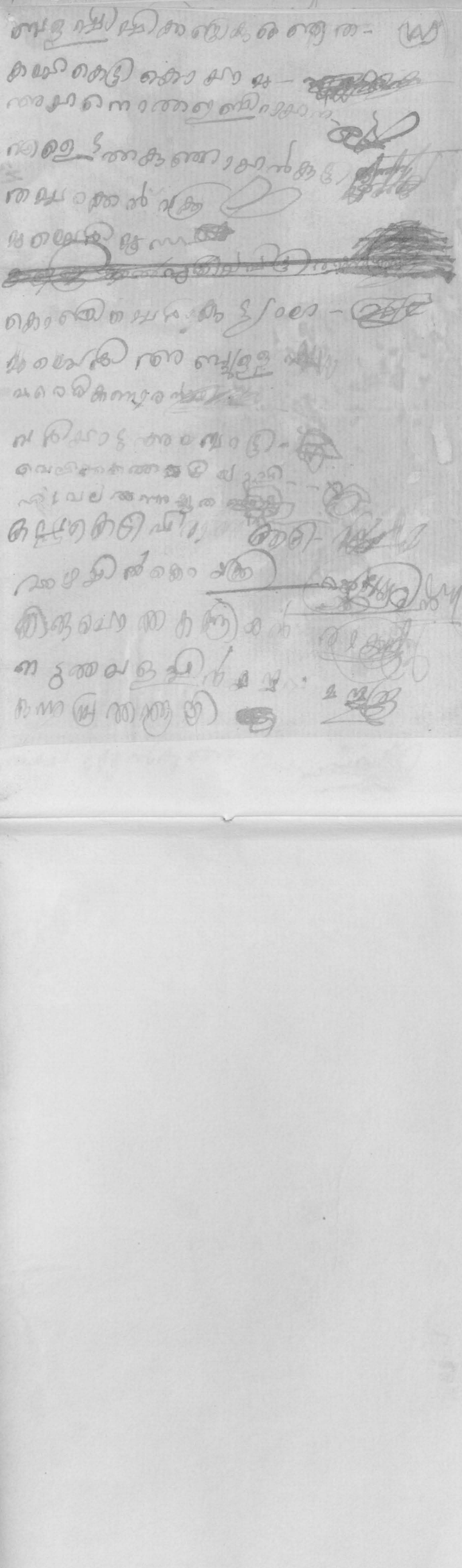
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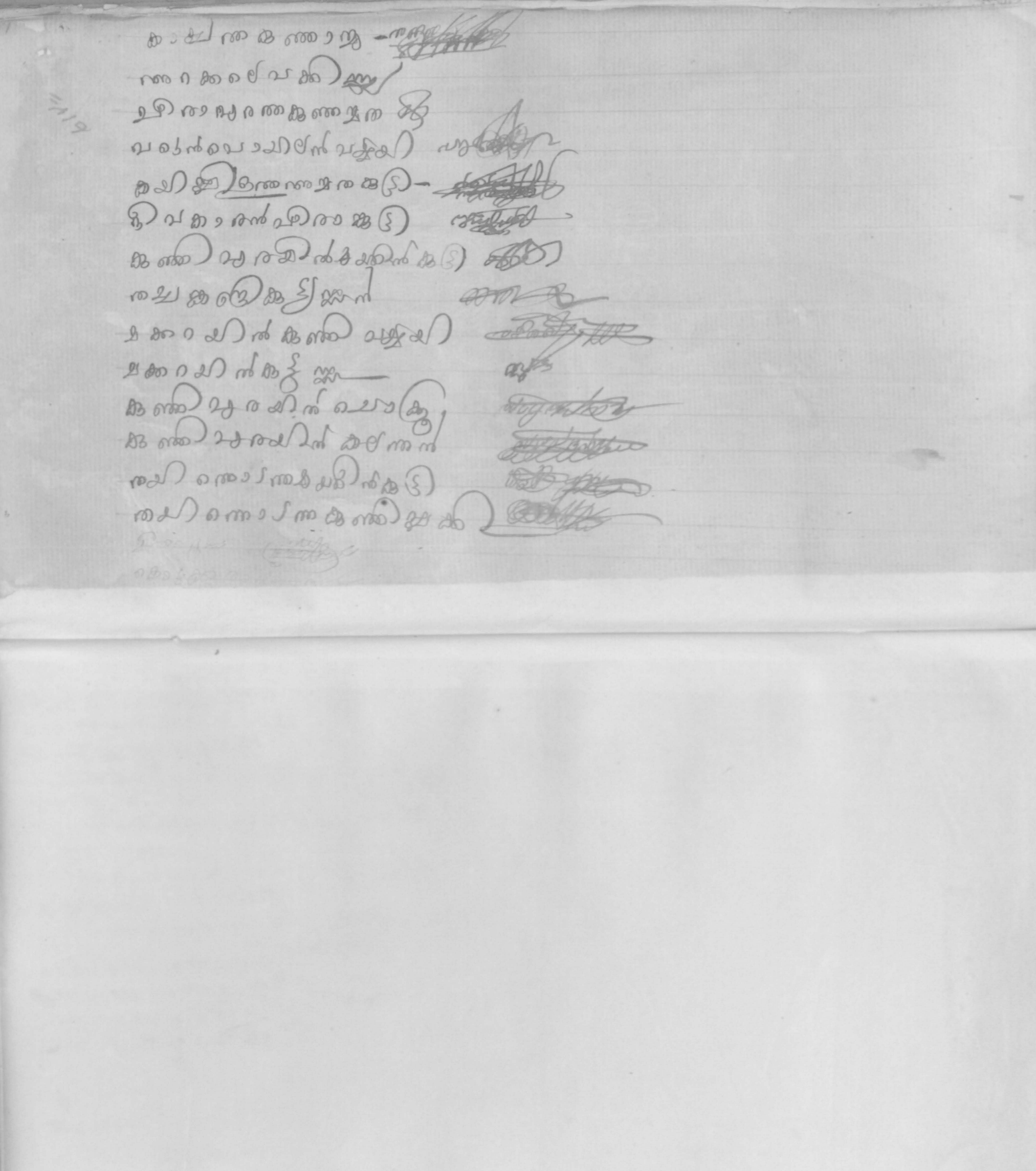
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