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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th August 1894, No. 370.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of resolution of the Municipal Council, dated 4th August 1894, and to state that the rate of rents proposed for occupying poramboke lands in front of houses, bazaars, etc., in the various streets of Conjeeveram without any kind of detriment to the convenience and comforts of the public, is of two classes, viz., 4 annas and 8 annas per 100 square feet per annum.

The rent of the kind is meant to be levied in cases in which the Council may allow the erection of koradu, sarmanai, etc., constructions.

No superstructure will be allowed with or without the sanction of Government.

I beg therefore that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for the rates and for levying the same in all the cases referred to above.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on first Saturday, the 4th August 1894, at 5-45 P.M.

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Collector's reference on No. 69-M. of 1894, dated 7th June 1894, asking the Council to fix different rates of rent for different streets together with lists submitted by the sub-committee suggesting a difference of rates.

The following rates suggested by the sub-committee are approved:—

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.	Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	First Division	RS. A. P.		*First Division*—cont.	RS. A. P.
1	Sannadhi street	0 8 0	22	Punnia Koteeswaren Mada street	0 4 0
2	Kurukkoo do.	0 8 0	23	Amuthupadi street	0 8 0
3	Varahavasal do.	0 8 0	24	Malaiyala do.	0 8 0
4	Vadavanda Mada street	0 8 0	25	Sunnambukara street	0 4 0
5	Thirucholai street	0 8 0	26	Chetty do.	0 8 0
6	Kathiree do.	0 4 0	27	Namundacara do.	0 8 0
7	Pattla do.	0 8 0	28	Thirucachinumbi street	0 8 0
8	Naina Pillai do.	0 4 0	29	Seshathiripalyam Mattu street	0 8 0
9	Sethuraya Pillai street	0 4 0	30	Do. street	0 4 0
10	Keelanda Mada do.	0 8 0	31	Do. Palani Chetty street.	0 4 0
11	Mudaliar street	0 4 0	32	Moonam Thirumala Mandapam street.	0 4 0
12	Yeda do.	0 4 0	33	Succutapalayam street	0 8 0
13	Thennanda Mada street	0 8 0	34	Do. Govintha Chetty street	0 4 0
14	Kammala street	0 4 0	35	Mettupalaya Kammala street	0 4 0
15	Usthagiree do.	0 4 0	36	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
16	Kusa do.	0 4 0	37	Mettupalayam do.	0 4 0
17	Ammangar do.	0 4 0	38	Ayyangarpalayam street	0 4 0
18	Vagavathee do.	0 4 0	39	Munaliamman Kovil street	0 8 0
19	Anaikuttee do.	0 8 0			
20	Palla street	0 4 0			
21	Punnia Koteeswaran Kovil street	0 4 0			

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.	Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	Second Division.	RS. A. P.		*Third Division*—cont.	RS. A. P.
1	Nellucara street	0 8 0	25	Krishna Rayar street	0 8 0
2	Kusa do.	0 8 0	26	Thirumettalli do.	0 8 0
3	Sekkupettai Kavara street	0 4 0	27	Thirumulraya do.	0 4 0
4	Do. street	0 8 0	28	Nadu street	0 4 0
5	Do. Salia street	0 4 0	29	Mathanumpalayam street	0 8 0
6	Yannaikara street	0 4 0	30	Akkanambalayam do.	0 8 0
7	Rajampettai Salia street	0 4 0	31	Lingappaiyarpalayam street	0 8 0
8	Hudsonspettai street	0 8 0	32	Virana Kaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0
9	Rajampettai do.	0 8 0	33	Do. Othaivadai street	0 4 0
10	Hudsonspettai Chetti street	0 8 0	34	Thennukambam street	0 8 0
11	Palleekcodathan Mudali street	0 4 0	35	Soleeswaran Kovil do.	0 4 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0	36	Kuchiappan street	0 4 0
13	Vilakkadi Kovil street	0 4 0	37	Sala Bohum do.	0 4 0
14	Vallicca Pattarai do.	0 4 0	38	Kailasa Nathan Kovil Mattu street	
15	Bungarooyasappa Naiken street	0 4 0		*Fourth Division.*	
16	Vilakkadi Kovil Thoppu do.	0 4 0			
17	Singaperumal Mada street	0 4 0	1	Rajah street	0 8 0
18	Do. Sannadhi street	0 4 0	2	Sengalanir Odai street	0 8 0
19	Narayanapalayam street	0 8 0	3	Keelanda Rajah do.	0 8 0
20	Bavapettai street	0 8 0	4	Nellucara street	0 4 0
21	Thumbavanam street	0 8 0	5	M. K. Darmaraya Mudali street	0 8 0
22	Kottrambalayam street	0 4 0	6	Kollasuthiram street	0 4 0
23	Do. Vania street	0 8 0	7	Kamatchiamman Mada street	0 4 0
24	Astabujam Sannadhi street	0 4 0	8	Subbaroya Mudali street	0 4 0
25	Do. Mada street	0 4 0	9	Ulahalandhaperumal Sannadhi street	0 4 0
26	Mullapalayam street	0 4 0	10	Ulahalandha street	0 8 0
27	Nahaluthu street	0 4 0	11	Sappani Pillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0
28	Thasichettipalayam street	0 4 0	12	Vaikuntaperumal Sannadhi street	0 8 0
29	Santhareeswararswamiyar street	0 4 0	13	Urappanancharry street	0 8 0
30	Kannappan street	0 8 0	14	Kamatchiammen Sunnadhi street	0 4 0
31	Astabujam Kumara Chetti street	0 8 0	15	Chettikulam Silar Sahib do.	0 4 0
32	Virana Chetti street	0 8 0	16	Do. Pallu street	0 4 0
33	Tirukkachinambi street	0 8 0	17	Kuppunayakkan street	0 4 0
34	Yathothkariswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0	18	Punjukutti street	0 4 0
35	Do. Sannadhi street.	0 4 0	19	Damalwar do.	0 4 0
36	Haidarpettai street	0 4 0	20	Kalandur do.	0 4 0
37	Vuppukula do.	0 4 0	21	Koverikuppam street	0 4 0
38	Market street	0 4 0	22	Rayankuttai do.	0 8 0
39	Reddipettai street	0 4 0	23	Kammala do.	0 4 0
40	Baharampettai street		24	Kammala Kullappa Chari street	0 4 0
	Third Division.		25	Sembada Sinnap iyan street	0 4 0
			26	Chetti street	0 4 0
1	Puthari street	0 8 0	27	Perumal Naiken street	0 8 0
2	Okkapurunthan Kila street	0 4 0	28	Theradi street	0 8 0
3	Do. Pudu do.	0 4 0	29	Vathia Kurukkul street	0 8 0
4	Mandukanneswarar Kovil street	0 4 0	30	Yekambaraswamiyar Mada street	0 4 0
5	Badrakaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0	31	Yekambarapuram street	0 4 0
6	Narasingarayar street	0 8 0	32	Punjupettai Peria do.	0 4 0
7	Vania street		33	Do. Sinna do.	0 4 0
8	Kachapeswaraswamiyar Kovil Mada street	0 8 0	34	Vol. Muhammadpettah Lubbai street.	0 8 0
9	Nellucara street	0 8 0	35	Do. Varadhappa Mudali street	0 4 0
10	Kusa do.	0 8 0	36	Lingappaivar street	0 8 0
11	Rajampettai street	0 8 0	37	Salai street	0 4 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 4 0	38	Bava Sahib street	0 4 0
13	Vanathiswarar Kovil street	0 8 0	39	Sathangutti street	0 4 0
14	Karealan street	0 8 0	40	Vallakulam do.	0 4 0
15	Karikkivilvaluruthal Kovil street	0 4 0	41	Pandavaperumal Mada street	0 4 0
16	Kajana Ramanjeear street	0 8 0	42	Thiruppukodal street	0 8 0
17	Mata street	0 4 0	43	Pandavaperumal Sannadi street	0 4 0
18	Ananthogipunditbur street	0 4 0	44	Vuppari street	0 8 0
19	Solai Ramaswamy Aiyar street	0 8 0	45	Puthari do.	0 8 0
20	Mandapa street		46	Yekambaraswarar Sannadhi street	0 4 0
21	Othaivadai Sengalvarayan Naiken street	0 4 0	47	Yirattaipillaiyar Kovil street	0 4 0
22	Balayya Maduvu street	0 4 0	48	Karppaha Pilliar street	0 4 0
23	Puthupalaya street	0 8 0	49	Nabunthakara street	0 8 0
24	Yakamuhan do.	0 8 0	50	Do. Vothavadai street	0 4 0
			51	Kanakku Subbaraya Pillai do.	0 4 0

No. 877.

Returned to the Chairman for submission through the Collector.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25*th September* 1894.

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

Forwarded to the Collector.

6*th October* 1894. N. S. BRODIE,
Sub-Collector.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

Returned to the Chairman with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, passed on his letter No. 360 of the 23rd September.

What the Government distinctly asks for and requires is a specific list of the assumed alienations in question so that its orders may be taken on each individual case. The list should show the extent of the encroachment and the number and date of the council's resolution purporting to authorize it. A plan of the encroachments would greatly facilitate Government in passing orders on the various cases.

SAIDAPET,
30*th October* 1894. G. S. FORBES,
Collector.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Conjeeveram 30th March 1895, No. 65-Index of 1895.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 19th March 1895, No. 58-Index of 1895.

In re-submitting my letter No. 370, dated 30th August 1894, with its enclosures which were submitted to you direct by mistake, and a copy of resolution of the council, dated 16th March 1895, I have the honour to state that the rate of rents, viz., As. 4 and As. 8 per 100 square feet per annum has been fixed according to the importance of each street shown in the list. These rates will not only apply to all the poramboke lands occupied by the townpeople on account of koradu, &c., with or without superstructure since 20th February 1889, but also to all those that may hereafter be granted with the sanction of Government.

2. I beg, therefore, that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for these rates and for levying the same in each and every case already submitted to Government with necessary sketches.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on 3rd Saturday the 16th March 1895, at 5-45 P.M., No. 46, of 1894-95.

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Read Collector's reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, requesting to reconsider the resolution of the council, dated 2nd June 1894, on the subject of levying rents on the occupations of street poramboke since 20th February 1889.

Read Resolution No. 1, dated 4th August 1894, on the subject.

Resolved by a majority that the rates of fees passed by the council in their resolution, dated 4th August 1894, be applicable to constructions with or without superstructure that have come into existence since 20th February 1889, as well as to such buildings that may hereafter be permitted with the sanction of Government under G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. Mr. Ramanadasarma dissents.

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Forwarded to the Collector.

SATHIAVEDU,
25*th March* 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Forwarded.

2. The list of koradus referred to in paragraph 2 has been already submitted to Government for orders. I have already recommended that the encroachments therein referred to should not be sanctioned, but if they are, the rates herein proposed are certainly much too low. The rates should be more or less prohibitory so as to discourage applications as much as possible and the lowest rate should not be less than one rupee per 100 square feet. For future encroachments the rate proposed should, I think, be specified when each case is submitted for the orders of Government, and no general system of rates should be sanctioned as herein proposed.

SAIDAPET,
4*th April* 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 7th March 1895, No. 43-Index.

With reference to G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894, calling for a complete list of encroachments made since 20th February 1889, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a list of permissions granted for the erection of koradus in street poramboke lands as directed therein. It contains measurement of each koradu and the present breadth of the street with 53 sketches showing the encroached portion of the street in each case.

2. The resolution of the council fixing rent for street poramboke land in each street is laid before it for its reconsideration as advised by the Collector on the ground that the rent now fixed does not show specifically whether it is for the lands already encroached upon or those that may hereafter under the sanction of Government be obtained by the people, and I shall obtain the decision of the council on the subject and submit shortly.

Forwarded.

2. The sketches submitted with this letter do not show in all cases whether the lands so lavishly assigned by the council are projections into the line of the street or not. All the permits granted seem to have been for the construction of koradus or raised platforms of mud or stones in front of the pials of the houses. I cannot recommend that any of the assignments should be confirmed in the interests of the town generally. The Sanitary Commissioner has frequently remarked in his inspection notes that the wide and airy streets for which Conjeeveram was formerly celebrated are rapidly becoming things of the past, and the causes thereof can be easily learnt from this statement now forwarded. Koradus so long as they are of uniform height and not covered over in any way are not, I think, objectionable and may serve the purpose fulfilled by side pavements in European countries. The evil of promiscuous assignments such as those now reported is that no definite rule is laid down for their breadth or height and no precautions taken to see that they are not covered over. In a short time the enterprising owners convert them into bazaars and apply for more lands with a view to convert them into proper shops or extensions of their own houses.

PERIAPALAYAM,
13*th March* 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Ref. on No. 49-Muni.

Forwarded.

2. The list submitted by the Chairman apparently includes only those cases in which permissions granted for constructing koradus and other encroachments have been acted on. From his letter No. 567, dated 31st December 1894, to this office (copy enclosed), it would seem also that cases where only mud koradus have been raised have been omitted from this list. What the Government required from the council in its order No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, was "a complete list of the cases in which they have allowed the erection of 'koradus' or other encroachments since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889". The present list does not comply with these requirements.

3. With regard to cases where permissions granted by the council after 20th February 1889 had not been acted on, Mr. Thomson called upon the Chairman in his letter, No. 69, Municipal, dated 7th June 1894, to move the council to issue a notice to the persons concerned that the council had no power to grant such permissions, that they were granted by mistake and that they should apply for the sanction of Government through the council and the Collector. In reply, the Chairman stated in his letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, that he would place the matter before the council at the earliest opportunity and communicate the result at once. No further report has been received from the Chairman on the subject.

4. In cases where permits have been acted on, the sketches received would show that, while in some cases the koradus had been built in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others (Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47 in the list) in which there is no encroachment on either side, and there are many others in which the sketches furnished do not clearly supply information. But the general result of allowing these koradus has been to destroy the uniformity of the streets. Thus the Shaikhpet street, which is the narrowest of those shown in the list, measures only 17½ feet wide opposite house No. 14, while opposite houses Nos. 137 and 158 it measures 36 feet wide and opposite house No. 119, 44½ feet. The sketches show side channels only in some cases and not in others.

5. A copy of this office letter, Reference on No. 85, Municipal, dated 9th July 1894, which seems to be referred to in paragraph 2 of the Chairman's letter, is enclosed with copy of the municipal council's resolution therein referred to.

6. As regards occupations of street poramboke permitted prior to 20th February 1889, the council were asked in this office letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, to consider the question of levying rent for such occupations, and it was suggested that, as time was of great importance in such cases, the council should proceed to consider the subject forthwith. The council were again reminded about this in the letter of the 9th July 1894 above quoted, but no action has apparently been taken in the matter till now. The attitude of the municipal council on these important questions is illustrative of the manner in which the interests of the public are sacrificed by it. As Sub-Collector I have already expressed my opinion that the encroachments now reported should not be allowed, or only in a very modified form.

7. The explanation called for by Government in paragraph 3 of G O., No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, has not even yet been submitted notwithstanding the reminder in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1801 M, dated 23rd November 1894.

Saidapet,
6th April 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

Enclosures.

Extract from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on Saturday the 2nd June 1894, No. 6.

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Read letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput district, recommending to proceed to consider forthwith the subject of levying rents for the occupation of street poramboke as proposed by the council together with the G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, on the subject.

Read also proceedings of the Madras G.O., Mis. No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, on the subject.

Resolved that a yearly rent of As. 4 for every 100 square feet and under be levied in respect of any land at the disposal of the municipality upon which permission to erect koradu, platform, etc., without superstructure may be granted and a clause be invariably inserted in the pass and in the rent deed requiring the occupier to vacate the land when required by the municipal council.

The same rates will be levied on encroachments made since 1889.

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Copy of letter, reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

With reference to the Municipal Council's resolution No. ——, dated 2nd June 1894, forwarded with your letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, I have the honour to observe that it appears to be intended to apply only to the buildings which may, in future, be sanctioned. The sanction of Government for the rent proposed to be levied has to be obtained in each case. I note also rent has been fixed by the council for building only koradu, etc., without superstructure, and not for koradu with superstructure. Under my letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, the council should consider the levy of rents on the occupations of street poramboke prior to February 1889. Nothing has been said about this. Please therefore have the matter reconsidered and the resolution modified.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Collector of Chingleput, dated 31st December 1894, No. 567.

With reference to your letter No. 2061-Ver., dated 9th July 1894, I have the honour to inform you that a list of all the passes granted since 20th February 1889 was prepared in the office from the duplicate copies of the passes and sent to the nuisance inspectors directing them to fill up the 4th column of the list with the dimension of koradus, etc., as they exist at present. On receipt of the lists from them, a consolidated one was prepared in the office and submitted.

2. In reference to the arzi No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Conjeeveram, the following discrepancies are pointed out in the letter under reply :—

(1) Omission of koradus in items Nos. 1, 6 and 8 of the list.

(2) What construction was allowed in case No. 12.

(3) Occupation of more land than that allowed in case No. 10.

With reference to No. (1), I have the honour to state that only mud platforms exist opposite to the houses. Such platforms of mud can be seen opposite to that of all the houses in the town that have not had masonry constructions. When houses are built on a higher level than that of the street and when there is space enough between the row of houses and the side ditch, the houses have invariably had such platforms. Only houses in narrow lanes that cannot afford to have such platforms have not got them. These mud platforms are being worn out every year by the monsoons and are generally repaired at the time of pongal feasts. These parts are generally kept clean by the house owners who consider it very ceremonious in besprinkling cowdung water and decorating with powder diagrams every morning. These perennial mud platforms have been omitted in the list. If we are required to submit list of such platforms, I shall do so, but the list may be an enormous one.

In regard to No. (2), no pass was granted for anything except the construction of a verandah in the backyard and the re-erection of a verandah in front of the house facing the street. The pass does not authorize the building of koradu with old masonry borders, which has been in existence for a long time, and hence it was omitted in the list.

As to No. (3), I beg to state that the pass which was granted simply permits the erection of koradu, verandah and a bridge over the side ditch without specifying any dimensions. It was granted in 1889 by the then Chairman on the recommendation of a ward councillor and approved by the council at its meeting, dated 11th April 1889. As to the incorrect measurements pointed out, I have severely reprimanded the nuisance inspectors concerned.

3. With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I beg to state that a list of all assumed street poramboke lands since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, with the exception of those passes granted in 1890 (which were filed in the civil court, Chingleput, in an encroachment case), is being prepared together with plans as advised and will be submitted with the views of the council in regard to rent, etc., at an early date.

(1) Collector's letter No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894.
(2) G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 23rd September 1894.
(3) Collector's endorsement No. 133 M., dated 17th November 1894.

4. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that a list of street poramboke occupations for 22 cases was submitted to Government with this office letter No. 461, dated 26th October 1889, and a plan for the same is also under preparation and will be submitted soon. The revised list and letter No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Conjeeveram Stationary Sub-Magistrate are herewith submitted.

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ORDER—Mis. No. 1024 M., dated 26th June 1895.

The papers read above relate to the question of street encroachments in the municipality of Conjeeveram.

2. On the 11th February 1889, the municipal council passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of houses) should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet, and in accordance therewith continued to grant licenses to build "koradus" without reference to Government notwithstanding the fact that in G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, the transfer of immoveable property by municipalities without its sanction was forbidden, until April 1894, when the Collector of Chingleput brought the matter to notice. In its order No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, Government endorsed the latter officer's opinion that the resolution in question could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immoveable property, the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned by Government with reference to the Government order quoted above. The council, however, to which the Collector had in the meantime communicated his reference to Government, passed a resolution on the 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation of immoveable property within the meaning of the Government order of February 1889, and submitted it to Government; but in G.O., No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, passed thereon, the Government referred the council to its previous order and directed the submission of a list of all alienations made since the order of 1889. On the 21st July 1894, the council passed a second resolution to the same effect as the first and sent it up direct to Government; but the Government in its order No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894, drew the council's attention again to the previous orders on the subject and directed it to expedite the list of "koradus" already called for. On the 21st October, a first instalment of the list was received, which was returned to the council for further particulars (G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894).

3. The final list was submitted only on the 7th March 1895, and it is altogether incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission to erect "koradus" has been granted, but not yet acted upon, or those in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches submitted with it, imperfect as they are, show that the clear tendency of these assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets and that many encroachments which should not be permitted have been allowed. The Collector also points out that while in some cases the "koradus" are in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others in which there is no encroachment on either side, and that the Shaikhpet street, which is 44½ feet wide in one place, has been reduced to 17½ feet in another. The dilatory and unsatisfactory manner in which the council has been dealing with this subject throughout is highly discreditable, and the Government has now decided that the time has come to employ other means to secure obedience to its orders. The Collector will therefore be requested to direct the Sub-Collector to proceed to Conjeeveram at an early date, inspect each "koradu" which has been built upon the public

street in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that it is done without delay. The municipal council should moreover distinctly understand that all licenses which have not as yet been acted upon must at once be withdrawn and that no license for a "koradu" should, in future, be given without the previous sanction of Government.

4. The council also submits proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of "koradus" in cases where they are held to be unobjectionable. This question was first commended to its consideration by the Collector in April 1894, and in its resolution, dated 2nd June, the council decided to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on lands granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector thereupon appears to have asked the council in his letter, dated 6th June 1894, to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again in a subsequent communication, to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter the council has failed to do, but requests sanction for levying fees in different streets at the rates of 4 and 8 annas respectively. These are much too low and cannot be approved. The Sub-Collector should be directed to propose a system of rates which should be fixed sufficiently high to serve as a check against encroachments and should in no case be less than 6 pies per square foot per annum. Every lease, where such is allowed, must contain a stipulation that the land, if required by the municipality, should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months, without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind and for the grant of every such lease the previous sanction of Government should be obtained.

5. The Collector will be requested to report, by the 30th September next, what action has been taken upon this order.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.
" Collector of Chingleput.

Ed. S. J. Pereira.

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G.O., No. 1024 M., 26th June 1895.

JUNE.

Encroachments.

Stating that the manner in which the Conjeeveram Municipal Council has been dealing with the question of street — is highly discreditable, and requesting the Collector of Chingleput to direct the Sub-Collector to inspect the koradus in the town, make out a list of those which should be removed and see that they are removed, and to submit proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of koradus.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAMANIA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th August 1894, No. 370.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of resolution of the Municipal Council, dated 4th August 1894, and to state that the rate of rents proposed for occupying poramboke lands in front of houses, bazaars, etc., in the various streets of Conjeeveram without any kind of detriment to the convenience and comforts of the public, is of two classes, viz., 4 annas and 8 annas per 100 square feet per annum.

The rent of the kind is meant to be levied in cases in which the Council may allow the erection of koradu, sarmanaie, etc., constructions.

No superstructure will be allowed with or without the sanction of Government.

I beg therefore that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for the rates and for levying the same in all the cases referred to above.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on first Saturday, the 4th August 1894, at 5-45 P.M.

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Collector's reference on No. 69-M. of 1894, dated 7th June 1894, asking the Council to fix different rates of rent for different streets together with lists submitted by the sub-committee suggesting a difference of rates.

The following rates suggested by the sub-committee are approved:—

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.	Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	First Division.	RS. A. P.		*First Division*—cont.	RS. A. P.
1	Sannadhi street	0 8 0	22	Punnia Koteeswaren Mada street ..	0 4 0
2	Kurukkoo do.	0 8 0	23	Amuthupadi street	0 8 0
3	Varahavasal do.	0 8 0	24	Malaiyala do.	0 8 0
4	Vadavanda Mada street	0 8 0	25	Sannambukara street	0 4 0
5	Thirucholai street	0 8 0	26	Chetty do.	0 8 0
6	Kathiree do.	0 4 0	27	Namundacara do.	0 8 0
7	Pattla do.	0 8 0	28	Thirunachinumbee street ..	0 8 0
8	Naina Pillai do.	0 4 0	29	Seshathireepalyam Mattu street ..	0 4 0
9	Sethuraya Pillai street	0 4 0	30	Do. street	0 4 0
10	Keelanda Mada do.	0 8 0	31	Do. Palani Chetty street.	0 4 0
11	Mudaliar street	0 4 0			
12	Yeda do.	0 4 0	32	Moonam Thirumala Mandapam street.	0 8 0
13	Thennanda Mada street	0 8 0	33	Succulapalayam street	0 4 0
14	Kammala street	0 4 0	34	Do. Govintha Chetty street	0 4 0
15	Usthagiree do.	0 4 0			
16	Kusa do.	0 4 0	35	Mettupalaya Kammala street ..	0 4 0
17	Ammangar do.	0 4 0	36	Thiruppukodil street	0 4 0
18	Vagavathee do.	0 4 0	37	Mettupalayam do.	0 4 0
19	Anaikuttee do.	0 8 0	38	Iyengarpalayam street	0 8 0
20	Palla street	0 4 0	39	Mahaliammen Kovil street	0 4 0
21	Punnia Koteeswaren Kovil street ..	0 4 0			

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.	Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	Second Division.	RS. A. P.		*Third Division*—cont.	RS. A. P.
1	Nellucara street	0 8 0	25	Krishna Rayer street	0 8 0
2	Kusa do.	0 8 0	26	Thirumettallee do.	0 8 0
3	Sekkupettai Kavara street	0 4 0	27	Thirumulraya do.	0 4 0
4	Do. street	0 8 0	28	Nadu street	0 4 0
5	Do. Salia street	0 4 0	29	Mathanumpalayam street	0 8 0
6	Yannaikara street	0 4 0	30	Akkanambalayam do.	0 8 0
7	Rajampettai Salia street	0 4 0	31	Lingappaiyerpalayam street	0 8 0
8	Hudsonspettai street	0 8 0	32	Veerana Kaliammen Kovil street ..	0 4 0
9	Rajampettai do.	0 8 0	33	Do. Othaivadai street	0 4 0
10	Hudsonspettai Chetty street	0 8 0	34	Thennukambam street	0 8 0
11	Palleekcodathan Mudaly street ..	0 4 0	35	Soleeswaren Kovil do.	0 4 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0	36	Kuchiappen street	0 4 0
13	Vilakkadi Kovil street	0 4 0	37	Sala Bohum do.	0 4 0
14	Vallicca Pattarai do.	0 4 0	38	Kailasa Nathen Kovil Mattu street ..	0 4 0
15	Bungarooyasappa Naiken street ..	0 4 0			
16	Villakkadi Kovil Thoppu do. ..	0 4 0		*Fourth Division.*	
17	Singaperumal Mada street	0 4 0	1	Rajah street	0 8 0
18	Do. Sannadhi street ..	0 4 0	2	Sengalanjr Adai street	0 8 0
19	Narayanapalayam street	0 4 0	3	Keelanda Rajah do.	0 8 0
20	Bavapettai street	0 8 0	4	Nellucara street	0 8 0
21	Thumbavanum street	0 8 0	5	M. K. Durmaraya Mudaly street ..	0 4 0
22	Kottrambalayam street	0 8 0	6	Kollasuthiram street	0 8 0
23	Do. Vania street ..	0 4 0	7	Kamatchiammen Mada street ..	0 4 0
24	Astabujam Sannadhi street	0 8 0	8	Subbaroya Mudaly street	0 4 0
25	Do. Mada street	0 4 0	9	Vilahanunthaperumal Sannadhi street	0 4 0
26	Mullapalayam street	0 4 0			
27	Nahaluthu street	0 4 0	10	Vilahanandha street	0 4 0
28	Thasichettypalayam street	0 4 0	11	Sappani Pillaiyar Kovil street ..	0 8 0
29	Santhareeswarerswamiyar street ..	0 4 0	12	Vaikuntaperumal Sannadhi street ..	0 8 0
30	Kunnappen street	0 4 0	13	Urappanuncharry street	0 8 0
31	Astabujam Kumara Chetty street ..	0 8 0	14	Kamatchiammen Sannadhi street ..	0 8 0
32	Veerana Chetty street	0 8 0	15	Chettykulam Silar Sahib do. ..	0 4 0
33	Thiruvachinumbee street	0 8 0	16	Do. Pallu street	0 4 0
34	Yathothkariswamiyar Mada street ..	0 8 0	17	Kuppunayagan street	0 4 0
35	Do. Sannadhi street.	0 8 0	18	Punjukutti street	0 4 0
36	Haidarpettai street	0 4 0	19	Damalwar do.	0 4 0
37	Vuppukula do.	0 4 0	20	Kalandur do.	0 4 0
38	Market street	0 4 0	21	Kovvreekuppam street	0 4 0
39	Reddypettai street	0 4 0	22	Ryunkuttai do.	0 4 0
40	Baharampettai street	0 4 0	23	Kammala do.	0 8 0
	Third Division.		24	Kammala Kullappa Chetty street ..	0 4 0
1	Putharee street	0 8 0	25	Sembada Sinnapuiyen street	0 4 0
2	Okkapurunthan Kesla street	0 4 0	26	Chetty street	0 4 0
3	Do. Pudu do.	0 4 0	27	Perumal Naiken street	0 4 0
4	Mandukanneswarer Kovil street .	0 4 0	28	Tharadee street	0 8 0
5	Budrakaliammen Kovil street ..	0 4 0	29	Vathia Kurukkul street	0 8 0
6	Narasingarayer street	0 4 0	30	Yakambaraswamiyar Mada street ..	0 8 0
7	Vania street	0 8 0	31	Yakambarapuram street	0 4 0
8	Kachapeswaraswamiyar Kovil Mada street	0 8 0	32	Punjupettai Peria do.	0 4 0
			33	Do. Sinna do.	0 4 0
9	Nellucara street	0 8 0	34	Vol. Mahamedpettah Lubbah street ..	0 8 0
10	Kusa do.	0 8 0	35	Do. Varathappa Mudaly street ..	0 4 0
11	Rajampettai street	0 8 0	36	Lingappaiyer street	0 8 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0	37	Salai street	0 8 0
13	Vanatheeswarer Kovil street	0 4 0	38	Bava Saib street	0 4 0
14	Karealan street	0 8 0	39	Sathanguttee street	0 4 0
15	Karikkivilvaluruthal Kovil street ..	0 8 0	40	Vallakulam do.	0 4 0
16	Kajana Ramanjeear street	0 4 0	41	Pandavaperumal Mada street ..	0 4 0
17	Mata street	0 8 0	42	Thiruppukodil street	0 4 0
18	Ananthogipundithur street	0 4 0	43	Pandavaperumal Sannadi street ..	0 8 0
19	Solai Ramasawmy Iyer street ..	0 4 0	44	Vupparee street	0 4 0
20	Mandapa street	0 8 0	45	Putharee do.	0 8 0
21	Othaivadai Sengulvareyen Naiken street	0 4 0	46	Yakambaraswarer Sannadhi street ..	0 8 0
			47	Yirattaipillaiyar Kovil street ..	0 4 0
22	Balayya Maduvu street	0 4 0	48	Kurppaha Pilliar street	0 4 0
23	Puthupalaya street	0 8 0	49	Nabunthakara street	0 4 0
24	Yakamuhan do.	0 8 0	50	Do. Vathavadai street ..	0 4 0
			51	Kanakku Subroya Pillai do. ..	0 4 0

No. 877.

Returned to the Chairman for submission through the Collector.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th September 1894.

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

Forwarded to the Collector.

N. S. BRODIE,
Sub-Collector.

6*th October* 1894.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

Returned to the Chairman with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, passed on his letter No. 360 of the 23rd September.

What the Government distinctly asks for and requires is a specific list of the assumed alienations in question so that its orders may be taken on each individual case. The list should show the extent of the encroachment and the number and date of the council's resolution purporting to authorize it. A plan of the encroachments would greatly facilitate Government in passing orders on the various cases.

SAIDAPET,
30*th October* 1894.

G. S. FORBES.
Collector.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAMANIA AIYAR Avergal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Conjeeveram 30th March 1895, No. 66-Index of 1895.

With reference to your official memorandum, No. 482. dated 25th instant, (reminder) calling for the list of koradus and for submitting the papers containing rate of rents, I have the honour to report that the list of koradus was despatched together with sketches through the prescribed channel on the 7th idem — *vide* this office letter, No. 43-Index of 1895, and explained in my letter No. 58-Index of 1895, which was also despatched in the usual channel, that my letter No. 370, dated 30th August 1894, was despatched direct by mistake by the despatching clerk who has been warned for it.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAMANIA AIYAR Avergal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated ~~Saidapet~~, 19th March 1895, No. 58-Index of 1895.

In re-submitting my letter No. 370, dated 30th August 1894, with its enclosures which were submitted to you direct by mistake, and a copy of resolution of the council, dated 16th March 1895, I have the honour to state that the rate of rents, viz., As. 4 and As. 8 per 100 square feet per annum has been fixed according to the importance of each street shown in the list. These rates will not only apply to all the poramboke lands occupied by the townpeople on account of koradu, &c., with or without superstructure since 20th February 1889, but also to all those that may hereafter be granted with the sanction of Government.

2. I beg, therefore, that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for these rates and for levying the same in each and every case already submitted to Government with necessary sketches.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on 3rd Saturday the 16th March 1895, at 5-45 P.M., No. 46. of 1894-95.

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Read Collector's reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, requesting to reconsider the resolution of the council, dated 2nd June 1894, on the subject of levying rents on the occupations of street poramboke since 20th February 1889.

Read Resolution No. 1, dated 4th August 1894, on the subject.

Resolved by a majority that the rates of fees passed by the council in their resolution, dated 4th August 1894, be applicable to constructions with or without superstructure that have come into existence since 20th February 1889, as well as to such buildings that may hereafter be permitted with the sanction of Government under G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. Mr. Ramanadasurma dissents.

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Forwarded to the Collector
Sathiavenu 25-3-95 — N. S. Brodie Ag. Sub Collr. ~~No. 58-Index.~~
Forwarded.

2. The list of koradus referred to in paragraph 2 has been already submitted to Government for orders. I have already recommended that the encroachments therein referred to should not be sanctioned, but if they are, the rates herein proposed are certainly much too low. The rates should be more or less prohibitory so as to discourage applications as much as possible and the lowest rate should not be less than one rupee per 100 square feet. For future encroachments the rate proposed should, I think, be specified when each case is submitted for the orders of Government, and no general system of rates should be sanctioned as herein proposed.

SAIDAPET,
4*th April* 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAMANIA AIYAR Avergal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 7th March 1895, No. 43-Index.

With reference to G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894, calling for a complete list of encroachments made since 20th February 1889, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a list of permissions granted for the erection of koradus in street poramboke lands as directed therein. It contains measurement of each koradu and the present breadth of the street with 53 sketches showing the encroached portion of the street in each case.

2. The resolution of the council fixing rent for street poramboke land in each street is laid before it for its reconsideration as advised by the Collector on the ground that the rent now fixed does not show specifically whether it is for the lands already encroached upon or those that may hereafter under the sanction of Government be obtained by the people, and I shall obtain the decision of the council on the subject and submit shortly.

ENCLOSURES.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on Saturday the 2nd June 1894, No. 6.

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Read letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput district, recommending to proceed to consider forthwith the subject of levying rents for the occupation of street poramboke as proposed by the council together with the G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, on the subject.

Read also proceedings of the Madras G.O., Mis. No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, on the subject.

Resolved that a yearly rent of As. 4 for every 100 square feet and under be levied in respect of any land at the disposal of the municipality upon which permission to erect koradu, platform, etc., without superstructure may be granted and a clause be invariably inserted in the pass and in the rent deed requiring the occupier to vacate the land when required by the municipal council.

The same rates will be levied on encroachments made since 1889.

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Please point out to me on page 4 where in the Collector's endorsement

From the Collector of Chingleput, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, dated 9th July 1894, Ref. on No. 85 M.

COPY of letter, reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

With reference to the Municipal Council's resolution No. ——— dated 2nd June 1894, forwarded with your letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, I have the honour to observe that it appears to be intended to apply only to the buildings which may, in future, be sanctioned. The sanction of Government for the rent proposed to be levied has to be obtained in each case. I note also rent has been fixed by the Council for building only koradu, etc., without superstructure, and not for koradu with superstructure. Under my letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, the Council should consider the levy of rents on the occupations of street poramboke prior to February 1889. Nothing has been said about this. Please therefore have the matter reconsidered and the resolution modified.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Collector of Chingleput, dated 31st December 1894, No. 567.

With reference to your letter, No. 2061-Ver., dated 9th July 1894, I have the honour to inform you that a list of all the passes granted since 20th February 1889 was prepared in the office from the duplicate copies of the passes and sent to the nuisance inspectors, directing them to fill up the 4th column of the list with the dimension of koradus, etc., as they exist at present. On receipt of the lists from them, a consolidated one was prepared in the office and submitted.

2. In reference to the arzi, No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Conjeeveram, the following discrepancies are pointed out in the letter under reply :—

(1) Omission of koradus in items Nos. 1, 6, and 8 of the list.

(2) What construction was allowed in case No. 12.

(3) Occupation of more land than that allowed in case No. 10.

With reference to No. (1), I have the honour to state that only mud platforms exist opposite to the houses. Such platforms of mud can be seen opposite to that of all the houses in the town that have not had masonry constructions. When houses are built on a higher level than that of the street and when there is space enough between the row of houses and the side ditch, the houses have invariably had such platforms. Only houses in narrow lanes that cannot afford to have such platforms have not got them. These mud platforms are being worn out every year by the monsoons and are generally repaired at the time of pongal feasts. These parts are generally kept clean by the house owners who consider it very ceremonious in besprinkling cowdung water and decorating with powder diagrams every morning. These perennial mud platforms have been omitted in the list. If we are required to submit list of such platforms, I shall do so, but the list may be an enormous one.

In regard to (2), no pass was granted for anything except the construction of a verandah in the backyard and the re-erection of a verandah in front of the house facing the street. The pass does not authorize the building of koradu with old masonry borders, which has been in existence for a long time, and hence it was omitted in the list.

As to No. (3), I beg to state that the pass which was granted simply permits the erection of koradu, verandah, and a bridge over the side ditch without specifying any dimensions. It was granted in 1889 by the then Chairman on the recommendation of a ward councillor and approved by the Council at its meeting dated 11th April 1889. As to the incorrect measurements pointed out, I have severely reprimanded the nuisance inspectors concerned.

3. With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I beg to state that a list of all assumed street poramboke lands since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, with the exception of those passes granted in 1890 (which were filed in the civil court, Chingleput, in an encroachment case) is being prepared together with plans as advised and will be submitted with the views of the Council in regard to rent, etc., at an early date.

(1) Collector's letter No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894.
(2) G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 23rd September 1894.
(3) Collector's endorsement No. 133 M., dated 17th November 1894.

4. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that a list of street poramboke occupations for 22 cases was submitted to Government with this office letter, No. 461, dated 26th October 1894, and a plan for the same is also under preparation and will be submitted soon. The revised list and letter No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Conjeeveram Stationary Sub-Magistrate are herewith submitted.

Forwarded.

2. The sketches submitted with this letter do not show in all cases whether the lands so lavishly assigned by the Council are projections into the line of the street or not. All the permits granted seem to have been for the construction of koradus or raised platforms of mud or stones in front of the pials of the houses. I cannot recommend that any of the assignments should be confirmed in the interests of the town generally. The Sanitary Commissioner has frequently remarked in his inspection notes that the wide and airy streets for which Conjeeveram was formerly celebrated are rapidly becoming things of the past and the causes thereof can be easily learnt from this statement now forwarded. Koradus so long as they are of uniform height and not covered over in any way are not, I think, objectionable and may serve the purpose fulfilled by side pavements in European countries. The evil of promiscuous assignments such as those now reported is that no definite rule is laid down for their breadth or height and no precautions taken to see that they are not covered over. In a short time the enterprising owners convert them into bazaars and apply for more lands with a view to convert them into proper shops or extensions of their own houses.

PERIAPALAYAM,
13th March 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Ref. on No. 49 Muni.

Forwarded.

2. The list submitted by the Chairman apparently includes only those cases in which permissions granted for constructing koradus and other encroachments have been acted on. From his letter No. 567, dated 31st December 1894, to this office (copy enclosed), it would seem also that cases where only mud koradus have been raised have been omitted from this list. What the Government required from the Council in its order No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, was "a complete list of the cases in which they have allowed the erection of 'koradus' or other encroachments since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889." The present list does not comply with these requirements.

3. With regard to cases where permissions granted by the Council after 20th February 1889 had not been acted on, Mr. Thomson called upon the Chairman in his letter, No. 69 Municipal, dated 7th June 1894, to move the Council to issue a notice to the persons concerned that the Council had no power to grant such permissions, that they were granted by mistake and that they should apply for the sanction of Government through the Council and the Collector. In reply, the Chairman stated in his letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, that he would place the matter before the Council at the earliest opportunity and communicate the result at once. No further report has been received from the Chairman on the subject.

4. In cases where permits have been acted on, the sketches received would show that, while in some cases the koradus had been built in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others (Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47 in the list) in which there is no encroachment on either side, and there are many others in which the sketches furnished do not clearly supply information. But the general result of allowing these koradus has been to destroy the uniformity of the streets. Thus the Shaikhpet street, which is the narrowest of those shown in the list, measures only 17½ feet wide opposite house No. 14, while opposite houses Nos. 137 and 138 it measures 36 feet wide and opposite house No. 119, 44½ feet. The sketches show side channels only in some cases and not in others.

5. A copy of this office letter, Reference on No. 85, Municipal, dated 9th July 1894, which seems to be referred to in paragraph 2 of the Chairman's letter, is enclosed with copy of the municipal Council's resolution therein referred to.

6. As regards occupations of street poramboke permitted prior to 20th February 1889, the Council were asked in this office letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, to consider the question of levying rent for such occupations, and it was

suggested that, as time was of great importance in such cases, the Council should proceed to consider the subject forthwith. The Council were again reminded about this in the letter of the 9th July 1894 above quoted, but no action has apparently been taken in the matter till now. The attitude of the Municipal Council on these important questions is illustrative of the manner in which the interests of the public are sacrificed by it. As Sub-Collector I have already expressed my opinion that the encroachments now reported should not be allowed, or only in a very modified form.