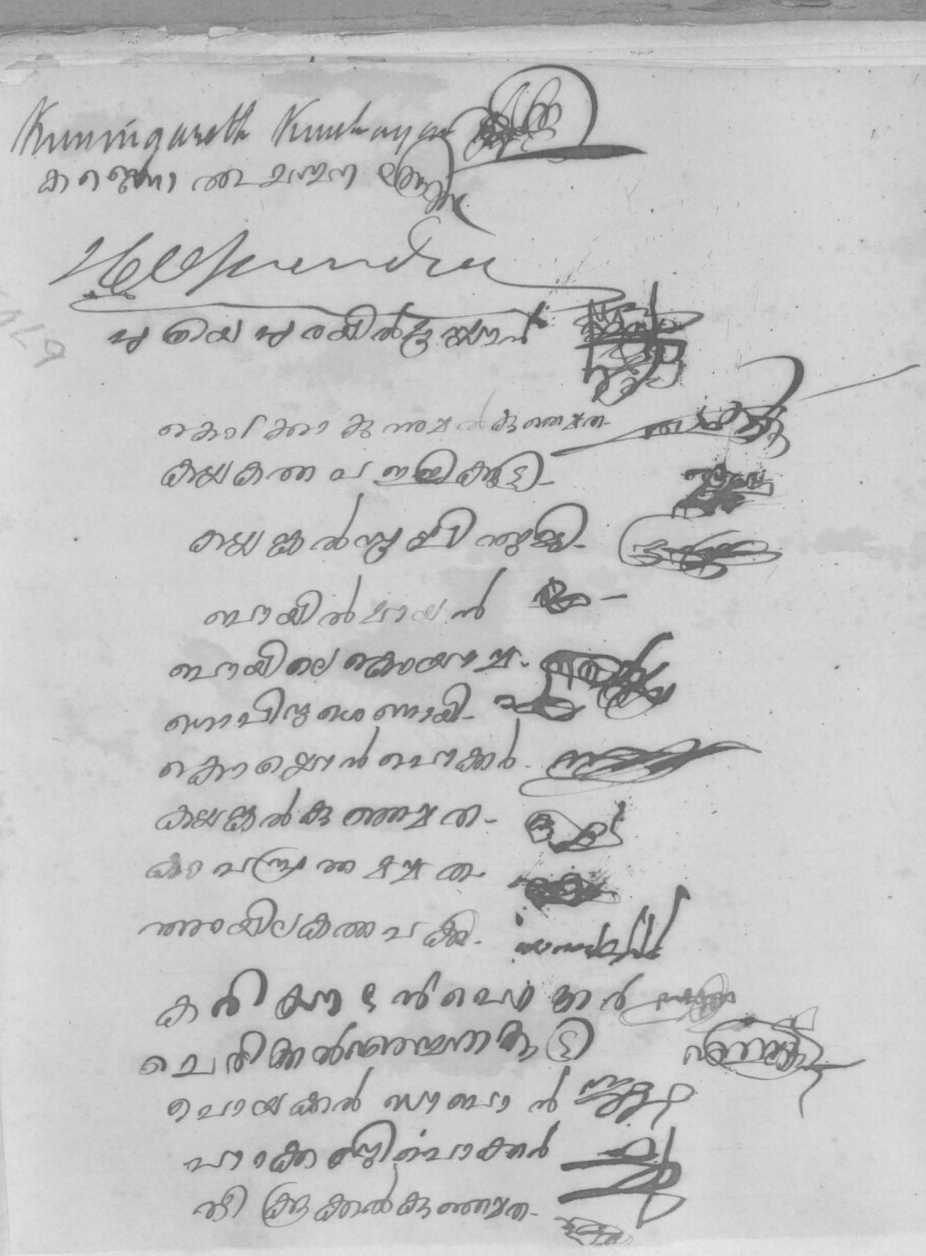
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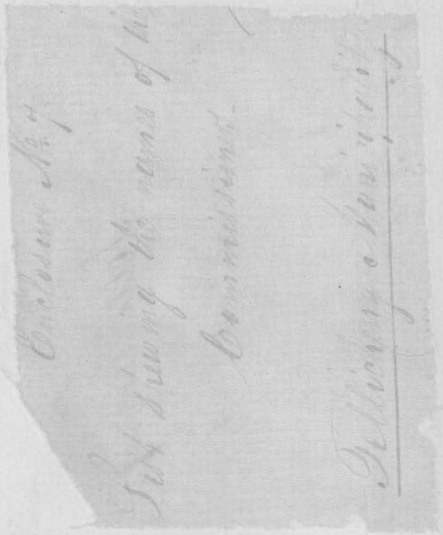
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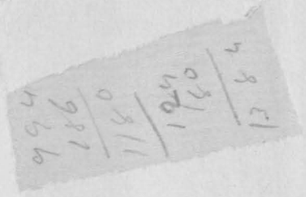
To A. Grayson Esq
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Sir,