7. The explanation called for by Government in paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, has not even yet been submitted notwithstanding the reminder in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894.

SAIDAPET,
6th April 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

ORDER—No. 1024 M., dated 26th June 1895.

The papers read above relate to the question of street encroachments in the Municipality of Conjeeveram.

2. On the 11th February 1889, the Municipal Council passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of houses) should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 2/ feet, and in accordance therewith continued to grant licenses to build "koradus" without reference to Government notwithstanding the fact that in G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, the transfer of immoveable property by municipalities without its sanction was forbidden until April 1894, when the Collector of Chingleput brought the matter to notice. In its order No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, Government endorsed the latter officer's opinion that the resolution in question could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immoveable property, the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned by Government with reference to the Government order quoted above. The Council, however, to which the Collector had in the meantime communicated his reference to Government, passed a resolution on the 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation of immoveable property within the meaning of the Government order of February 1889, and submitted it to Government; but in G.O., No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, passed thereon, the Government referred the Council to its previous order and directed the submission of a list of all alienations made since the order of 1889. On the 21st July 1894, the Council passed a second resolution to the same effect as the first and sent it up direct to Government; but the Government in its order No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894, drew the Council's attention again to the previous orders on the subject and directed it to expedite the list of "koradus" already called for. On the 21st October, a first instalment of the list was received, which was returned to the Council for further particulars (G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894).

3. The final list was submitted only on the 7th March 1895, and it is altogether incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission to erect "koradus" has been granted, but not yet acted upon, or those in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches submitted with it, imperfect as they are, show that the clear tendency of these assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets and that many encroachments which should not be permitted have been allowed. The Collector also points out that while in some cases the "koradus" are in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others in which there is no encroachment on either side, and that the Shaikhpet street, which is 44½ feet wide in one place, has been reduced to 17½ feet in another. The dilatory and unsatisfactory manner in which the Council has been dealing with this subject throughout is highly discreditable, and the Government has now decided that the time has come to employ other means to secure obedience to its orders. The Collector will therefore be requested to direct the Sub-Collector to proceed to Conjeeveram at an early date, inspect each "koradu" which has been built upon the public

street in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that it is done without delay. The Municipal Council should moreover distinctly understand that all licenses which have not as yet been acted upon must at once be withdrawn and that no license for a "koradu" should, in future, be given without the previous sanction of Government.

4. The Council also submits proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of "koradus" in cases where they are held to be unobjectionable. This question was first commended to its consideration by the Collector in April 1894, and in its resolution, dated 2nd June, the Council decided to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on lands granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector thereupon appears to have asked the Council in his letter, dated 6th June 1894, to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again in a subsequent communication, to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter the Council has failed to do, but requests sanction for levying fees in different streets at the rates of 4 and 8 annas respectively. These are much too low and cannot be approved. The Sub-Collector should be directed to propose a system of rates which should be fixed sufficiently high to serve as a check against encroachments and should in no case be less than 6 pies per square foot per annum. Every lease, where such is allowed, must contain a stipulation that the land, if required by the Municipality, should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months, without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind and for the grant of every such lease the previous sanction of Government should be obtained.

5. The Collector will be requested to report, by the 30th September next, what action has been taken upon this order.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.
„ Collector of Chingleput.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., MIS. No. 1024 M., DATED 26TH JUNE 1895.

[SUBJECT.—*Street encroachments, Conjeeveram Municipality.*]

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, dated 19th March and 6th April 1895, Nos. 1217 M. and 1238 M.

The papers read above contain the final replies of the municipal council, Conjeeveram, in regard to the question of street encroachments within the municipal limits.

2. They deal with two different issues, but as these have both arisen in the course of the same correspondence and as the files are much involved in consequence it has been thought best to deal with them both in the same note. The points for decision are—

I. Whether the Government will approve the large number of temporary assignments of street land made by the municipal council for the purpose of "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of the houses) since 1889, a list of which is now submitted.

II. In case it does, whether it will insist on a rent being charged, and if so, how much.

3. As to the first of these points—previous to the issue of G.O., No. 210, dated 20th February 1889, which forbids the transfer of immovable property by municipalities without the sanction of Government, the Conjeeveram municipality had passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet. In April 1894 the Collector brought this resolution to notice and the Government agreed with him in thinking that it "could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned with reference to G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889—*vide* G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894. The council, however, to whom the Collector had separately communicated his reference, passed a resolution on 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation within the meaning of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. They were referred to the former order and told to submit a list of all alienations made since the Government order of 1889 in G.O., Mis. No. 654, dated 24th May 1894. On 21st July they passed a second resolution to the same effect and sent it direct to Government. They were referred to the former orders and told to expedite the list of "koradus" and to explain why they had not sent their letter through the Collector—G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894. On 21st October they sent a first instalment of the list which was returned for further particulars—G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894. The final list was sent on the 7th March 1895 and forms part of current No. 1238 M. These particulars are given to show how the matter comes before Government and how it has been delayed by the council.

4. As regards the list itself—it is incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission has been given to erect "koradus" but not yet acted upon, or cases in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches that accompany it, incomplete as they are, show

that the clear tendency of the assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets. The Collector points out in his endorsement of 6th April 1895 that in cases Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47, for instance, there is no encroachment on either side and that the new "koradu" stands out alone into the street, and again that the Shaikhpet street which is 44½ feet wide in one place is reduced to 17½ feet in another. Moreover, as Mr. Thomson and Mr. Forbes had pointed out in former endorsements, this "improvement of the line of the street"—the council profess to be acting under section 164 of the Act—is a "game capable of indefinite extension" so long as the line of the street is irregular and the permits for "setting forward" buildings are given without restriction as to width, while the enterprising shopkeeper will never be satisfied with a simple "koradu" but will wait his opportunity to roof it in and erect a pial and then come up for another extension. On these grounds it is submitted that the system of making temporary assignments of street lands for "koradus" cannot be approved. It would perhaps be too harsh a measure to insist on the removal of all the "koradus", some of which have been in existence for upwards of five years, but they ought certainly to be removed wherever they really interfere with the line of the street. It is submitted, therefore, that the council may be called upon as regards this part of the case—

(*a*) to send complete lists of assignments and corrected maps showing the encroachments street by street;

(*b*) to submit proposals for the removal of all such as project beyond the line of the adjacent houses.

It is submitted that this order might be made applicable also to assignments before 1889.

5. There remains the question of rent in cases where the "koradus" are held to be unobjectionable. Mr. Thomson just asked the council to deal with the question in his letter of the 4th April 1894. They dealt with it in their resolution, dated 2nd June (in C. No. 1238 M.), deciding to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on land granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector then appears to have asked them in another letter of the 6th June to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again on the 9th July to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter they have failed to do, but they have submitted with their resolution of the 4th August (in C. No. 1217 M.) proposals for levying rates of 4 and 8 annas in different streets for the sanction of Government. Mr. Brodie who forwards the resolution gives it as his opinion that it is inadvisable to fix any general system of rents, but that in any case those fixed are too low.

6. It is submitted that we may go further than this and say that it is inadvisable to levy rents at all. In the majority of cases the land is either required for street purposes, in which case it must be vacated, or it is not, in which case it may, as a rule, be sold. It should only be in very exceptional cases, if at all, that renting should be adopted. It is submitted therefore with reference to this part of the case that the council may be asked—

(*a*) which of its assignments may be sold outright as being wholly unobjectionable and for what price they may be sold;

(*b*) whether, with reference to the remarks above, there are any special cases in which a lease is necessary.

This order may also be applied to all assignments and not only to those since 1889.

7. The council seems to merit a severe order for the dilatory and unsatisfactory way in which it has dealt with the matter.

C. G. Todhunter.
8-5-95.

The so-called plans are very badly drawn and it is next to impossible to make anything out of them. Several of them show, however, that encroachments which should certainly not be permitted have been made. I submit that it is not of the slightest use corresponding any longer with the council. They will do nothing.

When I was Collector more than ten years ago, I frequently personally drew the attention of the then Chairman to the way in which encroachments were ruining the streets of Conjeeveram and to the best of my recollection I caused more than one of these to be removed. Since then it is evident that things have been going from bad to worse. Attention is invited to the remark of the acting Sub-Collector in C. No. 1238 marked with red tape. Knowing Conjeeveram as I do, I quite agree with him.

H. W. B[liss.].
31-5-95.

I submit that the only way of dealing with this case is to instruct the Collector to direct the Sub-Collector to go to Conjeeveram, inspect each koradu in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that this is done.

The council too should, I consider, be distinctly told that no license for a koradu is to be given without the *previous* sanction of Government being obtained.

Conjeeveram is full of priests and retired Government officials and their hangers on. The council, instead of preventing these making encroachments on the streets, are hand in glove with them in this matter and it is hopeless to expect the council to do anything. They have delayed disgracefully in replying to references on the subject and if any more are made to them they will continue the same policy. The only way to deal with them appears to be to take them short by the head and let them see that Government will allow no more "shilly shallying" about the matter and will not tolerate encroachments which are rapidly ruining what were once remarkably fine streets. As for the matter of rents, I think that they ought to be heavy as a check against encroachments and that in no case should sale be permitted. Every lease, where such is allowed, should contain a stipulation that the land if required by the municipality should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind.

I agree. Let the Sub-Collector propose rates. We might fix a minimum. How would 6 pies per square foot per annum do?
H. W. B[liss].

The full case had better be set out in the Government order.

Encroachments on streets is a rapidly growing evil and if not checked by stringent measures which municipal councils will not of their own accord adopt, will soon be the ruin of the streets of most municipal towns and future generations of tax-payers will in order to put matters straight have to pay heavily for the laches of the councils in the past.

J. F. Price
18-5-95.

No. 370

Office of the Municipal Council.

CONJEEVERAM, DATED 30th August 1894

From

M. R. Ry. Po. Subramani Iyr. Avl.

Chairman, Municipal Council

Conjeeveram.

TO

THE

Chief Secretary to Government

Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to Submit herewith a copy of resolution of the Municipal Council dated 4th august 1894 and to State that the rate of rents proposed to occupying pommboke lands in front of houses, bazarsde in the various streets of Conjeevaram without any kind of detriment to the Commeniance and Comfort of the public, is of two classes viz. 4 as & 8 as per 100 Square feet per annum.

The rent of the kind is meant to be levied in cases in which the Council may allow the erection of Coradu, Sarumanai or Constructios.

No Superstructure will be allowed with or without the Sanction of Government.

I beg therefore that You will be pleased

to obtain the Sanction of Government for the rates & for levying the Same in all the cases referred to above.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant

E. Subramania Iyr
Chairman

Extract from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council Conjeeveram passed at its General Meeting held on 1st Saturday the 4th August 1894 at 5.45 P.M.

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Present
Chairman
M. R. Ry. E. Subramania Iyr Avl
Councillors
1. M. R. Ry. V. Damodara Mudaliar Avl.
2. " N. Raghavelu Naidu Garu
3. " Moono Sawmy Mudaliar Avl.
4. " C. J. M. Apparow Mudaliar Avl.
5. " Chellaperoomal Mudaliar Avl.
6. " Kadar Batcha Saheb.

1 Collectors reference on Rc. 69/M of 1894 dated 7th June 1894 asking the council to fix different rates of rent for different Streets together with lists Submitted by the Sub-Committee Suggesting a difference of rates.

The following rates Suggested by the Sub-Committee are approved—

No	Names of the Streets	Rate of rent per 100 S. feet per annum.			No	Names of the Streets	Rate of rent per 100 S. feet per annum.		
	I st Division					I st Division Continued			
1	Sunnathi Street	"	8	"	29	Seshathirupalayam Mally St.	"	4	"
2	Kurukkoo "	"	8	"	30	Seshathirupalayam "	"	4	"
3	Varahavasul "	"	8	"	31	Do — Palani Chetty	"	4	"
4	Vadavanda Mada "	"	8	"	32	Moonam Thirumala Mandapam St.	"	8	"
5	Thiruchelai "	"	8	"	33	Succula palayam "	"	4	"
6	Kathiru "	"	4	"	34	— Do — Gaviarthachetty	"	4	"
7	Pattila "	"	8	"	35	Mettupalaya Kummala "	"	4	"
8	Naina Pillai "	"	4	"	36	Thiruppukadu "	"	4	"
9	Sethuraya Pillai "	"	4	"	37	Mettupalayam "	"	4	"
10	Keelanda Mada "	"	8	"	38	Iyyungar palayam "	"	8	"
11	Mudaliar "	"	4	"	39	Mahaliamman Koil "	"	4	"
12	Geda "	"	4	"		II nd Division			
13	Thenanda Mada "	"	8	"	1	Nellucara Street "		8	"
14	Kummala "	"	4	"	2	Kosa — "	"	8	"
15	Esthagire "	"	4	"	3	Sekkupettai Kavara "	"	4	"
16	Kusa "	"	4	"	4	Sekkupettai — "	"	8	"
17	Ammangar — "	"	4	"	5	— do — Salia "	"	4	"
18	Vagavathu — "	"	4	"	6	Gyanaikara — "	"	4	"
19	Anai Kuttu "	"	8	"	7	Rayanpettai Salia "	"	4	"
20	Palla "	"	4	"	8	Hudsonpettai "	"	8	"
21	Punnia Koteswaran Koil "	"	4	"	9	Rayanpettai "	"	8	"
22	— do — Mada "	"	4	"	10	Hudsonpettai Chetty "	"	8	"
23	Ammuthupadi — "	"	8	"	11	Pallikkodathan Mudy St.	"	4	"
24	Malaiyala — "	"	8	"	12	Aladi pillaiyar Koil "	"	8	"
25	Sunnambukara — "	"	4	"	13	Vilakkadai Koil St. "	"	4	"
26	Chetty — "	"	8	"	14	Vallicca Pattarai "	"	4	"
27	Kammudacara — "	"	8	"	15	Bungaroo Lasappa Chetty St	"	4	"
28	Thinnenchennumbu "	"	8	"	16	Villakkadi Koil Thoppu "	"	4	"

No	Names of Street	Rate of rent per 100 S. feet per annum			No	Names of Street	Rate of rent per 100 S. feet per annum		
	II nd Division Continued					III rd Division Continued			
17	Singapperumal Koil St.	"	4	"	4	Mandukameswara Koil St	"	4	"
18	— do — Sunnathi	"	4	"	5	Budra Kaliamman Koil	"	4	"
19	Narayana palayam	"	4	"	6	Narasingaraya	"	4	"
20	Barapettai —	"	8	"	7	Vania —	"	8	"
21	Thumbavanam —	"	8	"	8	Kachapaswaraswamy Koil St	"	8	"
22	Kottrambalayam —	"	8	"	9	Nellekara —	"	8	"
23	— do — Vania —	"	4	"	10	Kusa —	"	8	"
24	Astabuyam Sunnathi	"	8	"	11	Rajampettai —	"	8	"
25	— do — Mada	"	4	"	12	Aladipillaiar Koil	"	8	"
26	Mullapalayam	"	4	"	13	Vanatheeswarer Koil	"	4	"
27	Nahaluthu	"	4	"	14	Karealan —	"	8	"
28	Thanichetty palayam	"	4	"	15	Karikkiruvaluruthal Koil	"	8	"
29	Santhareeswarer Swamijer	"	4	"	16	Kajana Ramanjeyam	"	4	"
30	Kummapperu	"	4	"	17	Mata —	"	8	"
31	Astabuyam Kumanchetty	"	8	"	18	Avanthosipendithan	"	4	"
32	Veerana Chetty —	"	8	"	19	Solai Ramasamy Iyer	"	4	"
33	Thirukuchenimban	"	8	"	20	Mundapa —	"	8	"
34	Gatholth Kariswamijer Mada	"	8	"	21	Ottaimadai Sengulampillai	"	4	"
35	do — Sunnathi	"	8	"	22	Balayya Madam	"	4	"
36	Kandanpettai	"	4	"	23	Puthupalaya —	"	8	"
37	Vuppukula — St	"	4	"	24	Gakkamkan —	"	8	"
38	Market —	"	4	"	25	Krishna Rayar	"	8	"
39	Reddypettai	"	4	"	26	Thirumettalee —	"	8	"
40	Bahavanpettai	"	4	"	27	Thirumukaya — St.	"	4	"
	III rd Division				28	Kadu —	"	4	"
1	Puthare Street	"	8	"	29	Mathammpalayam	"	8	"
2	Ok Kapumuthan Kulam	"	4	"	30	Ak Kanambalayam —	"	8	"
3	— do — Pudu	"	4	"	31	Singapparayar palayam	"	8	"

No	Names of Streets	Rate of rent for 100 S. feet pr annum			No	Names of streets	Rate of rent for 100 S. feet pr annum		
	III.rd Division Continued.				20	Kalandes	"	4	"
32	Veerana Kaliamman Koil St	"	4	"	21	Kovvai Kuppam — st.	"	4	"
33	—— do —— Athaivadai	"	4	"	22	Kayam Kutkai ——	"	4	"
34	Thummukamben	"	8	"	23	Kammala ——	"	8	"
35	Solasamaren Koil St	"	4	"	24	Kammala Kullappa Chetty	"	4	"
36	Kuthiappen ——	"	4	"	25	Sembado Simapayen	"	4	"
37	Sala Bo Kenen	"	4	"	26	Chetty ——	"	4	"
38	Kailasa hattan Mathi Koil	"	4	"	27	Perumal Naiken	"	4	"
	IV.th Division.				28	Thanoo ——	"	8	"
1	Rayal St	"	8	"	29	Vathia Kunk Kub	"	8	"
2	Sengalamen Asai	"	8	"	30	Gakamberaswamiyar Mudali St.	"	8	"
3	Kerlanda Rayal	"	8	"	31	Gakambaraperumal	"	4	"
4	Vellucara	"	8	"	32	Ponnupettai Posna ——	"	4	"
5	M.K. Durmaroya Mudaly	"	4	"	33	—— do —— Sinna ——	"	4	"
6	Kollasuthiaren	"	8	"	34	Vol. Mahamopettah Lubbai	"	8	"
7	Kamatchiamman Koil	"	4	"	35	Do — Varathappa Mudali	"	4	"
8	Subbarayo Mood ——	"	4	"	36	Lingappaniyar ——	"	8	"
9	Vulahamman Thaperumal Sunnadi	"	4	"	37	Saldi ——	"	8	"
10	Vulahamman	"	4	"	38	Bava Saib ——	"	4	"
11	Sappani Pillaiyar Koil	"	8	"	39	Sathamputtu	"	4	"
12	Vaikuntaperumal Sunnadi	"	8	"	40	Vallakulam	"	4	"
13	Ereppanna Chetty	"	8	"	41	Pandaraperumal	"	4	"
14	Kamatchiamman Sunnadi	"	8	"	42	Thuppukolul Mudaly	"	4	"
15	Chetty Kulam Silas Saleb	"	4	"	43	Pandaraperumal Sunnadi	"	8	"
16	" Pallee	"	4	"	44	Veppara ——	"	4	"
17	Kuppumayagan	"	4	"	45	Puthara	"	8	"
18	Pelayan Kutti ——	"	4	"	46	Gakamberaswarer Sunnadi	"	8	"
19	Damalcar ——	"	4	"	47	Eirattaipillaiyar Koil	"	4	"
					48	Kuppaha Pillai	"	4	"
					49	Nabunthakara	"	4	"
					50	—— Do —— Vellaradai	"	4	"
					51	Kanakka Subbaya Pillai	"	4	"

(Sd) E. Subramania Ayr
Chairman

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Chairman

Reg: No 9959
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25 MAY 96
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Enclosure 1.
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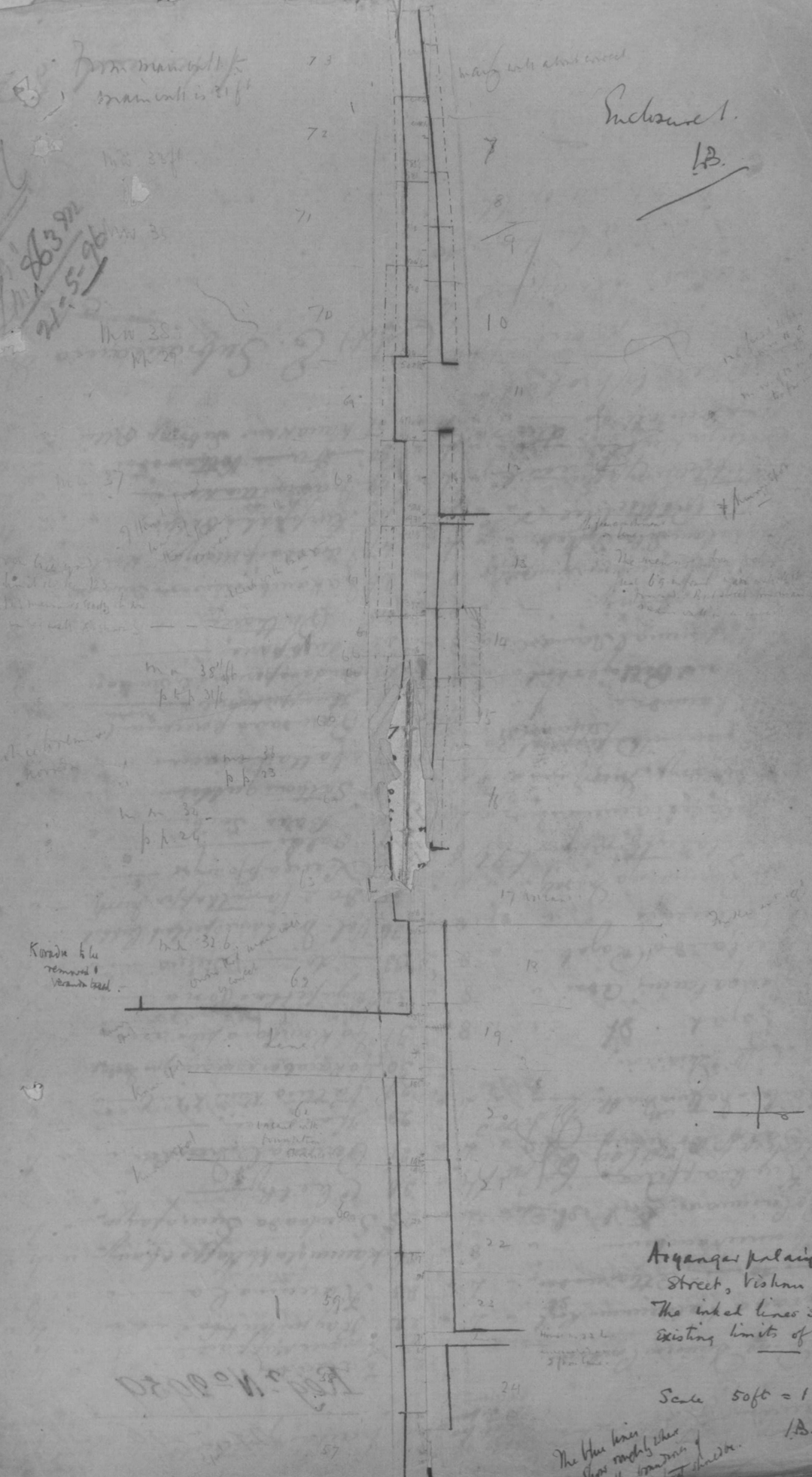

Anjaneya palaiyam
Street, Vishnu Kanchi.
The inked lines show the
existing limits of the houses.

Scale 50ft = 1 inch.

The blue lines show roughly other houses in adjacent streets.

B. 24/7.

FROM

THE CHAIRMAN
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
CONJEEVERAM.

TO

THE

Chief Secretary to Govt
Madras.

Dated 30
Despatched } 30 August 96
Received.

No. 370

Enclosure. 1

Subject.

Forwarding a copy of the resolution of this Council, regarding the steps proposed to be taken to prevent encroachments on the public lands occupied by the inhabitants in the streets of this town &c

(with an endorsement)

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No. 877

Returned to the chairman for submission through the collector.

(By order)

L Francis
Asst Secy

1st Grade Pleader
Sub Collector's Office
Received 30 SEP 1894

Fwd-8a. George
25th September 1894.

Sd. Thos. A. Wright Collector
30-9-94

Forwarded to the Collector

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6.10.94.

The chairman, Municipal council, Conjeev

Returned to the

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Chairman with reference to G.O. d 26 Sept 1894 no 1333 M. Mis. passed on his letter of the 23rd Sept no 360.

What the Govt distinctly asks for and requires is a specific list of the assumed encroachments in question so that its orders may be taken on each individual case. The list should show the extent of the encroachment & the no. & date of the Council's resolution purporting to authorize it of the encroachment in passing orders on the various cases

Conjeeveram
30th Oct 1894

Chairman

No. 56 Judicial 95

Office of the Municipal Council.

CONJEEVERAM, DATED 20th March 1895.

From

M. R. Ry. E. Subramania Iyer Avargal

Chairman Municipal Council

Conjeeveram.

TO

THE Chief Secretary to Government

Madras.

SIR,

With reference to your official memo No 482 dated 25th Instant (Reminder) calling for the list of Koradus and for Submitting the papers Containing rate of rents, I have the honor to report that the list of Koradus was despatched together with sketches through the prescribed channel on the 7th Instant vide this office letter No 43 Judicial 95 and explained in my letter No 58 Judicial 95 which was also despatched in the usual channel, that my letter 370 dated 30th August 1894 was despatched direct by mistake by the despatching clerk who has been warned for.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

E. Subramania Iyer

Chairman

FROM

THE CHAIRMAN

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

CONJEEVERAM.

TO

THE Chief Secretary to Govt.

Thro Madras.

Dated 30
Despatched 30
Received. 1 APR. 1895

No. 66 / 95
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Enclosure.

Subject.

Reforming that the list of Korads has been submitted with this office letter No 43 / 95.

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Lodged.

No. 58 / 95
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Office of the Municipal Council.

CONJEEVERAM, DATED 16th March 1895.

From

M. R. Ry. Ed. Subramania Ayyangar

Chairman, Municipal Council

Conjeeveram.

TO

THE Chief Secretary to Government

Through the Sub Collector & Collector of

Chengalpat District.

SIR,

In resubmitting my letter No 370 dated 30th August 1894 with its enclosures, which were submitted to you direct by mistake, and a copy of resolution of the Council dated 16th March 1895, I have the honor to state that the rate of rents viz 4 as & 8 as per 100 square feet per annum has been fixed according to the importance of each street shown in the list. These rates will not only apply to all the pormboke lands occupied by the town people on account of Korads &c with or without superstructure since 20th February 1889, but also to all those that may hereafter be granted with the sanction of Government.

2. I beg therefore that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government

for these rates and for levying the same
in each & every Case already submitted to
Government with necessary sketches.

I have the honour to
be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant

E. Subramaniaiyar

Chairman

Rec'd 19395

Gnetor
4 of 1894-95.

Extract from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its General Meeting held on 3rd Saturday the 16th March 1895 at 5.45 P.M.

Present

Chairman

M. R. Ry. E. Subramaniaiyar Avergal

Councillors.

1 " C. Venkatasubba Iyar Avergal
2 " S. Soundaraja Iyengar Avergal
3 " T. E. Kumaravencatachariar Avergl
4 " E. Kambara Sunkul Avergal
5 " P. Pachaiyappa Mudaliar Avergal
6 " C. T. M. Apparao Mudaliar Avergal
7 " M. [illegible] Ramanadasuma Avergal
8 " V. [illegible] Perumaul Mudaliar Avergal
9 " Var[illegible] daraja Mudaliar Avergal
10 " Cho[illegible] Kaperumaul Mudaliar Aver

1. Read Collector's reference on Ro 85/M of [illegible] dated 9th July 1894 requesting to reconsider the resolu[illegible] of the Council dated 2nd June 1894 on the Subject of levying rents [illegible] on the occupations of street-pommboke Since [illegible] 20th February 1889.

Read resolution No 1 dated 4th August 1[illegible] on the Subject.

Resolved by a majority that the rates & fees passed by the Council in their resolution

dated 2° August 1894 —— be applicable to constructions
with or without superstructure that have come into
existence since 20° February — 1889 as well as to such
buildings that may hereafter be permitted with the
sanction of Government under G.O. No. 210.M. dated 20° February 1889.
Mr. Ramanadasamma descends.

Sd/ E. Subramaniam Jr
Chairman

(True extract)

Office of the Municipal
Council, Conjeevaram
21° March 1895

E. Subramaniam Jr
Chairman

Rec
21.3.95.

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Local & Municipal Dept.
FROM
THE CHAIRMAN
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
CONJEEVERAM.

TO
THE Chief Secretary to
Govt
Thro' the Sub Collr & Collr
of Chengleput

Current No 53 dated 87.855

Current. 1178 m. G.O. 654 m. 24.5.94
" 1102 m 562 m 1.5.94
G.O 594 m. 2.4.95 210 m. 20.2.89.
G.O 1801 m 23.11.94
1333 m 25.9.94

Forwarded to the Collector
Wellesley
Ag Cubbolli.

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25-3-95

COLLECTOR
25 MAR 95
CONJEEVERAM

DESPATCHED
27 MAR 95

Dated 19
Despatched 22 March 95
Received.

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Enclosure. 3
Subject.
CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
5 APR 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Submitting with a copy of the resolution the rate of rents fixed by the Council for poramboke lands occupied by the inhabitants of this town.

Requesting Sanction of Govt for the levy of rents at certain rates on poramboke lands occupied by the inhabitants of the town.

Forwarded.

2. The list of Koradus referred to in ~~xxxxx~~ para 2 has been already submitted to Govt for orders. I have already recommended that the encroachments therein referred to should not be sanctioned but if they are the rates herein proposed are certainly much too low. The rates should be more or less prohibitory so as to discourage applications as much as possible & the lowest rate should not be less than One rupee per 100 sq. feet. For future encroachments the rate proposed should I think be specified when each case is submitted for the orders of Govt & no general system of rates should be sanctioned as herein proposed.

Wellesley
Ag Cubbolli in charge.

Saidapet
4th April 1895

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt
Local and Mpl Dept,
Madras.

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Office of the Municipal Council
Conjeevaram Dated 7th March 1895

10 P

From
M. R. Ry. C. Subramania Iyer Avargal
Chairman Municipal Council
Conjeevaram

Local & Municipal Dept
CURRENT No. 1238 M

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Through the Sub Collector and Collector of
Chengleput District

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No 1801. M. dated 23rd November 1894 Calling for a Complete list of encroachments made since 20th February 1889, I have the honor to submit herewith a list of permissions granted for the erection of Koradus in Street poramboke lands as aforesaid therein It contains measurement of each Coradu and the present breadth of the Street with 53 Sketches showing the encroached portion of the street in each Case.

* Sent by book post. The Sketches are not all Clear. They do not show the line of the adjacent houses in the Streets & further a separate sketch is prepared for each of the encroachments in the same Street.

2. The resolution of the Council fixing rent for Street poramboke land in each Street is laid before it for its reconsideration as advised by the Collector on the ground that the rent now fixed does not show specifically whether it is for the lands already encroached upon or

those that may hereafter under the Sanction
of Government be obtained by the people
and I shall obtain the decision of the Council
on the subject and submit shortly.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servant

E. Subramania Iyer

Chairman

Rec'd 1895

No 6 of 1894-95.

Extract from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on Saturday the 2nd June 1894.

Present.

Chairman.

Dr. R. Ry. E. Subramaniya Ayyar avergal.

Councillors.

1. " V. Damodara Mudaliyar avergal.
2. " M. Ramanuja Chariyar avergal
3. " T. Tavundararaja Ayyangar avergal.
4. " A. Desikachariyar avergal, B.A.
5. " N. Raghavalu Nayudu garu.
6. " T. Muniswami Mudaliyar avergal.
7. " C. Ekambara Mudaliyar avergal.
8. " C. T. M. Apparao Mudaliyar avergal.
9. " K. Chellaperumal Mudaliyar avergal.

Read letter No. 17 M, dated 4th April 1894, from the Collector of the Chingleput district recommending to proceed to consider forthwith the subject of levying rents for the occupation of street poramboke as proposed by the council together with the Government order No. 562, Mis., dated 18th May 1894, on the subject.

Read also proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 654 Mi, Mis., dated 24th May 1894, on the subject.

Resolved

Resolved that a yearly rent of 4 as for every 100 square feet and under, be levied in respect of any land at the disposal of the Municipality upon which permission to erect Koradu, platform, etc., without superstructure may be granted and a clause be invariably inserted in the pass and in the rent deed requiring the occupier to vacate the land when required by the Municipal Council.

The same rates will be levied on encroachments made since 1889.

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(Sd.) S. Subramaniya Ayyar,
Chairman.

(True copy).

Bompas
for Ag: Sub-Collector in charge;
5.4.95.

Copy of letter, reference on No. 85/Dn.; dated 9th June 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput District to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram:-

With reference to the Municipal Council resolution No. — dated 2nd June 1894, forwarded with your letter, No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, I have the honour to observe that it appears to be intended to apply only to the buildings which may in future, be sanctioned. The sanction of Government for the rent proposed to be levied has to be obtained in each case. I note also rent has been fixed by the Council for building only Koradu, etc., without superstructure, and not for Koradu with superstructure. Under my letter, No. 17/Dn.1 dated 4th April 1894, the Council should consider the levy of rents on the occupations of street poramboke prior to February 1889. Nothing has been said about this. Please therefore have the matter reconsidered and the resolution modified.

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Saidapet,
April 1895.

Bompas
3 for Ag: Sub-collector in charge.

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Copy of letter, No. 567, dated 3rd December 19
from the Chairman, Municipal Council,
Conjeveram, to the Collector of Chingleput
district:-

With reference to your letter, No. 2061/Ver:, dated
9th July 1894, I have the honour to inform
you that a list of all the passes granted
since 20th February 1889 was prepared in the
office from the duplicate copies of the passes and
sent to the nuisance Inspectors, directing them
to fill up the 4th column of the list with the
dimension of Koraduge, &c., as they exist at pre-
sent. On receipt of the lists from them, a
consolidated one was prepared in the office
and submitted.

2. In reference to the 2nd para, No. 95, of the
25th June 1894
Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Conjeveram, the
following discrepancies are pointed out in the
letter under reply.

(1) Omission of Koradis in items Nos. 1, 6 and
8 of the list.

(2) What construction was allowed in case No.
12.

(3) Occupation of more land than that allowed
in case No. 10.

With reference to No. (1), I have the honour
to state that only mud platforms exist opposite

to

to the houses. Such platforms of mud can be seen opposite to that of all the houses in the town that have not had masonry constructions. When houses are built on a higher level than that of the street and when there is space enough between the row of houses and the side ditch, the houses have invariably had such platforms. Only houses in narrow lanes that cannot afford to have such platforms have not got them. These mud platforms are being worn out every year by the monsoons and are generally repaired at the time of pongal feasts. These parts are generally kept clean by the house owners, who consider it very ceremonious in besprinkling cowdung water and decorating with powder diagrams every morning. These perennial mud platforms have been omitted in the list. If we are required to submit list of such platforms, I shall do so, but the list may be an enormous one.

In regard to 2, no pass was granted for anything except the construction of a verandah in the backyard and the re-erection of a verandah in front of the house facing the street. The pass does not authorize the building of Koradu with old masonry borders, which has been in existence for a long time, and hence it was omitted in the list.

As to No. 3, I beg to state that the pass which was granted simply permits the erection of Koradu, Verandah, and a bridge over the side ditch without specifying any dimensions. It was granted in 1889 by the then chairman on the recommendation of a ward councillor and approved by the council at its meeting, dated 11th April 1889.

As to the incorrect measurements pointed out, I have severely reprimanded the Nuisance inspectors concerned.

3. With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I beg to state that a list of all assumed street poramboke land since the date of G.O., No. 210. Dn. 20th February 1889, with the exception of those passes granted in 1890 (which were filed in the civil court, Chingleput, in an encroachment case) is being prepared together with plans as advised and will be submitted with the views of the council in regard to rent, etc., at an early date.

4. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that a list of street poramboke occupations for 22 cases, was submitted to Government with this office letter, No. 461 26th October and

1. Collector's letter, No. 85, Dn., dated 9th July 1894.
2. G.O. No. 1333 Dn., Pub., 23rd September 1894.
3. Collector's endorsement, No. 183 Rx., 17th November 1894.

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and a plan for the same is also under preparation and will be submitted soon. The revised list and letter No. 95 of the 25th June 1894 of the Conjeeveram Stationary sub-Magistrate are herewith submitted.

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Saidapet,
April 1895. 3. for Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

Current No. 43 Despatched 13.3.95
From The Chairman Municipal Council Conjeeveram

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt
Thro. the Sub Collector & Collector of Chingleput &c

Dated 7 March 1895
Despatched 7

No. 43 Index of 95
Enclosure, Asst 1, 53 Sketches sent by book post

Subject.
Submitting a list of permissions granted for the erection of Karadusai pormboke land together with 53 sketches

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14 MAR '95
Forwarded

2. The sketches submitted with this letter do not show in all cases whether the lands so lavishly assigned by the Council are projections into the line of the street or not. All the permits granted seem to have been for the construction of karadis or raised platforms of mud or stones in front of the houses. I cannot recommend that 13/3/95 any of the assignments should be confirmed in the interests of the town generally. The Sanitary Commissioner has frequently remarked in his inspection notes that the wide & airy streets for which Conjeeveram was formerly celebrated are rapidly becoming things of the past & the causes thereof can be easily learnt from the statement now forwarded. Karadus so long as they are of uniform height & not covered over in any way are not I think objectionable & may serve the purpose fulfilled by side pavements in European countries. The evil of promiscuous assignments such as those now reported is that no definite rule is laid down for their breadth or height & no precautions taken to see that they are not covered over. In a short time the enterprising owners convert them into bazaars & apply for more lands with a view to convert them into proper shops or extensions of their own houses.

Forwarded with copy of letter referred to in para 2.
Saidapet,
March 1895

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2. The list submitted by the Chairman apparently includes only those cases in which permissions granted for constructing Koradus and other encroachments have been acted on. From his letter, N°. 567, dated 31st December 1894, to this office (copy enclosed) it would seem also that cases where only mud Koradus have been raised, have been omitted from this list. What the government required from the council in its order, N°. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, was "a complete list of the cases in which they have allowed the creation of 'Koradus' or other encroachments since the date of G.O., dated 20th February 1889, N°. 210 M." The present list does not comply with these requirements.

3. With regard to cases where permissions granted by the Council after 20th February 1889 had not been acted on, Mr. Thomson, called upon the Chairman in his letter, N°. 69/Munp dated 7th June 1894, to move the council to issue a notice to the persons concerned that the council had no power to grant such permissions, that they were granted by mistake and that they should apply

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for the sanction of government through the council and the Collector. In reply the Chairman stated in his letter, No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, that he would place the matter before the council at the earliest opportunity and communicate the result at once. No further report has been received from the Chairman on the subject.

4. In cases where permits have been acted on, the sketches received would show that while in some cases the Koradus had been built in a line with adjacent encroachments there are others (Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47 in the list) in which there is no encroachment on either side and there are many others, in which the sketches furnished do not clearly supply information. But the general result of allowing these Koradus has been to destroy the uniformity of the streets. Thus the Kelkpet street, which is the narrowest of those shown in the list, measures only 17½ feet wide opposite house No. 14, while opposite houses Nos. 137 and 138, it measures 36 feet wide and opposite house No. 119, 44½ feet. The sketches show side channels only in some cases and not in others.

others.

5. A copy of this office letter, reference as No. 85/Municipal dated 9th July 1894, which seems to be referred to in para 2 of the Chairman's letter is enclosed with copy of the Municipal council's resolution therein referred to.

6. As regards occupations of street poramboke permitted prior to 20th February 1889, the Council were asked in this office letter, No. 17/M, dated 4th April 1894, to consider the question of levying rent for such occupations, and it was suggested that, as time was of great importance in such cases, the council should proceed to consider the subject forthwith. The council were again reminded about this in the letter of the 9th July 1894 above quoted, but no action has apparently been taken in the matter till now. The attitude of the Municipal council on these important questions is illustrative of the manner in which the interests of the public are sacrificed by it. As Sub-Collector I have already expressed my opinion that the encroachments now reported should not be allowed, or only in a very modified form.

7. The explanation called for by the Government

Government in para 3 of G.O., No. 1333 M.,
dated 26th September 1894, has not even yet
been submitted, notwithstanding the reminder
in para 2 of G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23d November
1894.

Saidapet,
April 1895. 3. for Ag: Sub-Collector in charge.

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FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

Chingleput Dt.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 1238 M/95

To

THE Chief Secretary to
Government,
Local and Municipal
Department, Madras.

Dated 6 April 1895.

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No. Despatch on the 1895

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
ENCLOSURE
7 APR. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
SUBJECT

Forwarding with remarks
letter of the chairman, Munici-
pal Council, Conjeeveram,
submitting a list of permissions
granted for the erection of
Koradus in poramboke lands,
together with 53 sketches.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

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Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. 2076 M of 1894, dated 30th August 1894, from the Chairman, Mc., Conjeeveram
" " 1138 M of 1895 " 30th March 1895 " do do do
Current No. 1217 M of 1895, dated 19th March 1895 from the do do do
do 1238 M " 19th March 1895 " do do do

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This may be printed—notes too

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Order.

Read the papers read above relate to the question of street encroachments in the municipality of Conjeeveram.

2. On 11th February 1889, the municipal council passed a resolution that permission to build 'Koradus' (raised platforms of mud & stone in front of the pials of houses) should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet. and in accordance with this resolution, the council has continued to grant licenses to build 'Koradus' without reference to Government, notwithstanding the fact that in G.O. dated 20th February 1889, No. 210 M., the transfer of immoveable property by municipal councils without the sanction of Government was forbidden. In April 1894 the Collector of Chingleput brought the matter to notice, and in its order dated 1st May 1894, No. 562, the latter officer Government endorsed his opinion that the resolution in question could not confer permission to occupy or build upon immoveable property, the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned by Gover-

Government with reference to the G.O. ~~dated 2nd and 3rd above 2nd February 1894 No. 210M.~~, The Council, however, to which the Collector had in the meantime communicated his reference to Government, passed a resolution on the 21st April 1894, to the effect that the grant of leases for 'Koradus' did not amount to an alienation of immoveable property within the meaning of the G.O. ~~abrogated~~ of 25 1883, and submitted it to Government; but in G.O. dated 24th May 1894, No 654M. passed thereon, the Government referred the Council to its previous order and directed the submission of a list of all alienations made since the ~~[illegible]~~ order of 1883. On the 21st July 1894, the Council passed a second resolution to the same effect as the first and sent it up direct to Government, but the Government in their order dated 25th September 1894, No. 833M. drew the Council's attention again to the previous orders on the subject and directed it to expedite the list of 'Koradus' already called for. On the 1st October, a first instalment of the list was received ~~by Government~~, which ~~Council~~ returned to the Council for further particulars (G.O. dated 28th November 1894, No 801M.).

2. The final list was submitted on the 7th March 1895, and it is rather incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission to erect 'Koradus' have been granted, but not yet acted upon, or those in which 'koradus' have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches submitted with it, imperfect as they are, show that the clear tendency of these assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets and that many encroachments which should not be permitted have been allowed. The Collector also points out that, while in some cases the 'Koradus' are in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others in which there is no encroachment on either side, and that the Shaikhpet street which is 44½ feet wide in one place has been reduced to 17½ feet in another. The dilatory and unsatisfactory manner in which the Municipal Council have been dealing with this subject throughout is highly discreditable; it has for years set the orders of Government at nought. The Collector

and the Government has now decided that the time has come to employ other means to secure obedience to it's order

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Collector will hereafter be requested to direct the Sub-Collector to proceed to Conjeeveram at an early date, inspect each 'Korado' in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed & see that it is done without delay. The municipal Council should moreover distinctly understand that all licenses which have not as yet been acted upon must stand be withdrawn and that no license for a 'korado' should, in future, be given without the previous sanction of Government.

4. The Council also submits proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of 'Korados' in cases where they are held to be unobjectionable. This question was first recommended for its consideration by the Collector in April 1894, and in its resolution dated 2nd June the council decided to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on lands granted for 'Korados' since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector thereupon appears to have asked the Council in his letter dated 6th June 1894 to fix different rates for different streets according to their position etc. and, again, in a subsequent communication, to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter the council has failed to do, but requests sanction for levying fees, at the rates of four and eight annas, respectively. These are, much too low and cannot be approved. The fees should be fixed sufficiently high to serve as a check against encroachments. Every lease, where such is allowed, must contain a stipulation, that the land, if required by the municipality should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months, without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind and that for the grant of every such lease the previous sanction of Government should be obtained.

5. The Collector will be requested to report by the 30th September next, what action

The Sub Collector should be directed to propose a system of rates which and should in no case be less than six pies per square foot per annum.

The Council will further be asked

has been taken upon this
order.

/from orders/.

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/Sundries/

To,
The Chairman, M.C. Conjeevaram
" Collector of Chingleput
(with a list + 53 plans ~~to be sent~~ to be sent?)
Dup. 3/7/95

+ sent per postal pcl

Land Rr. DEPARTMENT.

Nos 1214 Rr and 1238 Rr

From the Chairman Municipal Council Conjeevaram

Dated 19th March and 6th April 1895.

FOR ORDERS.

The papers read above contain the final replies of the Municipal Council Conjeevaram in regard to the question of street encroachments within their Municipal limits.

2. They deal with two different issues but as these have both arisen in the course of the same correspondence and as the files are much involved in consequence it has been thought best to deal with them both in the same note. The points for decision are:—

I Whether the Government will approve the large number of temporary assignments of street land made by the Municipal Council for the purpose of 'koradus' (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of the houses) since 1887, a list of which is now submitted.

II In case it does, whether it will insist on a rent being charged and if so how much

I 3. As to the first of these points— Previous to the issue of G.O. no 210 20.2.84, which forbids the transfer of immovable property by Municipalities without the sanction of Government, the Conjeevaram Municipality had passed a resolution that permission to build 'koradus' should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet. In April 1894 the Collector brought the resolution to notice and the Government agreed with him in thinking that it "coul

not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned with reference to G.O. no 210 m/20.2.89" vide G.O. no 562 m/1.5.94".
The Council, however, to whom the Collector had separately communicated his reference, passed a resolution on April 21st 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for 'Kovadus' did not amount to an alienation within the meaning of G.O no 210 m/20.2.89. They were referred to the former order and told to submit a list of all alienations made since the G.O. of 1889 in G.O. no 634 mis/24.5.94. On July 21st they passed a second resolution to the same effect and sent it direct to Government. They were referred to the former orders and told to expedite the list of 'Kovadus' and to explain why they had not sent their letter through the Collector — G.O no 1333 Mis/25.9.94. On October 21st they sent a first instalment of the list which was returned for further particulars G.O. no 1808/23.11.94. The final list was sent on the 7th March 1895 and forms part of enclosure no 1238 m. These particulars are given to show how the matter comes before Government and how it has been delayed by the Council.

4. As regards the list itself — it is incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission has been given to erect 'Kovadus' but not yet acted upon, or cases in which 'Kovadus' have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches that accompany it, incomplete as they are, show that the clear tendency of the assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets. The Collector points out in his endorsement of 6.4.95 that in cases nos 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47, for instance, there is no encroachment on either side and that the new 'Kovadu' stands entirely clear into the street, and again that the Sankaiyer street which is 44½ feet wide in one place is reduced to 14½ feet in another. Moreover, as Mrs Thomson and Mr Forbes have pointed out in former endorsements this "improvement of the line of the street" — the Council profess to be acting under sec 164 of the Act — is a "game capable of indefinite extension" so long as the line of the street is irregular and the permits for "setting forward" buildings are given without restriction as to width, while the enterprising shopkeeper will never be satisfied with a simple "kovadu" but will wait his opportunity to roof it in and erect a trial and then come up for another extension. On these grounds it is submitted that the system of making temporary assignments of street lands for 'Kovadus' cannot be afforded. It would perhaps be too harsh a measure to insist on the removal of all the 'kovadus', some of which have been in existence for upwards of 5 years, but they ought certainly to be removed whenever they really interfere with the line of the street. It is submitted therefore that the Council may be called upon as regards this part of the case

(a) to send complete lists of assignments and corrected maps showing the encroachments street by street.

(b) to submit proposals for the removal of all such as ~~are not~~ project beyond the line of the adjacent houses.

5. It is submitted that this order might be made applicable also to assignments before 1889

DEPARTMENT.

No.

From

Dated 189 .

FOR ORDERS.

5. There remains the question of rent in cases where the 'Korambus' are held to be unobjectionable. Mr Thomson first asked the Council to deal with the question in his letter of the 4th April 1894. They dealt with it in their Resn of 2nd June (in C. no 1238m) deciding to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on land granted for 'Korambus' since 1859 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector then appears to have asked them in another letter of the 6th June to fix different rates for different streets according to their position etc and again on the 9th July to consider the case of assignments before 1859. This latter they have failed to do but they have submitted with their Resn of the 4th August (in C no 1217 m) proposals for levying rates of 4 and 8 annas in different streets for the sanction of Government. Mr Brodie who forwards the resolution gives it as his opinion that it is inadvisable to fix any general system of rents but that in any case those fixed are too low.

6 It is submitted that we may go further than this and say that it is inadvisable to levy rents at all. In the majority of cases the land is required either required for street purposes, in which case it must be vacated, or it is not, in which case it may, as a rule, be sold. It should only be in very exceptional cases, if at all, that renting should be adopted. It is submitted therefore with reference to this part of the case that the Council may be asked.

(a) which of it's assignments may be sold outright as being wholly unobjectionable and for what price they may be sold.

(b) whether, with reference to the remarks above, there are any special cases in which a lease is necessary.

This order may also be applied to all assignments and not only to those since 1859.

7. The Council seems to merit a severe order for the dilatory and unsatisfactory way in which it has dealt with the matter

Street encroachments Conjeeveram Municipality.

H.H

(for orders)

FOR ORDERS.

The so called plans are very badly drawn and it is next to impossible to make anything out of them. Several of them show however that encroachments which should certainly not be permitted have been made. I submit that it is now of the slightest use corresponding any longer with the Council. They will do nothing.

When I was Collector more than ten years ago I frequently pressed the attention of the then Chairman to the way in which encroachments were running the streets of Conjeeveram and to the best of my recollection I caused more than one of these to be removed. Since then it is evident that things have been going from bad to worse. Allusion is invited to the remark of the Sub Collr in Current No. 1238 marked with red tape. Knowing Conjeeveram as I do I spoke often with him.

I submit that the only way with of dealing with the case is to instruct the Collr to direct the Sub Collr to go to Conjeeveram, inspect each Korambu in person make out a list of all those which should be removed and instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that this is done.

The Council too should be censured for

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MM

Mr Hewett told that no Kowtow licence for a Kowtow in the Straits without the previous sanction of Govt. being obtained.

Conference in full of French & United Govt. Officials and their Lawyers on. The Council instead of preventing these making encroachments on the Straits are bound to plough with them in the matter and to help to expel the Council to do anything. They have delayed disgracefully in replying to references on the subject and if any more are made to them they will continue the same policy. The only thing to deal with them appears to be to take them short by the head and let them see that Govt. will allow no more "shilly shallying" about the matter and will not tolerate encroachments which are rapidly ruining what was once remarkably fine Street for the matter of rents. I think they ought to be heavy as a clear

against encroachments and that in no case should sale be limited. Every lease, when such a shoal, should contain a stipulation that the land so leased by the Municipality should be handed back to the Crown after a notice of say three months without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind.

Encroachments on shoals as at present leasing land and not checked by stringent means which must. Council will not of their own accord adopt will soon be the ruin of the Municipal towns and future generations of taxpayers will have to pay heavily for the lacks of Councils in the past

JH
18/5/95.

Street Encroachments -
Empowering Municipalities

Jagger. Let the Sub Colr. peruse notes - he might fix a minute - How would it be as per S.J. p.a. Do?

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The full case had better be set out in the GO.

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G.O., No. 1024 M., 26th June 1895.

JUNE.

Encroachments.

Stating that the manner in which the Conjeeveram Municipal Council has been dealing with the question of street — is highly discreditable, and requesting the Collector of Chingleput to direct the Sub-Collector to inspect the koradus in the town, make out a list of those which should be removed and see that they are removed, and to submit proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of koradus.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th August 1894, No. 370.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of resolution of the Municipal Council, dated 4th August 1894, and to state that the rate of rents proposed for occupying poramboke lands in front of houses, bazaars, etc., in the various streets of Conjeeveram without any kind of detriment to the convenience and comforts of the public, is of two classes, viz., 4 annas and 8 annas per 100 square feet per annum.

The rent of the kind is meant to be levied in cases in which the Council may allow the erection of koradu, sarmanai, etc., constructions.

No superstructure will be allowed with or without the sanction of Government.

I beg therefore that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for the rates and for levying the same in all the cases referred to above.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on first Saturday, the 4th August 1894, at 5-45 P.M.

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Collector's reference on No. 69-M. of 1894, dated 7th June 1894, asking the Council to fix different rates of rent for different streets together with lists submitted by the sub-committee suggesting a difference of rates.

The following rates suggested by the sub-committee are approved:—

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.	Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	First Division.	RS. A. P.		*First Division*—cont.	RS. A. P.
1	Sannadhi street	0 8 0	22	Punnia Koteeswaren Mada street	0 4 0
2	Kurukkoo do.	0 8 0	23	Amuthupadi street	0 8 0
3	Varahavasal do.	0 8 0	24	Malaiyala do.	0 8 0
4	Vadavanda Mada street	0 8 0	25	Sunnambukara street	0 4 0
5	Thirucholai street	0 8 0	26	Chetty do.	0 8 0
6	Kathiree do.	0 4 0	27	Namundacara do.	0 8 0
7	Pattla do.	0 8 0	28	Thirucachinumbi street	0 8 0
8	Naina Pillai do.	0 4 0	29	Seshathiripalyam Mattu street	0 4 0
9	Sethuraya Pillai street	0 4 0	30	Do. street	0 4 0
10	Keelanda Mada do.	0 8 0	31	Do. Palani Chetty street.	0 4 0
11	Mudaliar street	0 4 0	32	Moonam Thirumala Mandapam street.	0 8 0
12	Yeda do.	0 4 0	33	Succulapalayam street	0 4 0
13	Thennanda Mada street	0 8 0	34	Do. Govintha Chetty street	0 4 0
14	Kammala street	0 4 0	35	Mettupalaya Kammala street	0 4 0
15	Usthagiree do.	0 4 0	36	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
16	Kusa do.	0 4 0	37	Mettupalayam do.	0 4 0
17	Ammangar do.	0 4 0	38	Aiyangarpalayam street	0 4 0
18	Vagavathee do.	0 4 0	39	Mahaliamman Kovil street	0 8 0
19	Anaikuttee do.	0 8 0			
20	Palla street	0 4 0			
21	Punnia Koteeswaran Kovil street	0 4 0			

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.	Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	Second Division.	RS. A. P.		*Third Division*—cont.	RS. A. P.
1	Nellucara street	0 8 0	25	Krishna Rayar street	0 8 0
2	Kusa do.	0 8 0	26	Thirumettalli do.	0 8 0
3	Sekkupettai Kavara street	0 4 0	27	Thirumulraya do.	0 4 0
4	Do. street	0 8 0	28	Nadu street	0 4 0
5	Do. Salia street	0 4 0	29	Mathanumpalayam street	0 8 0
6	Yannaikara street	0 4 0	30	Akkanambalayam do.	0 8 0
7	Rajampettai Salia street	0 4 0	31	Lingappaiyarpalayam street	0 8 0
8	Hudsonspettai street	0 8 0	32	Virana Kaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0
9	Rajampettai do.	0 8 0	33	Do. Othaivadai street	0 4 0
10	Hudsonspettai Chetti street	0 8 0	34	Thennukambam street	0 8 0
11	Palleekcodathan Mudali street	0 4 0	35	Soleeswaran Kovil do.	0 4 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0	36	Kuchiappan street	0 4 0
13	Vilakkadi Kovil street	0 4 0	37	Sala Bohum do.	0 4 0
14	Vallicca Pattarai do.	0 4 0	38	Kailasa Nathan Kovil Mattu street	0 4 0
15	Bungarooyasappa Naiken street	0 4 0			
16	Vilakkadi Kovil Thoppu do.	0 4 0		*Fourth Division.*	
17	Singaperumal Mada street	0 4 0	1	Rajah street	0 8 0
18	Do. Sannadhi street	0 4 0	2	Sengalanir Odai street	0 8 0
19	Narayanapalayam street	0 8 0	3	Keelanda Rajah do.	0 8 0
20	Bavapettai street	0 8 0	4	Nellucara street	0 8 0
21	Thumbavanam street	0 8 0	5	M. K. Darmaraya Mudali street	0 4 0
22	Kottrambalayam street	0 4 0	6	Kollasuthiram street	0 8 0
23	Do. Vania street	0 8 0	7	Kamatchiamman Mada street	0 4 0
24	Astabujam Sannadhi street	0 4 0	8	Subbaroya Mudali street	0 4 0
25	Do. Mada street	0 4 0	9	Ulahalandhaperumal Sannadhi street	0 4 0
26	Mullapalayam street	0 4 0	10	Ulahalandha street	0 4 0
27	Nahaluthu street	0 4 0	11	Sappani Pillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0
28	Thasichettipalayam street	0 4 0	12	Vaikuntaperumal Sannadhi street	0 8 0
29	Santhareeswararswamiyar street	0 4 0	13	Urappanancharry street	0 8 0
30	Kannappan street	0 8 0	14	Kamatchiammen Sunnadhi street	0 8 0
31	Astabujam Kumara Chetti street	0 8 0	15	Chettikulam Silar Sahib do.	0 4 0
32	Virana Chetti street	0 8 0	16	Do. Pallu street	0 4 0
33	Tirukkachinambi street	0 8 0	17	Kuppunayakkan street	0 4 0
34	Yathothkariswamiyar Mada street	0 4 0	18	Punjukutti street	0 4 0
35	Do. Sunnadhi street.	0 4 0	19	Damalwar do.	0 4 0
36	Haidarpettai street	0 4 0	20	Kalandur do.	0 4 0
37	Vuppukula do.	0 4 0	21	Koverikuppam street	0 4 0
38	Market street	0 4 0	22	Rayankuttai do.	0 4 0
39	Reddipettai street	0 4 0	23	Kammala do.	0 8 0
40	Baharampettai street	0 4 0	24	Kammala Kullappa Chari street	0 4 0
	Third Division.		25	Sembada Sinnapiiyan street	0 4 0
1	Puthari street	0 8 0	26	Chetti street	0 4 0
2	Okkapurunthan Kila street	0 4 0	27	Perumal Naiken street	0 4 0
3	Do. Pudu do.	0 4 0	28	Theradi street	0 8 0
4	Mandukanneswarar Kovil street	0 4 0	29	Vathia Kurukkul street	0 8 0
5	Badrakaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0	30	Yekambaraswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0
6	Narasingarayar street	0 4 0	31	Yekambarapuram street	0 4 0
7	Vania street	0 8 0	32	Punjupettai Peria do.	0 4 0
8	Kachapeswaraswamiyar Kovil Mada street	0 8 0	33	Do. Sinna do.	0 4 0
9	Nellucara street	0 8 0	34	Vol. Muhammadpettah Lubbai street.	0 8 0
10	Kusa do.	0 8 0	35	Do. Varadhappa Mudali street	0 4 0
11	Rajampettai street	0 8 0	36	Lingappaiyar street	0 8 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0	37	Salai street	0 8 0
13	Vanathiswarar Kovil street	0 4 0	38	Bava Sahib street	0 4 0
14	Karealan street	0 8 0	39	Sathangutti street	0 4 0
15	Karikkivilvaluruthal Kovil street	0 8 0	40	Vallakulam do.	0 4 0
16	Kajana Ramanjeear street	0 4 0	41	Pandavaperumal Mada street	0 4 0
17	Mata street	0 8 0	42	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
18	Ananthogipundithur street	0 4 0	43	Pandavaperumal Sannadi street	0 8 0
19	Solai Ramaswami Aiyar street	0 8 0	44	Vuppari street	0 4 0
20	Mandapa street	0 4 0	45	Puthari do.	0 8 0
21	Othaivadai Sengalvarayan Naiken street	0 4 0	46	Yekambaraswarar Sannadhi street	0 8 0
22	Balayya Maduvu street	0 4 0	47	Yirattaipillaiyar Kovil street	0 4 0
23	Puthupalaya street	0 8 0	48	Karppaha Pilliar street	0 4 0
24	Yakamuhan do.	0 8 0	49	Nabunthakara street	0 4 0
			50	Do. Vothavadai street	0 4 0
			51	Kanakku Subbaraya Pillai do.	0 4 0

No. 877.

Returned to the Chairman for submission through the Collector.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th September 1894.

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

Forwarded to the Collector.

N. S. BRODIE,
Sub-Collector.

6*th October* 1894.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

Returned to the Chairman with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, passed on his letter No. 360 of the 23rd September.

What the Government distinctly asks for and requires is a specific list of the assumed alienations in question so that its orders may be taken on each individual case. The list should show the extent of the encroachment and the number and date of the council's resolution purporting to authorize it. A plan of the encroachments would greatly facilitate Government in passing orders on the various cases.

G. S. FORBES,
Collector.

SAIDAPET,
30*th October* 1894.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Conjeeveram 30th March 1895, No. 66-Index of 1895.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 19th March 1895, No. 58-Index of 1895.

In re-submitting my letter No. 370, dated 30th August 1894, with its enclosures which were submitted to you direct by mistake, and a copy of resolution of the council, dated 16th March 1895, I have the honour to state that the rate of rents, viz., As. 4 and As. 8 per 100 square feet per annum has been fixed according to the importance of each street shown in the list. These rates will not only apply to all the poramboke lands occupied by the townpeople on account of koradu, &c., with or without superstructure since 20th February 1889, but also to all those that may hereafter be granted with the sanction of Government.

2. I beg, therefore, that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for these rates and for levying the same in each and every case already submitted to Government with necessary sketches.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on 3rd Saturday the 16th March 1895, at 5-45 P.M., No. 46, of 1894-95.

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Read Collector's reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, requesting to reconsider the resolution of the council, dated 2nd June 1894, on the subject of levying rents on the occupations of street poramboke since 20th February 1889.

Read Resolution No. 1, dated 4th August 1894, on the subject.

Resolved by a majority that the rates of fees passed by the council in their resolution, dated 4th August 1894, be applicable to constructions with or without superstructure that have come into existence since 20th February 1889, as well as to such buildings that may hereafter be permitted with the sanction of Government under G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. Mr. Ramanadasarma dissents.

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Forwarded to the Collector.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

SATHIAVEDU,
25*th March* 1895.

Forwarded.

2. The list of koradus referred to in paragraph 2 has been already submitted to Government for orders. I have already recommended that the encroachments therein referred to should not be sanctioned, but if they are, the rates herein proposed are certainly much too low. The rates should be more or less prohibitory so as to discourage applications as much as possible and the lowest rate should not be less than one rupee per 100 square feet. For future encroachments the rate proposed should, I think, be specified when each case is submitted for the orders of Government, and no general system of rates should be sanctioned as herein proposed.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

SAIDAPET,
4*th April* 1895.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 7th March 1895, No. 43-Index.

With reference to G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894, calling for a complete list of encroachments made since 20th February 1889, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a list of permissions granted for the erection of koradus in street poramboke lands as directed therein. It contains measurement of each koradu and the present breadth of the street with 53 sketches showing the encroached portion of the street in each case.

2. The resolution of the council fixing rent for street poramboke land in each street is laid before it for its reconsideration as advised by the Collector on the ground that the rent now fixed does not show specifically whether it is for the lands already encroached upon or those that may hereafter under the sanction of Government be obtained by the people, and I shall obtain the decision of the council on the subject and submit shortly.

Forwarded.

2. The sketches submitted with this letter do not show in all cases whether the lands so lavishly assigned by the council are projections into the line of the street or not. All the permits granted seem to have been for the construction of koradus or raised platforms of mud or stones in front of the pials of the houses. I cannot recommend that any of the assignments should be confirmed in the interests of the town generally. The Sanitary Commissioner has frequently remarked in his inspection notes that the wide and airy streets for which Conjeeveram was formerly celebrated are rapidly becoming things of the past, and the causes thereof can be easily learnt from this statement now forwarded. Koradus so long as they are of uniform height and not covered over in any way are not, I think, objectionable and may serve the purpose fulfilled by side pavements in European countries. The evil of promiscuous assignments such as those now reported is that no definite rule is laid down for their breadth or height and no precautions taken to see that they are not covered over. In a short time the enterprising owners convert them into bazaars and apply for more lands with a view to convert them into proper shops or extensions of their own houses.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

PERIAPALAYAM,
13*th March* 1895.

Ref. on No. 49-Muni.

Forwarded.

2. The list submitted by the Chairman apparently includes only those cases in which permissions granted for constructing koradus and other encroachments have been acted on. From his letter No. 567, dated 31st December 1894, to this office (copy enclosed), it would seem also that cases where only mud koradus have been raised have been omitted from this list. What the Government required from the council in its order No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, was "a complete list of the cases in which they have allowed the erection of 'koradus' or other encroachments since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889". The present list does not comply with these requirements.

3. With regard to cases where permissions granted by the council after 20th February 1889 had not been acted on, Mr. Thomson called upon the Chairman in his letter, No. 69, Municipal, dated 7th June 1894, to move the council to issue a notice to the persons concerned that the council had no power to grant such permissions, that they were granted by mistake and that they should apply for the sanction of Government through the council and the Collector. In reply, the Chairman stated in his letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, that he would place the matter before the council at the earliest opportunity and communicate the result at once. No further report has been received from the Chairman on the subject.

4. In cases where permits have been acted on, the sketches received would show that, while in some cases the koradus had been built in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others (Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47 in the list) in which there is no encroachment on either side, and there are many others in which the sketches furnished do not clearly supply information. But the general result of allowing these koradus has been to destroy the uniformity of the streets. Thus the Shaikhpet street, which is the narrowest of those shown in the list, measures only 17½ feet wide opposite house No. 14, while opposite houses Nos. 137 and 138 it measures 36 feet wide and opposite house No. 119, 44½ feet. The sketches show side channels only in some cases and not in others.

5. A copy of this office letter, Reference on No. 85, Municipal, dated 9th July 1894, which seems to be referred to in paragraph 2 of the Chairman's letter, is enclosed with copy of the municipal council's resolution therein referred to.

6. As regards occupations of street poramboke permitted prior to 20th February 1889, the council were asked in this office letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, to consider the question of levying rent for such occupations, and it was suggested that, as time was of great importance in such cases, the council should proceed to consider the subject forthwith. The council were again reminded about this in the letter of the 9th July 1894 above quoted, but no action has apparently been taken in the matter till now. The attitude of the municipal council on these important questions is illustrative of the manner in which the interests of the public are sacrificed by it. As Sub-Collector I have already expressed my opinion that the encroachments now reported should not be allowed, or only in a very modified form.

7. The explanation called for by Government in paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, has not even yet been submitted notwithstanding the reminder in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894.

Saidapet,
6*th April* 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

Enclosures.

Extract from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on Saturday the 2nd June 1894, No. 6.

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Read letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput district, recommending to proceed to consider forthwith the subject of levying rents for the occupation of street poramboke as proposed by the council together with the G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, on the subject.

Read also proceedings of the Madras G.O., Mis. No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, on the subject.

Resolved that a yearly rent of As. 4 for every 100 square feet and under be levied in respect of any land at the disposal of the municipality upon which permission to erect koradu, platform, etc., without superstructure may be granted and a clause be invariably inserted in the pass and in the rent deed requiring the occupier to vacate the land when required by the municipal council.

The same rates will be levied on encroachments made since 1889.

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Copy of letter, reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

With reference to the Municipal Council's resolution, dated 2nd June 1894, forwarded with your letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, I have the honour to observe that it appears to be intended to apply only to the buildings which may, in future, be sanctioned. The sanction of Government for the rent proposed to be levied has to be obtained in each case. I note also rent has been fixed by the council for building only koradu, etc., without superstructure, and not for koradu with superstructure. Under my letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, the council should consider the levy of rents on the occupations of street poramboke prior to February 1889. Nothing has been said about this. Please therefore have the matter reconsidered and the resolution modified.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Collector of Chingleput, dated 31st December 1894, No. 567.

With reference to your letter No. 2061-Ver., dated 9th July 1894, I have the honour to inform you that a list of all the passes granted since 20th February 1889 was prepared in the office from the duplicate copies of the passes and sent to the nuisance inspectors directing them to fill up the 4th column of the list with the dimension of koradus, etc., as they exist at present. On receipt of the lists from them, a consolidated one was prepared in the office and submitted.

2. In reference to the arzi No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Conjeeveram, the following discrepancies are pointed out in the letter under reply:—

(1) Omission of koradus in items Nos. 1, 6 and 8 of the list.

(2) What construction was allowed in case No. 12.

(3) Occupation of more land than that allowed in case No. 10.

With reference to No. (1), I have the honour to state that only mud platforms exist opposite to the houses. Such platforms of mud can be seen opposite to that of all the houses in the town that have not had masonry constructions. When houses are built on a higher level than that of the street and when there is space enough between the row of houses and the side ditch, the houses have invariably had such platforms. Only houses in narrow lanes that cannot afford to have such platforms have not got them. These mud platforms are being worn out every year by the monsoons and are generally repaired at the time of pongal feasts. These parts are generally kept clean by the house owners who consider it very ceremonious in besprinkling cowdung water and decorating with powder diagrams every morning. These perennial mud platforms have been omitted in the list. If we are required to submit list of such platforms, I shall do so, but the list may be an enormous one.

In regard to No. (2), no pass was granted for anything except the construction of a verandah in the backyard and the re-erection of a verandah in front of the house facing the street. The pass does not authorize the building of koradu with old masonry borders, which has been in existence for a long time, and hence it was omitted in the list.

As to No. (3), I beg to state that the pass which was granted simply permits the erection of koradu, verandah and a bridge over the side ditch without specifying any dimensions. It was granted in 1889 by the then Chairman on the recommendation of a ward councillor and approved by the council at its meeting, dated 11th April 1889. As to the incorrect measurements pointed out, I have severely reprimanded the nuisance inspectors concerned.

3. With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I beg to state that a list of all assumed street poramboke lands since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, with the exception of those passes granted in 1890 (which were filed in the civil court, Chingleput, in an encroachment case), is being prepared together with plans as advised and will be submitted with the views of the council in regard to rent, etc., at an early date.

(1) Collector's letter No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894.
(2) G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 23rd September 1894.
(3) Collector's endorsement No. 133 M., dated 17th November 1894.

4. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that a list of street poramboke occupations for 22 cases was submitted to Government with this office letter No. 461, dated 26th October 1889, and a plan for the same is also under preparation and will be submitted soon. The revised list and letter No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Conjeeveram Stationary Sub-Magistrate are herewith submitted.

Order—Mis. No. 1024 M., dated 26th June 1895.

The papers read above relate to the question of street encroachments in the municipality of Conjeeveram.

2. On the 11th February 1889, the municipal council passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of houses) should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet, and in accordance therewith continued to grant licenses to build "koradus" without reference to Government notwithstanding the fact that in G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, the transfer of immovable property by municipalities without its sanction was forbidden, until April 1894, when the Collector of Chingleput brought the matter to notice. In its order No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, Government endorsed the latter officer's opinion that the resolution in question could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property, the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned by Government with reference to the Government order quoted above. The council, however, to which the Collector had in the meantime communicated his reference to Government, passed a resolution on the 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation of immovable property within the meaning of the Government order of February 1889, and submitted it to Government; but in G.O., No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, passed thereon, the Government referred the council to its previous order and directed the submission of a list of all alienations made since the order of 1889. On the 21st July 1894, the council passed a second resolution to the same effect as the first and sent it up direct to Government; but the Government in its order No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894, drew the council's attention again to the previous orders on the subject and directed it to expedite the list of "koradus" already called for. On the 21st October a first instalment of the list was received, which was returned to the council for further particulars (G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894).

3. The final list was submitted only on the 7th March 1895, and it is altogether incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission to erect "koradus" has been granted, but not yet acted upon, or those in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches submitted with it, imperfect as they are, show that the clear tendency of these assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets and that many encroachments which should not be permitted have been allowed. The Collector also points out that while in some cases the "koradus" are in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others in which there is no encroachment on either side, and that the Shaikhpet street, which is 44½ feet wide in one place, has been reduced to 17½ feet in another. The dilatory and unsatisfactory manner in which the council has been dealing with this subject throughout is highly discreditable, and the Government has now decided that the time has come to employ other means to secure obedience to its orders. The Collector will therefore be requested to direct the Sub-Collector to proceed to Conjeeveram at an early date, inspect each "koradu" which has been built upon the public

street in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that it is done without delay. The municipal council should moreover distinctly understand that all licenses which have not as yet been acted upon must at once be withdrawn and that no license for a "koradu" should, in future, be given without the previous sanction of Government.

4. The council also submits proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of "koradus" in cases where they are held to be unobjectionable. This question was first commended to its consideration by the Collector in April 1894, and in its resolution, dated 2nd June, the council decided to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on lands granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector thereupon appears to have asked the council in his letter, dated 6th June 1894, to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again in a subsequent communication, to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter the council has failed to do, but requests sanction for levying fees in different streets at the rates of 4 and 8 annas respectively. These are much too low and cannot be approved. The Sub-Collector should be directed to propose a system of rates which should be fixed sufficiently high to serve as a check against encroachments and should in no case be less than 6 pies per square foot per annum. Every lease, where such is allowed, must contain a stipulation that the land, if required by the municipality, should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months, without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind and for the grant of every such lease the previous sanction of Government should be obtained.

5. The Collector will be requested to report, by the 30th September next, what action has been taken upon this order.

(True Extract,)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.
" Collector of Chingleput.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., MIS. No. 1024 M., DATED 26th JUNE 1895.

[Subject.—*Street encroachments, Conjeeveram Municipality.*]

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, dated 19th March and 6th April 1895, Nos. 1217 M. and 1238 M.

The papers read above contain the final replies of the municipal council, Conjeeveram, in regard to the question of street encroachments within the municipal limits.

2. They deal with two different issues, but as these have both arisen in the course of the same correspondence and as the files are much involved in consequence it has been thought best to deal with them both in the same note. The points for decision are—

I. Whether the Government will approve the large number of temporary assignments of street land made by the municipal council for the purpose of "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of the houses) since 1889, a list of which is now submitted.

II. In case it does, whether it will insist on a rent being charged, and if so, how much.

3. As to the first of these points—previous to the issue of G.O., No. 210, dated 20th February 1889, which forbids the transfer of immovable property by municipalities without the sanction of Government, the Conjeeveram municipality had passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet. In April 1894 the Collector brought this resolution to notice and the Government agreed with him in thinking that it "could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned with reference to G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889—*vide* G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894. The council, however, to whom the Collector had separately communicated his reference, passed a resolution on 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation within the meaning of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. They were referred to the former order and told to submit a list of all alienations made since the Government order of 1889 in G.O., Mis. No. 654, dated 24th May 1894. On 21st July they passed a second resolution to the same effect and sent it direct to Government. They were referred to the former orders and told to expedite the list of "koradus" and to explain why they had not sent their letter through the Collector—G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894. On 21st October they sent a first instalment of the list which was returned for further particulars—G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894. The final list was sent on the 7th March 1895 and forms part of current No. 1238 M. These particulars are given to show how the matter comes before Government and how it has been delayed by the council.

4. As regards the list itself—it is incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission has been given to erect "koradus" but not yet acted upon, or cases in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches that accompany it, incomplete as they are, show

that the clear tendency of the assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets. The Collector points out in his endorsement of 6th April 1895 that in cases Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47, for instance, there is no encroachment on either side and that the new "koradu" stands out alone into the street, and again that the Shaikhpet street which is 44½ feet wide in one place is reduced to 17½ feet in another. Moreover, as Mr. Thomson and Mr. Forbes had pointed out in former endorsements, this "improvement of the line of the street"—the council profess to be acting under section 164 of the Act—is a "game capable of indefinite extension" so long as the line of the street is irregular and the permits for "setting forward" buildings are given without restriction as to width, while the enterprising shopkeeper will never be satisfied with a simple "koradu" but will wait his opportunity to roof it in and erect a pial and then come up for another extension. On these grounds it is submitted that the system of making temporary assignments of street lands for "koradus" cannot be approved. It would perhaps be too harsh a measure to insist on the removal of all the "koradus", some of which have been in existence for upwards of five years, but they ought certainly to be removed wherever they really interfere with the line of the street. It is submitted, therefore, that the council may be called upon as regards this part of the case—

(*a*) to send complete lists of assignments and corrected maps showing the encroachments street by street;

(*b*) to submit proposals for the removal of all such as project beyond the line of the adjacent houses.

It is submitted that this order might be made applicable also to assignments before 1889.

5. There remains the question of rent in cases where the "koradus" are held to be unobjectionable. Mr. Thomson just asked the council to deal with the question in his letter of the 4th April 1894. They dealt with it in their resolution, dated 2nd June (in C. No. 1238 M.), deciding to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on land granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector then appears to have asked them in another letter of the 6th June to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again on the 9th July to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter they have failed to do, but they have submitted with their resolution of the 4th August (in C. No. 1217 M.) proposals for levying rates of 4 and 8 annas in different streets for the sanction of Government. Mr. Brodie who forwards the resolution gives it as his opinion that it is inadvisable to fix any general system of rents, but that in any case those fixed are too low.

6. It is submitted that we may go further than this and say that it is inadvisable to levy rents at all. In the majority of cases the land is either required for street purposes, in which case it must be vacated, or it is not, in which case it may, as a rule, be sold. It should only be in very exceptional cases, if at all, that renting should be adopted. It is submitted therefore with reference to this part of the case that the council may be asked—

(*a*) which of its assignments may be sold outright as being wholly unobjectionable and for what price they may be sold;

(*b*) whether, with reference to the remarks above, there are any special cases in which a lease is necessary.

This order may also be applied to all assignments and not only to those since 1889.

7. The council seems to merit a severe order for the dilatory and unsatisfactory way in which it has dealt with the matter.

C. G. Todhunter.
8–5–95.

The so-called plans are very badly drawn and it is next to impossible to make anything out of them. Several of them show, however, that encroachments which should certainly not be permitted have been made. I submit that it is not of the slightest use corresponding any longer with the council. They will do nothing.

When I was Collector more than ten years ago, I frequently personally drew the attention of the then Chairman to the way in which encroachments were ruining the streets of Conjeeveram and to the best of my recollection I caused more than one of these to be removed. Since then it is evident that things have been going from bad to worse. Attention is invited to the remark of the acting Sub-Collector in C. No. 1238 marked with red tape. Knowing Conjeeveram as I do, I quite agree with him.

H. W. B[liss.].
31–5–95.

I submit that the only way of dealing with this case is to instruct the Collector to direct the Sub-Collector to go to Conjeeveram, inspect each koradu in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that this is done.

The council too should, I consider, be distinctly told that no license for a koradu is to be given without the *previous* sanction of Government being obtained.

Conjeeveram is full of priests and retired Government officials and their hangers on. The council, instead of preventing these making encroachments on the streets, are hand in glove with them in this matter and it is hopeless to expect the council to do anything. They have delayed disgracefully in replying to references on the subject and if any more are made to them they will continue the same policy. The only way to deal with them appears to be to take them short by the head and let them see that Government will allow no more "shilly shallying" about the matter and will not tolerate encroachments which are rapidly ruining what were once remarkably fine streets. As for the matter of rents, I think that they ought to be heavy as a check against encroachments and that in no case should sale be permitted. Every lease, where such is allowed, should contain a stipulation that the land if required by the municipality should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind.

I agree. Let the Sub-Collector propose rates. We might fix a minimum. How would 6 pies per square foot per annum do?
H. W. B[liss].

The full case had better be set out in the Government order.

Encroachments on streets is a rapidly growing evil and if not checked by stringent measures which municipal councils will not of their own accord adopt, will soon be the ruin of the streets of most municipal towns and future generations of tax-payers will in order to put matters straight have to pay heavily for the laches of the councils in the past.

J. F. Price
18–5–95.

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Regd. *Spare copies*

G.O., No. 1024 M., 26th June 1895.

N. P.

JUNE.

Encroachments.

Stating that the manner in which the Conjeeveram Municipal Council has been dealing with the question of street — is highly discreditable, and requesting the Collector of Chingleput to direct the Sub-Collector to inspect the koradus in the town, make out a list of those which should be removed and see that they are removed, and to submit proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of koradus.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th August 1894, No. 370.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of resolution of the Municipal Council, dated 4th August 1894, and to state that the rate of rents proposed for occupying poramboke lands in front of houses, bazaars, etc., in the various streets of Conjeeveram without any kind of detriment to the convenience and comforts of the public, is of two classes, viz., 4 annas and 8 annas per 100 square feet per annum.

The rent of the kind is meant to be levied in cases in which the Council may allow the erection of koradu, sarmanai, etc., constructions.

No superstructure will be allowed with or without the sanction of Government.

I beg therefore that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for the rates and for levying the same in all the cases referred to above.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on first Saturday, the 4th August 1894, at 5-45 P.M.

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Collector's reference on No. 69-M. of 1894, dated 7th June 1894, asking the Council to fix different rates of rent for different streets together with lists submitted by the sub-committee suggesting a difference of rates.