By desire of the Executive Council of the Municipality of Sellicherry who have affixed their signatures to the documents enclosed, I have the honor to present to you their Memorial to His Excellency the Governor in Council and to request that you will transmit the same to Madras

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
Jas L. Young





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Tellicherry Municipal Commission

List showing the names of the members who are on the Board

Non-Officials

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1.	M. R. Ry. Chooria Canaren	Pensioned Dy. Collector Malabar
2.	Mr. Philip Gordon	Merchant
3.	Mr Gabriel Ross	Agt. Oriental Bank Tellicherry
4.	M. R. Ry. Koroth Ramoony	Vakil Civil Court Tellicherry
5.	" Chowakaren Coonhi Ahmed Keyi	A great Proprietor & Merchant
6.	" Akaranthil Kunhi Shankaren Nair	A. Proprietor
7.	" Vayaprath Bavachy	Merchant
8.	" Paragan Purnshothamn	Ditto

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1.	Mr. John Brownrigg Spedding	Acty Sub Collector Tellicherry
2.	Dr. Henry Hyde	Dillah Surgeon
3.	M. R. Ry. Thangoe Gopala Row	Taluk Acty. Inspr. of Schools Malabar
4.	" Padannuraklkal Ameen Pothen	Dy. Inspector of Schools Malabar
5.	" Chalaprath Kurrumakaren Menon	Shacildar Cottayam Taluq
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Tellicherry
Municipal Office
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the senses of sight and smell are so outraged on a near approach, that it is careful-
ly avoided. The open space of the Esplanade, and the open beach beyond, must
be conducive to the health of the town, as they form an inlet for the sea breeze,
and our Commissioners are at present engaged in planting a double row of trees
across the face of it, which as they grow up, cannot but shut out a great deal

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From

A. Macgregor Esqre

President of the

Tellicherry Municipality

To,

The Honorable W. Hudleston

Chief Secretary to Govern.t

Fort St. George

Sir

With reference to para 35 of my letter to Government dated 21st October 1872 No. 29, I have the honor to forward herewith the Memorial received from the inhabitants of Tellicherry, and to state as follows:—

2. The first objection is as to the non-representation of the non-official European and East-Indian Community.

Previous to the memorial, viz in the month of August I submitted to Government the name of Mr. Hoff, Secretary of the Oriental Bank, and his appointment was

notified in the Gazette of the 27th August 1872.

Considering the vast preponderance of the native element in Pellicherry the presence of three Europeans on the commission is ample representation of the European and East Indian interest

3. The next complaint is that the Executive power vested in the Vice President has virtually become inoperative. I scarcely know what is meant by this.

The Vice President is Mr Canaran the late Deputy Collector who throughout a service of upwards of thirty years, proved himself zealous and energetic as well as able. His powers are happily but little impaired, and he is fully equal to the executive control of the Municipality.

4. In illustration of their views the Memorialists refer to the state of the roads, most of which they state are in such a state of disrepair as to be useless

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The Memorial was drawn up just after the close of the monsoon and it must be admitted that at this time many of the roads were almost impassable. These roads however have never been anything but gravelled roads, and I attribute their condition to the exceptionally heavy and continuous rain. From the marginally noted Extract from the rain register kept in the town it will be observed that during the period commencing 11th June & terminating on the 24th August there were 73 rainy days in the 75 days. Usually a break of a week or ten days is experienced, besides an occasional fine day or two, and after a break the road has, so to say, a fresh start, but if the rain happens as in the present instance to be continuous, nothing can prevent it from at length soaking in to such a depth as to render the road almost impassable.

	Total Days	Rainy Days	Inches
June 11th – 30th	20	20	36
July 1st – 31st	31	29	50
August 1st – 24th	24	24	16
Total	75	73	102

To macadamize these roads would

be beyond the power of this as of other Municipalities, and the evil must be endured.

I saw these roads the first week in November, and I have no hesitation in saying that they were then in very fair order, though in most cases no repairs had been effected since the monsoon.

5. There is, no doubt, considerable room for improvement, but Considering the extensive mileage and the slender income of the Commission I do not think that the state of the roads in any way supports the complaint of defective executive.

6. The next complaint is of defective conservancy, and in illustration of this the Memorialists point to the fact that there is but one latrine to a population of 20,000. It must however be recollected that nearly the whole of this population live in detached Cocoanut Gardens of considerable size, and that for such a population no system of latrines could be devised which would be an improvement on the principle of using different parts of the Garden in turn. It is the comparatively limited area of the Bazar that latrines are required and doubtless increased provision is necessary.

7. It must be remarked however that the greatest difficulty is found in satisfactorily working any system of latrines on this coast. The prolonged rains would necessitate the storage of four months supply of dry earth so that system is out of the question & nothing but latrines on the removal system can be attempted.

8. Even here the greatest difficulty is found as there is no scavenging class as in other parts, and no open spaces around the West Coast towns whereto empty the night-soil carts. More should be done in this direction by the Municipality, but the repeated changes of Vice Presidents and Civil Surgeons have increased the natural difficulties with which this question is surrounded.

9. A further subject of ~~report~~

complaint is the fish curing which takes place in a fishing village adjacent to the principal quarter of the town.

To remove the fishing village would cause the greatest hardship and the measure could only be carried out at an enormous cost, as the land is private property.