The following rates suggested by the sub-committee are approved:—

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum. RS. A. P.
	First Division.	
1	Sannadhi street	0 8 0
2	Kurukkoo do.	0 8 0
3	Varahavasal do.	0 8 0
4	Vadavanda Mada street	0 8 0
5	Thirucholai street	0 8 0
6	Kathiree do.	0 4 0
7	Pattla do.	0 8 0
8	Naina Pillai do.	0 4 0
9	Sethuraya Pillai street	0 4 0
10	Keelanda Mada do.	0 8 0
11	Mudaliar street	0 4 0
12	Yeda do.	0 4 0
13	Thennanda Mada street	0 8 0
14	Kammala street	0 4 0
15	Usthagiree do.	0 4 0
16	Kusa do.	0 4 0
17	Ammangar do.	0 4 0
18	Vagavathee do.	0 4 0
19	Anaikuttee do.	0 8 0
20	Palla street	0 4 0
21	Punnia Koteeswaran Kovil street	0 4 0
22	Punnia Koteeswaren Mada street	0 4 0
23	Amuthupadi street	0 8 0
24	Malaiyala do.	0 8 0
25	Sunnambukara street	0 8 0
26	Chetty do.	0 4 0
27	Namundacara do.	0 8 0
28	Thirucachinumbi street	0 8 0
29	Seshathiripalyam Mattu street	0 8 0
30	Do. street	0 4 0
31	Do. Palani Chetty street.	0 4 0
32	Moonam Thirumala Mandapam street.	0 4 0
33	Succulapalayam street	0 8 0
34	Do. Govintha Chetty street	0 4 0
35	Mettupalaya Kammala street	0 4 0
36	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
37	Mettupalayam do.	0 4 0
38	Aiyangarpalayam street	0 4 0
39	Mahaliamman Kovil street	0 8 0

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum. RS. A. P.
	Second Division.	
1	Nellucara street	0 8 0
2	Kusa do.	0 8 0
3	Sekkupettai Kavara street	0 4 0
4	Do. street	0 8 0
5	Do. Salia street	0 4 0
6	Yannaikara street	0 4 0
7	Rajampettai Salia street	0 4 0
8	Hudsonspettai street	0 8 0
9	Rajampettai do.	0 8 0
10	Hudsonspettai Chetti street	0 8 0
11	Palleekcodathan Mudali street	0 4 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0
13	Vilakkadi Kovil street	0 4 0
14	Vallicca Pattarai do.	0 4 0
15	Bungarooyasappa Naiken street	0 4 0
16	Vilakkadi Kovil Thoppu do.	0 4 0
17	Singaperumal Mada street	0 4 0
18	Do. Sannadhi street	0 4 0
19	Narayanapalayam street	0 4 0
20	Bavapettai street	0 8 0
21	Thumbavanam street	0 8 0
22	Kottrambalayam street	0 8 0
23	Do. Vania street	0 4 0
24	Astabujam Sannadhi street	0 8 0
25	Do. Mada street	0 4 0
26	Mullapalayam street	0 4 0
27	Nahaluthu street	0 4 0
28	Thasichettipalayam street	0 4 0
29	Santhareeswararswamiyar street	0 4 0
30	Kannappan street	0 4 0
31	Astabujam Kumara Chetti street	0 8 0
32	Virana Chetti street	0 8 0
33	Tirukkachinambi street	0 8 0
34	Yathothkariswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0
35	Do. Sunnadhi street.	0 8 0
36	Haidarpettai street	0 4 0
37	Vuppukula do.	0 4 0
38	Market street	0 4 0
39	Reddipettai street	0 4 0
40	Babarampettai street	0 4 0
	Third Division.	
1	Puthari street	0 8 0
2	Okkapurunthan Kila street	0 4 0
3	Do. Pudu do.	0 4 0
4	Mandukanneswarar Kovil street	0 4 0
5	Badrakaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0
6	Narasingarayar street	0 4 0
7	Vania street	0 8 0
8	Kachapeswaraswamiyar Kovil Mada street	0 8 0
9	Nellucara street	0 8 0
10	Kusa do.	0 8 0
11	Rajampettai street	0 8 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0
13	Vanathiswarar Kovil street	0 4 0
14	Karealan street	0 8 0
15	Karikkivilvaluruthal Kovil street	0 8 0
16	Kajana Ramanjeear street	0 4 0
17	Mata street	0 8 0
18	Ananthogipundithur street	0 4 0
19	Solai Ramaswami Aiyar street	0 4 0
20	Mandapa street	0 8 0
21	Othaivadai Sengalvarayan Naiken street	0 4 0
22	Balayya Maduvu street	0 4 0
23	Puthupalaya street	0 8 0
24	Yakamuhan do.	0 8 0
25	Krishna Rayar street	0 8 0
26	Thirumettalli do.	0 8 0
27	Thirumulraya do.	0 4 0
28	Nadu street	0 4 0
29	Mathanumpalayam street	0 8 0
30	Akkanambalayam do.	0 8 0
31	Lingappaiyarpalayam street	0 8 0
32	Virana Kaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0
33	Do. Othaivadai street	0 4 0
34	Thennukambam street	0 8 0
35	Soleeswaran Kovil do.	0 4 0
36	Kuchiappan street	0 4 0
37	Sala Bohum do.	0 4 0
38	Kailasa Nathan Kovil Mattu street	0 4 0
	Fourth Division.	
1	Rajah street	0 8 0
2	Sengalanir Odai street	0 8 0
3	Keelanda Rajah do.	0 8 0
4	Nellucara street	0 8 0
5	M. K. Darmaraya Mudali street	0 4 0
6	Kollasuthiram street	0 8 0
7	Kamatchiamman Mada street	0 4 0
8	Subbaroya Mudali street	0 4 0
9	Ulahalandhaperumal Sannadhi street	0 4 0
10	Ulahalandha street	0 4 0
11	Sappani Pillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0
12	Vaikuntaperumal Sannadhi street	0 8 0
13	Urappanancharry street	0 8 0
14	Kamatchiammen Sunnadhi street	0 8 0
15	Chettikulam Silar Sahib do.	0 4 0
16	Do. Pallu street	0 4 0
17	Kuppunayakkan street	0 4 0
18	Punjukutti street	0 4 0
19	Damalwar do.	0 4 0
20	Kalandur do.	0 4 0
21	Koverikuppam street	0 4 0
22	Rayankuttai do.	0 4 0
23	Kammala do.	0 8 0
24	Kammala Kullappa Chari street	0 4 0
25	Sembada Sinnapaiyan street	0 4 0
26	Chetti street	0 4 0
27	Perumal Naiken street	0 4 0
28	Theradi street	0 8 0
29	Vathia Kurukkul street	0 8 0
30	Yekambaraswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0
31	Yekambarapuram street	0 4 0
32	Punjupettai Peria do.	0 4 0
33	Do. Sinna do.	0 4 0
34	Vol. Muhammadpettah Lubbai street.	0 8 0
35	Do. Varadhappa Mudali street	0 4 0
36	Lingappaiyar street	0 8 0
37	Salai street	0 8 0
38	Bava Sahib street	0 4 0
39	Sathangutti street	0 4 0
40	Vallakulam do.	0 4 0
41	Pandavaperumal Mada street	0 4 0
42	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
43	Pandavaperumal Sannadi street	0 8 0
44	Vuppari street	0 4 0
45	Puthari do.	0 8 0
46	Yekambaraswarar Sannadhi street	0 8 0
47	Yirattaipillaiyar Kovil street	0 4 0
48	Karppaha Pilliar street	0 4 0
49	Nabunthakara street	0 4 0
50	Do. Vothavadai street	0 4 0
51	Kanakku Subbaraya Pillai do.	0 4 0

No. 877.

Returned to the Chairman for submission through the Collector.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th September 1894.

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

Forwarded to the Collector.

6*th October* 1894. N. S. BRODIE,
Sub-Collector.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

Returned to the Chairman with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, passed on his letter No. 360 of the 23rd September.

What the Government distinctly asks for and requires is a specific list of the assumed alienations in question so that its orders may be taken on each individual case. The list should show the extent of the encroachment and the number and date of the council's resolution purporting to authorize it. A plan of the encroachments would greatly facilitate Government in passing orders on the various cases.

SAIDAPET,
30*th October* 1894. G. S. FORBES,
Collector.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Conjeeveram 30th March 1895, No. 66-Index of 1895.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 19th March 1895, No. 58-Index of 1895.

In re-submitting my letter No. 370, dated 30th August 1894, with its enclosures which were submitted to you direct by mistake, and a copy of resolution of the council, dated 16th March 1895, I have the honour to state that the rate of rents, viz., As. 4 and As. 8 per 100 square feet per annum has been fixed according to the importance of each street shown in the list. These rates will not only apply to all the poramboke lands occupied by the townpeople on account of koradu, &c., with or without superstructure since 20th February 1889, but also to all those that may hereafter be granted with the sanction of Government.

2. I beg, therefore, that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for these rates and for levying the same in each and every case already submitted to Government with necessary sketches.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on 3rd Saturday the 16th March 1895, at 5-45 P.M., No. 46, of 1894-95.

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Read Collector's reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, requesting to reconsider the resolution of the council, dated 2nd June 1894, on the subject of levying rents on the occupations of street poramboke since 20th February 1889.

Read Resolution No. 1, dated 4th August 1894, on the subject.

Resolved by a majority that the rates of fees passed by the council in their resolution, dated 4th August 1894, be applicable to constructions with or without superstructure that have come into existence since 20th February 1889, as well as to such buildings that may hereafter be permitted with the sanction of Government under G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. Mr. Ramanadasarma dissents.

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Forwarded to the Collector.

SATHIAVEDU,
25*th March* 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Forwarded.

2. The list of koradus referred to in paragraph 2 has been already submitted to Government for orders. I have already recommended that the encroachments therein referred to should not be sanctioned, but if they are, the rates herein proposed are certainly much too low. The rates should be more or less prohibitory so as to discourage applications as much as possible and the lowest rate should not be less than one rupee per 100 square feet. For future encroachments the rate proposed should, I think, be specified when each case is submitted for the orders of Government, and no general system of rates should be sanctioned as herein proposed.

SAIDAPET,
4*th April* 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 7th March 1895, No. 43-Index.

With reference to G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894, calling for a complete list of encroachments made since 20th February 1889, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a list of permissions granted for the erection of koradus in street poramboke lands as directed therein. It contains measurement of each koradu and the present breadth of the street with 53 sketches showing the encroached portion of the street in each case.

2. The resolution of the council fixing rent for street poramboke land in each street is laid before it for its reconsideration as advised by the Collector on the ground that the rent now fixed does not show specifically whether it is for the lands already encroached upon or those that may hereafter under the sanction of Government be obtained by the people, and I shall obtain the decision of the council on the subject and submit shortly.

Forwarded.

2. The sketches submitted with this letter do not show in all cases whether the lands so lavishly assigned by the council are projections into the line of the street or not. All the permits granted seem to have been for the construction of koradus or raised platforms of mud or stones in front of the pials of the houses. I cannot recommend that any of the assignments should be confirmed in the interests of the town generally. The Sanitary Commissioner has frequently remarked in his inspection notes that the wide and airy streets for which Conjeeveram was formerly celebrated are rapidly becoming things of the past, and the causes thereof can be easily learnt from this statement now forwarded. Koradus so long as they are of uniform height and not covered over in any way are not, I think, objectionable and may serve the purpose fulfilled by side pavements in European countries. The evil of promiscuous assignments such as those now reported is that no definite rule is laid down for their breadth or height and no precautions taken to see that they are not covered over. In a short time the enterprising owners convert them into bazaars and apply for more lands with a view to convert them into proper shops or extensions of their own houses.

PERIAPALAYAM,
13*th March* 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Ref. on No. 49-Muni.

Forwarded.

2. The list submitted by the Chairman apparently includes only those cases in which permissions granted for constructing koradus and other encroachments have been acted on. From his letter No. 567, dated 31st December 1894, to this office (copy enclosed), it would seem also that cases where only mud koradus have been raised have been omitted from this list. What the Government required from the council in its order No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, was "a complete list of the cases in which they have allowed the erection of 'koradus' or other encroachments since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889". The present list does not comply with these requirements.

3. With regard to cases where permissions granted by the council after 20th February 1889 had not been acted on, Mr. Thomson called upon the Chairman in his letter, No. 69, Municipal, dated 7th June 1894, to move the council to issue a notice to the persons concerned that the council had no power to grant such permissions, that they were granted by mistake and that they should apply for the sanction of Government through the council and the Collector. In reply, the Chairman stated in his letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, that he would place the matter before the council at the earliest opportunity and communicate the result at once. No further report has been received from the Chairman on the subject.

4. In cases where permits have been acted on, the sketches received would show that, while in some cases the koradus had been built in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others (Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47 in the list) in which there is no encroachment on either side, and there are many others in which the sketches furnished do not clearly supply information. But the general result of allowing these koradus has been to destroy the uniformity of the streets. Thus the Shaikhpet street, which is the narrowest of those shown in the list, measures only $17\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide opposite house No. 14, while opposite houses Nos. 137 and 138 it measures 36 feet wide and opposite house No. 119, $44\frac{1}{2}$ feet. The sketches show side channels only in some cases and not in others.

5. A copy of this office letter, Reference on No. 85, Municipal, dated 9th July 1894, which seems to be referred to in paragraph 2 of the Chairman's letter, is enclosed with copy of the municipal council's resolution therein referred to.

6. As regards occupations of street poramboke permitted prior to 20th February 1889, the council were asked in this office letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, to consider the question of levying rent for such occupations, and it was suggested that, as time was of great importance in such cases, the council should proceed to consider the subject forthwith. The council were again reminded about this in the letter of the 9th July 1894 above quoted, but no action has apparently been taken in the matter till now. The attitude of the municipal council on these important questions is illustrative of the manner in which the interests of the public are sacrificed by it. As Sub-Collector I have already expressed my opinion that the encroachments now reported should not be allowed, or only in a very modified form.

7. The explanation called for by Government in paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, has not even yet been submitted notwithstanding the reminder in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894.

SAIDAPET,
6th April 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

ENCLOSURES.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on Saturday the 2nd June 1894, No. 6.

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Read letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput district, recommending to proceed to consider forthwith the subject of levying rents for the occupation of street poramboke as proposed by the council together with the G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, on the subject.

Read also proceedings of the Madras G.O., Mis. No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, on the subject.

Resolved that a yearly rent of As. 4 for every 100 square feet and under be levied in respect of any land at the disposal of the municipality upon which permission to erect koradu, platform, etc., without superstructure may be granted and a clause be invariably inserted in the pass and in the rent deed requiring the occupier to vacate the land when required by the municipal council.

The same rates will be levied on encroachments made since 1889.

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COPY of letter, reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

With reference to the Municipal Council's resolution, dated 2nd June 1894, forwarded with your letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, I have the honour to observe that it appears to be intended to apply only to the buildings which may, in future, be sanctioned. The sanction of Government for the rent proposed to be levied has to be obtained in each case. I note also rent has been fixed by the council for building only koradu, etc., without superstructure, and not for koradu with superstructure. Under my letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, the council should consider the levy of rents on the occupations of street poramboke prior to February 1889. Nothing has been said about this. Please therefore have the matter reconsidered and the resolution modified.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Collector of Chingleput, dated 31st December 1894, No. 567.

With reference to your letter No. 2061-Ver., dated 9th July 1894, I have the honour to inform you that a list of all the passes granted since 20th February 1889 was prepared in the office from the duplicate copies of the passes and sent to the nuisance inspectors directing them to fill up the 4th column of the list with the dimension of koradus, etc., as they exist at present. On receipt of the lists from them, a consolidated one was prepared in the office and submitted.

2. In reference to the arzi No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Conjeeveram, the following discrepancies are pointed out in the letter under reply :—

(1) Omission of koradus in items Nos. 1, 6 and 8 of the list.

(2) What construction was allowed in case No. 12.

(3) Occupation of more land than that allowed in case No. 10.

With reference to No. (1), I have the honour to state that only mud platforms exist opposite to the houses. Such platforms of mud can be seen opposite to that of all the houses in the town that have not had masonry constructions. When houses are built on a higher level than that of the street and when there is space enough between the row of houses and the side ditch, the houses have invariably had such platforms. Only houses in narrow lanes that cannot afford to have such platforms have not got them. These mud platforms are being worn out every year by the monsoons and are generally repaired at the time of pongal feasts. These parts are generally kept clean by the house owners who consider it very ceremonious in besprinkling cowdung water and decorating with powder diagrams every morning. These perennial mud platforms have been omitted in the list. If we are required to submit list of such platforms, I shall do so, but the list may be an enormous one.

In regard to No. (2), no pass was granted for anything except the construction of a verandah in the backyard and the re-erection of a verandah in front of the house facing the street. The pass does not authorize the building of koradu with old masonry borders, which has been in existence for a long time, and hence it was omitted in the list.

As to No. (3), I beg to state that the pass which was granted simply permits the erection of koradu, verandah and a bridge over the side ditch without specifying any dimensions. It was granted in 1889 by the then Chairman on the recommendation of a ward councillor and approved by the council at its meeting, dated 11th April 1889. As to the incorrect measurements pointed out, I have severely reprimanded the nuisance inspectors concerned.

3. With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I beg to state that a list of all assumed street poramboke lands since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, with the exception of those passes granted in 1890 (which were filed in the civil court, Chingleput, in an encroachment case), is being prepared together with plans as advised and will be submitted with the views of the council in regard to rent, etc., at an early date.

(1) Collector's letter No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894.
(2) G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 23rd September 1894.
(3) Collector's endorsement No. 133 M., dated 17th November 1894.

4. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that a list of street poramboke occupations for 22 cases was submitted to Government with this office letter No. 461, dated 26th October 1889, and a plan for the same is also under preparation and will be submitted soon. The revised list and letter No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Conjeeveram Stationary Sub-Magistrate are herewith submitted.

Order—Mis. No. 1024 M., dated 26th June 1895.

The papers read above relate to the question of street encroachments in the municipality of Conjeeveram.

2. On the 11th February 1889, the municipal council passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of houses) should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet, and in accordance therewith continued to grant licenses to build "koradus" without reference to Government notwithstanding the fact that in G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, the transfer of immovable property by municipalities without its sanction was forbidden, until April 1894, when the Collector of Chingleput brought the matter to notice. In its order No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, Government endorsed the latter officer's opinion that the resolution in question could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property, the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned by Government with reference to the Government order quoted above. The council, however, to which the Collector had in the meantime communicated his reference to Government, passed a resolution on the 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation of immovable property within the meaning of the Government order of February 1889, and submitted it to Government; but in G.O., No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, passed thereon, the Government referred the council to its previous order and directed the submission of a list of all alienations made since the order of 1889. On the 21st July 1894, the council passed a second resolution to the same effect as the first and sent it up direct to Government; but the Government in its order No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894, drew the council's attention again to the previous orders on the subject and directed it to expedite the list of "koradus" already called for. On the 21st October a first instalment of the list was received, which was returned to the council for further particulars (G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894).

3. The final list was submitted only on the 7th March 1895, and it is altogether incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission to erect "koradus" has been granted, but not yet acted upon, or those in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches submitted with it, imperfect as they are, show that the clear tendency of these assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets and that many encroachments which should not be permitted have been allowed. The Collector also points out that while in some cases the "koradus" are in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others in which there is no encroachment on either side, and that the Shaikhpet street, which is 44½ feet wide in one place, has been reduced to 17½ feet in another. The dilatory and unsatisfactory manner in which the council has been dealing with this subject throughout is highly discreditable, and the Government has now decided that the time has come to employ other means to secure obedience to its orders. The Collector will therefore be requested to direct the Sub-Collector to proceed to Conjeeveram at an early date, inspect each "koradu" which has been built upon the public

street in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that it is done without delay. The municipal council should moreover distinctly understand that all licenses which have not as yet been acted upon must at once be withdrawn and that no license for a "koradu" should, in future, be given without the previous sanction of Government.

4. The council also submits proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of "koradus" in cases where they are held to be unobjectionable. This question was first commended to its consideration by the Collector in April 1894, and in its resolution, dated 2nd June, the council decided to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on lands granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector thereupon appears to have asked the council in his letter, dated 6th June 1894, to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again in a subsequent communication, to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter the council has failed to do, but requests sanction for levying fees in different streets at the rates of 4 and 8 annas respectively. These are much too low and cannot be approved. The Sub-Collector should be directed to propose a system of rates which should be fixed sufficiently high to serve as a check against encroachments and should in no case be less than 6 pies per square foot per annum. Every lease, where such is allowed, must contain a stipulation that the land, if required by the municipality, should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months, without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind and for the grant of every such lease the previous sanction of Government should be obtained.

5. The Collector will be requested to report, by the 30th September next, what action has been taken upon this order.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.
" Collector of Chingleput.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

Government {1895} of Madras.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Recd. } 1895. *Enclosures*

Regd. *Spare copies*

G.O., No. 1024 M., 26th June 1895.

JUNE.

Encroachments.

Stating that the manner in which the Conjeeveram Municipal Council has been dealing with the question of street — is highly discreditable, and requesting the Collector of Chingleput to direct the Sub-Collector to inspect the koradus in the town, make out a list of those which should be removed and see that they are removed, and to submit proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of koradus.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th August 1894, No. 370.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of resolution of the Municipal Council, dated 4th August 1894, and to state that the rate of rents proposed for occupying poramboke lands in front of houses, bazaars, etc., in the various streets of Conjeeveram without any kind of detriment to the convenience and comforts of the public, is of two classes, viz., 4 annas and 8 annas per 100 square feet per annum.

The rent of the kind is meant to be levied in cases in which the Council may allow the erection of koradu, sarmanai, etc., constructions.

No superstructure will be allowed with or without the sanction of Government.

I beg therefore that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for the rates and for levying the same in all the cases referred to above.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on first Saturday, the 4th August 1894, at 5-45 P.M.

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Collector's reference on No. 69-M. of 1894, dated 7th June 1894, asking the Council to fix different rates of rent for different streets together with lists submitted by the sub-committee suggesting a difference of rates.

The following rates suggested by the sub-committee are approved:—

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.	Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	First Division.	RS. A. P.		*First Division*—cont.	RS. A. P.
1	Sannadhi street	0 8 0	22	Punnia Koteeswaren Mada street	0 4 0
2	Kurukkoo do.	0 8 0	23	Amuthupadi street	0 8 0
3	Varahavasal do.	0 8 0	24	Malaiyala do.	0 8 0
4	Vadavanda Mada street	0 8 0	25	Sunnambukara street	0 4 0
5	Thirucholai street	0 8 0	26	Chetty do.	0 8 0
6	Kathiree do.	0 4 0	27	Namandacara do.	0 8 0
7	Pattla do.	0 8 0	28	Thirucachinumbi street	0 8 0
8	Naina Pillai do.	0 4 0	29	Seshathiripalyam Mattu street	0 8 0
9	Sethuraya Pillai street	0 4 0	30	Do. street	0 4 0
10	Keelanda Mada do.	0 8 0	31	Do. Palani Chetty street.	0 4 0
11	Mudaliar street	0 4 0	32	Moonam Thirumala Mandapam street.	0 4 0
12	Yeda do.	0 4 0	33	Succulapalayam street	0 8 0
13	Thennanda Mada street	0 8 0	34	Do. Govintha Chetty street	0 4 0
14	Kammala street	0 4 0			
15	Usthagiree do.	0 4 0			
16	Kusa do.	0 4 0	35	Mettupalaya Kammala street	0 4 0
17	Ammangar do.	0 4 0	36	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
18	Vagavathee do.	0 4 0	37	Mettupalayam do.	0 4 0
19	Anaikuttee do.	0 8 0	38	Aiyangarpalayam street	0 4 0
20	Palla street	0 4 0	39	Mahaliamman Kovil street	0 8 0
21	Punnia Koteeswaran Kovil street	0 4 0			

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.	Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	Second Division.	RS. A. P.		*Third Division*—cont.	RS. A. P.
1	Nellucara street	0 8 0	25	Krishna Rayar street	0 8 0
2	Kusa do.	0 8 0	26	Thirumettalli do.	0 8 0
3	Sekkupettai Kavara street	0 4 0	27	Thirumulraya do.	0 4 0
4	Do. street	0 8 0	28	Nadu street	0 4 0
5	Do. Salia street	0 4 0	29	Mathanumpalayam street	0 8 0
6	Yannaikara street	0 4 0	30	Akkanambalayam do.	0 8 0
7	Rajampettai Salia street	0 4 0	31	Lingappaiyarpalayam street	0 8 0
8	Hudsonspettai street	0 8 0	32	Virana Kaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0
9	Rajampettai do.	0 8 0	33	Do. Othaivadai street	0 4 0
10	Hudsonspettai Chetti street	0 8 0	34	Thennukambam street	0 8 0
11	Palleekcodathan Mudali street	0 4 0	35	Soleeswaran Kovil do.	0 8 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0	36	Kuchiappan street	0 4 0
13	Vilakkadi Kovil street	0 4 0	37	Sala Bohum do.	0 4 0
14	Vallicca Pattarai do.	0 4 0	38	Kailasa Nathan Kovil Mattu street	0 4 0
15	Bungarooyasappa Naiken street	0 4 0			
16	Vilakkadi Kovil Thoppu do.	0 4 0		*Fourth Division.*	
17	Singaperumal Mada street	0 4 0			
18	Do. Sannadhi street	0 4 0	1	Rajah street	0 8 0
19	Narayanapalayam street	0 4 0	2	Sengalanir Odai street	0 8 0
20	Bavapettai street	0 8 0	3	Keelanda Rajah do.	0 8 0
21	Thumbavanam street	0 8 0	4	Nellucara street	0 8 0
22	Kottrambalayam street	0 8 0	5	M. K. Darmaraya Mudali street	0 4 0
23	Do. Vania street	0 4 0	6	Kollasuthiram street	0 8 0
24	Astabujam Sannadhi street	0 8 0	7	Kamatchiamman Mada street	0 4 0
25	Do. Mada street	0 4 0	8	Subbaroya Mudali street	0 4 0
26	Mullapalayam street	0 4 0	9	Ulahalandhaperumal Sannadhi street	0 4 0
27	Nahaluthu street	0 4 0	10	Ulahalandha street	0 4 0
28	Thasichettipalayam street	0 4 0	11	Sappani Pillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0
29	Santhareeswararswamiyar street	0 4 0	12	Vaikuntaperumal Sannadhi street	0 8 0
30	Kannappan street	0 4 0	13	Urappanancharry street	0 8 0
31	Astabujam Kumara Chetti street	0 8 0	14	Kamatchiammen Sunnadhi street	0 8 0
32	Virana Chetti street	0 8 0	15	Chettikulam Silar Sahib do.	0 4 0
33	Tirukkachinambi street	0 8 0	16	Do. Pallu street	0 4 0
34	Yathothkariswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0	17	Kuppunayakkan street	0 4 0
35	Do. Sunnadhi street.	0 8 0	18	Punjukutti street	0 4 0
36	Haidarpettai street	0 4 0	19	Damalwar do.	0 4 0
37	Vuppukula do.	0 4 0	20	Kalandur do.	0 4 0
38	Market street	0 4 0	21	Koverikuppam street	0 4 0
39	Reddipettai street	0 4 0	22	Rayankuttai do.	0 4 0
40	Baharampettai street	0 4 0	23	Kammala do.	0 8 0
			24	Kammala Kullappa Chari street	0 4 0
	Third Division.		25	Sembada Sinnapuiyan street	0 4 0
			26	Chetti street	0 4 0
1	Puthari street	0 8 0	27	Perumal Naiken street	0 4 0
2	Okkapurunthan Kila street	0 4 0	28	Theradi street	0 4 0
3	Do. Pudu do.	0 4 0	29	Vathia Kurukkul street	0 8 0
4	Mandukanneswarar Kovil street	0 4 0	30	Yekambaraswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0
5	Badrakaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0	31	Yekambarapuram street	0 4 0
6	Narasingarayar street	0 4 0	32	Punjupettai Peria do.	0 4 0
7	Vania street	0 8 0	33	Do. Sinna do.	0 4 0
8	Kachapeswaraswamiyar Kovil Mada street	0 8 0	34	Vol. Muhammadpettah Lubbai street.	0 8 0
9	Nellucara street	0 8 0	35	Do. Varadhappa Mudali street	0 4 0
10	Kusa do.	0 8 0	36	Lingappaiyar street	0 8 0
11	Rajampettai street	0 8 0	37	Salai street	0 8 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0	38	Bava Sahib street	0 4 0
13	Vanathiswarar Kovil street	0 4 0	39	Sathangutti street	0 4 0
14	Karealan street	0 8 0	40	Vallakulam do.	0 4 0
15	Karikkivilvaluruthal Kovil street	0 8 0	41	Pandavaperumal Mada street	0 4 0
16	Kajana Ramanjeear street	0 4 0	42	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
17	Mata street	0 8 0	43	Pandavaperumal Sannadi street	0 8 0
18	Ananthogipunditbur street	0 4 0	44	Vuppari street	0 4 0
19	Solai Ramaswami Aiyar street	0 4 0	45	Puthari do.	0 8 0
20	Mandapa street	0 8 0	46	Yekambaraswarar Sannadhi street	0 8 0
21	Othaivadai Sengalvarayan Naiken street	0 4 0	47	Yirattaipillaiyar Kovil street	0 4 0
22	Balayya Maduvu street	0 4 0	48	Karppaha Pilliar street	0 4 0
23	Puthupalaya street	0 8 0	49	Nabunthakara street	0 4 0
24	Yakamuhan do.	0 8 0	50	Do. Vothavadai street	0 4 0
			51	Kanakku Subbaraya Pillai do.	0 4 0

No. 877.

Returned to the Chairman for submission through the Collector.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th September 1894.

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

Forwarded to the Collector.

6th October 1894. N. S. BRODIE,
Sub-Collector.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

Returned to the Chairman with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, passed on his letter No. 360 of the 23rd September.

What the Government distinctly asks for and requires is a specific list of the assumed alienations in question so that its orders may be taken on each individual case. The list should show the extent of the encroachment and the number and date of the council's resolution purporting to authorize it. A plan of the encroachments would greatly facilitate Government in passing orders on the various cases.

SAIDAPET,
30*th October* 1894. G. S. FORBES,
Collector.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Conjeeveram 30th March 1895, No. 66-Index of 1895.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 19th March 1895, No. 58-Index of 1895.

In re-submitting my letter No. 370, dated 30th August 1894, with its enclosures which were submitted to you direct by mistake, and a copy of resolution of the council, dated 16th March 1895, I have the honour to state that the rate of rents, viz., As. 4 and As. 8 per 100 square feet per annum has been fixed according to the importance of each street shown in the list. These rates will not only apply to all the poramboke lands occupied by the townpeople on account of koradu, &c., with or without superstructure since 20th February 1889, but also to all those that may hereafter be granted with the sanction of Government.

2. I beg, therefore, that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for these rates and for levying the same in each and every case already submitted to Government with necessary sketches.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on 3rd Saturday the 16th March 1895, at 5-45 P.M., No. 46, of 1894-95.

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Read Collector's reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, requesting to reconsider the resolution of the council, dated 2nd June 1894, on the subject of levying rents on the occupations of street poramboke since 20th February 1889.

Read Resolution No. 1, dated 4th August 1894, on the subject.

Resolved by a majority that the rates of fees passed by the council in their resolution, dated 4th August 1894, be applicable to constructions with or without superstructure that have come into existence since 20th February 1889, as well as to such buildings that may hereafter be permitted with the sanction of Government under G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. Mr. Ramanadasarma dissents.

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Forwarded to the Collector.

SATHIAVEDU,
25*th March* 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Forwarded.

2. The list of koradus referred to in paragraph 2 has been already submitted to Government for orders. I have already recommended that the encroachments therein referred to should not be sanctioned, but if they are, the rates herein proposed are certainly much too low. The rates should be more or less prohibitory so as to discourage applications as much as possible and the lowest rate should not be less than one rupee per 100 square feet. For future encroachments the rate proposed should, I think, be specified when each case is submitted for the orders of Government, and no general system of rates should be sanctioned as herein proposed.

SAIDAPET,
4*th April* 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 7th March 1895, No. 43-Index.

With reference to G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894, calling for a complete list of encroachments made since 20th February 1889, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a list of permissions granted for the erection of koradus in street poramboke lands as directed therein. It contains measurement of each koradu and the present breadth of the street with 53 sketches showing the encroached portion of the street in each case.

2. The resolution of the council fixing rent for street poramboke land in each street is laid before it for its reconsideration as advised by the Collector on the ground that the rent now fixed does not show specifically whether it is for the lands already encroached upon or those that may hereafter under the sanction of Government be obtained by the people, and I shall obtain the decision of the council on the subject and submit shortly.

Forwarded.

2. The sketches submitted with this letter do not show in all cases whether the lands so lavishly assigned by the council are projections into the line of the street or not. All the permits granted seem to have been for the construction of koradus or raised platforms of mud or stones in front of the pials of the houses. I cannot recommend that any of the assignments should be confirmed in the interests of the town generally. The Sanitary Commissioner has frequently remarked in his inspection notes that the wide and airy streets for which Conjeeveram was formerly celebrated are rapidly becoming things of the past, and the causes thereof can be easily learnt from this statement now forwarded. Koradus so long as they are of uniform height and not covered over in any way are not, I think, objectionable and may serve the purpose fulfilled by side pavements in European countries. The evil of promiscuous assignments such as those now reported is that no definite rule is laid down for their breadth or height and no precautions taken to see that they are not covered over. In a short time the enterprising owners convert them into bazaars and apply for more lands with a view to convert them into proper shops or extensions of their own houses.

PERIAPALAYAM,
13*th March* 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Ref. on No. 49-Munl.

Forwarded.

2. The list submitted by the Chairman apparently includes only those cases in which permissions granted for constructing koradus and other encroachments have been acted on. From his letter No. 567, dated 31st December 1894, to this office (copy enclosed), it would seem also that cases where only mud koradus have been raised have been omitted from this list. What the Government required from the council in its order No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, was "a complete list of the cases in which they have allowed the erection of 'koradus' or other encroachments since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889". The present list does not comply with these requirements.

3. With regard to cases where permissions granted by the council after 20th February 1889 had not been acted on, Mr. Thomson called upon the Chairman in his letter, No. 69, Municipal, dated 7th June 1894, to move the council to issue a notice to the persons concerned that the council had no power to grant such permissions, that they were granted by mistake and that they should apply for the sanction of Government through the council and the Collector. In reply, the Chairman stated in his letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, that he would place the matter before the council at the earliest opportunity and communicate the result at once. No further report has been received from the Chairman on the subject.

4. In cases where permits have been acted on, the sketches received would show that, while in some cases the koradus had been built in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others (Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47 in the list) in which there is no encroachment on either side, and there are many others in which the sketches furnished do not clearly supply information. But the general result of allowing these koradus has been to destroy the uniformity of the streets. Thus the Shaikhpet street, which is the narrowest of those shown in the list, measures only $17\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide opposite house No. 14, while opposite houses Nos. 137 and 138 it measures 36 feet wide and opposite house No. 119, $44\frac{1}{2}$ feet. The sketches show side channels only in some cases and not in others.

5. A copy of this office letter, Reference on No. 85, Municipal, dated 9th July 1894, which seems to be referred to in paragraph 2 of the Chairman's letter, is enclosed with copy of the municipal council's resolution therein referred to.

6. As regards occupations of street poramboke permitted prior to 20th February 1889, the council were asked in this office letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, to consider the question of levying rent for such occupations, and it was suggested that, as time was of great importance in such cases, the council should proceed to consider the subject forthwith. The council were again reminded about this in the letter of the 9th July 1894 above quoted, but no action has apparently been taken in the matter till now. The attitude of the municipal council on these important questions is illustrative of the manner in which the interests of the public are sacrificed by it. As Sub-Collector I have already expressed my opinion that the encroachments now reported should not be allowed, or only in a very modified form.

7. The explanation called for by Government in paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, has not even yet been submitted notwithstanding the reminder in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894.

SAIDAPET,
6th April 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

ENCLOSURES.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on Saturday the 2nd June 1894, No. 6.

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Read letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput district, recommending to proceed to consider forthwith the subject of levying rents for the occupation of street poramboke as proposed by the council together with the G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, on the subject.

Read also proceedings of the Madras G.O., Mis. No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, on the subject.

Resolved that a yearly rent of As. 4 for every 100 square feet and under be levied in respect of any land at the disposal of the municipality upon which permission to erect koradu, platform, etc., without superstructure may be granted and a clause be invariably inserted in the pass and in the rent deed requiring the occupier to vacate the land when required by the municipal council.

The same rates will be levied on encroachments made since 1889.

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COPY of letter, reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

With reference to the Municipal Council's resolution, dated 2nd June 1894, forwarded with your letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, I have the honour to observe that it appears to be intended to apply only to the buildings which may, in future, be sanctioned. The sanction of Government for the rent proposed to be levied has to be obtained in each case. I note also rent has been fixed by the council for building only koradu, etc., without superstructure, and not for koradu with superstructure. Under my letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, the council should consider the levy of rents on the occupations of street poramboke prior to February 1889. Nothing has been said about this. Please therefore have the matter reconsidered and the resolution modified.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Collector of Chingleput, dated 31st December 1894, No. 567.

With reference to your letter No. 2061-Ver., dated 9th July 1894, I have the honour to inform you that a list of all the passes granted since 20th February 1889 was prepared in the office from the duplicate copies of the passes and sent to the nuisance inspectors directing them to fill up the 4th column of the list with the dimension of koradus, etc., as they exist at present. On receipt of the lists from them, a consolidated one was prepared in the office and submitted.

2. In reference to the arzi No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Conjeeveram, the following discrepancies are pointed out in the letter under reply:—

(1) Omission of koradus in items Nos. 1, 6 and 8 of the list.

(2) What construction was allowed in case No. 12.

(3) Occupation of more land than that allowed in case No. 10.

With reference to No. (1), I have the honour to state that only mud platforms exist opposite to the houses. Such platforms of mud can be seen opposite to that of all the houses in the town that have not had masonry constructions. When houses are built on a higher level than that of the street and when there is space enough between the row of houses and the side ditch, the houses have invariably had such platforms. Only houses in narrow lanes that cannot afford to have such platforms have not got them. These mud platforms are being worn out every year by the monsoons and are generally repaired at the time of pongal feasts. These parts are generally kept clean by the house owners who consider it very ceremonious in besprinkling cowdung water and decorating with powder diagrams every morning. These perennial mud platforms have been omitted in the list. If we are required to submit list of such platforms, I shall do so, but the list may be an enormous one.

In regard to No. (2), no pass was granted for anything except the construction of a verandah in the backyard and the re-erection of a verandah in front of the house facing the street. The pass does not authorize the building of koradu with old masonry borders, which has been in existence for a long time, and hence it was omitted in the list.

As to No. (3), I beg to state that the pass which was granted simply permits the erection of koradu, verandah and a bridge over the side ditch without specifying any dimensions. It was granted in 1889 by the then Chairman on the recommendation of a ward councillor and approved by the council at its meeting, dated 11th April 1889. As to the incorrect measurements pointed out, I have severely reprimanded the nuisance inspectors concerned.

3. With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I beg to state that a list of all assumed street poramboke lands since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, with the exception of those passes granted in 1890 (which were filed in the civil court, Chingleput, in an encroachment case), is being prepared together with plans as advised and will be submitted with the views of the council in regard to rent, etc., at an early date.

(1) Collector's letter No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894.
(2) G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 23rd September 1894.
(3) Collector's endorsement No. 133 M., dated 17th November 1894.

4. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that a list of street poramboke occupations for 22 cases was submitted to Government with this office letter No. 461, dated 26th October 1889, and a plan for the same is also under preparation and will be submitted soon. The revised list and letter No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Conjeeveram Stationary Sub-Magistrate are herewith submitted.

ORDER—Mis. No. 1024 M., dated 26th June 1895.

The papers read above relate to the question of street encroachments in the municipality of Conjeeveram.

2. On the 11th February 1889, the municipal council passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of houses) should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet, and in accordance therewith continued to grant licenses to build "koradus" without reference to Government notwithstanding the fact that in G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, the transfer of immovable property by municipalities without its sanction was forbidden, until April 1894, when the Collector of Chingleput brought the matter to notice. In its order No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, Government endorsed the latter officer's opinion that the resolution in question could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property, the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned by Government with reference to the Government order quoted above. The council, however, to which the Collector had in the meantime communicated his reference to Government, passed a resolution on the 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation of immovable property within the meaning of the Government order of February 1889, and submitted it to Government; but in G.O., No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, passed thereon, the Government referred the council to its previous order and directed the submission of a list of all alienations made since the order of 1889. On the 21st July 1894, the council passed a second resolution to the same effect as the first and sent it up direct to Government; but the Government in its order No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894, drew the council's attention again to the previous orders on the subject and directed it to expedite the list of "koradus" already called for. On the 21st October a first instalment of the list was received, which was returned to the council for further particulars (G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894).

3. The final list was submitted only on the 7th March 1895, and it is altogether incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission to erect "koradus" has been granted, but not yet acted upon, or those in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches submitted with it, imperfect as they are, show that the clear tendency of these assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets and that many encroachments which should not be permitted have been allowed. The Collector also points out that while in some cases the "koradus" are in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others in which there is no encroachment on either side, and that the Shaikhpet street, which is 44½ feet wide in one place, has been reduced to 17½ feet in another. The dilatory and unsatisfactory manner in which the council has been dealing with this subject throughout is highly discreditable, and the Government has now decided that the time has come to employ other means to secure obedience to its orders. The Collector will therefore be requested to direct the Sub-Collector to proceed to Conjeeveram at an early date, inspect each "koradu" which has been built upon the public

street in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that it is done without delay. The municipal council should moreover distinctly understand that all licenses which have not as yet been acted upon must at once be withdrawn and that no license for a "koradu" should, in future, be given without the previous sanction of Government.

4. The council also submits proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of "koradus" in cases where they are held to be unobjectionable. This question was first commended to its consideration by the Collector in April 1894, and in its resolution, dated 2nd June, the council decided to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on lands granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector thereupon appears to have asked the council in his letter, dated 6th June 1894, to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again in a subsequent communication, to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter the council has failed to do, but requests sanction for levying fees in different streets at the rates of 4 and 8 annas respectively. These are much too low and cannot be approved. The Sub-Collector should be directed to propose a system of rates which should be fixed sufficiently high to serve as a check against encroachments and should in no case be less than 6 pies per square foot per annum. Every lease, where such is allowed, must contain a stipulation that the land, if required by the municipality, should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months, without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind and for the grant of every such lease the previous sanction of Government should be obtained.

5. The Collector will be requested to report, by the 30th September next, what action has been taken upon this order.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.
„ Collector of Chingleput.

Erd. S. J. Pereira.

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7. The council seems to merit a severe order for the dilatory and unsatisfactory way in which it has dealt with the matter.

C. G. TODHUNTER.
8–5–95.

The so-called plans are very badly drawn and it is next to impossible to make anything out of them. Several of them show, however, that encroachments which should certainly not be permitted have been made. I submit that it is not of the slightest use corresponding any longer with the council. They will do nothing.

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I agree. Let the Sub-Collector propose rates. We might fix a minimum. How would 6 pies per square foot per annum do?
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The full case had better be set out in the Government order.

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JUNE.

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EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on first Saturday, the 4th August 1894, at 5-45 P.M.

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12	Yeda do.	0 4 0	33	Succulapalayam street	0 4 0
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14	Vallicca Pattarai do.	0 4 0	38	Kailasa Nathan Kovil Mattu street	0 4 0
15	Bungarooyasappa Naiken street	0 4 0			
16	Vilakkadi Kovil Thoppu do.	0 4 0		*Fourth Division.*	
17	Singaperumal Mada street	0 4 0			
18	Do. Sannadhi street	0 4 0	1	Rajah street	0 8 0
19	Narayanapalayam street	0 4 0	2	Sengalanir Odai street	0 8 0
20	Bavapettai street	0 8 0	3	Keelanda Rajah do.	0 8 0
21	Thumbavanam street	0 8 0	4	Nellucara street	0 8 0
22	Kottrambalayam street	0 8 0	5	M. K. Darmaraya Mudali street	0 4 0
23	Do. Vania street	0 4 0	6	Kollasuthiram street	0 8 0
24	Astabujam Sannadhi street	0 8 0	7	Kamatchiamman Mada street	0 4 0
25	Do. Mada street	0 4 0	8	Subbaroya Mudali street	0 4 0
26	Mullapalayam street	0 4 0	9	Ulahalandhaperumal Sannadhi street	0 4 0
27	Nahaluthu street	0 4 0	10	Ulahalandha street	0 4 0
28	Thasichettipalayam street	0 4 0	11	Sappani Pillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0
29	Santhareeswararswamiyar street	0 4 0	12	Vaikuntaperumal Sannadhi street	0 8 0
30	Kannappan street	0 4 0	13	Urappanancharry street	0 8 0
31	Astabujam Kumara Chetti street	0 8 0	14	Kamatchiammen Sunnadhi street	0 8 0
32	Virana Chetti street	0 8 0	15	Chettikulam Silar Sahib do.	0 4 0
33	Tirukkachinambi street	0 8 0	16	Do. Pallu street	0 4 0
34	Yathothkariswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0	17	Kuppunayakkan street	0 4 0
35	Do. Sunnadhi street.	0 4 0	18	Punjukutti street	0 4 0
36	Haidarpettai street	0 4 0	19	Damalwar do.	0 4 0
37	Vuppukula do.	0 4 0	20	Kalandur do.	0 4 0
38	Market street	0 4 0	21	Koverikuppam street	0 4 0
39	Reddipettai street	0 4 0	22	Rayankuttai do.	0 4 0
40	Baharampettai street	0 4 0	23	Kammala do.	0 8 0
			24	Kammala Kullappa Chari street	0 4 0
	Third Division.		25	Sembada Sinnappiyan street	0 4 0
			26	Chetti street	0 4 0
1	Puthari street	0 8 0	27	Perumal Naiken street	0 4 0
2	Okkapurunthan Kila street	0 4 0	28	Theradi street	0 8 0
3	Do. Pudu do.	0 4 0	29	Vathia Kurukkul street	0 8 0
4	Mandukanneswarar Kovil street	0 4 0	30	Yekambaraswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0
5	Badrakaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0	31	Yekambarapuram street	0 4 0
6	Narasingarayar street	0 4 0	32	Punjupettai Peria do.	0 4 0
7	Vania street	0 8 0	33	Do. Sinna do.	0 4 0
8	Kachapeswaraswamiyar Kovil Mada street	0 8 0	34	Vol. Muhammadpettah Lubbai street.	0 8 0
9	Nellucara street	0 8 0	35	Do. Varadhappa Mudali street	0 4 0
10	Kusa do.	0 8 0	36	Lingappaiyar street	0 8 0
11	Rajampettai street	0 8 0	37	Salai street	0 8 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0	38	Bava Sahib street	0 4 0
13	Vanathiswarar Kovil street	0 4 0	39	Sathangutti street	0 4 0
14	Karealan street	0 8 0	40	Vallakulam do.	0 4 0
15	Karikkivilvaluruthal Kovil street	0 8 0	41	Pandavaperumal Mada street	0 4 0
16	Kajana Ramanjeear street	0 4 0	42	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
17	Mata street	0 8 0	43	Pandavaperumal Sannadi street	0 8 0
18	Ananthogipundithur street	0 4 0	44	Vuppari street	0 4 0
19	Solai Ramaswami Aiyar street	0 4 0	45	Puthari do.	0 8 0
20	Mandapa street	0 8 0	46	Yekambaraswarar Sannadhi street	0 8 0
21	Othaivadai Sengalvarayan Naiken street	0 4 0	47	Yirattaipillaiyar Kovil street	0 4 0
22	Balayya Maduvu street	0 4 0	48	Karppaha Pilliar street	0 4 0
23	Puthupalaya street	0 8 0	49	Nabunthakara street	0 4 0
24	Yakamuhan do.	0 8 0	50	Do. Vothavadai street	0 4 0
			51	Kanakku Subbaraya Pillai do.	0 4 0

No. 877.

Returned to the Chairman for submission through the Collector.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th September 1894.

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

Forwarded to the Collector.

N. S. BRODIE,
Sub-Collector.

6th October 1894.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

Returned to the Chairman with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, passed on his letter No. 360 of the 23rd September.

What the Government distinctly asks for and requires is a specific list of the assumed alienations in question so that its orders may be taken on each individual case. The list should show the extent of the encroachment and the number and date of the council's resolution purporting to authorize it. A plan of the encroachments would greatly facilitate Government in passing orders on the various cases.

SAIDAPET,
30th October 1894.

G. S. FORBES,
Collector.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Conjeeveram 30th March 1895, No. 66-Index of 1895.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 19th March 1895, No. 58-Index of 1895.

In re-submitting my letter No. 370, dated 30th August 1894, with its enclosures which were submitted to you direct by mistake, and a copy of resolution of the council, dated 16th March 1895, I have the honour to state that the rate of rents, viz., As. 4 and As. 8 per 100 square feet per annum has been fixed according to the importance of each street shown in the list. These rates will not only apply to all the poramboke lands occupied by the townpeople on account of koradu, &c., with or without superstructure since 20th February 1889, but also to all those that may hereafter be granted with the sanction of Government.

2. I beg, therefore, that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for these rates and for levying the same in each and every case already submitted to Government with necessary sketches.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on 3rd Saturday the 16th March 1895, at 5-45 P.M., No. 46, of 1894-95.

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Read Collector's reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, requesting to reconsider the resolution of the council, dated 2nd June 1894, on the subject of levying rents on the occupations of street poramboke since 20th February 1889.

Read Resolution No. 1, dated 4th August 1894, on the subject.

Resolved by a majority that the rates of fees passed by the council in their resolution, dated 4th August 1894, be applicable to constructions with or without superstructure that have come into existence since 20th February 1889, as well as to such buildings that may hereafter be permitted with the sanction of Government under G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. Mr. Ramanadasarma dissents.

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Forwarded to the Collector.

SATHIAVEDU,
25th March 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Forwarded.

2. The list of koradus referred to in paragraph 2 has been already submitted to Government for orders. I have already recommended that the encroachments therein referred to should not be sanctioned, but if they are, the rates herein proposed are certainly much too low. The rates should be more or less prohibitory so as to discourage applications as much as possible and the lowest rate should not be less than one rupee per 100 square feet. For future encroachments the rate proposed should, I think, be specified when each case is submitted for the orders of Government, and no general system of rates should be sanctioned as herein proposed.

SAIDAPET,
4th April 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 7th March 1895, No. 43-Index.

With reference to G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894, calling for a complete list of encroachments made since 20th February 1889, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a list of permissions granted for the erection of koradus in street poramboke lands as directed therein. It contains measurement of each koradu and the present breadth of the street with 53 sketches showing the encroached portion of the street in each case.

2. The resolution of the council fixing rent for street poramboke land in each street is laid before it for its reconsideration as advised by the Collector on the ground that the rent now fixed does not show specifically whether it is for the lands already encroached upon or those that may hereafter under the sanction of Government be obtained by the people, and I shall obtain the decision of the council on the subject and submit shortly.

Forwarded.

2. The sketches submitted with this letter do not show in all cases whether the lands so lavishly assigned by the council are projections into the line of the street or not. All the permits granted seem to have been for the construction of koradus or raised platforms of mud or stones in front of the pials of the houses. I cannot recommend that any of the assignments should be confirmed in the interests of the town generally. The Sanitary Commissioner has frequently remarked in his inspection notes that the wide and airy streets for which Conjeeveram was formerly celebrated are rapidly becoming things of the past, and the causes thereof can be easily learnt from this statement now forwarded. Koradus so long as they are of uniform height and not covered over in any way are not, I think, objectionable and may serve the purpose fulfilled by side pavements in European countries. The evil of promiscuous assignments such as those now reported is that no definite rule is laid down for their breadth or height and no precautions taken to see that they are not covered over. In a short time the enterprising owners convert them into bazaars and apply for more lands with a view to convert them into proper shops or extensions of their own houses.

PERIAPALAYAM,
13th March 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Ref. on No. 49-Munl.

Forwarded.

2. The list submitted by the Chairman apparently includes only those cases in which permissions granted for constructing koradus and other encroachments have been acted on. From his letter No. 567, dated 31st December 1894, to this office (copy enclosed), it would seem also that cases where only mud koradus have been raised have been omitted from this list. What the Government required from the council in its order No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, was "a complete list of the cases in which they have allowed the erection of 'koradus' or other encroachments since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889". The present list does not comply with these requirements.

3. With regard to cases where permissions granted by the council after 20th February 1889 had not been acted on, Mr. Thomson called upon the Chairman in his letter, No. 69, Municipal, dated 7th June 1894, to move the council to issue a notice to the persons concerned that the council had no power to grant such permissions, that they were granted by mistake and that they should apply for the sanction of Government through the council and the Collector. In reply, the Chairman stated in his letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, that he would place the matter before the council at the earliest opportunity and communicate the result at once. No further report has been received from the Chairman on the subject.

4. In cases where permits have been acted on, the sketches received would show that, while in some cases the koradus had been built in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others (Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47 in the list) in which there is no encroachment on either side, and there are many others in which the sketches furnished do not clearly supply information. But the general result of allowing these koradus has been to destroy the uniformity of the streets. Thus the Shaikhpet street, which is the narrowest of those shown in the list, measures only 17½ feet wide opposite house No. 14, while opposite houses Nos. 137 and 138 it measures 36 feet wide and opposite house No. 119, 44½ feet. The sketches show side channels only in some cases and not in others.

5. A copy of this office letter, Reference on No. 85, Municipal, dated 9th July 1894, which seems to be referred to in paragraph 2 of the Chairman's letter, is enclosed with copy of the municipal council's resolution therein referred to.

6. As regards occupations of street poramboke permitted prior to 20th February 1889, the council were asked in this office letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, to consider the question of levying rent for such occupations, and it was suggested that, as time was of great importance in such cases, the council should proceed to consider the subject forthwith. The council were again reminded about this in the letter of the 9th July 1894 above quoted, but no action has apparently been taken in the matter till now. The attitude of the municipal council on these important questions is illustrative of the manner in which the interests of the public are sacrificed by it. As Sub-Collector I have already expressed my opinion that the encroachments now reported should not be allowed, or only in a very modified form.

7. The explanation called for by Government in paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, has not even yet been submitted notwithstanding the reminder in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894.

Saidapet,
6*th April* 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

Enclosures.

Extract from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on Saturday the 2nd June 1894, No. 6.

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Mr. Ramanadasarma dissents.

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Read letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput district, recommending to proceed to consider forthwith the subject of levying rents for the occupation of street poramboke as proposed by the council together with the G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, on the subject.

Read also proceedings of the Madras G.O., Mis. No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, on the subject.

Resolved that a yearly rent of As. 4 for every 100 square feet and under be levied in respect of any land at the disposal of the municipality upon which permission to erect koradu, platform, etc., without superstructure may be granted and a clause be invariably inserted in the pass and in the rent deed requiring the occupier to vacate the land when required by the municipal council.

The same rates will be levied on encroachments made since 1889.

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Copy of letter, reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

With reference to the Municipal Council's resolution, dated 2nd June 1894, forwarded with your letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, I have the honour to observe that it appears to be intended to apply only to the buildings which may, in future, be sanctioned. The sanction of Government for the rent proposed to be levied has to be obtained in each case. I note also rent has been fixed by the council for building only koradu, etc., without superstructure, and not for koradu with superstructure. Under my letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, the council should consider the levy of rents on the occupations of street poramboke prior to February 1889. Nothing has been said about this. Please therefore have the matter reconsidered and the resolution modified.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Collector of Chingleput, dated 31st December 1894, No. 567.

With reference to your letter No. 2061-Ver., dated 9th July 1894, I have the honour to inform you that a list of all the passes granted since 20th February 1889 was prepared in the office from the duplicate copies of the passes and sent to the nuisance inspectors directing them to fill up the 4th column of the list with the dimension of koradus, etc., as they exist at present. On receipt of the lists from them, a consolidated one was prepared in the office and submitted.

2. In reference to the arzi No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Conjeeveram, the following discrepancies are pointed out in the letter under reply :—

(1) Omission of koradus in items Nos. 1, 6 and 8 of the list.

(2) What construction was allowed in case No. 12.

(3) Occupation of more land than that allowed in case No. 10.

With reference to No. (1), I have the honour to state that only mud platforms exist opposite to the houses. Such platforms of mud can be seen opposite to that of all the houses in the town that have not had masonry constructions. When houses are built on a higher level than that of the street and when there is space enough between the row of houses and the side ditch, the houses have invariably had such platforms. Only houses in narrow lanes that cannot afford to have such platforms have not got them. These mud platforms are being worn out every year by the monsoons and are generally repaired at the time of pongal feasts. These parts are generally kept clean by the house owners who consider it very ceremonious in besprinkling cowdung water and decorating with powder diagrams every morning. These perennial mud platforms have been omitted in the list. If we are required to submit list of such platforms, I shall do so, but the list may be an enormous one.

In regard to No. (2), no pass was granted for anything except the construction of a verandah in the backyard and the re-erection of a verandah in front of the house facing the street. The pass does not authorize the building of koradu with old masonry borders, which has been in existence for a long time, and hence it was omitted in the list.

As to No. (3), I beg to state that the pass which was granted simply permits the erection of koradu, verandah and a bridge over the side ditch without specifying any dimensions. It was granted in 1889 by the then Chairman on the recommendation of a ward councillor and approved by the council at its meeting, dated 11th April 1889. As to the incorrect measurements pointed out, I have severely reprimanded the nuisance inspectors concerned.

3. With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I beg to state that a list of all assumed street poramboke lands since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, with the exception of those passes granted in 1890 (which were filed in the civil court, Chingleput, in an encroachment case), is being prepared together with plans as advised and will be submitted with the views of the council in regard to rent, etc., at an early date.

(1) Collector's letter No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894.
(2) G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 23rd September 1894.
(3) Collector's endorsement No. 133 M., dated 17th November 1894.

4. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that a list of street poramboke occupations for 22 cases was submitted to Government with this office letter No. 461, dated 26th October 1889, and a plan for the same is also under preparation and will be submitted soon. The revised list and letter No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Conjeeveram Stationary Sub-Magistrate are herewith submitted.

ORDER—Mis. No. 1024 M., dated 26th June 1895.

The papers read above relate to the question of street encroachments in the municipality of Conjeeveram.

2. On the 11th February 1889, the municipal council passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of houses) should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet, and in accordance therewith continued to grant licenses to build "koradus" without reference to Government notwithstanding the fact that in G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, the transfer of immovable property by municipalities without its sanction was forbidden, until April 1894, when the Collector of Chingleput brought the matter to notice. In its order No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, Government endorsed the latter officer's opinion that the resolution in question could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property, the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned by Government with reference to the Government order quoted above. The council, however, to which the Collector had in the meantime communicated his reference to Government, passed a resolution on the 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation of immovable property within the meaning of the Government order of February 1889, and submitted it to Government; but in G.O., No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, passed thereon, the Government referred the council to its previous order and directed the submission of a list of all alienations made since the order of 1889. On the 21st July 1894, the council passed a second resolution to the same effect as the first and sent it up direct to Government; but the Government in its order No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894, drew the council's attention again to the previous orders on the subject and directed it to expedite the list of "koradus" already called for. On the 21st October a first instalment of the list was received, which was returned to the council for further particulars (G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894).

3. The final list was submitted only on the 7th March 1895, and it is altogether incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission to erect "koradus" has been granted, but not yet acted upon, or those in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches submitted with it, imperfect as they are, show that the clear tendency of these assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets and that many encroachments which should not be permitted have been allowed. The Collector also points out that while in some cases the "koradus" are in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others in which there is no encroachment on either side, and that the Shaikhpet street, which is 44½ feet wide in one place, has been reduced to 17½ feet in another. The dilatory and unsatisfactory manner in which the council has been dealing with this subject throughout is highly discreditable, and the Government has now decided that the time has come to employ other means to secure obedience to its orders. The Collector will therefore be requested to direct the Sub-Collector to proceed to Conjeeveram at an early date, inspect each "koradu" which has been built upon the public

street in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that it is done without delay. The municipal council should moreover distinctly understand that all licenses which have not as yet been acted upon must at once be withdrawn and that no license for a "koradu" should, in future, be given without the previous sanction of Government.

4. The council also submits proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of "koradus" in cases where they are held to be unobjectionable. This question was first commended to its consideration by the Collector in April 1894, and in its resolution, dated 2nd June, the council decided to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on lands granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector thereupon appears to have asked the council in his letter, dated 6th June 1894, to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again in a subsequent communication, to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter the council has failed to do, but requests sanction for levying fees in different streets at the rates of 4 and 8 annas respectively. These are much too low and cannot be approved. The Sub-Collector should be directed to propose a system of rates which should be fixed sufficiently high to serve as a check against encroachments and should in no case be less than 6 pies per square foot per annum. Every lease, where such is allowed, must contain a stipulation that the land, if required by the municipality, should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months, without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind and for the grant of every such lease the previous sanction of Government should be obtained.

5. The Collector will be requested to report, by the 30th September next, what action has been taken upon this order.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.
" Collector of Chingleput.

Exd S. J. Pereira.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., MIS. No. 1024 M., DATED 26TH JUNE 1895.

[SUBJECT.—*Street encroachments, Conjeeveram Municipality.*]

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, dated 19th March and 6th April 1895, Nos. 1217 M. and 1238 M.

The papers read above contain the final replies of the municipal council, Conjeeveram, in regard to the question of street encroachments within the municipal limits.

2. They deal with two different issues, but as these have both arisen in the course of the same correspondence and as the files are much involved in consequence it has been thought best to deal with them both in the same note. The points for decision are—

I. Whether the Government will approve the large number of temporary assignments of street land made by the municipal council for the purpose of "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of the houses) since 1889, a list of which is now submitted.

II. In case it does, whether it will insist on a rent being charged, and if so, how much.

3. As to the first of these points—previous to the issue of G.O., No. 210, dated 20th February 1889, which forbids the transfer of immovable property by municipalities without the sanction of Government, the Conjeeveram municipality had passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet. In April 1894 the Collector brought this resolution to notice and the Government agreed with him in thinking that it "could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned with reference to G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889—*vide* G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894. The council, however, to whom the Collector had separately communicated his reference, passed a resolution on 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation within the meaning of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. They were referred to the former order and told to submit a list of all alienations made since the Government order of 1889 in G.O., Mis. No. 654, dated 24th May 1894. On 21st July they passed a second resolution to the same effect and sent it direct to Government. They were referred to the former orders and told to expedite the list of "koradus" and to explain why they had not sent their letter through the Collector—G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894. On 21st October they sent a first instalment of the list which was returned for further particulars—G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894. The final list was sent on the 7th March 1895 and forms part of current No. 1238 M. These particulars are given to show how the matter comes before Government and how it has been delayed by the council.

4. As regards the list itself—it is incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission has been given to erect "koradus" but not yet acted upon, or cases in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches that accompany it, incomplete as they are, show

*that the clear tendency of the assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets. The Collector points out in his endorsement of 6th April 1895 that in cases Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47, for instance, there is no encroachment on either side and that the new "koradu" stands out alone into the street, and again that the Shaikhpet street which is 44½ feet wide in one place is reduced to 17½ feet in another. Moreover, as Mr. Thomson and Mr. Forbes had pointed out in former endorsements, this "improvement of the line of the street"— the council profess to be acting under section 164 of the Act—is a "game capable of indefinite extension" so long as the line of the street is irregular and the permits for "setting forward" buildings are given without restriction as to width, while the enterprising shopkeeper will never be satisfied with a simple "koradu" but will wait his opportunity to roof it in and erect a pial and then come up for another extension. On these grounds it is submitted that the system of making temporary assignments of street lands for "koradus" cannot be approved. It would perhaps be too harsh a measure to insist on the removal of all the "koradus", some of which have been in existence for upwards of five years, but they ought certainly to be removed wherever they really interfere with the line of the street. It is submitted, therefore, that the council may be called upon as regards this part of the case—

(*a*) to send complete lists of assignments and corrected maps showing the encroachments street by street;

(*b*) to submit proposals for the removal of all such as project beyond the line of the adjacent houses.

It is submitted that this order might be made applicable also to assignments before 1889.

5. There remains the question of rent in cases where the "koradus" are held to be unobjectionable. Mr. Thomson just asked the council to deal with the question in his letter of the 4th April 1894. They dealt with it in their resolution, dated 2nd June (in C. No. 1238 M.), deciding to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on land granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector then appears to have asked them in another letter of the 6th June to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again on the 9th July to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter they have failed to do, but they have submitted with their resolution of the 4th August (in C. No. 1217 M.) proposals for levying rates of 4 and 8 annas in different streets for the sanction of Government. Mr. Brodie who forwards the resolution gives it as his opinion that it is inadvisable to fix any general system of rents, but that in any case those fixed are too low.

6. It is submitted that we may go further than this and say that it is inadvisable to levy rents at all. In the majority of cases the land is either required for street purposes, in which case it must be vacated, or it is not, in which case it may, as a rule, be sold. It should only be in very exceptional cases, if at all, that renting should be adopted. It is submitted therefore with reference to this part of the case that the council may be asked—

(*a*) which of its assignments may be sold outright as being wholly unobjectionable and for what price they may be sold;

(*b*) whether, with reference to the remarks above, there are any special cases in which a lease is necessary.

This order may also be applied to all assignments and not only to those since 1889.

7. The council seems to merit a severe order for the dilatory and unsatisfactory way in which it has dealt with the matter.

C. G. TODHUNTER.
8–5–95.

The so-called plans are very badly drawn and it is next to impossible to make anything out of them. Several of them show, however, that encroachments which should certainly not be permitted have been made. I submit that it is not of the slightest use corresponding any longer with the council. They will do nothing.

When I was Collector more than ten years ago, I frequently personally drew the attention of the then Chairman to the way in which encroachments were ruining the streets of Conjeeveram and to the best of my recollection I caused more than one of these to be removed. Since then it is evident that things have been going from bad to worse. Attention is invited to the remark of the acting Sub-Collector in C. No. 1238 marked with red tape. Knowing Conjeeveram as I do, I quite agree with him.

H. W. B[LISS.].
31–5–95.

I submit that the only way of dealing with this case is to instruct the Collector to direct the Sub-Collector to go to Conjeeveram, inspect each koradu in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that this is done.

The council too should, I consider, be distinctly told that no license for a koradu is to be given without the *previous* sanction of Government being obtained.

Conjeeveram is full of priests and retired Government officials and their hangers on. The council, instead of preventing these making encroachments on the streets, are hand in glove with them in this matter and it is hopeless to expect the council to do anything. They have delayed disgracefully in replying to references on the subject and if any more are made to them they will continue the same policy. The only way to deal with them appears to be to take them short by the head and let them see that Government will allow no more "shilly shallying" about the matter and will not tolerate encroachments which are rapidly ruining what were once remarkably fine streets. As for the matter of rents, I think that they ought to be heavy as a check against encroachments and that in no case should sale be permitted. Every lease, where such is allowed, should contain a stipulation that the land if required by the municipality should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind.

I agree. Let the Sub-Collector propose rates. We might fix a minimum. How would 6 pies per square foot per annum do?
H. W. B[LISS].

The full case had better be set out in the Government order.

Encroachments on streets is a rapidly growing evil and if not checked by stringent measures which municipal councils will not of their own accord adopt, will soon be the ruin of the streets of most municipal towns and future generations of tax-payers will in order to put matters straight have to pay heavily for the laches of the councils in the past.

J. F. PRICE
18–5–95.

3-12-14.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Recd. } 1895. *Enclosures*

Regd. *Spare copies*

G.O., No. 1024 M., 26th June 1895.

M. P.

JUNE.

Encroachments.

Stating that the manner in which the Conjeeveram Municipal Council has been dealing with the question of street — is highly discreditable, and requesting the Collector of Chingleput to direct the Sub-Collector to inspect the koradus in the town, make out a list of those which should be removed and see that they are removed, and to submit proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of koradus.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th August 1894, No. 370.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of resolution of the Municipal Council, dated 4th August 1894, and to state that the rate of rents proposed for occupying poramboke lands in front of houses, bazaars, etc., in the various streets of Conjeeveram without any kind of detriment to the convenience and comforts of the public, is of two classes, viz., 4 annas and 8 annas per 100 square feet per annum.

The rent of the kind is meant to be levied in cases in which the Council may allow the erection of koradu, sarmanai, etc., constructions.

No superstructure will be allowed with or without the sanction of Government.

I beg therefore that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for the rates and for levying the same in all the cases referred to above.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on first Saturday, the 4th August 1894, at 5-45 P.M.

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Collector's reference on No. 69-M. of 1894, dated 7th June 1894, asking the Council to fix different rates of rent for different streets together with lists submitted by the sub-committee suggesting a difference of rates.

The following rates suggested by the sub-committee are approved:—

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	First Division.	RS. A. P.
1	Sannadhi street	0 8 0
2	Kurukkoo do.	0 8 0
3	Varahavasal do.	0 8 0
4	Vadavanda Mada street	0 8 0
5	Thirucholai street	0 8 0
6	Kathiree do.	0 4 0
7	Pattla do.	0 8 0
8	Naina Pillai do.	0 4 0
9	Sethuraya Pillai street	0 4 0
10	Keelanda Mada do.	0 8 0
11	Mudaliar street	0 4 0
12	Yeda do.	0 4 0
13	Thennanda Mada street	0 8 0
14	Kammala street	0 4 0
15	Usthagiree do.	0 4 0
16	Kusa do.	0 4 0
17	Ammangar do.	0 4 0
18	Vagavathee do.	0 4 0
19	Anaikuttee do.	0 8 0
20	Palla street	0 4 0
21	Punnia Koteeswaran Kovil street	0 4 0
22	Punnia Koteeswaren Mada street	0 4 0
23	Amuthupadi street	0 8 0
24	Malaiyala do.	0 8 0
25	Sunnambukara street	0 8 0
26	Chetty do.	0 4 0
27	Namundacara do.	0 8 0
28	Thirucachinumbi street	0 8 0
29	Seshathiripalyam Mattu street	0 8 0
30	Do. street	0 4 0
31	Do. Palani Chetty street.	0 4 0
32	Moonam Thirumala Mandapam street.	0 4 0
33	Succulapalayam street	0 8 0
34	Do. Govintha Chetty street	0 4 0
35	Mettupalaya Kammala street	0 4 0
36	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
37	Mettupalayam do.	0 4 0
38	Aiyangarpalayam street	0 4 0
39	Mahaliamman Kovil street	0 8 0

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	Second Division.	RS. A. P.
1	Nellucara street	0 8 0
2	Kusa do.	0 8 0
3	Sekkupettai Kavara street	0 4 0
4	Do. street	0 8 0
5	Do. Salia street	0 4 0
6	Yannaikara street	0 4 0
7	Rajampettai Salia street	0 4 0
8	Hudsonspettai street	0 8 0
9	Rajampettai do.	0 8 0
10	Hudsonspettai Chetti street	0 8 0
11	Palleekcodathan Mudali street	0 4 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0
13	Vilakkadi Kovil street	0 4 0
14	Vallicca Pattarai do.	0 4 0
15	Bungarooyasappa Naiken street	0 4 0
16	Vilakkadi Kovil Thoppu do.	0 4 0
17	Singaperumal Mada street	0 4 0
18	Do. Sannadhi street	0 4 0
19	Narayanapalayam street	0 4 0
20	Bavapettai street	0 8 0
21	Thumbavanam street	0 8 0
22	Kottrambalayam street	0 8 0
23	Do. Vania street	0 4 0
24	Astabujam Sannadhi street	0 8 0
25	Do. Mada street	0 4 0
26	Mullapalayam street	0 4 0
27	Nahaluthu street	0 4 0
28	Thasichettipalayam street	0 4 0
29	Santhareeswararswamiyar street	0 4 0
30	Kannappan street	0 4 0
31	Astabujam Kumara Chetti street	0 8 0
32	Virana Chetti street	0 8 0
33	Tirukkachinambi street	0 8 0
34	Yathothkariswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0
35	Do. Sannadhi street.	0 8 0
36	Haidarpettai street	0 4 0
37	Vuppukula do.	0 4 0
38	Market street	0 4 0
39	Reddipettai street	0 4 0
40	Babarampettai street	0 4 0
	Third Division.	
1	Puthari street	0 8 0
2	Okkapurunthan Kila street	0 4 0
3	Do. Pudu do.	0 4 0
4	Mandukanneswarar Kovil street	0 4 0
5	Badrakaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0
6	Narasingarayar street	0 4 0
7	Vania street	0 8 0
8	Kachapeswaraswamiyar Kovil Mada street	0 8 0
9	Nellucara street	0 8 0
10	Kusa do.	0 8 0
11	Rajampettai street	0 8 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0
13	Vanathiswarar Kovil street	0 4 0
14	Karealan street	0 8 0
15	Karikkivilvaluruthal Kovil street	0 8 0
16	Kajana Ramanjeear street	0 4 0
17	Mata street	0 8 0
18	Ananthogipunditthur street	0 4 0
19	Solai Ramaswami Aiyar street	0 4 0
20	Mandapa street	0 8 0
21	Othaivadai Sengalvarayan Naiken street	0 4 0
22	Balayya Maduvu street	0 4 0
23	Puthupalaya street	0 8 0
24	Yakamuhan do.	0 8 0
25	Krishna Rayar street	0 8 0
26	Thirumettalli do.	0 8 0
27	Thirumulraya do.	0 4 0
28	Nadu street	0 4 0
29	Mathanumpalayam street	0 8 0
30	Akkanambalayam do.	0 8 0
31	Lingappaiyarpalayam street	0 8 0
32	Virana Kaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0
33	Do. Othaivadai street	0 4 0
34	Thennukambam street	0 8 0
35	Soleeswaran Kovil do.	0 4 0
36	Kuchiappan street	0 4 0
37	Sala Bohum do.	0 4 0
38	Kailasa Nathan Kovil Mattu street	0 4 0
	Fourth Division.	
1	Rajah street	0 8 0
2	Sengalanir Odai street	0 8 0
3	Keelanda Rajah do.	0 8 0
4	Nellucara street	0 8 0
5	M. K. Darmaraya Mudali street	0 4 0
6	Kollasuthiram street	0 8 0
7	Kamatchiamman Mada street	0 4 0
8	Subbaroya Mudali street	0 4 0
9	Ulahalandhaperumal Sannadhi street	0 4 0
10	Ulahalandha street	0 4 0
11	Sappani Pillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0
12	Vaikuntaperumal Sannadhi street	0 8 0
13	Urappanancharry street	0 8 0
14	Kamatchiammen Sunnadhi street	0 8 0
15	Chettikulam Silar Sahib do.	0 4 0
16	Do. Pallu street	0 4 0
17	Kuppunayakkan street	0 4 0
18	Punjukutti street	0 4 0
19	Damalwar do.	0 4 0
20	Kalandur do.	0 4 0
21	Koverikuppam street	0 4 0
22	Rayankuttai do.	0 4 0
23	Kammala do.	0 8 0
24	Kammala Kullappa Chari street	0 4 0
25	Sembada Sinnappiyan street	0 4 0
26	Chetti street	0 4 0
27	Perumal Naiken street	0 4 0
28	Theradi street	0 8 0
29	Vathia Kurukkul street	0 8 0
30	Yekambaraswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0
31	Yekambarapuram street	0 4 0
32	Punjupettai Peria do.	0 4 0
33	Do. Sinna do.	0 4 0
34	Vol. Muhammadpettah Lubbai street.	0 8 0
35	Do. Varadhappa Mudali street	0 4 0
36	Lingappaiyar street	0 8 0
37	Salai street	0 8 0
38	Bava Sahib street	0 4 0
39	Sathangutti street	0 4 0
40	Vallakulam do.	0 4 0
41	Pandavaperumal Mada street	0 4 0
42	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
43	Pandavaperumal Sannadi street	0 8 0
44	Vuppari street	0 4 0
45	Puthari do.	0 8 0
46	Yekambaraswarar Sannadhi street	0 8 0
47	Yirattaipillaiyar Kovil street	0 4 0
48	Karppaha Pilliar street	0 4 0
49	Nabunthakara street	0 4 0
50	Do. Vothavadai street	0 4 0
51	Kanakku Subbaraya Pillai do.	0 4 0

No. 877.

Returned to the Chairman for submission through the Collector.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th September 1894.

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

Forwarded to the Collector.

6th October 1894. N. S. BRODIE,
Sub-Collector.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

Returned to the Chairman with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, passed on his letter No. 360 of the 23rd September.

What the Government distinctly asks for and requires is a specific list of the assumed alienations in question so that its orders may be taken on each individual case. The list should show the extent of the encroachment and the number and date of the council's resolution purporting to authorize it. A plan of the encroachments would greatly facilitate Government in passing orders on the various cases.

SAIDAPET,
30*th October* 1894. G. S. FORBES,
Collector.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Conjeeveram 30th March 1895, No. 66-Index of 1895.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 19th March 1895, No. 58-Index of 1895.

In re-submitting my letter No. 370, dated 30th August 1894, with its enclosures which were submitted to you direct by mistake, and a copy of resolution of the council, dated 16th March 1895, I have the honour to state that the rate of rents, viz., As. 4 and As. 8 per 100 square feet per annum has been fixed according to the importance of each street shown in the list. These rates will not only apply to all the poramboke lands occupied by the townpeople on account of koradu, &c., with or without superstructure since 20th February 1889, but also to all those that may hereafter be granted with the sanction of Government.

2. I beg, therefore, that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for these rates and for levying the same in each and every case already submitted to Government with necessary sketches.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on 3rd Saturday the 16th March 1895, at 5-45 P.M., No. 46, of 1894–95.

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Read Collector's reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, requesting to reconsider the resolution of the council, dated 2nd June 1894, on the subject of levying rents on the occupations of street poramboke since 20th February 1889.

Read Resolution No. 1, dated 4th August 1894, on the subject.

Resolved by a majority that the rates of fees passed by the council in their resolution, dated 4th August 1894, be applicable to constructions with or without superstructure that have come into existence since 20th February 1889, as well as to such buildings that may hereafter be permitted with the sanction of Government under G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. Mr. Ramanadasarma dissents.

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Forwarded to the Collector.

SATHIAVEDU,
25*th March* 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Forwarded.

2. The list of koradus referred to in paragraph 2 has been already submitted to Government for orders. I have already recommended that the encroachments therein referred to should not be sanctioned, but if they are, the rates herein proposed are certainly much too low. The rates should be more or less prohibitory so as to discourage applications as much as possible and the lowest rate should not be less than one rupee per 100 square feet. For future encroachments the rate proposed should, I think, be specified when each case is submitted for the orders of Government, and no general system of rates should be sanctioned as herein proposed.

SAIDAPET,
4*th April* 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 7th March 1895, No. 43-Index.

With reference to G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894, calling for a complete list of encroachments made since 20th February 1889, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a list of permissions granted for the erection of koradus in street poramboke lands as directed therein. It contains measurement of each koradu and the present breadth of the street with 53 sketches showing the encroached portion of the street in each case.

2. The resolution of the council fixing rent for street poramboke land in each street is laid before it for its reconsideration as advised by the Collector on the ground that the rent now fixed does not show specifically whether it is for the lands already encroached upon or those that may hereafter under the sanction of Government be obtained by the people, and I shall obtain the decision of the council on the subject and submit shortly.

Forwarded.

2. The sketches submitted with this letter do not show in all cases whether the lands so lavishly assigned by the council are projections into the line of the street or not. All the permits granted seem to have been for the construction of koradus or raised platforms of mud or stones in front of the pials of the houses. I cannot recommend that any of the assignments should be confirmed in the interests of the town generally. The Sanitary Commissioner has frequently remarked in his inspection notes that the wide and airy streets for which Conjeeveram was formerly celebrated are rapidly becoming things of the past, and the causes thereof can be easily learnt from this statement now forwarded. Koradus so long as they are of uniform height and not covered over in any way are not, I think, objectionable and may serve the purpose fulfilled by side pavements in European countries. The evil of promiscuous assignments such as those now reported is that no definite rule is laid down for their breadth or height and no precautions taken to see that they are not covered over. In a short time the enterprising owners convert them into bazaars and apply for more lands with a view to convert them into proper shops or extensions of their own houses.

PERIAPALAYAM,
13*th March* 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Ref. on No. 49-Muni.

Forwarded.

2. The list submitted by the Chairman apparently includes only those cases in which permissions granted for constructing koradus and other encroachments have been acted on. From his letter No. 567, dated 31st December 1894, to this office (copy enclosed), it would seem also that cases where only mud koradus have been raised have been omitted from this list. What the Government required from the council in its order No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, was "a complete list of the cases in which they have allowed the erection of 'koradus' or other encroachments since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889". The present list does not comply with these requirements.

3. With regard to cases where permissions granted by the council after 20th February 1889 had not been acted on, Mr. Thomson called upon the Chairman in his letter, No. 69, Municipal, dated 7th June 1894, to move the council to issue a notice to the persons concerned that the council had no power to grant such permissions, that they were granted by mistake and that they should apply for the sanction of Government through the council and the Collector. In reply, the Chairman stated in his letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, that he would place the matter before the council at the earliest opportunity and communicate the result at once. No further report has been received from the Chairman on the subject.

4. In cases where permits have been acted on, the sketches received would show that, while in some cases the koradus had been built in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others (Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47 in the list) in which there is no encroachment on either side, and there are many others in which the sketches furnished do not clearly supply information. But the general result of allowing these koradus has been to destroy the uniformity of the streets. Thus the Shaikhpet street, which is the narrowest of those shown in the list, measures only 17½ feet wide opposite house No. 14, while opposite houses Nos. 137 and 138 it measures 36 feet wide and opposite house No. 119, 44½ feet. The sketches show side channels only in some cases and not in others.

5. A copy of this office letter, Reference on No. 85, Municipal, dated 9th July 1894, which seems to be referred to in paragraph 2 of the Chairman's letter, is enclosed with copy of the municipal council's resolution therein referred to.

6. As regards occupations of street poramboke permitted prior to 20th February 1889, the council were asked in this office letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, to consider the question of levying rent for such occupations, and it was suggested that, as time was of great importance in such cases, the council should proceed to consider the subject forthwith. The council were again reminded about this in the letter of the 9th July 1894 above quoted, but no action has apparently been taken in the matter till now. The attitude of the municipal council on these important questions is illustrative of the manner in which the interests of the public are sacrificed by it. As Sub-Collector I have already expressed my opinion that the encroachments now reported should not be allowed, or only in a very modified form.

7. The explanation called for by Government in paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, has not even yet been submitted notwithstanding the reminder in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894.

SAIDAPET,
6th April 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

ENCLOSURES.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on Saturday the 2nd June 1894, No. 6.

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Read letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput district, recommending to proceed to consider forthwith the subject of levying rents for the occupation of street poramboke as proposed by the council together with the G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, on the subject.

Read also proceedings of the Madras G.O., Mis. No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, on the subject.

Resolved that a yearly rent of As. 4 for every 100 square feet and under be levied in respect of any land at the disposal of the municipality upon which permission to erect koradu, platform, etc., without superstructure may be granted and a clause be invariably inserted in the pass and in the rent deed requiring the occupier to vacate the land when required by the municipal council.

The same rates will be levied on encroachments made since 1889.

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COPY of letter, reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

With reference to the Municipal Council's resolution, dated 2nd June 1894, forwarded with your letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, I have the honour to observe that it appears to be intended to apply only to the buildings which may, in future, be sanctioned. The sanction of Government for the rent proposed to be levied has to be obtained in each case. I note also rent has been fixed by the council for building only koradu, etc., without superstructure, and not for koradu with superstructure. Under my letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, the council should consider the levy of rents on the occupations of street poramboke prior to February 1889. Nothing has been said about this. Please therefore have the matter reconsidered and the resolution modified.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Collector of Chingleput, dated 31st December 1894, No. 567.

With reference to your letter No. 2061-Ver., dated 9th July 1894, I have the honour to inform you that a list of all the passes granted since 20th February 1889 was prepared in the office from the duplicate copies of the passes and sent to the nuisance inspectors directing them to fill up the 4th column of the list with the dimension of koradus, etc., as they exist at present. On receipt of the lists from them, a consolidated one was prepared in the office and submitted.

2. In reference to the arzi No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Conjeeveram, the following discrepancies are pointed out in the letter under reply :—

(1) Omission of koradus in items Nos. 1, 6 and 8 of the list.

(2) What construction was allowed in case No. 12.

(3) Occupation of more land than that allowed in case No. 10.

With reference to No. (1), I have the honour to state that only mud platforms exist opposite to the houses. Such platforms of mud can be seen opposite to that of all the houses in the town that have not had masonry constructions. When houses are built on a higher level than that of the street and when there is space enough between the row of houses and the side ditch, the houses have invariably had such platforms. Only houses in narrow lanes that cannot afford to have such platforms have not got them. These mud platforms are being worn out every year by the monsoons and are generally repaired at the time of pongal feasts. These parts are generally kept clean by the house owners who consider it very ceremonious in besprinkling cowdung water and decorating with powder diagrams every morning. These perennial mud platforms have been omitted in the list. If we are required to submit list of such platforms, I shall do so, but the list may be an enormous one.

In regard to No. (2), no pass was granted for anything except the construction of a verandah in the backyard and the re-erection of a verandah in front of the house facing the street. The pass does not authorize the building of koradu with old masonry borders, which has been in existence for a long time, and hence it was omitted in the list.

As to No. (3), I beg to state that the pass which was granted simply permits the erection of koradu, verandah and a bridge over the side ditch without specifying any dimensions. It was granted in 1889 by the then Chairman on the recommendation of a ward councillor and approved by the council at its meeting, dated 11th April 1889. As to the incorrect measurements pointed out, I have severely reprimanded the nuisance inspectors concerned.

3. With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I beg to state that a list of all assumed street poramboke lands since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, with the exception of those passes granted in 1890 (which were filed in the civil court, Chingleput, in an encroachment case), is being prepared together with plans as advised and will be submitted with the views of the council in regard to rent, etc., at an early date.