The same nuisance exists in various parts of Calicut, and I confess I do not see how it is to be obviated.

10. The Sanitary Commissioner visited Tellicherry last year and reported that the general Conservancy was carefully attended to. The arrangements then in force have been continued, the only difference being that part of the Cart establishment is discontinued during the Monsoon when there is no carting of Coffee going on.

11. I am informed that Dr. Hyde, one of the Commissioners, was instrumental in getting up this Memorial, and I think he should

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be called on to state if this is the case, and if so, to detail all the sanitary measures which it must be presumed he himself has unsuccessfully brought before the Commissioners, giving the dates of the meetings at which such proposals were made.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obt. Servant,

Allan Bell
President.

Financial Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the President of the Tellicherry Municipality, dated 3rd December 1872 No. 34

Order thereon 29th January 1873 No. 140.

The Collector of Malabar submits with his letter above recorded a communication addressed to him by the Chairman of the Tellicherry Municipality, calling attention to the inadequate representation of the non-official European and East Indian portions of the community in the Municipality, and to the virtual inoperativeness of the executive power in the Municipality, which naturally

This should be circulated

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Financial Department.

To the President of the Municipality Tellicherry.

Sir,

I am directed by the Madras Government to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 34 dated 3rd December 1872, and to inform you in reply that the Chief Secretary to Government will be glad to receive from the Chairman of the Tellicherry Municipality a statement showing the actual expenditure of the Municipality during the year 1872-73 under the several heads of account specified in the Government Order No. 29 dated 29th January 1873.

I have &c.

(Signed) [illegible]

Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George
29th January 1873.

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naturally rested in the Vice President.

3) The almost impassable state of the roads.

4) The defective arrangements for sanitation and Conservancy.

3 With reference to the first objection, the Government remark that one of the European gentlemen whose signature is attached to the Memorial has lately been appointed a member of the Board, and considering the proportion which the European and East Indian inhabitants bear to the whole population, the Government are of opinion that no ground now exists for any further objection on this score.

4 From the second complaint the Government presume

presume that the Memorialists are not satisfied with the personal exertions of the Vice President. This gentleman, however, bore a high character for energy and ability when employed in the public service, and as he was appointed to his present position on election by the Commissioners, the Government do not feel themselves called upon to interfere in the matter.

5 The Memorialists allegations as to the impassable state of the roads appear to have been well founded at the time when the Memorial was written but Mr. MacGregor explains that this was the result of the almost unprecedented and continuous rain-fall which has been experienced throughout the Presidency

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this year. The explanation given seems satisfactory when the nature of the material for road making, and the funds available for the purpose are taken into consideration. The roads are now reported to be in fair order, but as the Memorialists are of opinion that the material used by the Commissioners is not the best procurable in the neighbourhood, orders will be issued in the Public Works Department for the inspection of the roads by the District Engineer who will communicate to the Commissioners any suggestions he may have to offer for the adoption of a different material, or mode of execution of repairs.

6 The reasons assigned by

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by the Collector for the apparent inadequate conservancy arrangements, to which Memorialists have called attention, show that the natural conditions of the place are such as to render unnecessary, many of the measures adopted elsewhere, while peculiar difficulty is met in carrying out even such as are deemed necessary. The Gillah Surgeon who is a member of the Commission will give the subject his most careful consideration and in the event of his being of opinion that the Commissioners have not made the best use of the funds at their disposal for the purpose, he will take an early opportunity of laying his views before the Board with a complete scheme for carrying out his suggestions without necessitating an increase in the sanctioned taxation.

× I think it would be better to say "the Sanitary Com^rs will be requested on the next occasion of his visit to Tellicherry, to confer with the Com^rs on the sanitary measures necessary and to afford them his

The Memorial is said to have been taken up by the gentleman - If he is not in his opinion [illegible] for the good of the town he will [illegible] to the Commissioners - If necessaries a private as to have proper regard I think he probably would like to make [illegible] him and will [illegible]

President M Com^rs Tellicherry.
P. Works Department
Asst Surgeon I. Med Depart
Sanitary Commissioner

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Tellicherry.

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