(1) Collector's letter No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894.
(2) G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 23rd September 1894.
(3) Collector's endorsement No. 133 M., dated 17th November 1894.

4. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that a list of street poramboke occupations for 22 cases was submitted to Government with this office letter No. 461, dated 26th October 1889, and a plan for the same is also under preparation and will be submitted soon. The revised list and letter No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Conjeeveram Stationary Sub-Magistrate are herewith submitted.

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ORDER—Mis. No. 1024 M., dated 26th June 1895.

The papers read above relate to the question of street encroachments in the municipality of Conjeeveram.

2. On the 11th February 1889, the municipal council passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of houses) should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet, and in accordance therewith continued to grant licenses to build "koradus" without reference to Government notwithstanding the fact that in G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, the transfer of immovable property by municipalities without its sanction was forbidden, until April 1894, when the Collector of Chingleput brought the matter to notice. In its order No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, Government endorsed the latter officer's opinion that the resolution in question could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property, the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned by Government with reference to the Government order quoted above. The council, however, to which the Collector had in the meantime communicated his reference to Government, passed a resolution on the 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation of immovable property within the meaning of the Government order of February 1889, and submitted it to Government; but in G.O., No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, passed thereon, the Government referred the council to its previous order and directed the submission of a list of all alienations made since the order of 1889. On the 21st July 1894, the council passed a second resolution to the same effect as the first and sent it up direct to Government; but the Government in its order No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894, drew the council's attention again to the previous orders on the subject and directed it to expedite the list of "koradus" already called for. On the 21st October a first instalment of the list was received, which was returned to the council for further particulars (G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894).

3. The final list was submitted only on the 7th March 1895, and it is altogether incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission to erect "koradus" has been granted, but not yet acted upon, or those in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches submitted with it, imperfect as they are, show that the clear tendency of these assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets and that many encroachments which should not be permitted have been allowed. The Collector also points out that while in some cases the "koradus" are in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others in which there is no encroachment on either side, and that the Shaikhpet street, which is 44½ feet wide in one place, has been reduced to 17½ feet in another. The dilatory and unsatisfactory manner in which the council has been dealing with this subject throughout is highly discreditable, and the Government has now decided that the time has come to employ other means to secure obedience to its orders. The Collector will therefore be requested to direct the Sub-Collector to proceed to Conjeeveram at an early date, inspect each "koradu" which has been built upon the public

street in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that it is done without delay. The municipal council should moreover distinctly understand that all licenses which have not as yet been acted upon must at once be withdrawn and that no license for a "koradu" should, in future, be given without the previous sanction of Government.

4. The council also submits proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of "koradus" in cases where they are held to be unobjectionable. This question was first commended to its consideration by the Collector in April 1894, and in its resolution, dated 2nd June, the council decided to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on lands granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector thereupon appears to have asked the council in his letter, dated 6th June 1894, to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again in a subsequent communication, to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter the council has failed to do, but requests sanction for levying fees in different streets at the rates of 4 and 8 annas respectively. These are much too low and cannot be approved. The Sub-Collector should be directed to propose a system of rates which should be fixed sufficiently high to serve as a check against encroachments and should in no case be less than 6 pies per square foot per annum. Every lease, where such is allowed, must contain a stipulation that the land, if required by the municipality, should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months, without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind and for the grant of every such lease the previous sanction of Government should be obtained.

5. The Collector will be requested to report, by the 30th September next, what action has been taken upon this order.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.
" Collector of Chingleput.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th August 1894, No. 370.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of resolution of the Municipal Council, dated 4th August 1894, and to state that the rate of rents proposed for occupying poramboke lands in front of houses, bazaars, etc., in the various streets of Conjeeveram without any kind of detriment to the convenience and comforts of the public, is of two classes, viz., 4 annas and 8 annas per 100 square feet per annum.

The rent of the kind is meant to be levied in cases in which the Council may allow the erection of koradu, sarmanai, etc., constructions.

No superstructure will be allowed with or without the sanction of Government.

I beg therefore that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for the rates and for levying the same in all the cases referred to above.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on first Saturday, the 4th August 1894, at 5-45 P.M.

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Collector's reference on No. 69-M. of 1894, dated 7th June 1894, asking the Council to fix different rates of rent for different streets together with lists submitted by the sub-committee suggesting a difference of rates.

The following rates suggested by the sub-committee are approved:—

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	First Division.	RS. A. P.
1	Sannadhi street	0 8 0
2	Kurukkoo do.	0 8 0
3	Varahavasal do.	0 8 0
4	Vadavanda Mada street	0 8 0
5	Thirucholai street	0 8 0
6	Kathiree do.	0 4 0
7	Pattla do.	0 8 0
8	Naina Pillai do.	0 4 0
9	Sethuraya Pillai street	0 4 0
10	Keelanda Mada do.	0 8 0
11	Mudaliar street	0 4 0
12	Yeda do.	0 4 0
13	Thennanda Mada street	0 8 0
14	Kammala street	0 4 0
15	Usthagiree do.	0 4 0
16	Kusa do.	0 4 0
17	Ammangar do.	0 4 0
18	Vagavathee do.	0 4 0
19	Anaikuttee do.	0 8 0
20	Palla street	0 4 0
21	Punnia Koteeswaran Kovil street	0 4 0
22	Punnia Koteeswaren Mada street	0 4 0
23	Amuthupadi street	0 8 0
24	Malaiyala do.	0 8 0
25	Sunnambukara street	0 4 0
26	Chetty do.	0 8 0
27	Namundacara do.	0 8 0
28	Thirucachinumbi street	0 4 0
29	Seshathiripalyam Mattu street	0 4 0
30	Do. street	0 4 0
31	Do. Palani Chetty street.	0 4 0
32	Moonam Thirumala Mandapam street.	0 8 0
33	Succulapalayam street	0 4 0
34	Do. Govintha Chetty street	0 4 0
35	Mettupalaya Kammala street	0 4 0
36	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
37	Mettupalayam do.	0 4 0
38	Aiyangarpalayam street	0 8 0
39	Mahaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	Second Division.	RS. A. P.
1	Nellucara street	0 8 0
2	Kusa do.	0 8 0
3	Sekkupettai Kavara street	0 4 0
4	Do. street	0 8 0
5	Do. Salia street	0 4 0
6	Yannaikara street	0 4 0
7	Rajampettai Salia street	0 4 0
8	Hudsonspettai street	0 8 0
9	Rajampettai do.	0 8 0
10	Hudsonspettai Chetti street	0 4 0
11	Palleekcodathan Mudali street	0 8 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 4 0
13	Vilakkadi Kovil street	0 4 0
14	Vallicca Pattarai do.	0 4 0
15	Bungarooyasappa Naiken street	0 4 0
16	Vilakkadi Kovil Thoppu do.	0 4 0
17	Singaperumal Mada street	0 4 0
18	Do. Sannadhi street	0 4 0
19	Narayanapalayam street	0 8 0
20	Bavapettai street	0 8 0
21	Thumbavanam street	0 8 0
22	Kottrambalayam street	0 4 0
23	Do. Vania street	0 8 0
24	Astabujam Sannadhi street	0 4 0
25	Do. Mada street	0 4 0
26	Mullapalayam street	0 4 0
27	Nahaluthu street	0 4 0
28	Thasichettipalayam street	0 4 0
29	Santhareeswararswamiyar street	0 4 0
30	Kannappan street	0 8 0
31	Astabujam Kumara Chetti street	0 8 0
32	Virana Chetti street	0 8 0
33	Tirukkachinambi street	0 8 0
34	Yathothkariswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0
35	Do. Sunnadhi street.	0 4 0
36	Haidarpettai street	0 4 0
37	Vuppukula do.	0 4 0
38	Market street	0 4 0
39	Reddipettai street	0 4 0
40	Baharampettai street	
	Third Division.	
1	Puthari street	0 8 0
2	Okkapurunthan Kila street	0 4 0
3	Do. Pudu do.	0 4 0
4	Mandukanneswarar Kovil street	0 4 0
5	Badrakaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0
6	Narasingarayar street	0 4 0
7	Vania street	0 8 0
8	Kachapeswaraswamiyar Kovil Mada street	0 8 0
9	Nellucara street	0 8 0
10	Kusa do.	0 8 0
11	Rajampettai street	0 8 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0
13	Vanathiswarar Kovil street	0 4 0
14	Karealan street	0 8 0
15	Karikkivilvaluruthal Kovil street	0 4 0
16	Kajana Ramanjeear street	0 8 0
17	Mata street	0 4 0
18	Ananthogipundithur street	0 4 0
19	Solai Ramaswami Aiyar street	0 8 0
20	Mandapa street	0 4 0
21	Othaivadai Sengalvarayan Naiken street	0 4 0
22	Balayya Maduvu street	0 4 0
23	Puthupalaya street	0 8 0
24	Yakamuhan do.	0 8 0
25	Krishna Rayar street	0 8 0
26	Thirumettalli do.	0 8 0
27	Thirumulraya do.	0 4 0
28	Nadu street	0 4 0
29	Mathanumpalayam street	0 8 0
30	Akkanambalayam do.	0 8 0
31	Lingappaiyarpalayam street	0 8 0
32	Virana Kaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0
33	Do. Othaivadai street	0 4 0
34	Thennukambam street	0 8 0
35	Soleeswaran Kovil do.	0 4 0
36	Kuchiappan street	0 4 0
37	Sala Bohum do.	0 4 0
38	Kailasa Nathan Kovil Mattu street	0 4 0
	Fourth Division.	
1	Rajah street	0 8 0
2	Sengalanir Odai street	0 8 0
3	Keelanda Rajah do.	0 8 0
4	Nellucara street	0 8 0
5	M. K. Darmaraya Mudali street	0 4 0
6	Kollasuthiram street	0 8 0
7	Kamatchiamman Mada street	0 4 0
8	Subbaroya Mudali street	0 4 0
9	Ulahalandhaperumal Sannadhi street	0 4 0
10	Ulahalandha street	0 4 0
11	Sappani Pillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0
12	Vaikuntaperumal Sannadhi street	0 8 0
13	Urappanancharry street	0 8 0
14	Kamatchiammen Sunnadhi street	0 8 0
15	Chettikulam Silar Sahib do.	0 4 0
16	Do. Pallu street	0 4 0
17	Kuppunayakkan street	0 4 0
18	Punjukutti street	0 4 0
19	Damalwar do.	0 4 0
20	Kalandur do.	0 4 0
21	Koverikuppam street	0 4 0
22	Rayankuttai do.	0 4 0
23	Kammala do.	0 8 0
24	Kammala Kullappa Chari street	0 4 0
25	Sembada Sinnapaiyan street	0 4 0
26	Chetti street	0 4 0
27	Perumal Naiken street	0 4 0
28	Theradi street	0 8 0
29	Vathia Kurukkul street	0 8 0
30	Yekambaraswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0
31	Yekambarapuram street	0 4 0
32	Punjupettai Peria do.	0 4 0
33	Do. Sinna do.	0 4 0
34	Vol. Muhammadpettah Lubbai street.	0 8 0
35	Do. Varadhappa Mudali street	0 4 0
36	Lingappaiyar street	0 8 0
37	Salai street	0 8 0
38	Bava Sahib street	0 4 0
39	Sathangutti street	0 4 0
40	Vallakulam do.	0 4 0
41	Pandavaperumal Mada street	0 4 0
42	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
43	Pandavaperumal Sannadi street	0 8 0
44	Vuppari street	0 4 0
45	Puthari do.	0 8 0
46	Yekambaraswarar Sannadhi street	0 8 0
47	Yirattaipillaiyar Kovil street	0 4 0
48	Karppaha Pilliar street	0 4 0
49	Nabunthakara street	0 4 0
50	Do. Vothavadai street	0 4 0
51	Kanakku Subbaraya Pillai do.	0 4 0

No. 877.

Returned to the Chairman for submission through the Collector.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th September 1894.

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

Forwarded to the Collector.

N. S. BRODIE,
Sub-Collector.

6th October 1894.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

Returned to the Chairman with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, passed on his letter No. 360 of the 23rd September.

What the Government distinctly asks for and requires is a specific list of the assumed alienations in question so that its orders may be taken on each individual case. The list should show the extent of the encroachment and the number and date of the council's resolution purporting to authorize it. A plan of the encroachments would greatly facilitate Government in passing orders on the various cases.

SAIDAPET,
30th October 1894.

G. S. FORBES,
Collector.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Conjeeveram 30th March 1895, No. 66-Index of 1895.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 19th March 1895, No. 58-Index of 1895.

In re-submitting my letter No. 370, dated 30th August 1894, with its enclosures which were submitted to you direct by mistake, and a copy of resolution of the council, dated 16th March 1895, I have the honour to state that the rate of rents, viz., As. 4 and As. 8 per 100 square feet per annum has been fixed according to the importance of each street shown in the list. These rates will not only apply to all the poramboke lands occupied by the townpeople on account of koradu, &c., with or without superstructure since 20th February 1889, but also to all those that may hereafter be granted with the sanction of Government.

2. I beg, therefore, that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for these rates and for levying the same in each and every case already submitted to Government with necessary sketches.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on 3rd Saturday the 16th March 1895, at 5-45 P.M., No. 46, of 1894-95.

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Read Collector's reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, requesting to reconsider the resolution of the council, dated 2nd June 1894, on the subject of levying rents on the occupations of street poramboke since 20th February 1889.

Read Resolution No. 1, dated 4th August 1894, on the subject.

Resolved by a majority that the rates of fees passed by the council in their resolution, dated 4th August 1894, be applicable to constructions with or without superstructure that have come into existence since 20th February 1889, as well as to such buildings that may hereafter be permitted with the sanction of Government under G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. Mr. Ramanadasarma dissents.

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Forwarded to the Collector.

SATHIAVEDU,
25th March 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Forwarded.

2. The list of koradus referred to in paragraph 2 has been already submitted to Government for orders. I have already recommended that the encroachments therein referred to should not be sanctioned, but if they are, the rates herein proposed are certainly much too low. The rates should be more or less prohibitory so as to discourage applications as much as possible and the lowest rate should not be less than one rupee per 100 square feet. For future encroachments the rate proposed should, I think, be specified when each case is submitted for the orders of Government, and no general system of rates should be sanctioned as herein proposed.

SAIDAPET,
4th April 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 7th March 1895, No. 43-Index.

With reference to G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894, calling for a complete list of encroachments made since 20th February 1889, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a list of permissions granted for the erection of koradus in street poramboke lands as directed therein. It contains measurement of each koradu and the present breadth of the street with 53 sketches showing the encroached portion of the street in each case.

2. The resolution of the council fixing rent for street poramboke land in each street is laid before it for its reconsideration as advised by the Collector on the ground that the rent now fixed does not show specifically whether it is for the lands already encroached upon or those that may hereafter under the sanction of Government be obtained by the people, and I shall obtain the decision of the council on the subject and submit shortly.

Forwarded.

2. The sketches submitted with this letter do not show in all cases whether the lands so lavishly assigned by the council are projections into the line of the street or not. All the permits granted seem to have been for the construction of koradus or raised platforms of mud or stones in front of the pials of the houses. I cannot recommend that any of the assignments should be confirmed in the interests of the town generally. The Sanitary Commissioner has frequently remarked in his inspection notes that the wide and airy streets for which Conjeeveram was formerly celebrated are rapidly becoming things of the past, and the causes thereof can be easily learnt from this statement now forwarded. Koradus so long as they are of uniform height and not covered over in any way are not, I think, objectionable and may serve the purpose fulfilled by side pavements in European countries. The evil of promiscuous assignments such as those now reported is that no definite rule is laid down for their breadth or height and no precautions taken to see that they are not covered over. In a short time the enterprising owners convert them into bazaars and apply for more lands with a view to convert them into proper shops or extensions of their own houses.

PERIAPALAYAM,
13th March 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Ref. on No. 49-Muni.

Forwarded.

2. The list submitted by the Chairman apparently includes only those cases in which permissions granted for constructing koradus and other encroachments have been acted on. From his letter No. 567, dated 31st December 1894, to this office (copy enclosed), it would seem also that cases where only mud koradus have been raised have been omitted from this list. What the Government required from the council in its order No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, was "a complete list of the cases in which they have allowed the erection of 'koradus' or other encroachments since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889". The present list does not comply with these requirements.

3. With regard to cases where permissions granted by the council after 20th February 1889 had not been acted on, Mr. Thomson called upon the Chairman in his letter, No. 69, Municipal, dated 7th June 1894, to move the council to issue a notice to the persons concerned that the council had no power to grant such permissions, that they were granted by mistake and that they should apply for the sanction of Government through the council and the Collector. In reply, the Chairman stated in his letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, that he would place the matter before the council at the earliest opportunity and communicate the result at once. No further report has been received from the Chairman on the subject.

4. In cases where permits have been acted on, the sketches received would show that, while in some cases the koradus had been built in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others (Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47 in the list) in which there is no encroachment on either side, and there are many others in which the sketches furnished do not clearly supply information. But the general result of allowing these koradus has been to destroy the uniformity of the streets. Thus the Shaikhpet street, which is the narrowest of those shown in the list, measures only 17½ feet wide opposite house No. 14, while opposite houses Nos. 137 and 138 it measures 36 feet wide and opposite house No. 119, 44½ feet. The sketches show side channels only in some cases and not in others.

5. A copy of this office letter, Reference on No. 85, Municipal, dated 9th July 1894, which seems to be referred to in paragraph 2 of the Chairman's letter, is enclosed with copy of the municipal council's resolution therein referred to.

6. As regards occupations of street poramboke permitted prior to 20th February 1889, the council were asked in this office letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, to consider the question of levying rent for such occupations, and it was suggested that, as time was of great importance in such cases, the council should proceed to consider the subject forthwith. The council were again reminded about this in the letter of the 9th July 1894 above quoted, but no action has apparently been taken in the matter till now. The attitude of the municipal council on these important questions is illustrative of the manner in which the interests of the public are sacrificed by it. As Sub-Collector I have already expressed my opinion that the encroachments now reported should not be allowed, or only in a very modified form.

7. The explanation called for by Government in paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, has not even yet been submitted notwithstanding the reminder in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894.

SAIDAPET,
6th April 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

ENCLOSURES.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on Saturday the 2nd June 1894, No. 6.

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Read letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput district, recommending to proceed to consider forthwith the subject of levying rents for the occupation of street poramboke as proposed by the council together with the G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, on the subject.

Read also proceedings of the Madras G.O., Mis. No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, on the subject.

Resolved that a yearly rent of As. 4 for every 100 square feet and under be levied in respect of any land at the disposal of the municipality upon which permission to erect koradu, platform, etc., without superstructure may be granted and a clause be invariably inserted in the pass and in the rent deed requiring the occupier to vacate the land when required by the municipal council.

The same rates will be levied on encroachments made since 1889.

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COPY of letter, reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

With reference to the Municipal Council's resolution, dated 2nd June 1894, forwarded with your letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, I have the honour to observe that it appears to be intended to apply only to the buildings which may, in future, be sanctioned. The sanction of Government for the rent proposed to be levied has to be obtained in each case. I note also rent has been fixed by the council for building only koradu, etc., without superstructure, and not for koradu with superstructure. Under my letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, the council should consider the levy of rents on the occupations of street poramboke prior to February 1889. Nothing has been said about this. Please therefore have the matter reconsidered and the resolution modified.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Collector of Chingleput, dated 31st December 1894, No. 567.

With reference to your letter No. 2061-Ver., dated 9th July 1894, I have the honour to inform you that a list of all the passes granted since 20th February 1889 was prepared in the office from the duplicate copies of the passes and sent to the nuisance inspectors directing them to fill up the 4th column of the list with the dimension of koradus, etc., as they exist at present. On receipt of the lists from them, a consolidated one was prepared in the office and submitted.

2. In reference to the arzi No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Conjeeveram, the following discrepancies are pointed out in the letter under reply:—

(1) Omission of koradus in items Nos. 1, 6 and 8 of the list.

(2) What construction was allowed in case No. 12.

(3) Occupation of more land than that allowed in case No. 10.

With reference to No. (1), I have the honour to state that only mud platforms exist opposite to the houses. Such platforms of mud can be seen opposite to that of all the houses in the town that have not had masonry constructions. When houses are built on a higher level than that of the street and when there is space enough between the row of houses and the side ditch, the houses have invariably had such platforms. Only houses in narrow lanes that cannot afford to have such platforms have not got them. These mud platforms are being worn out every year by the monsoons and are generally repaired at the time of pongal feasts. These parts are generally kept clean by the house owners who consider it very ceremonious in besprinkling cowdung water and decorating with powder diagrams every morning. These perennial mud platforms have been omitted in the list. If we are required to submit list of such platforms, I shall do so, but the list may be an enormous one.

In regard to No. (2), no pass was granted for anything except the construction of a verandah in the backyard and the re-erection of a verandah in front of the house facing the street. The pass does not authorize the building of koradu with old masonry borders, which has been in existence for a long time, and hence it was omitted in the list.

As to No. (3), I beg to state that the pass which was granted simply permits the erection of koradu, verandah and a bridge over the side ditch without specifying any dimensions. It was granted in 1889 by the then Chairman on the recommendation of a ward councillor and approved by the council at its meeting, dated 11th April 1889. As to the incorrect measurements pointed out, I have severely reprimanded the nuisance inspectors concerned.

3. With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I beg to state that a list of all assumed street poramboke lands since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, with the exception of those passes granted in 1890 (which were filed in the civil court, Chingleput, in an encroachment case), is being prepared together with plans as advised and will be submitted with the views of the council in regard to rent, etc., at an early date.

(1) Collector's letter No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894.
(2) G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 23rd September 1894.
(3) Collector's endorsement No. 133 M., dated 17th November 1894.

4. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that a list of street poramboke occupations for 22 cases was submitted to Government with this office letter No. 461, dated 26th October 1889, and a plan for the same is also under preparation and will be submitted soon. The revised list and letter No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Conjeeveram Stationary Sub-Magistrate are herewith submitted.

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ORDER—Mis. No. 1024 M., dated 26th June 1895.

The papers read above relate to the question of street encroachments in the municipality of Conjeeveram.

2. On the 11th February 1889, the municipal council passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of houses) should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet, and in accordance therewith continued to grant licenses to build "koradus" without reference to Government notwithstanding the fact that in G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, the transfer of immovable property by municipalities without its sanction was forbidden, until April 1894, when the Collector of Chingleput brought the matter to notice. In its order No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, Government endorsed the latter officer's opinion that the resolution in question could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property, the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned by Government with reference to the Government order quoted above. The council, however, to which the Collector had in the meantime communicated his reference to Government, passed a resolution on the 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation of immovable property within the meaning of the Government order of February 1889, and submitted it to Government; but in G.O., No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, passed thereon, the Government referred the council to its previous order and directed the submission of a list of all alienations made since the order of 1889. On the 21st July 1894, the council passed a second resolution to the same effect as the first and sent it up direct to Government; but the Government in its order No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894, drew the council's attention again to the previous orders on the subject and directed it to expedite the list of "koradus" already called for. On the 21st October a first instalment of the list was received, which was returned to the council for further particulars (G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894).

3. The final list was submitted only on the 7th March 1895, and it is altogether incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission to erect "koradus" has been granted, but not yet acted upon, or those in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches submitted with it, imperfect as they are, show that the clear tendency of these assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets and that many encroachments which should not be permitted have been allowed. The Collector also points out that while in some cases the "koradus" are in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others in which there is no encroachment on either side, and that the Shaikhpet street, which is 44½ feet wide in one place, has been reduced to 17½ feet in another. The dilatory and unsatisfactory manner in which the council has been dealing with this subject throughout is highly discreditable, and the Government has now decided that the time has come to employ other means to secure obedience to its orders. The Collector will therefore be requested to direct the Sub-Collector to proceed to Conjeeveram at an early date, inspect each "koradu" which has been built upon the public

street in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that it is done without delay. The municipal council should moreover distinctly understand that all licenses which have not as yet been acted upon must at once be withdrawn and that no license for a "koradu" should, in future, be given without the previous sanction of Government.

4. The council also submits proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of "koradus" in cases where they are held to be unobjectionable. This question was first commended to its consideration by the Collector in April 1894, and in its resolution, dated 2nd June, the council decided to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on lands granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector thereupon appears to have asked the council in his letter, dated 6th June 1894, to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again in a subsequent communication, to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter the council has failed to do, but requests sanction for levying fees in different streets at the rates of 4 and 8 annas respectively. These are much too low and cannot be approved. The Sub-Collector should be directed to propose a system of rates which should be fixed sufficiently high to serve as a check against encroachments and should in no case be less than 6 pies per square foot per annum. Every lease, where such is allowed, must contain a stipulation that the land, if required by the municipality, should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months, without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind and for the grant of every such lease the previous sanction of Government should be obtained.

5. The Collector will be requested to report, by the 30th September next, what action has been taken upon this order.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.
" Collector of Chingleput.

Srd. S. J. Pereira.

Government {1895} of Madras.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

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G.O., No. 1024 M., 26th June 1895.

N. P.

JUNE.

Encroachments.

Stating that the manner in which the Conjeeveram Municipal Council has been dealing with the question of street — is highly discreditable, and requesting the Collector of Chingleput to direct the Sub-Collector to inspect the koradus in the town, make out a list of those which should be removed and see that they are removed, and to submit proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of koradus.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th August 1894, No. 370.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of resolution of the Municipal Council, dated 4th August 1894, and to state that the rate of rents proposed for occupying poramboke lands in front of houses, bazaars, etc., in the various streets of Conjeeveram without any kind of detriment to the convenience and comforts of the public, is of two classes, viz., 4 annas and 8 annas per 100 square feet per annum.

The rent of the kind is meant to be levied in cases in which the Council may allow the erection of koradu, sarmanai, etc., constructions.

No superstructure will be allowed with or without the sanction of Government.

I beg therefore that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for the rates and for levying the same in all the cases referred to above.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on first Saturday, the 4th August 1894, at 5-45 P.M.

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Collector's reference on No. 69-M. of 1894, dated 7th June 1894, asking the Council to fix different rates of rent for different streets together with lists submitted by the sub-committee suggesting a difference of rates.

The following rates suggested by the sub-committee are approved:—

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.	Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	First Division.	RS. A. P.		*First Division*—cont.	RS. A. P.
1	Sannadhi street	0 8 0	22	Punnia Koteeswaren Mada street ..	0 4 0
2	Kurukkoo do.	0 8 0	23	Amuthupadi street	0 8 0
3	Varahavasal do.	0 8 0	24	Malaiyala do.	0 8 0
4	Vadavanda Mada street	0 8 0	25	Sunnambukara street	0 4 0
5	Thirucholai street	0 8 0	26	Chetty do.	0 8 0
6	Kathiree do.	0 4 0	27	Namundacara do.	0 8 0
7	Pattla do.	0 8 0	28	Thirucachinumbi street	0 8 0
8	Naina Pillai do.	0 4 0	29	Seshathiripalyam Mattu street ..	0 4 0
9	Sethuraya Pillai street	0 4 0	30	Do. street	0 4 0
10	Keelanda Mada do.	0 8 0	31	Do. Palani Chetty street.	0 4 0
11	Mudaliar street	0 4 0	32	Moonam Thirumala Mandapam street.	0 8 0
12	Yeda do.	0 4 0	33	Succulapalayam street	0 4 0
13	Thennanda Mada street	0 8 0	34	Do. Govintha Chetty street	0 4 0
14	Kammala street	0 4 0			
15	Usthagiree do.	0 4 0	35	Mettupalaya Kammala street ..	0 4 0
16	Kusa do.	0 4 0	36	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
17	Ammangar do.	0 4 0	37	Mettupalayam do.	0 4 0
18	Vagavathee do.	0 8 0	38	Aiyangarpalayam street	0 8 0
19	Anaikuttee do.	0 4 0	39	Mahaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0
20	Palla street	0 4 0			
21	Punnia Kot[illegible]il street ..	0 4 0			

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.	Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	Second Division.	RS. A. P.		*Third Division*—cont.	RS. A. P.
1	Nellucara street	0 8 0	25	Krishna Rayar street	0 8 0
2	Kusa do.	0 8 0	26	Thirumettalli do.	0 8 0
3	Sekkupettai Kavara street	0 4 0	27	Thirumulraya do.	0 4 0
4	Do. street	0 8 0	28	Nadu street	0 4 0
5	Do. Salia street	0 4 0	29	Mathanumpalayam street	0 8 0
6	Yannaikara street	0 4 0	30	Akkanambalayam do.	0 8 0
7	Rajampettai Salia street	0 4 0	31	Lingappaiyarpalayam street	0 8 0
8	Hudsonspettai street	0 8 0	32	Virana Kaliamman Kovil street ..	0 4 0
9	Rajampettai do.	0 8 0	33	Do. Othaivadai street	0 4 0
10	Hudsonspettai Chetti street	0 8 0	34	Thennukambam street	0 8 0
11	Palleekcodathan Mudali street ..	0 4 0	35	Soleeswaran Kovil do.	0 4 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0	36	Kuchiappan street	0 4 0
13	Vilakkadi Kovil street	0 4 0	37	Sala Bohum do.	0 4 0
14	Vallicca Pattarai do.	0 4 0	38	Kailasa Nathan Kovil Mattu street ..	0 4 0
15	Bungarooyasappa Naiken street ..	0 4 0			
16	Vilakkadi Kovil Thoppu do. ..	0 4 0		*Fourth Division.*	
17	Singaperumal Mada street	0 4 0	1	Rajah street	0 8 0
18	Do. Sannadhi street ..	0 4 0	2	Sengalanir Odai street	0 8 0
19	Narayanapalayam street	0 4 0	3	Keelanda Rajah do.	0 8 0
20	Bavapettai street	0 8 0	4	Nellucara street	0 8 0
21	Thumbavanam street	0 8 0	5	M. K. Darmaraya Mudali street ..	0 4 0
22	Kottrambalayam street	0 8 0	6	Kollasuthiram street	0 8 0
23	Do. Vania street ..	0 4 0	7	Kamatchiamman Mada street ..	0 4 0
24	Astabujam Sannadhi street	0 8 0	8	Subbaroya Mudali street	0 4 0
25	Do. Mada street	0 4 0	9	Ulahalandhaperumal Sannadhi street	0 4 0
26	Mullapalayam street	0 4 0	10	Ulahalandha street	0 4 0
27	Nahaluthu street	0 4 0	11	Sappani Pillaiyar Kovil street ..	0 8 0
28	Thasichettipalayam street	0 4 0	12	Vaikuntaperumal Sannadhi street ..	0 8 0
29	Santhareeswararswamiyar street ..	0 4 0	13	Urappanancharry street	0 8 0
30	Kannappan street	0 8 0	14	Kamatchiammen Sunnadhi street ..	0 8 0
31	Astabujam Kumara Chetti street ..	0 8 0	15	Chettikulam Silar Sahib do. ..	0 4 0
32	Virana Chetti street	0 8 0	16	Do. Pallu street	0 4 0
33	Tirukkachinambi street	0 8 0	17	Kuppunayakkan street	0 4 0
34	Yathothkariswamiyar Mada street ..	0 8 0	18	Punjukutti street	0 4 0
35	Do. Sannadhi street.	0 4 0	19	Damalwar do.	0 4 0
36	Haidarpettai street	0 4 0	20	Kalandur do.	0 4 0
37	Vuppukula do.	0 4 0	21	Koverikuppam street	0 4 0
38	Market street	0 4 0	22	Rayankuttai do.	0 4 0
39	Reddipettai street	0 4 0	23	Kammala do.	0 8 0
40	Baharampettai street	0 4 0	24	Kammala Kullappa Chari street ..	0 4 0
			25	Sembada Sinnappiyan street	0 4 0
	Third Division.		26	Chetti street	0 4 0
1	Puthari street	0 8 0	27	Perumal Naiken street	0 8 0
2	Okkapurunthan Kila street	0 4 0	28	Theradi street	0 8 0
3	Do. Pudu do.	0 4 0	29	Vathia Kurukkul street	0 8 0
4	Mandukanneswarar Kovil street .	0 4 0	30	Yekambaraswamiyar Mada street ..	0 8 0
5	Badrakaliamman Kovil street ..	0 4 0	31	Yekambarapuram street	0 4 0
6	Narasingarayar street	0 4 0	32	Punjupettai Peria do.	0 4 0
7	Vania street	0 8 0	33	Do. Sinna do.	0 4 0
8	Kachapeswaraswamiyar Kovil Mada street	0 8 0	34	Vol. Muhammadpettah Lubbai street.	0 8 0
9	Nellucara street	0 8 0	35	Do. Varadhappa Mudali street ..	0 4 0
10	Kusa do.	0 8 0	36	Lingappaiyar street	0 8 0
11	Rajampettai street	0 8 0	37	Salai street	0 8 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 4 0	38	Bava Sahib street	0 4 0
13	Vanathiswarar Kovil street	0 8 0	39	Sathangutti street	0 4 0
14	Karealan street	0 8 0	40	Vallakulam do.	0 4 0
15	Karikkivilvaluruthal Kovil street ..	0 8 0	41	Pandavaperumal Mada street ..	0 4 0
16	Kajana Ramanjeear street	0 4 0	42	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
17	Mata street	0 8 0	43	Pandavaperumal Sannadi street ..	0 8 0
18	Ananthogipunditthur street	0 4 0	44	Vuppari street	0 4 0
19	Solai Ramaswami Aiyar street ..	0 4 0	45	Puthari do.	0 8 0
20	Mandapa street	0 8 0	46	Yekambaraswarar Sannadhi street ..	0 8 0
21	Othaivadai Sengalvarayan Naiken street	0 4 0	47	Yirattaipillaiyar Kovil street ..	0 4 0
22	Balayya Maduvu street	0 4 0	48	Karppaha Pilliar street	0 4 0
23	Puthupalaya street	0 8 0	49	Nabunthakara street	0 4 0
24	Yakamuhan do.	0 8 0	50	Do. Vothavadai street ..	0 4 0
			51	Kanakku Subbaraya Pillai do. ..	0 4 0

No. 877.

Returned to the Chairman for submission through the Collector.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th September 1894.

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

Forwarded to the Collector.

N. S. BRODIE,
Sub-Collector.

6th October 1894.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

Returned to the Chairman with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, passed on his letter No. 360 of the 23rd September.

What the Government distinctly asks for and requires is a specific list of the assumed alienations in question so that its orders may be taken on each individual case. The list should show the extent of the encroachment and the number and date of the council's resolution purporting to authorize it. A plan of the encroachments would greatly facilitate Government in passing orders on the various cases.

G. S. FORBES,
Collector.

Saidapet,
30*th October* 1894.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Conjeeveram 30th March 1895, No. 66-Index of 1895.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 19th March 1895, No. 58-Index of 1895.

In re-submitting my letter No. 370, dated 30th August 1894, with its enclosures which were submitted to you direct by mistake, and a copy of resolution of the council, dated 16th March 1895, I have the honour to state that the rate of rents, viz., As. 4 and As. 8 per 100 square feet per annum has been fixed according to the importance of each street shown in the list. These rates will not only apply to all the poramboke lands occupied by the townpeople on account of koradu, &c., with or without superstructure since 20th February 1889, but also to all those that may hereafter be granted with the sanction of Government.

2. I beg, therefore, that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for these rates and for levying the same in each and every case already submitted to Government with necessary sketches.

Enclosure.

Extract from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on 3rd Saturday the 16th March 1895, at 5-45 p.m., No. 46, of 1894-95.

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Read Collector's reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, requesting to reconsider the resolution of the council, dated 2nd June 1894, on the subject of levying rents on the occupations of street poramboke since 20th February 1889.

Read Resolution No. 1, dated 4th August 1894, on the subject.

Resolved by a majority that the rates of fees passed by the council in their resolution, dated 4th August 1894, be applicable to constructions with or without superstructure that have come into existence since 20th February 1889, as well as to such buildings that may hereafter be permitted with the sanction of Government under G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. Mr. Ramanadasarma dissents.

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Forwarded to the Collector.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Sathiavedu,
25*th March* 1895.

Forwarded.

2. The list of koradus referred to in paragraph 2 has been already submitted to Government for orders. I have already recommended that the encroachments therein referred to should not be sanctioned, but if they are, the rates herein proposed are certainly much too low. The rates should be more or less prohibitory so as to discourage applications as much as possible and the lowest rate should not be less than one rupee per 100 square feet. For future encroachments the rate proposed should, I think, be specified when each case is submitted for the orders of Government, and no general system of rates should be sanctioned as herein proposed.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

Saidapet,
4*th April* 1895.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 7th March 1895, No. 43-Index.

With reference to G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894, calling for a complete list of encroachments made since 20th February 1889, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a list of permissions granted for the erection of koradus in street poramboke lands as directed therein. It contains measurement of each koradu and the present breadth of the street with 53 sketches showing the encroached portion of the street in each case.

2. The resolution of the council fixing rent for street poramboke land in each street is laid before it for its reconsideration as advised by the Collector on the ground that the rent now fixed does not show specifically whether it is for the lands already encroached upon or those that may hereafter under the sanction of Government be obtained by the people, and I shall obtain the decision of the council on the subject and submit shortly.

Forwarded.

2. The sketches submitted with this letter do not show in all cases whether the lands so lavishly assigned by the council are projections into the line of the street or not. All the permits granted seem to have been for the construction of koradus or raised platforms of mud or stones in front of the pials of the houses. I cannot recommend that any of the assignments should be confirmed in the interests of the town generally. The Sanitary Commissioner has frequently remarked in his inspection notes that the wide and airy streets for which Conjeeveram was formerly celebrated are rapidly becoming things of the past, and the causes thereof can be easily learnt from this statement now forwarded. Koradus so long as they are of uniform height and not covered over in any way are not, I think, objectionable and may serve the purpose fulfilled by side pavements in European countries. The evil of promiscuous assignments such as those now reported is that no definite rule is laid down for their breadth or height and no precautions taken to see that they are not covered over. In a short time the enterprising owners convert them into bazaars and apply for more lands with a view to convert them into proper shops or extensions of their own houses.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Periapalayam,
13*th March* 1895.

Ref. on No. 49-Munl.

Forwarded.

2. The list submitted by the Chairman apparently includes only those cases in which permissions granted for constructing koradus and other encroachments have been acted on. From his letter No. 567, dated 31st December 1894, to this office (copy enclosed), it would seem also that cases where only mud koradus have been raised have been omitted from this list. What the Government required from the council in its order No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, was "a complete list of the cases in which they have allowed the erection of 'koradus' or other encroachments since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889". The present list does not comply with these requirements.

3. With regard to cases where permissions granted by the council after 20th February 1889 had not been acted on, Mr. Thomson called upon the Chairman in his letter, No. 69, Municipal, dated 7th June 1894, to move the council to issue a notice to the persons concerned that the council had no power to grant such permissions, that they were granted by mistake and that they should apply for the sanction of Government through the council and the Collector. In reply, the Chairman stated in his letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, that he would place the matter before the council at the earliest opportunity and communicate the result at once. No further report has been received from the Chairman on the subject.

4. In cases where permits have been acted on, the sketches received would show that, while in some cases the koradus had been built in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others (Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47 in the list) in which there is no encroachment on either side, and there are many others in which the sketches furnished do not clearly supply information. But the general result of allowing these koradus has been to destroy the uniformity of the streets. Thus the Shaikhpet street, which is the narrowest of those shown in the list, measures only 17½ feet wide opposite house No. 14, while opposite houses Nos. 137 and 138 it measures 36 feet wide and opposite house No. 119, 44½ feet. The sketches show side channels only in some cases and not in others.

5. A copy of this office letter, Reference on No. 85, Municipal, dated 9th July 1894, which seems to be referred to in paragraph 2 of the Chairman's letter, is enclosed with copy of the municipal council's resolution therein referred to.

6. As regards occupations of street poramboke permitted prior to 20th February 1889, the council were asked in this office letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, to consider the question of levying rent for such occupations, and it was suggested that, as time was of great importance in such cases, the council should proceed to consider the subject forthwith. The council were again reminded about this in the letter of the 9th July 1894 above quoted, but no action has apparently been taken in the matter till now. The attitude of the municipal council on these important questions is illustrative of the manner in which the interests of the public are sacrificed by it. As Sub-Collector I have already expressed my opinion that the encroachments now reported should not be allowed, or only in a very modified form.

7. The explanation called for by Government in paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, has not even yet been submitted notwithstanding the reminder in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894.

SAIDAPET,
6th April 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

ENCLOSURES.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on Saturday the 2nd June 1894, No. 6.

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Read letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput district, commending to proceed to consider forthwith the subject of levying rents for the occupation of reet poramboke as proposed by the council together with the G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 894, on the subject.

Read also proceedings of the Madras G.O., Mis. No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, on the ubject.

Resolved that a yearly rent of As. 4 for every 100 square feet and under be levied in respect of any land at the disposal of the municipality upon which permission to erect koradu, platform, etc., without superstructure may be granted and a clause be invariably inserted in the pass and in the rent deed requiring the occupier to vacate the land when required by the municipal council.

The same rates will be levied on encroachments made since 1889.

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COPY of letter, reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

With reference to the Municipal Council's resolution, dated 2nd June 1894, forwarded with your letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, I have the honour to observe that it appears to be intended to apply only to the buildings which may, in future, be sanctioned. The sanction of Government for the rent proposed to be levied has to be obtained in each case. I note also rent has been fixed by the council for building only koradu, etc., without superstructure, and not for koradu with superstructure. Under my letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, the council should consider the levy of rents on the occupations of street poramboke prior to February 1889. Nothing has been said about this. Please therefore have the matter reconsidered and the resolution modified.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Collector of Chingleput, dated 31st December 1894, No. 567.

With reference to your letter No. 2061-Ver., dated 9th July 1894, I have the honour to inform you that a list of all the passes granted since 20th February 1889 was prepared in the office from the duplicate copies of the passes and sent to the nuisance inspectors directing them to fill up the 4th column of the list with the dimension of koradus, etc., as they exist at present. On receipt of the lists from them, a consolidated one was prepared in the office and submitted.

2. In reference to the arzi No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Conjeeveram, the following discrepancies are pointed out in the letter under reply:—

(1) Omission of koradus in items Nos. 1, 6 and 8 of the list.

(2) What construction was allowed in case No. 12.

(3) Occupation of more land than that allowed in case No. 10.

With reference to No. (1), I have the honour to state that only mud platforms exist opposite to the houses. Such platforms of mud can be seen opposite to that of all the houses in the town that have not had masonry constructions. When houses are built on a higher level than that of the street and when there is space enough between the row of houses and the side ditch, the houses have invariably had such platforms. Only houses in narrow lanes that cannot afford to have such platforms have not got them. These mud platforms are being worn out every year by the monsoons and are generally repaired at the time of pongal feasts. These parts are generally kept clean by the house owners who consider it very ceremonious in besprinkling cowdung water and decorating with powder diagrams every morning. These perennial mud platforms have been omitted in the list. If we are required to submit list of such platforms, I shall do so, but the list may be an enormous one.

In regard to No. (2), no pass was granted for anything except the construction of a verandah in the backyard and the re-erection of a verandah in front of the house facing the street. The pass does not authorize the building of koradu with old masonry borders, which has been in existence for a long time, and hence it was omitted in the list.

As to No. (3), I beg to state that the pass which was granted simply permits the erection of koradu, verandah and a bridge over the side ditch without specifying any dimensions. It was granted in 1889 by the then Chairman on the recommendation of a ward councillor and approved by the council at its meeting, dated 11th April 1889. As to the incorrect measurements pointed out, I have severely reprimanded the nuisance inspectors concerned.

3. With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I beg to state that a list of a assumed street poramboke lands since the da of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 188 with the exception of those passes granted 1890 (which were filed in the civil cour Chingleput, in an encroachment case), is bein prepared together with plans as advised and will be submitted with the views of the council i regard to rent, etc., at an early date.

(1) Collector's letter No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894.
(2) G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 23rd September 1894.
(3) Collector's endorsement No. 133 M., dated 17th November 1894.

4. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that a list of street poramboke occupations for 22 cases was submitted to Government with this office letter No. 461, dated 26th October 1889, and a plan for the same is also under preparation and will be submitted soon. The revised list and letter No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Conjeeveram Stationary Sub-Magistrate are herewith submitted.

ORDER—Mis. No. 1024 M., dated 26th June 1895.

The papers read above relate to the question of street encroachments in the municipality of Conjeeveram.

2. On the 11th February 1889, the municipal council passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of houses) should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet, and in accordance therewith continued to grant licenses to build "koradus" without reference to Government notwithstanding the fact that in G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, the transfer of immovable property by municipalities without its sanction was forbidden, until April 1894, when the Collector of Chingleput brought the matter to notice. In its order No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, Government endorsed the latter officer's opinion that the resolution in question could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property, the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned by Government with reference to the Government order quoted above. The council, however, to which the Collector had in the meantime communicated his reference to Government, passed a resolution on the 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation of immovable property within the meaning of the Government order of February 1889, and submitted it to Government; but in G.O., No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, passed thereon, the Government referred the council to its previous order and directed the submission of a list of all alienations made since the order of 1889. On the 21st July 1894, the council passed a second resolution to the same effect as the first and sent it up direct to Government; but the Government in its order No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894, drew the council's attention again to the previous orders on the subject and directed it to expedite the list of "koradus" already called for. On the 21st October a first instalment of the list was received, which was returned to the council for further particulars (G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894).

3. The final list was submitted only on the 7th March 1895, and it is altogether incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission to erect "koradus" has been granted, but not yet acted upon, or those in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches submitted with it, imperfect as they are, show that the clear tendency of these assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets and that many encroachments which should not be permitted have been allowed. The Collector also points out that while in some cases the "koradus" are in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others in which there is no encroachment on either side, and that the Shaikhpet street, which is 44½ feet wide in one place, has been reduced to 17½ feet in another. The dilatory and unsatisfactory manner in which the council has been dealing with this subject throughout is highly discreditable, and the Government has now decided that the time has come to employ other means to secure obedience to its orders. The Collector will therefore be requested to direct the Sub-Collector to proceed to Conjeeveram at an early date, inspect each "koradu" which has been built upon the public

street in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that it is done without delay. The municipal council should moreover distinctly understand that all licenses which have not as yet been acted upon must at once be withdrawn and that no license for a "koradu" should, in future, be given without the previous sanction of Government.

4. The council also submits proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of "koradus" in cases where they are held to be unobjectionable. This question was first commended to its consideration by the Collector in April 1894, and in its resolution, dated 2nd June, the council decided to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on lands granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector thereupon appears to have asked the council in his letter, dated 6th June 1894, to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again in a subsequent communication, to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter the council has failed to do, but requests sanction for levying fees in different streets at the rates of 4 and 8 annas respectively. These are much too low and cannot be approved. The Sub-Collector should be directed to propose a system of rates which should be fixed sufficiently high to serve as a check against encroachments and should in no case be less than 6 pies per square foot per annum. Every lease, where such is allowed, must contain a stipulation that the land, if required by the municipality, should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months, without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind and for the grant of every such lease the previous sanction of Government should be obtained.

5. The Collector will be requested to report, by the 30th September next, what action has been taken upon this order.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.
„ Collector of Chingleput.

Erd. S. J. Pereira.

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G.O., No. 1024 M., 26th June 1895.

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JUNE.

Encroachments.

Stating that the manner in which the Conjeeveram Municipal Council has been dealing with the question of street — is highly discreditable, and requesting the Collector of Chingleput to direct the Sub-Collector to inspect the koradus in the town, make out a list of those which should be removed and see that they are removed, and to submit proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of koradus.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th August 1894, No. 370.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of resolution of the Municipal Council, dated 4th August 1894, and to state that the rate of rents proposed for occupying poramboke lands in front of houses, bazaars, etc., in the various streets of Conjeeveram without any kind of detriment to the convenience and comforts of the public, is of two classes, viz., 4 annas and 8 annas per 100 square feet per annum.

The rent of the kind is meant to be levied in cases in which the Council may allow the erection of koradu, sarmanai, etc., constructions.

No superstructure will be allowed with or without the sanction of Government.

I beg therefore that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for the rates and for levying the same in all the cases referred to above.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on first Saturday, the 4th August 1894, at 5-45 P.M.

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Collector's reference on No. 69-M. of 1894, dated 7th June 1894, asking the Council to fix different rates of rent for different streets together with lists submitted by the sub-committee suggesting a difference of rates.

The following rates suggested by the sub-committee are approved:—

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.	Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	First Division.	RS. A. P.		*First Division*—cont.	RS. A. P.
1	Sannadhi street	0 8 0	22	Punnia Koteeswaren Mada street	0 4 0
2	Kurukkoo do.	0 8 0	23	Amuthupadi street	0 8 0
3	Varahavasal do.	0 8 0	24	Malaiyala do.	0 8 0
4	Vadavanda Mada street	0 8 0	25	Sunnambukara street	0 4 0
5	Thirucholai street	0 8 0	26	Chetty do.	0 8 0
6	Kathiree do.	0 4 0	27	Namundacara do.	0 8 0
7	Pattla do.	0 8 0	28	Thirucachinumbi street	0 8 0
8	Naina Pillai do.	0 4 0	29	Seshathiripalyam Mattu street	0 4 0
9	Sethuraya Pillai street	0 4 0	30	Do. street	0 4 0
10	Keelanda Mada do.	0 8 0	31	Do. Palani Chetty street.	0 4 0
11	Mudaliar street	0 4 0	32	Moonam Thirumala Mandapam street.	0 8 0
12	Yeda do.	0 4 0	33	Succulapalayam street	0 4 0
13	Thennanda Mada street	0 8 0	34	Do. Govintha Chetty street	0 4 0
14	Kammala street	0 4 0			
15	Usthagiree do.	0 4 0			
16	Kusa do.	0 4 0	35	Mettupalaya Kammala street	0 4 0
17	Ammangar do.	0 4 0	36	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
18	Vagavathee do.	0 4 0	37	Mettupalayam do.	0 4 0
19	Anaikuttee do.	0 8 0	38	Aiyangarpalayam street	0 8 0
20	Palla street	0 4 0	39	Mahaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0
21	Punnia Koteeswaran Kovil street	0 4 0			

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.	Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	Second Division.	RS. A. P.		*Third Division*—cont.	RS. A. P.
1	Nellucara street	0 8 0	25	Krishna Rayar street	0 8 0
2	Kusa do.	0 8 0	26	Thirumettalli do.	0 8 0
3	Sekkupettai Kavara street	0 4 0	27	Thirumulraya do.	0 4 0
4	Do. street	0 8 0	28	Nadu street	0 4 0
5	Do. Salia street	0 4 0	29	Mathanumpalayam street	0 8 0
6	Yannaikara street	0 4 0	30	Akkanambalayam do.	0 8 0
7	Rajampettai Salia street	0 4 0	31	Lingappaiyarpalayam street	0 8 0
8	Hudsonspettai street	0 8 0	32	Virana Kaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0
9	Rajampettai do.	0 8 0	33	Do. Othaivadai street	0 4 0
10	Hudsonspettai Chetti street	0 8 0	34	Thennukambam street	0 8 0
11	Palleekcodathan Mudali street	0 4 0	35	Soleeswaran Kovil do.	0 4 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0	36	Kuchiappan street	0 4 0
13	Vilakkadi Kovil street	0 4 0	37	Sala Bohum do.	0 4 0
14	Vallicca Pattarai do.	0 4 0	38	Kailasa Nathan Kovil Mattu street	0 4 0
15	Bungarooyasappa Naiken street	0 4 0			
16	Vilakkadi Kovil Thoppu do.	0 4 0		*Fourth Division.*	
17	Singaperumal Mada street	0 4 0			
18	Do. Sannadhi street	0 4 0	1	Rajah street	0 8 0
19	Narayanapalayam street	0 4 0	2	Sengalanir Odai street	0 8 0
20	Bavapettai street	0 8 0	3	Keelanda Rajah do.	0 8 0
21	Thumbavanam street	0 8 0	4	Nellucara street	0 8 0
22	Kottrambalayam street	0 8 0	5	M. K. Darmaraya Mudali street	0 4 0
23	Do. Vania street	0 4 0	6	Kollasuthiram street	0 8 0
24	Astabujam Sannadhi street	0 8 0	7	Kamatchiamman Mada street	0 4 0
25	Do. Mada street	0 4 0	8	Subbaroya Mudali street	0 4 0
26	Mullapalayam street	0 4 0	9	Ulahalandhaperumal Sannadhi street	0 4 0
27	Nahaluthu street	0 4 0	10	Ulahalandha street	0 4 0
28	Thasichettipalayam street	0 4 0	11	Sappani Pillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0
29	Santhareeswararswamiyar street	0 4 0	12	Vaikuntaperumal Sannadhi street	0 8 0
30	Kannappan street	0 4 0	13	Urappanancharry street	0 8 0
31	Astabujam Kumara Chetti street	0 8 0	14	Kamatchiammen Sunnadhi street	0 8 0
32	Virana Chetti street	0 8 0	15	Chettikulam Silar Sahib do.	0 4 0
33	Tirukkachinambi street	0 8 0	16	Do. Pallu street	0 4 0
34	Yathothkariswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0	17	Kuppunayakkan street	0 4 0
35	Do. Sunnadhi street.	0 8 0	18	Punjukutti street	0 4 0
36	Haidarpettai street	0 4 0	19	Damalwar do.	0 4 0
37	Vuppukula do.	0 4 0	20	Kalandur do.	0 4 0
38	Market street	0 4 0	21	Koverikuppam street	0 4 0
39	Reddipettai street	0 4 0	22	Rayankuttai do.	0 4 0
40	Baharampettai street	0 4 0	23	Kammala do.	0 8 0
	Third Division.		24	Kammala Kullappa Chari street	0 4 0
			25	Sembada Sinnappiyan street	0 4 0
1	Puthari street	0 8 0	26	Chetti street	0 4 0
2	Okkapurunthan Kila street	0 4 0	27	Perumal Naiken street	0 4 0
3	Do. Pudu do.	0 4 0	28	Theradi street	0 8 0
4	Mandukanneswarar Kovil street	0 4 0	29	Vathia Kurukkul street	0 8 0
5	Badrakaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0	30	Yekambaraswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0
6	Narasingarayar street	0 4 0	31	Yekambarapuram street	0 4 0
7	Vania street	0 8 0	32	Punjupettai Peria do.	0 4 0
8	Kachapeswaraswamiyar Kovil Mada street	0 8 0	33	Do. Sinna do.	0 4 0
9	Nellucara street	0 8 0	34	Vol. Muhammadpettah Lubbai street.	0 8 0
10	Kusa do.	0 8 0	35	Do. Varadhappa Mudali street	0 4 0
11	Rajampettai street	0 8 0	36	Lingappaiyar street	0 8 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0	37	Salai street	0 8 0
13	Vanathiswarar Kovil street	0 4 0	38	Bava Sahib street	0 4 0
14	Karealan street	0 8 0	39	Sathangutti street	0 4 0
15	Karikkivilvaluruthal Kovil street	0 8 0	40	Vallakulam do.	0 4 0
16	Kajana Ramanjeear street	0 4 0	41	Pandavaperumal Mada street	0 4 0
17	Mata street	0 8 0	42	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
18	Ananthogipundithur street	0 4 0	43	Pandavaperumal Sannadi street	0 8 0
19	Solai Ramaswami Aiyar street	0 4 0	44	Vuppari street	0 4 0
20	Mandapa street	0 8 0	45	Puthari do.	0 8 0
21	Othaivadai Sengalvarayan Naiken street	0 4 0	46	Yekambaraswarar Sannadhi street	0 8 0
22	Balayya Maduvu street	0 4 0	47	Yirattaipillaiyar Kovil street	0 4 0
23	Puthupalaya street	0 8 0	48	Karppaha Pilliar street	0 4 0
24	Yakamuhan do.	0 8 0	49	Nabunthakara street	0 4 0
			50	Do. Vothavadai street	0 4 0
			51	Kanakku Subbaraya Pillai do.	0 4 0

No. 877.

Returned to the Chairman for submission through the Collector.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th September 1894.

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

Forwarded to the Collector.

N. S. BRODIE,
Sub-Collector.

6th October 1894.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

Returned to the Chairman with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, passed on his letter No. 360 of the 23rd September.

What the Government distinctly asks for and requires is a specific list of the assumed alienations in question so that its orders may be taken on each individual case. The list should show the extent of the encroachment and the number and date of the council's resolution purporting to authorize it. A plan of the encroachments would greatly facilitate Government in passing orders on the various cases.

SAIDAPET,
30*th October* 1894.

G. S. FORBES,
Collector.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Conjeeveram 30th March 1895, No. 66-Index of 1895.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 19th March 1895, No. 58-Index of 1895.

In re-submitting my letter No. 370, dated 30th August 1894, with its enclosures which were submitted to you direct by mistake, and a copy of resolution of the council, dated 16th March 1895, I have the honour to state that the rate of rents, viz., As. 4 and As. 8 per 100 square feet per annum has been fixed according to the importance of each street shown in the list. These rates will not only apply to all the poramboke lands occupied by the townpeople on account of koradu, &c., with or without superstructure since 20th February 1889, but also to all those that may hereafter be granted with the sanction of Government.

2. I beg, therefore, that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for these rates and for levying the same in each and every case already submitted to Government with necessary sketches.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on 3rd Saturday the 16th March 1895, at 5-45 P.M., No. 46, of 1894-95.

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Read Collector's reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, requesting to reconsider the resolution of the council, dated 2nd June 1894, on the subject of levying rents on the occupations of street poramboke since 20th February 1889.

Read Resolution No. 1, dated 4th August 1894, on the subject.

Resolved by a majority that the rates of fees passed by the council in their resolution, dated 4th August 1894, be applicable to constructions with or without superstructure that have come into existence since 20th February 1889, as well as to such buildings that may hereafter be permitted with the sanction of Government under G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. Mr. Ramanadasarma dissents.

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Forwarded to the Collector.

SATHIAVEDU,
25*th March* 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Forwarded.

2. The list of koradus referred to in paragraph 2 has been already submitted to Government for orders. I have already recommended that the encroachments therein referred to should not be sanctioned, but if they are, the rates herein proposed are certainly much too low. The rates should be more or less prohibitory so as to discourage applications as much as possible and the lowest rate should not be less than one rupee per 100 square feet. For future encroachments the rate proposed should, I think, be specified when each case is submitted for the orders of Government, and no general system of rates should be sanctioned as herein proposed.

SAIDAPET,
4*th April* 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 7th March 1895, No. 43-Index.

With reference to G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894, calling for a complete list of encroachments made since 20th February 1889, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a list of permissions granted for the erection of koradus in street poramboke lands as directed therein. It contains measurement of each koradu and the present breadth of the street with 53 sketches showing the encroached portion of the street in each case.

2. The resolution of the council fixing rent for street poramboke land in each street is laid before it for its reconsideration as advised by the Collector on the ground that the rent now fixed does not show specifically whether it is for the lands already encroached upon or those that may hereafter under the sanction of Government be obtained by the people, and I shall obtain the decision of the council on the subject and submit shortly.

Forwarded.

2. The sketches submitted with this letter do not show in all cases whether the lands so lavishly assigned by the council are projections into the line of the street or not. All the permits granted seem to have been for the construction of koradus or raised platforms of mud or stones in front of the pials of the houses. I cannot recommend that any of the assignments should be confirmed in the interests of the town generally. The Sanitary Commissioner has frequently remarked in his inspection notes that the wide and airy streets for which Conjeeveram was formerly celebrated are rapidly becoming things of the past, and the causes thereof can be easily learnt from this statement now forwarded. Koradus so long as they are of uniform height and not covered over in any way are not, I think, objectionable and may serve the purpose fulfilled by side pavements in European countries. The evil of promiscuous assignments such as those now reported is that no definite rule is laid down for their breadth or height and no precautions taken to see that they are not covered over. In a short time the enterprising owners convert them into bazaars and apply for more lands with a view to convert them into proper shops or extensions of their own houses.

PERIAPALAYAM,
13*th March* 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Ref. on No. 49-Munl.

Forwarded.

2. The list submitted by the Chairman apparently includes only those cases in which permissions granted for constructing koradus and other encroachments have been acted on. From his letter No. 567, dated 31st December 1894, to this office (copy enclosed), it would seem also that cases where only mud koradus have been raised have been omitted from this list. What the Government required from the council in its order No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, was "a complete list of the cases in which they have allowed the erection of 'koradus' or other encroachments since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889". The present list does not comply with these requirements.

3. With regard to cases where permissions granted by the council after 20th February 1889 had not been acted on, Mr. Thomson called upon the Chairman in his letter, No. 69, Municipal, dated 7th June 1894, to move the council to issue a notice to the persons concerned that the council had no power to grant such permissions, that they were granted by mistake and that they should apply for the sanction of Government through the council and the Collector. In reply, the Chairman stated in his letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, that he would place the matter before the council at the earliest opportunity and communicate the result at once. No further report has been received from the Chairman on the subject.

4. In cases where permits have been acted on, the sketches received would show that, while in some cases the koradus had been built in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others (Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47 in the list) in which there is no encroachment on either side, and there are many others in which the sketches furnished do not clearly supply information. But the general result of allowing these koradus has been to destroy the uniformity of the streets. Thus the Shaikhpet street, which is the narrowest of those shown in the list, measures only 17½ feet wide opposite house No. 14, while opposite houses Nos. 137 and 138 it measures 36 feet wide and opposite house No. 119, 44½ feet. The sketches show side channels only in some cases and not in others.

5. A copy of this office letter, Reference on No. 85, Municipal, dated 9th July 1894, which seems to be referred to in paragraph 2 of the Chairman's letter, is enclosed with copy of the municipal council's resolution therein referred to.

6. As regards occupations of street poramboke permitted prior to 20th February 1889, the council were asked in this office letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, to consider the question of levying rent for such occupations, and it was suggested that, as time was of great importance in such cases, the council should proceed to consider the subject forthwith. The council were again reminded about this in the letter of the 9th July 1894 above quoted, but no action has apparently been taken in the matter till now. The attitude of the municipal council on these important questions is illustrative of the manner in which the interests of the public are sacrificed by it. As Sub-Collector I have already expressed my opinion that the encroachments now reported should not be allowed, or only in a very modified form.

7. The explanation called for by Government in paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, has not even yet been submitted notwithstanding the reminder in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

Saidapet,
6*th April* 1895.

Enclosures.

Extract from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on Saturday the 2nd June 1894, No. 6.

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Read letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput district, recommending to proceed to consider forthwith the subject of levying rents for the occupation of street poramboke as proposed by the council together with the G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, on the subject.

Read also proceedings of the Madras G.O., Mis. No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, on the subject.

Resolved that a yearly rent of As. 4 for every 100 square feet and under be levied in respect of any land at the disposal of the municipality upon which permission to erect koradu, platform, etc., without superstructure may be granted and a clause be invariably inserted in the pass and in the rent deed requiring the occupier to vacate the land when required by the municipal council.

The same rates will be levied on encroachments made since 1889.

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Copy of letter, reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

With reference to the Municipal Council's resolution, dated 2nd June 1894, forwarded with your letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, I have the honour to observe that it appears to be intended to apply only to the buildings which may, in future, be sanctioned. The sanction of Government for the rent proposed to be levied has to be obtained in each case. I note also rent has been fixed by the council for building only koradu, etc., without superstructure, and not for koradu with superstructure. Under my letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, the council should consider the levy of rents on the occupations of street poramboke prior to February 1889. Nothing has been said about this. Please therefore have the matter reconsidered and the resolution modified.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Collector of Chingleput, dated 31st December 1894, No. 567.

With reference to your letter No. 2061-Ver., dated 9th July 1894, I have the honour to inform you that a list of all the passes granted since 20th February 1889 was prepared in the office from the duplicate copies of the passes and sent to the nuisance inspectors directing them to fill up the 4th column of the list with the dimension of koradus, etc., as they exist at present. On receipt of the lists from them, a consolidated one was prepared in the office and submitted.

2. In reference to the arzi No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Conjeeveram, the following discrepancies are pointed out in the letter under reply :—

(1) Omission of koradus in items Nos. 1, 6 and 8 of the list.

(2) What construction was allowed in case No. 12.

(3) Occupation of more land than that allowed in case No. 10.

With reference to No. (1), I have the honour to state that only mud platforms exist opposite to the houses. Such platforms of mud can be seen opposite to that of all the houses in the town that have not had masonry constructions. When houses are built on a higher level than that of the street and when there is space enough between the row of houses and the side ditch, the houses have invariably had such platforms. Only houses in narrow lanes that cannot afford to have such platforms have not got them. These mud platforms are being worn out every year by the monsoons and are generally repaired at the time of pongal feasts. These parts are generally kept clean by the house owners who consider it very ceremonious in besprinkling cowdung water and decorating with powder diagrams every morning. These perennial mud platforms have been omitted in the list. If we are required to submit list of such platforms, I shall do so, but the list may be an enormous one.

In regard to No. (2), no pass was granted for anything except the construction of a verandah in the backyard and the re-erection of a verandah in front of the house facing the street. The pass does not authorize the building of koradu with old masonry borders, which has been in existence for a long time, and hence it was omitted in the list.

As to No. (3), I beg to state that the pass which was granted simply permits the erection of koradu, verandah and a bridge over the side ditch without specifying any dimensions. It was granted in 1889 by the then Chairman on the recommendation of a ward councillor and approved by the council at its meeting, dated 11th April 1889. As to the incorrect measurements pointed out, I have severely reprimanded the nuisance inspectors concerned.

3. With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I beg to state that a list of all assumed street poramboke lands since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, with the exception of those passes granted in 1890 (which were filed in the civil court, Chingleput, in an encroachment case), is being prepared together with plans as advised and will be submitted with the views of the council in regard to rent, etc., at an early date.

(1) Collector's letter No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894.
(2) G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 23rd September 1894.
(3) Collector's endorsement No. 133 M., dated 17th November 1894.

4. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that a list of street poramboke occupations for 22 cases was submitted to Government with this office letter No. 461, dated 26th October 1889, and a plan for the same is also under preparation and will be submitted soon. The revised list and letter No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Conjeeveram Stationary Sub-Magistrate are herewith submitted.

ORDER—Mis. No. 1024 M., dated 26th June 1895.

The papers read above relate to the question of street encroachments in the municipality of Conjeeveram.

2. On the 11th February 1889, the municipal council passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of houses) should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet, and in accordance therewith continued to grant licenses to build "koradus" without reference to Government notwithstanding the fact that in G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, the transfer of immovable property by municipalities without its sanction was forbidden, until April 1894, when the Collector of Chingleput brought the matter to notice. In its order No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, Government endorsed the latter officer's opinion that the resolution in question could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property, the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned by Government with reference to the Government order quoted above. The council, however, to which the Collector had in the meantime communicated his reference to Government, passed a resolution on the 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation of immovable property within the meaning of the Government order of February 1889, and submitted it to Government; but in G.O., No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, passed thereon, the Government referred the council to its previous order and directed the submission of a list of all alienations made since the order of 1889. On the 21st July 1894, the council passed a second resolution to the same effect as the first and sent it up direct to Government; but the Government in its order No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894, drew the council's attention again to the previous orders on the subject and directed it to expedite the list of "koradus" already called for. On the 21st October a first instalment of the list was received, which was returned to the council for further particulars (G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894).

3. The final list was submitted only on the 7th March 1895, and it is altogether incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission to erect "koradus" has been granted, but not yet acted upon, or those in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches submitted with it, imperfect as they are, show that the clear tendency of these assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets and that many encroachments which should not be permitted have been allowed. The Collector also points out that while in some cases the "koradus" are in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others in which there is no encroachment on either side, and that the Shaikhpet street, which is 44½ feet wide in one place, has been reduced to 17½ feet in another. The dilatory and unsatisfactory manner in which the council has been dealing with this subject throughout is highly discreditable, and the Government has now decided that the time has come to employ other means to secure obedience to its orders. The Collector will therefore be requested to direct the Sub-Collector to proceed to Conjeeveram at an early date, inspect each "koradu" which has been built upon the public

street in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that it is done without delay. The municipal council should moreover distinctly understand that all licenses which have not as yet been acted upon must at once be withdrawn and that no license for a "koradu" should, in future, be given without the previous sanction of Government.

4. The council also submits proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of "koradus" in cases where they are held to be unobjectionable. This question was first commended to its consideration by the Collector in April 1894, and in its resolution, dated 2nd June, the council decided to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on lands granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector thereupon appears to have asked the council in his letter, dated 6th June 1894, to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again in a subsequent communication, to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter the council has failed to do, but requests sanction for levying fees in different streets at the rates of 4 and 8 annas respectively. These are much too low and cannot be approved. The Sub-Collector should be directed to propose a system of rates which should be fixed sufficiently high to serve as a check against encroachments and should in no case be less than 6 pies per square foot per annum. Every lease, where such is allowed, must contain a stipulation that the land, if required by the municipality, should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months, without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind and for the grant of every such lease the previous sanction of Government should be obtained.

5. The Collector will be requested to report, by the 30th September next, what action has been taken upon this order.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.
„ Collector of Chingleput.

Erd S. J. Pereira.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

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G.O., No. 1024 M., 26th June 1895.

M. P.

JUNE.

Encroachments.

Stating that the manner in which the Conjeeveram Municipal Council has been dealing with the question of street — is highly discreditable, and requesting the Collector of Chingleput to direct the Sub-Collector to inspect the koradus in the town, make out a list of those which should be removed and see that they are removed, and to submit proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of koradus.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th August 1894, No. 370.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of resolution of the Municipal Council, dated 4th August 1894, and to state that the rate of rents proposed for occupying poramboke lands in front of houses, bazaars, etc., in the various streets of Conjeeveram without any kind of detriment to the convenience and comforts of the public, is of two classes, viz., 4 annas and 8 annas per 100 square feet per annum.

The rent of the kind is meant to be levied in cases in which the Council may allow the erection of koradu, sarmanai, etc., constructions.

No superstructure will be allowed with or without the sanction of Government.

I beg therefore that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for the rates and for levying the same in all the cases referred to above.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on first Saturday, the 4th August 1894, at 5-45 P.M.

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Collector's reference on No. 69-M. of 1894, dated 7th June 1894, asking the Council to fix different rates of rent for different streets together with lists submitted by the sub-committee suggesting a difference of rates.

The following rates suggested by the sub-committee are approved:—

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.	Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	First Division.	RS. A. P.		*First Division*—cont.	RS. A. P.
1	Sannadhi street	0 8 0	22	Punnia Koteeswaren Mada street	0 4 0
2	Kurukkoo do.	0 8 0	23	Amuthupadi street	0 8 0
3	Varahavasal do.	0 8 0	24	Malaiyala do.	0 8 0
4	Vadavanda Mada street	0 8 0	25	Sunnambukara street	0 4 0
5	Thirucholai street	0 4 0	26	Chetty do.	0 8 0
6	Kathiree do.	0 8 0	27	Namundacara do.	0 8 0
7	Pattla do.	0 4 0	28	Thirucachinumbi street	0 8 0
8	Naina Pillai do.	0 4 0	29	Seshathiripalyam Mattu street	0 4 0
9	Sethuraya Pillai street	0 8 0	30	Do. street	0 4 0
10	Keelanda Mada do.	0 4 0	31	Do. Palani Chetty street.	0 4 0
11	Mudaliar street	0 4 0	32	Moonam Thirumala Mandapam street.	0 4 0
12	Yeda do.	0 8 0	33	Succulapalayam street	0 8 0
13	Thennanda Mada street	0 4 0	34	Do. Govintha Chetty street	0 4 0
14	Kammala street	0 4 0			
15	Usthagiree do.	0 4 0	35	Mettupalaya Kammala street	0 4 0
16	Kusa do.	0 4 0	36	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
17	Ammangar do.	0 4 0	37	Mettupalayam do.	0 4 0
18	Vagavathee do.	0 8 0	38	Aiyangarpalayam street	0 4 0
19	Anaikuttee do.	0 4 0	39	Mahaliamman Kovil street	0 8 0
20	Palla street	0 4 0			
21	Punnia Koteeswaran Kovil street				

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.	Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	Second Division.	RS. A. P.		*Third Division*—cont.	RS. A. P.
1	Nellucara street	0 8 0	25	Krishna Rayar street	0 8 0
2	Kusa do.	0 8 0	26	Thirumettali do.	0 8 0
3	Sekkupettai Kavara street	0 4 0	27	Thirumulraya do.	0 4 0
4	Do. street	0 8 0	28	Nadu street	0 4 0
5	Do. Salia street	0 4 0	29	Mathanumpalayam street	0 8 0
6	Yannaikara street	0 4 0	30	Akkanambalayam do.	0 8 0
7	Rajampettai Salia street	0 8 0	31	Lingappaiyarpalayam street	0 4 0
8	Hudsonspettai street	0 8 0	32	Virana Kaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0
9	Rajampettai do.	0 8 0	33	Do. Othaivadai street	0 8 0
10	Hudsonspettai Chetti street	0 4 0	34	Thennukambam street	0 4 0
11	Palleekcodathan Mudali street	0 8 0	35	Soleeswaran Kovil do.	0 4 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 4 0	36	Kuchiappan street	0 4 0
13	Vilakkadi Kovil street	0 4 0	37	Sala Bohum do.	0 4 0
14	Vallicca Pattarai do.	0 4 0	38	Kailasa Nathan Kovil Mattu street	
15	Bungarooyasappa Naiken street	0 4 0		*Fourth Division.*	
16	Vilakkadi Kovil Thoppu do.	0 4 0			
17	Singaperumal Mada street	0 4 0	1	Rajah street	0 8 0
18	Do. Sannadhi street	0 4 0	2	Sengalanir Odai street	0 8 0
19	Narayanapalayam street	0 8 0	3	Keelanda Rajah do.	0 8 0
20	Bavapettai street	0 8 0	4	Nellucara street	0 4 0
21	Thumbavanam street	0 8 0	5	M. K. Darmaraya Mudali street	0 8 0
22	Kottrambalayam street	0 4 0	6	Kollasuthiram street	0 4 0
23	Do. Vania street	0 8 0	7	Kamatchiamman Mada street	0 4 0
24	Astabujam Sannadhi street	0 4 0	8	Subbaroya Mudali street	
25	Do. Mada street	0 4 0	9	Ulahalandhaperumal Sannadhi street	0 4 0
26	Mullapalayam street	0 4 0	10	Ulahslandha street	0 4 0
27	Nahaluthu street	0 4 0	11	Sappani Pillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0
28	Thasichettipalayam street	0 4 0	12	Vaikuntaperumal Sannadhi street	0 8 0
29	Santhareeswararswamiyar street	0 4 0	13	Urappanancharry street	0 8 0
30	Kannappan street	0 8 0	14	Kamatchiammen Sannadhi street	0 4 0
31	Astabujam Kumara Chetti street	0 8 0	15	Chettikulam Silar Sahib do.	0 4 0
32	Virana Chetti street	0 8 0	16	Do. Pallu street	0 4 0
33	Tirukkachinambi street	0 8 0	17	Kuppunayakkan street	0 4 0
34	Yathothkariswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0	18	Punjukutti street	0 4 0
35	Do. Sannadhi street.	0 4 0	19	Damalwar do.	0 4 0
36	Haidarpettai street	0 4 0	20	Kalandur do.	0 4 0
37	Vuppukula do.	0 4 0	21	Koverikuppam street	0 4 0
38	Market street	0 4 0	22	Rayankuttai do.	0 8 0
39	Reddipettai street	0 4 0	23	Kammala do.	0 4 0
40	Babarampettai street		24	Kammala Kullappa Chari street	0 4 0
	Third Division.		25	Sembada Sinnapiyan street	0 4 0
1	Puthari street	0 8 0	26	Chetti street	0 4 0
2	Okkapurunthan Kila street	0 4 0	27	Perumal Naiken street	0 8 0
3	Do. Pudu do.	0 4 0	28	Theradi street	0 8 0
4	Mandukanneswarar Kovil street	0 4 0	29	Vathia Kurukkul street	0 8 0
5	Badrakaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0	30	Yekambaraswamiyar Mada street	0 4 0
6	Narasingarayar street	0 8 0	31	Yekambarapuram street	0 4 0
7	Vania street		32	Punjupettai Peria do.	0 4 0
8	Kachapeswaraswamiyar Kovil Mada street	0 8 0	33	Do. Sinna do.	0 4 0
9	Nellucara street	0 8 0	34	Vol. Muhammadpettah Lubbai street.	0 8 0
10	Kusa do.	0 8 0	35	Do. Varadhappa Mudali street	0 4 0
11	Rajampettai street	0 8 0	36	Lingappaiyar street	0 8 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 4 0	37	Salai street	0 8 0
13	Vanathiswarar Kovil street	0 8 0	38	Bava Sahib street	0 4 0
14	Karealan street	0 8 0	39	Sathangutti street	0 4 0
15	Karikkivilvaluruthal Kovil street	0 4 0	40	Vallakulam do.	0 4 0
16	Kajana Ramanjeear street	0 8 0	41	Pandavaperumal Mada street	0 4 0
17	Mata street	0 4 0	42	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
18	Ananthogipunditthur street	0 4 0	43	Pandavaperumal Sannadi street	0 8 0
19	Solai Ramaswami Aiyar street	0 8 0	44	Vuppari street	0 4 0
20	Mandapa street		45	Puthari do.	0 8 0
21	Othaivadai Sengalvarayan Naiken street	0 4 0	46	Yekambaraswarar Sannadhi street	0 8 0
22	Balayya Maduvu street	0 4 0	47	Yirattaipillaiyar Kovil street	0 4 0
23	Puthupalaya street	0 8 0	48	Karppaha Pilliar street	0 4 0
24	Yakamuhan do.	0 8 0	49	Nabunthakara street	0 4 0
			50	Do. Vothavadai street	0 4 0
			51	Kanakku Subbaraya Pillai do.	0 4 0

No. 877.

Returned to the Chairman for submission through the Collector.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th September 1894.

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

Forwarded to the Collector.

6th October 1894. N. S. BRODIE,
Sub-Collector.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

Returned to the Chairman with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, passed on his letter No. 360 of the 23rd September.

What the Government distinctly asks for and requires is a specific list of the assumed alienations in question so that its orders may be taken on each individual case. The list should show the extent of the encroachment and the number and date of the council's resolution purporting to authorize it. A plan of the encroachments would greatly facilitate Government in passing orders on the various cases.

SAIDAPET,
30th October 1894. G. S. FORBES,
Collector.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Conjeeveram 30th March 1895, No. 66-Index of 1895.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 19th March 1895, No. 58-Index of 1895.

In re-submitting my letter No. 370, dated 30th August 1894, with its enclosures which were submitted to you direct by mistake, and a copy of resolution of the council, dated 16th March 1895, I have the honour to state that the rate of rents, viz., As. 4 and As. 8 per 100 square feet per annum has been fixed according to the importance of each street shown in the list. These rates will not only apply to all the poramboke lands occupied by the townpeople on account of koradu, &c., with or without superstructure since 20th February 1889, but also to all those that may hereafter be granted with the sanction of Government.

2. I beg, therefore, that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for these rates and for levying the same in each and every case already submitted to Government with necessary sketches.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on 3rd Saturday the 16th March 1895, at 5-45 P.M., No. 46, of 1894–95.

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Read Collector's reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, requesting to reconsider the resolution of the council, dated 2nd June 1894, on the subject of levying rents on the occupations of street poramboke since 20th February 1889.

Read Resolution No. 1, dated 4th August 1894, on the subject.

Resolved by a majority that the rates of fees passed by the council in their resolution, dated 4th August 1894, be applicable to constructions with or without superstructure that have come into existence since 20th February 1889, as well as to such buildings that may hereafter be permitted with the sanction of Government under G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. Mr. Ramanadasarma dissents.

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Forwarded to the Collector.

SATHIAVEDU,
25th March 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Forwarded.

2. The list of koradus referred to in paragraph 2 has been already submitted to Government for orders. I have already recommended that the encroachments therein referred to should not be sanctioned, but if they are, the rates herein proposed are certainly much too low. The rates should be more or less prohibitory so as to discourage applications as much as possible and the lowest rate should not be less than one rupee per 100 square feet. For future encroachments the rate proposed should, I think, be specified when each case is submitted for the orders of Government, and no general system of rates should be sanctioned as herein proposed.

SAIDAPET,
4th April 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 7th March 1895, No. 43-Index.

With reference to G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894, calling for a complete list of encroachments made since 20th February 1889, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a list of permissions granted for the erection of koradus in street poramboke lands as directed therein. It contains measurement of each koradu and the present breadth of the street with 53 sketches showing the encroached portion of the street in each case.

2. The resolution of the council fixing rent for street poramboke land in each street is laid before it for its reconsideration as advised by the Collector on the ground that the rent now fixed does not show specifically whether it is for the lands already encroached upon or those that may hereafter under the sanction of Government be obtained by the people, and I shall obtain the decision of the council on the subject and submit shortly.

Forwarded.

2. The sketches submitted with this letter do not show in all cases whether the lands so lavishly assigned by the council are projections into the line of the street or not. All the permits granted seem to have been for the construction of koradus or raised platforms of mud or stones in front of the pials of the houses. I cannot recommend that any of the assignments should be confirmed in the interests of the town generally. The Sanitary Commissioner has frequently remarked in his inspection notes that the wide and airy streets for which Conjeeveram was formerly celebrated are rapidly becoming things of the past, and the causes thereof can be easily learnt from this statement now forwarded. Koradus so long as they are of uniform height and not covered over in any way are not, I think, objectionable and may serve the purpose fulfilled by side pavements in European countries. The evil of promiscuous assignments such as those now reported is that no definite rule is laid down for their breadth or height and no precautions taken to see that they are not covered. In a short time the enterprising owners convert them into bazaars and apply re lands with a view to convert them into proper shops or extensions of the n houses.

PERIAPALAYAM,
13th March 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Ref. on No. 49-Muni.

Forwarded.

2. The list submitted by the Chairman apparently includes only those cases in which permissions granted for constructing koradus and other encroachments have been acted on. From his letter No. 567, dated 31st December 1894, to this office (copy enclosed), it would seem also that cases where only mud koradus have been raised have been omitted from this list. What the Government required from the council in its order No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, was "a complete list of the cases in which they have allowed the erection of 'koradus' or other encroachments since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889". The present list does not comply with these requirements.

3. With regard to cases where permissions granted by the council after 20th February 1889 had not been acted on, Mr. Thomson called upon the Chairman in his letter, No. 69, Municipal, dated 7th June 1894, to move the council to issue a notice to the persons concerned that the council had no power to grant such permissions, that they were granted by mistake and that they should apply for the sanction of Government through the council and the Collector. In reply, the Chairman stated in his letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, that he would place the matter before the council at the earliest opportunity and communicate the result at once. No further report has been received from the Chairman on the subject.

4. In cases where permits have been acted on, the sketches received would show that, while in some cases the koradus had been built in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others (Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47 in the list) in which there is no encroachment on either side, and there are many others in which the sketches furnished do not clearly supply information. But the general result of allowing these koradus has been to destroy the uniformity of the streets. Thus the Shaikhpet street, which is the narrowest of those shown in the list, measures only $17\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide opposite house No. 14, while opposite houses Nos. 137 and 138 it measures 36 feet wide and opposite house No. 119, $44\frac{1}{2}$ feet. The sketches show side channels only in some cases and not in others.

5. A copy of this office letter, Reference on No. 85, Municipal, dated 9th July 1894, which seems to be referred to in paragraph 2 of the Chairman's letter, is enclosed with copy of the municipal council's resolution therein referred to.

6. As regards occupations of street poramboke permitted prior to 20th February 1889, the council were asked in this office letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, to consider the question of levying rent for such occupations, and it was suggested that, as time was of great importance in such cases, the council should proceed to consider the subject forthwith. The council were again reminded about this in the letter of the 9th July 1894 above quoted, but no action has apparently been taken in the matter till now. The attitude of the municipal council on these important questions is illustrative of the manner in which the interests of the public are sacrificed by it. As Sub-Collector I have already expressed my opinion that the encroachments now reported should not be allowed, or only in a very modified form.

7. The explanation called for by Government in paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, has not even yet been submitted notwithstanding the reminder in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894.

SAIDAPET,
6th April 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

ENCLOSURES.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on Saturday the 2nd June 1894, No. 6.

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Read letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput district, recommending to proceed to consider forthwith the subject of levying rents for the occupation of street poramboke as proposed by the council together with the G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, on the subject.

Read also proceedings of the Madras G.O., Mis. No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, on the subject.

Resolved that a yearly rent of As. 4 for every 100 square feet and under be levied in respect of any land at the disposal of the municipality upon which permission to erect koradu, platform, etc., without superstructure may be granted and a clause be invariably inserted in the pass and in the rent deed requiring the occupier to vacate the land when required by the municipal council.

The same rates will be levied on encroachments made since 1889.

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COPY of letter, reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

With reference to the Municipal Council's resolution, dated 2nd June 1894, forwarded with your letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, I have the honour to observe that it appears to be intended to apply only to the buildings which may, in future, be sanctioned. The sanction of Government for the rent proposed to be levied has to be obtained in each case. I note also rent has been fixed by the council for building only koradu, etc., without superstructure, and not for koradu with superstructure. Under my letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April prior to February 1889. should consider the levy of rents on the occupations of street poramboke prior to February 1889. Nothing has been said about this. Please therefore have the matter reconsidered and the resolution modified.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Collector of Chingleput, dated 31st December 1894, No. 567.

With reference to your letter No. 2061-Ver., dated 9th July 1894, I have the honour to inform you that a list of all the passes granted since 20th February 1889 was prepared in the office from the duplicate copies of the passes and sent to the nuisance inspectors directing them to fill up the 4th column of the list with the dimension of koradus, etc., as they exist at present. On receipt of the lists from them, a consolidated one was prepared in the office and submitted.

2. In reference to the arzi No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Conjeeveram, the following discrepancies are pointed out in the letter under reply :—

(1) Omission of koradus in items Nos. 1, 6 and 8 of the list.

(2) What construction was allowed in case No. 12.

(3) Occupation of more land than that allowed in case No. 10.

With reference to No. (1), I have the honour to state that only mud platforms exist opposite to the houses. Such platforms of mud can be seen opposite to that of all the houses in the town that have not had masonry constructions. When houses are built on a higher level than that of the street and when there is space enough between the row of houses and the side ditch, the houses have invariably had such platforms. Only houses in narrow lanes that cannot afford to have such platforms have not got them. These mud platforms are being worn out every year by the monsoons and are generally repaired at the time of pongal feasts. These parts are generally kept clean by the house owners who consider it very ceremonious in besprinkling cowdung water and decorating with powder diagrams every morning. These perennial mud platforms have been omitted in the list. If we are required to submit list of such platforms, I shall do so, but the list may be an enormous one.

In regard to No. (2), no pass was granted for anything except the construction of a verandah in the backyard and the re-erection of a verandah in front of the house facing the street. The pass does not authorize the building of koradu with old masonry borders, which has been in existence for a long time, and hence it was omitted in the list.

As to No. (3), I beg to state that the pass which was granted simply permits the erection of koradu, verandah and a bridge over the side ditch without specifying any dimensions. It was granted in 1889 by the then Chairman on the recommendation of a ward councillor and approved by the council at its meeting, dated 11th April 1889. As to the incorrect measurements pointed out, I have severely reprimanded the nuisance inspectors concerned.

3. With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I beg to state that a list of all assumed street poramboke lands since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, with the exception of those passes granted in 1890 (which were filed in the civil court, Chingleput, in an encroachment case), is being prepared together with plans as advised and will be submitted with the views of the council in regard to rent, etc., at an early date.

(1) Collector's letter No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894.
(2) G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 23rd September 1894.
(3) Collector's endorsement No. 133 M., dated 17th November 1894.

4. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that a list of street poramboke occupations for 22 cases was submitted to Government with this office letter No. 461, dated 26th October 1889, and a plan for the same is also under preparation and will be submitted soon. The revised list and letter No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Conjeeveram Stationary Sub-Magistrate are herewith submitted.

Order—Mis. No. 1024 M., dated 26th June 1895.

The papers read above relate to the question of street encroachments in the municipality of Conjeeveram.

2. On the 11th February 1889, the municipal council passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of houses) should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet, and in accordance therewith continued to grant licenses to build "koradus" without reference to Government notwithstanding the fact that in G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, the transfer of immovable property by municipalities without its sanction was forbidden, until April 1894, when the Collector of Chingleput brought the matter to notice. In its order No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, Government endorsed the latter officer's opinion that the resolution in question could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property, the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned by Government with reference to the Government order quoted above. The council, however, to which the Collector had in the meantime communicated his reference to Government, passed a resolution on the 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation of immovable property within the meaning of the Government order of February 1889, and submitted it to Government; but in G.O., No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, passed thereon, the Government referred the council to its previous order and directed the submission of a list of all alienations made since the order of 1889. On the 21st July 1894, the council passed a second resolution to the same effect as the first and sent it up direct to Government; but the Government in its order No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894, drew the council's attention again to the previous orders on the subject and directed it to expedite the list of "koradus" already called for. On the 21st October a first instalment of the list was received, which was returned to the council for further particulars (G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894).

3. The final list was submitted only on the 7th March 1895, and it is altogether incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission to erect "koradus" has been granted, but not yet acted upon, or those in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches submitted with it, imperfect as they are, show that the clear tendency of these assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets and that many encroachments which should not be permitted have been allowed. The Collector also points out that while in some cases the "koradus" are in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others in which there is no encroachment on either side, and that the Shaikhpet street, which is 44½ feet wide in one place, has been reduced to 17½ feet in another. The dilatory and unsatisfactory manner in which the council has been dealing with this subject throughout is highly discreditable, and the Government has now decided that the time has come to employ other means to secure obedience to its orders. The Collector will therefore be requested to direct the Sub-Collector to proceed to Conjeeveram at an early date, inspect each "koradu" which has been built upon the public

street in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that it is done without delay. The municipal council should moreover distinctly understand that all licenses which have not as yet been acted upon must at once be withdrawn and that no license for a "koradu" should, in future, be given without the previous sanction of Government.

4. The council also submits proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of "koradus" in cases where they are held to be unobjectionable. This question was first commended to its consideration by the Collector in April 1894, and in its resolution, dated 2nd June, the council decided to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on lands granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector thereupon appears to have asked the council in his letter, dated 6th June 1894, to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again in a subsequent communication, to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter the council has failed to do, but requests sanction for levying fees in different streets at the rates of 4 and 8 annas respectively. These are much too low and cannot be approved. The Sub-Collector should be directed to propose a system of rates which should be fixed sufficiently high to serve as a check against encroachments and should in no case be less than 6 pies per square foot per annum. Every lease, where such is allowed, must contain a stipulation that the land, if required by the municipality, should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months, without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind and for the grant of every such lease the previous sanction of Government should be obtained.

5. The Collector will be requested to report, by the 30th September next, what action has been taken upon this order.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.
" Collector of Chingleput.

Erd S. J. Pereira.

Government {1895} of Madras.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

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Regd. } *Spare copies*

G.O., No. 1024 M., 26th June 1895.

JUNE.

Encroachments.

Stating that the manner in which the Conjeeveram Municipal Council has been dealing with the question of street — is highly discreditable, and requesting the Collector of Chingleput to direct the Sub-Collector to inspect the koradus in the town, make out a list of those which should be removed and see that they are removed, and to submit proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of koradus.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th August 1894, No. 370.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of resolution of the Municipal Council, dated 4th August 1894, and to state that the rate of rents proposed for occupying poramboke lands in front of houses, bazaars, etc., in the various streets of Conjeeveram without any kind of detriment to the convenience and comforts of the public, is of two classes, viz., 4 annas and 8 annas per 100 square feet per annum.

The rent of the kind is meant to be levied in cases in which the Council may allow the erection of koradu, sarmanai, etc., constructions.

No superstructure will be allowed with or without the sanction of Government.

I beg therefore that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for the rates and for levying the same in all the cases referred to above.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on first Saturday, the 4th August 1894, at 5-45 P.M.

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Collector's reference on No. 69-M. of 1894, dated 7th June 1894, asking the Council to fix different rates of rent for different streets together with lists submitted by the sub-committee suggesting a difference of rates.

The following rates suggested by the sub-committee are approved:—

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum. RS. A. P.
	First Division.	
1	Sannadhi street	0 8 0
2	Kurukkoo do.	0 8 0
3	Varahavasal do.	0 8 0
4	Vadavanda Mada street	0 8 0
5	Thirucholai street	0 8 0
6	Kathiree do.	0 8 0
7	Pattla do.	0 4 0
8	Naina Pillai do.	0 8 0
9	Sethuraya Pillai street	0 4 0
10	Keelanda Mada do.	0 4 0
11	Mudaliar street	0 8 0
12	Yeda do.	0 4 0
13	Thennanda Mada street	0 4 0
14	Kammala street	0 8 0
15	Usthagiree do.	0 4 0
16	Kusa do.	0 4 0
17	Ammangar do.	0 4 0
18	Vagavathee do.	0 4 0
19	Anaikuttee do.	0 8 0
20	Palla street	0 4 0
21	Punnia Koteeswaran Kovil street	0 4 0
22	Punnia Koteeswaren Mada street	0 4 0
23	Amuthupadi street	0 8 0
24	Malaiyala do.	0 4 0
25	Sunnambukara street	0 8 0
26	Chetty do.	0 4 0
27	Namundacara do.	0 8 0
28	Thirucachinumbi street	0 8 0
29	Seshathiripalyam Mattu street	0 8 0
30	Do. street	0 4 0
31	Do. Palani Chetty street.	0 4 0
32	Moonam Thirumala Mandapam street.	0 4 0
33	Succulapalayam street	0 8 0
34	Do. Govintha Chetty street	0 4 0
35	Mettupalaya Kammala street	0 4 0
36	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
37	Mettupalayam do.	0 8 0
38	Aiyangarpalayam street	0 4 0
39	Mahaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum. RS. A. P.
	Second Division.	
1	Nellucara street	0 8 0
2	Kusa do.	0 8 0
3	Sekkupettai Kavara street	0 4 0
4	Do. street	0 8 0
5	Do. Salia street	0 4 0
6	Yannaikara street	0 4 0
7	Rajampettai Salia street	0 4 0
8	Hudsonspettai street	0 8 0
9	Rajampettai do.	0 8 0
10	Hudsonspettai Chetti street	0 8 0
11	Palleekcodathan Mudali street	0 4 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0
13	Vilakkadi Kovil street	0 4 0
14	Vallicca Pattarai do.	0 4 0
15	Bungarooyasappa Naiken street	0 4 0
16	Vilakkadi Kovil Thoppu do.	0 4 0
17	Singaperumal Mada street	0 4 0
18	Do. Sannadhi street	0 4 0
19	Narayanapalayam street	0 4 0
20	Bavapettai street	0 8 0
21	Thumbavanam street	0 8 0
22	Kottrambalayam street	0 8 0
23	Do. Vania street	0 4 0
24	Astabujam Sannadhi street	0 8 0
25	Do. Mada street	0 4 0
26	Mullapalayam street	0 4 0
27	Nahaluthu street	0 4 0
28	Thasichettipalayam street	0 4 0
29	Santhareeswararswamiyar street	0 4 0
30	Kannappan street	0 4 0
31	Astabujam Kumara Chetti street	0 8 0
32	Virana Chetti street	0 8 0
33	Tirukkachinambi street	0 8 0
34	Yathothkariswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0
35	Do. Sunnadhi street.	0 8 0
36	Haidarpettai street	0 4 0
37	Vuppukula do.	0 4 0
38	Market street	0 4 0
39	Reddipettai street	0 4 0
40	Baharampettai street	0 4 0
	Third Division.	
1	Puthari street	0 8 0
2	Okkapurunthan Kila street	0 4 0
3	Do. Pudu do.	0 4 0
4	Mandukanneswarar Kovil street	0 4 0
5	Badrakaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0
6	Narasingarayar street	0 4 0
7	Vania street	0 8 0
8	Kachapeswaraswamiyar Kovil Mada street	0 8 0
9	Nellucara street	0 8 0
10	Kusa do.	0 8 0
11	Rajampettai street	0 8 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0
13	Vanathiswarar Kovil street	0 4 0
14	Karealan street	0 8 0
15	Karikkivilvaluruthal Kovil street	0 8 0
16	Kajana Ramanjeear street	0 4 0
17	Mata street	0 8 0
18	Ananthogipundithur street	0 4 0
19	Solai Ramaswami Aiyar street	0 4 0
20	Mandapa street	0 8 0
21	Othaivadai Sengalvarayan Naiken street	0 4 0
22	Balayya Maduvu street	0 4 0
23	Puthupalaya street	0 8 0
24	Yakamuhan do.	0 8 0
25	Krishna Rayar street	0 8 0
26	Thirumettalli do.	0 8 0
27	Thirumulraya do.	0 4 0
28	Nadu street	0 4 0
29	Mathanumpalayam street	0 8 0
30	Akkanambalayam do.	0 8 0
31	Lingappaiyarpalayam street	0 8 0
32	Virana Kaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0
33	Do. Othaivadai street	0 4 0
34	Thennukambam street	0 8 0
35	Soleeswaran Kovil do.	0 4 0
36	Kuchiappan street	0 4 0
37	Sala Bohum do.	0 4 0
38	Kailasa Nathan Kovil Mattu street	0 4 0
	Fourth Division.	
1	Rajah street	0 8 0
2	Sengalanir Odai street	0 8 0
3	Keelanda Rajah do.	0 8 0
4	Nellucara street	0 8 0
5	M. K. Darmaraya Mudali street	0 4 0
6	Kollasuthiram street	0 8 0
7	Kamatchiamman Mada street	0 4 0
8	Subbaroya Mudali street	0 4 0
9	Ulahalandhaperumal Sannadhi street	0 4 0
10	Ulahalandha street	0 4 0
11	Sappani Pillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0
12	Vaikuntaperumal Sannadhi street	0 8 0
13	Urappanancharry street	0 8 0
14	Kamatchiammen Sunnadhi street	0 8 0
15	Chettikulam Silar Sahib do.	0 4 0
16	Do. Pallu street	0 4 0
17	Kuppunayakkan street	0 4 0
18	Punjukutti street	0 4 0
19	Damalwar do.	0 4 0
20	Kalandur do.	0 4 0
21	Koverikuppam street	0 4 0
22	Rayankuttai do.	0 4 0
23	Kammala do.	0 8 0
24	Kammala Kullappa Chari street	0 4 0
25	Sembada Sinnapiyan street	0 4 0
26	Chetti street	0 4 0
27	Perumal Naiken street	0 4 0
28	Theradi street	0 8 0
29	Vathia Kurukkul street	0 8 0
30	Yekambaraswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0
31	Yekambarapuram street	0 4 0
32	Punjupettai Peria do.	0 4 0
33	Do. Sinna do.	0 4 0
34	Vol. Muhammadpettah Lubbai street.	0 8 0
35	Do. Varadhappa Mudali street	0 4 0
36	Lingappaiyar street	0 8 0
37	Salai street	0 8 0
38	Bava Sahib street	0 4 0
39	Sathangutti street	0 4 0
40	Vallakulam do.	0 4 0
41	Pandavaperumal Mada street	0 4 0
42	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
43	Pandavaperumal Sannadi street	0 8 0
44	Vuppari street	0 4 0
45	Puthari do.	0 8 0
46	Yekambaraswarar Sannadhi street	0 8 0
47	Yirattaipillaiyar Kovil street	0 4 0
48	Karppaha Pilliar street	0 4 0
49	Nabunthakara street	0 4 0
50	Do. Vothavadai street	0 4 0
51	Kanakku Subbaraya Pillai do.	0 4 0

No. 877.

Returned to the Chairman for submission through the Collector.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th September 1894.

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

Forwarded to the Collector.

6*th October* 1894. N. S. BRODIE,
Sub-Collector.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

Returned to the Chairman with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, passed on his letter No. 360 of the 23rd September.

What the Government distinctly asks for and requires is a specific list of the assumed alienations in question so that its orders may be taken on each individual case. The list should show the extent of the encroachment and the number and date of the council's resolution purporting to authorize it. A plan of the encroachments would greatly facilitate Government in passing orders on the various cases.

SAIDAPET,
30*th October* 1894. G. S. FORBES,
Collector.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Conjeeveram 30th March 1895, No. 66-Index of 1895.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 19th March 1895, No. 58-Index of 1895.

In re-submitting my letter No. 370, dated 30th August 1894, with its enclosures which were submitted to you direct by mistake, and a copy of resolution of the council, dated 16th March 1895, I have the honour to state that the rate of rents, viz., As. 4 and As. 8 per 100 square feet per annum has been fixed according to the importance of each street shown in the list. These rates will not only apply to all the poramboke lands occupied by the townpeople on account of koradu, &c., with or without superstructure since 20th February 1889, but also to all those that may hereafter be granted with the sanction of Government.

2. I beg, therefore, that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for these rates and for levying the same in each and every case already submitted to Government with necessary sketches.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on 3rd Saturday the 16th March 1895, at 5-45 P.M., No. 46, of 1894-95.

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Read Collector's reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, requesting to reconsider the resolution of the council, dated 2nd June 1894, on the subject of levying rents on the occupations of street poramboke since 20th February 1889.

Read Resolution No. 1, dated 4th August 1894, on the subject.

Resolved by a majority that the rates of fees passed by the council in their resolution, dated 4th August 1894, be applicable to constructions with or without superstructure that have come into existence since 20th February 1889, as well as to such buildings that may hereafter be permitted with the sanction of Government under G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. Mr. Ramanadasarma dissents.

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Forwarded to the Collector.

SATHIAVEDU,
25*th March* 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Forwarded.

2. The list of koradus referred to in paragraph 2 has been already submitted to Government for orders. I have already recommended that the encroachments therein referred to should not be sanctioned, but if they are, the rates herein proposed are certainly much too low. The rates should be more or less prohibitory so as to discourage applications as much as possible and the lowest rate should not be less than one rupee per 100 square feet. For future encroachments the rate proposed should, I think, be specified when each case is submitted for the orders of Government, and no general system of rates should be sanctioned as herein proposed.

SAIDAPET,
4*th April* 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 7th March 1895, No. 43-Index.

With reference to G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894, calling for a complete list of encroachments made since 20th February 1889, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a list of permissions granted for the erection of koradus in street poramboke lands as directed therein. It contains measurement of each koradu and the present breadth of the street with 53 sketches showing the encroached portion of the street in each case.

2. The resolution of the council fixing rent for street poramboke land in each street is laid before it for its reconsideration as advised by the Collector on the ground that the rent now fixed does not show specifically whether it is for the lands already encroached upon or those that may hereafter under the sanction of Government be obtained by the people, and I shall obtain the decision of the council on the subject and submit shortly.

Forwarded.

2. The sketches submitted with this letter do not show in all cases whether the lands so lavishly assigned by the council are projections into the line of the street or not. All the permits granted seem to have been for the construction of koradus or raised platforms of mud or stones in front of the pials of the houses. I cannot recommend that any of the assignments should be confirmed in the interests of the town generally. The Sanitary Commissioner has frequently remarked in his inspection notes that the wide and airy streets for which Conjeeveram was formerly celebrated are rapidly becoming things of the past, and the causes thereof can be easily learnt from this statement now forwarded. Koradus so long as they are of uniform height and not covered over in any way are not, I think, objectionable and may serve the purpose fulfilled by side pavements in European countries. The evil of promiscuous assignments such as those now reported is that no definite rule is laid down for their breadth or height and no precautions taken to see that they are not covered over. In a short time the enterprising owners convert them into bazaars and apply for more lands with a view to convert them into proper shops or extensions of their own houses.

PERIAPALAYAM,
13*th March* 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Ref. on No. 49-Munl.

Forwarded.

2. The list submitted by the Chairman apparently includes only those cases in which permissions granted for constructing koradus and other encroachments have been acted on. From his letter No. 567, dated 31st December 1894, to this office (copy enclosed), it would seem also that cases where only mud koradus have been raised have been omitted from this list. What the Government required from the council in its order No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, was "a complete list of the cases in which they have allowed the erection of 'koradus' or other encroachments since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889". The present list does not comply with these requirements.

3. With regard to cases where permissions granted by the council after 20th February 1889 had not been acted on, Mr. Thomson called upon the Chairman in his letter, No. 69, Municipal, dated 7th June 1894, to move the council to issue a notice to the persons concerned that the council had no power to grant such permissions, that they were granted by mistake and that they should apply for the sanction of Government through the council and the Collector. In reply, the Chairman stated in his letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, that he would place the matter before the council at the earliest opportunity and communicate the result at once. No further report has been received from the Chairman on the subject.

4. In cases where permits have been acted on, the sketches received would show that, while in some cases the koradus had been built in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others (Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47 in the list) in which there is no encroachment on either side, and there are many others in which the sketches furnished do not clearly supply information. But the general result of allowing these koradus has been to destroy the uniformity of the streets. Thus the Shaikhpet street, which is the narrowest of those shown in the list, measures only 17½ feet wide opposite house No. 14, while opposite houses Nos. 137 and 138 it measures 36 feet wide and opposite house No. 119, 44½ feet. The sketches show side channels only in some cases and not in others.

5. A copy of this office letter, Reference on No. 85, Municipal, dated 9th July 1894, which seems to be referred to in paragraph 2 of the Chairman's letter, is enclosed with copy of the municipal council's resolution therein referred to.

6. As regards occupations of street poramboke permitted prior to 20th February 1889, the council were asked in this office letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, to consider the question of levying rent for such occupations, and it was suggested that, as time was of great importance in such cases, the council should proceed to consider the subject forthwith. The council were again reminded about this in the letter of the 9th July 1894 above quoted, but no action has apparently been taken in the matter till now. The attitude of the municipal council on these important questions is illustrative of the manner in which the interests of the public are sacrificed by it. As Sub-Collector I have already expressed my opinion that the encroachments now reported should not be allowed, or only in a very modified form.

7. The explanation called for by Government in paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, has not even yet been submitted notwithstanding the reminder in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894.

SAIDAPET,
6th April 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

ENCLOSURES.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on Saturday the 2nd June 1894, No. 6.

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Read letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput district, recommending to proceed to consider forthwith the subject of levying rents for the occupation of street poramboke as proposed by the council together with the G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, on the subject.

Read also proceedings of the Madras G.O., Mis. No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, on the subject.

Resolved that a yearly rent of As. 4 for every 100 square feet and under be levied in respect of any land at the disposal of the municipality upon which permission to erect koradu, platform, etc., without superstructure may be granted and a clause be invariably inserted in the pass and in the rent deed requiring the occupier to vacate the land when required by the municipal council.

The same rates will be levied on encroachments made since 1889.

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COPY of letter, reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

With reference to the Municipal Council's resolution, dated 2nd June 1894, forwarded with your letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, I have the honour to observe that it appears to be intended to apply only to the buildings which may, in future, be sanctioned. The sanction of Government for the rent proposed to be levied has to be obtained in each case. I note also rent has been fixed by the council for building only koradu, etc., without superstructure, and not for koradu with superstructure. Under my letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, the council should consider the levy of rents on the occupations of street poramboke prior to February 1889. Nothing has been said about this. Please therefore have the matter reconsidered and the resolution modified.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Collector of Chingleput, dated 31st December 1894, No. 567.

With reference to your letter No. 2061-Ver., dated 9th July 1894, I have the honour to inform you that a list of all the passes granted since 20th February 1889 was prepared in the office from the duplicate copies of the passes and sent to the nuisance inspectors directing them to fill up the 4th column of the list with the dimension of koradus, etc., as they exist at present. On receipt of the lists from them, a consolidated one was prepared in the office and submitted.

2. In reference to the arzi No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Conjeeveram, the following discrepancies are pointed out in the letter under reply:—

(1) Omission of koradus in items Nos. 1, 6 and 8 of the list.

(2) What construction was allowed in case No. 12.

(3) Occupation of more land than that allowed in case No. 10.

With reference to No. (1), I have the honour to state that only mud platforms exist opposite to the houses. Such platforms of mud can be seen opposite to that of all the houses in the town that have not had masonry constructions. When houses are built on a higher level than that of the street and when there is space enough between the row of houses and the side ditch, the houses have invariably had such platforms. Only houses in narrow lanes that cannot afford to have such platforms have not got them. These mud platforms are being worn out every year by the monsoons and are generally repaired at the time of pongal feasts. These parts are generally kept clean by the house owners who consider it very ceremonious in besprinkling cowdung water and decorating with powder diagrams every morning. These perennial mud platforms have been omitted in the list. If we are required to submit list of such platforms, I shall do so, but the list may be an enormous one.

In regard to No. (2), no pass was granted for anything except the construction of a verandah in the backyard and the re-erection of a verandah in front of the house facing the street. The pass does not authorize the building of koradu with old masonry borders, which has been in existence for a long time, and hence it was omitted in the list.

As to No. (3), I beg to state that the pass which was granted simply permits the erection of koradu, verandah and a bridge over the side ditch without specifying any dimensions. It was granted in 1889 by the then Chairman on the recommendation of a ward councillor and approved by the council at its meeting, dated 11th April 1889. As to the incorrect measurements pointed out, I have severely reprimanded the nuisance inspectors concerned.

3. With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I beg to state that a list of all assumed street poramboke lands since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, with the exception of those passes granted in 1890 (which were filed in the civil court, Chingleput, in an encroachment case), is being prepared together with plans as advised and will be submitted with the views of the council in regard to rent, etc, at an early date.

(1) Collector's letter No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894.
(2) G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 23rd September 1894.
(3) Collector's endorsement No. 133 M., dated 17th November 1894.

4. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that a list of street poramboke occupations for 22 cases was submitted to Government with this office letter No. 461, dated 26th October 1889, and a plan for the same is also under preparation and will be submitted soon. The revised list and letter No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Conjeeveram Stationary Sub-Magistrate are herewith submitted.

ORDER—Mis. No. 1024 M., dated 26th June 1895.

The papers read above relate to the question of street encroachments in the municipality of Conjeeveram.

2. On the 11th February 1889, the municipal council passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of houses) should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet, and in accordance therewith continued to grant licenses to build "koradus" without reference to Government notwithstanding the fact that in G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, the transfer of immovable property by municipalities without its sanction was forbidden, until April 1894, when the Collector of Chingleput brought the matter to notice. In its order No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, Government endorsed the latter officer's opinion that the resolution in question could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property, the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned by Government with reference to the Government order quoted above. The council, however, to which the Collector had in the meantime communicated his reference to Government, passed a resolution on the 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation of immovable property within the meaning of the Government order of February 1889, and submitted it to Government; but in G.O., No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, passed thereon, the Government referred the council to its previous order and directed the submission of a list of all alienations made since the order of 1889. On the 21st July 1894, the council passed a second resolution to the same effect as the first and sent it up direct to Government; but the Government in its order No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894, drew the council's attention again to the previous orders on the subject and directed it to expedite the list of "koradus" already called for. On the 21st October a first instalment of the list was received, which was returned to the council for further particulars (G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894).

3. The final list was submitted only on the 7th March 1895, and it is altogether incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission to erect "koradus" has been granted, but not yet acted upon, or those in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches submitted with it, imperfect as they are, show that the clear tendency of these assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets and that many encroachments which should not be permitted have been allowed. The Collector also points out that while in some cases the "koradus" are in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others in which there is no encroachment on either side, and that the Shaikhpet street, which is 44½ feet wide in one place, has been reduced to 17½ feet in another. The dilatory and unsatisfactory manner in which the council has been dealing with this subject throughout is highly discreditable, and the Government has now decided that the time has come to employ other means to secure obedience to its orders. The Collector will therefore be requested to direct the Sub-Collector to proceed to Cha[illegible]veram at an early date, inspect each "koradu" which has been bu[illegible] to Conjeeveram and report upon the public

street in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that it is done without delay. The municipal council should moreover distinctly understand that all licenses which have not as yet been acted upon must at once be withdrawn and that no license for a "koradu" should, in future, be given without the previous sanction of Government.

4. The council also submits proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of "koradus" in cases where they are held to be unobjectionable. This question was first commended to its consideration by the Collector in April 1894, and in its resolution, dated 2nd June, the council decided to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on lands granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector thereupon appears to have asked the council in his letter, dated 6th June 1894, to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again in a subsequent communication, to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter the council has failed to do, but requests sanction for levying fees in different streets at the rates of 4 and 8 annas respectively. These are much too low and cannot be approved. The Sub-Collector should be directed to propose a system of rates which should be fixed sufficiently high to serve as a check against encroachments and should in no case be less than 6 pies per square foot per annum. Every lease, where such is allowed, must contain a stipulation that the land, if required by the municipality, should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months, without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind and for the grant of every such lease the previous sanction of Government should be obtained.

5. The Collector will be requested to report, by the 30th September next, what action has been taken upon this order.

(True Extract,)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.
" Collector of Chingleput.

Erd. S. J. Pereira.

Government {1895} of Madras.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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Regd. } *Spare copies*

G.O., No. 1024 M., 26th June 1895.

N. P.

JUNE.

Encroachments.

Stating that the manner in which the Conjeeveram Municipal Council has been dealing with the question of street — is highly discreditable, and requesting the Collector of Chingleput to direct the Sub-Collector to inspect the koradus in the town, make out a list of those which should be removed and see that they are removed, and to submit proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of koradus.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th August 1894, No. 370.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of resolution of the Municipal Council, dated 4th August 1894, and to state that the rate of rents proposed for occupying poramboke lands in front of houses, bazaars, etc., in the various streets of Conjeeveram without any kind of detriment to the convenience and comforts of the public, is of two classes, viz., 4 annas and 8 annas per 100 square feet per annum.

The rent of the kind is meant to be levied in cases in which the Council may allow the erection of koradu, sarmanai, etc., constructions.

No superstructure will be allowed with or without the sanction of Government.

I beg therefore that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for the rates and for levying the same in all the cases referred to above.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on first Saturday, the 4th August 1894, at 5-45 P.M.

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Collector's reference on No. 69-M. of 1894, dated 7th June 1894, asking the Council to fix different rates of rent for different streets together with lists submitted by the sub-committee suggesting a difference of rates.

The following rates suggested by the sub-committee are approved:—

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.	Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	First Division.	RS. A. P.		*First Division*—cont.	RS. A. P.
1	Sannadhi street	0 8 0	22	Punnia Koteeswaren Mada street	0 4 0
2	Kurukkoo do.	0 8 0	23	Amuthupadi street	0 8 0
3	Varahavasal do.	0 8 0	24	Malaiyala do.	0 8 0
4	Vadavanda Mada street	0 8 0	25	Sunnambukara street	0 8 0
5	Thirucholai street	0 8 0	26	Chetty do.	0 4 0
6	Kathiree do.	0 4 0	27	Namundacara do.	0 8 0
7	Pattla do.	0 8 0	28	Thirucachinumbi street	0 8 0
8	Naina Pillai do.	0 4 0	29	Seshathiripalyam Mattu street	0 8 0
9	Sethuraya Pillai street	0 4 0	30	Do. street	0 4 0
10	Keelanda Mada do.	0 8 0	31	Do. Palani Chetty street.	0 4 0
11	Mudaliar street	0 4 0	32	Moonam Thirumala Mandapam street.	0 4 0
12	Yeda do.	0 4 0	33	Succulapalayam street	0 8 0
13	Thennanda Mada street	0 8 0	34	Do. Govintha Chetty street	0 4 0
14	Kammala street	0 4 0	35	Mettupalaya Kammala street	0 4 0
15	Usthagiree do.	0 4 0	36	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
16	Kusa do.	0 4 0	37	Mettupalayam do.	0 4 0
17	Ammangar do.	0 4 0	38	Aiyangarpalayam street	0 4 0
18	Vagavathee do.	0 4 0	39	Mahaliamman Kovil street	0 8 0
19	Anaikuttee do.	0 8 0			
20	Palla street	0 4 0			
21	Punnia Koteeswaran Kovil street	0 4 0			

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.	Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	Second Division.	RS. A. P.		*Third Division*—cont.	RS. A. P.
1	Nellucara street	0 8 0	25	Krishna Rayar street	0 8 0
2	Kusa do.	0 8 0	26	Thirumettalli do.	0 8 0
3	Sekkupettai Kavara street	0 4 0	27	Thirumulraya do.	0 4 0
4	Do. street	0 8 0	28	Nadu street	0 4 0
5	Do. Salia street	0 4 0	29	Mathanumpalayam street	0 8 0
6	Yannaikara street	0 4 0	30	Akkanambalayam do.	0 8 0
7	Rajampettai Salia street	0 4 0	31	Lingappaiyarpalayam street	0 8 0
8	Hudsonspettai street	0 8 0	32	Virana Kaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0
9	Rajampettai do.	0 8 0	33	Do. Othaivadai street	0 4 0
10	Hudsonspettai Chetti street	0 8 0	34	Thennukambam street	0 8 0
11	Palleekcodathan Mudali street	0 4 0	35	Soleeswaran Kovil do.	0 4 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0	36	Kuchiappan street	0 4 0
13	Vilakkadi Kovil street	0 4 0	37	Sala Bohum do.	0 4 0
14	Vallicca Pattarai do.	0 4 0	38	Kailasa Nathan Kovil Mattu street	0 4 0
15	Bungarooyasappa Naiken street	0 4 0			
16	Vilakkadi Kovil Thoppu do.	0 4 0		*Fourth Division.*	
17	Singaperumal Mada street	0 4 0			
18	Do. Sannadhi street	0 4 0	1	Rajah street	0 8 0
19	Narayanapalayam street	0 4 0	2	Sengalanir Odai street	0 8 0
20	Bavapettai street	0 8 0	3	Keelanda Rajah do.	0 8 0
21	Thumbavanam street	0 8 0	4	Nellucara street	0 8 0
22	Kottrambalayam street	0 8 0	5	M. K. Darmaraya Mudali street	0 4 0
23	Do. Vania street	0 4 0	6	Kollasuthiram street	0 8 0
24	Astabujam Sannadhi street	0 8 0	7	Kamatchiamman Mada street	0 4 0
25	Do. Mada street	0 4 0	8	Subbaroya Mudali street	0 4 0
26	Mullapalayam street	0 4 0	9	Ulahalandhaperumal Sannadhi street	0 4 0
27	Nahaluthu street	0 4 0	10	Ulahalandha street	0 4 0
28	Thasichettipalayam street	0 4 0	11	Sappani Pillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0
29	Santhareeswararswamiyar street	0 4 0	12	Vaikuntaperumal Sannadhi street	0 8 0
30	Kannappan street	0 4 0	13	Urappanancharry street	0 8 0
31	Astabujam Kumara Chetti street	0 8 0	14	Kamatchiammen Sunnadhi street	0 8 0
32	Virana Chetti street	0 8 0	15	Chettikulam Silar Sahib do.	0 4 0
33	Tirukkachinambi street	0 8 0	16	Do. Pallu street	0 4 0
34	Yathothkariswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0	17	Kuppunayakkan street	0 4 0
35	Do. Sannadhi street.	0 8 0	18	Punjukutti street	0 4 0
36	Haidarpettai street	0 4 0	19	Damalwar do.	0 4 0
37	Vuppukula do.	0 4 0	20	Kalandur do.	0 4 0
38	Market street	0 4 0	21	Koverikuppam street	0 4 0
39	Reddipettai street	0 4 0	22	Rayankuttai do.	0 4 0
40	Baharampettai street	0 4 0	23	Kammala do.	0 8 0
			24	Kammala Kullappa Chari street	0 4 0
	Third Division.		25	Sembada Sinnapaiyan street	0 4 0
			26	Chetti street	0 4 0
1	Puthari street	0 8 0	27	Perumal Naiken street	0 4 0
2	Okkapurunthan Kila street	0 4 0	28	Theradi street	0 8 0
3	Do. Pudu do.	0 4 0	29	Vathia Kurukkul street	0 8 0
4	Mandukanneswarar Kovil street	0 4 0	30	Yekambaraswamiyar Mada street	0 8 0
5	Badrakaliamman Kovil street	0 4 0	31	Yekambarapuram street	0 4 0
6	Narasingarayar street	0 4 0	32	Punjupettai Peria do.	0 4 0
7	Vania street	0 8 0	33	Do. Sinna do.	0 4 0
8	Kachapeswaraswamiyar Kovil Mada street	0 8 0	34	Vol. Muhammadpettah Lubbai street.	0 8 0
9	Nellucara street	0 8 0	35	Do. Varadhappa Mudali street	0 4 0
10	Kusa do.	0 8 0	36	Lingappaiyar street	0 8 0
11	Rajampettai street	0 8 0	37	Salai street	0 8 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0	38	Bava Sahib street	0 4 0
13	Vanathiswarar Kovil street	0 4 0	39	Sathangutti street	0 4 0
14	Karealan street	0 8 0	40	Vallakulam do.	0 4 0
15	Karikkivilvaluruthal Kovil street	0 8 0	41	Pandavaperumal Mada street	0 4 0
16	Kajana Ramanjeear street	0 4 0	42	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
17	Mata street	0 8 0	43	Pandavaperumal Sannadi street	0 8 0
18	Ananthogipunditbur street	0 4 0	44	Vuppari street	0 4 0
19	Solai Ramaswami Aiyar street	0 4 0	45	Puthari do.	0 8 0
20	Mandapa street	0 8 0	46	Yekambaraswarar Sannadhi street	0 8 0
21	Othaivadai Sengalvarayan Naiken street	0 4 0	47	Yirattaipillaiyar Kovil street	0 4 0
22	Balayya Maduvu street	0 4 0	48	Karppaha Pilliar street	0 4 0
23	Puthupalaya street	0 8 0	49	Nabunthakara street	0 4 0
24	Yakamuhan do.	0 8 0	50	Do. Vothavadai street	0 4 0
			51	Kanakku Subbaraya Pillai do.	0 4 0

No. 877.

Returned to the Chairman for submission through the Collector.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th September 1894.

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

Forwarded to the Collector.

N. S. BRODIE,
Sub-Collector.

6th October 1894.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

Returned to the Chairman with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, passed on his letter No. 360 of the 23rd September.

What the Government distinctly asks for and requires is a specific list of the assumed alienations in question so that its orders may be taken on each individual case. The list should show the extent of the encroachment and the number and date of the council's resolution purporting to authorize it. A plan of the encroachments would greatly facilitate Government in passing orders on the various cases.

SAIDAPET,
30*th October* 1894.

G. S. FORBES,
Collector.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Conjeeveram 30th March 1895, No. 66-Index of 1895.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 19th March 1895, No. 58-Index of 1895.

In re-submitting my letter No. 370, dated 30th August 1894, with its enclosures which were submitted to you direct by mistake, and a copy of resolution of the council, dated 16th March 1895, I have the honour to state that the rate of rents, viz., As. 4 and As. 8 per 100 square feet per annum has been fixed according to the importance of each street shown in the list. These rates will not only apply to all the poramboke lands occupied by the townpeople on account of koradu, &c., with or without superstructure since 20th February 1889, but also to all those that may hereafter be granted with the sanction of Government.

2. I beg, therefore, that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for these rates and for levying the same in each and every case already submitted to Government with necessary sketches.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on 3rd Saturday the 16th March 1895, at 5-45 P.M., No. 46, of 1894–95.

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Read Collector's reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, requesting to reconsider the resolution of the council, dated 2nd June 1894, on the subject of levying rents on the occupations of street poramboke since 20th February 1889.

Read Resolution No. 1, dated 4th August 1894, on the subject.

Resolved by a majority that the rates of fees passed by the council in their resolution, dated 4th August 1894, be applicable to constructions with or without superstructure that have come into existence since 20th February 1889, as well as to such buildings that may hereafter be permitted with the sanction of Government under G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. Mr. Ramanadasarma dissents.

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Forwarded to the Collector.

SATHIAVEDU,
25*th March* 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Forwarded.

2. The list of koradus referred to in paragraph 2 has been already submitted to Government for orders. I have already recommended that the encroachments therein referred to should not be sanctioned, but if they are, the rates herein proposed are certainly much too low. The rates should be more or less prohibitory so as to discourage applications as much as possible and the lowest rate should not be less than one rupee per 100 square feet. For future encroachments the rate proposed should, I think, be specified when each case is submitted for the orders of Government, and no general system of rates should be sanctioned as herein proposed.

SAIDAPET,
4*th April* 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 7th March 1895, No. 43-Index.

With reference to G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894, calling for a complete list of encroachments made since 20th February 1889, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a list of permissions granted for the erection of koradus in street poramboke lands as directed therein. It contains measurement of each koradu and the present breadth of the street with 53 sketches showing the encroached portion of the street in each case.

2. The resolution of the council fixing rent for street poramboke land in each street is laid before it for its reconsideration as advised by the Collector on the ground that the rent now fixed does not show specifically whether it is for the lands already encroached upon or those that may hereafter under the sanction of Government be obtained by the people, and I shall obtain the decision of the council on the subject and submit shortly.

Forwarded.

2. The sketches submitted with this letter do not show in all cases whether the lands so lavishly assigned by the council are projections into the line of the street or not. All the permits granted seem to have been for the construction of koradus or raised platforms of mud or stones in front of the pials of the houses. I cannot recommend that any of the assignments should be confirmed in the interests of the town generally. The Sanitary Commissioner has frequently remarked in his inspection notes that the wide and airy streets for which Conjeeveram was formerly celebrated are rapidly becoming things of the past, and the causes thereof can be easily learnt from this statement now forwarded. Koradus so long as they are of uniform height and not covered over in any way are not, I think, objectionable and may serve the purpose fulfilled by side pavements in European countries. The evil of promiscuous assignments such as those now reported is that no definite rule is laid down for their breadth or height and no precautions taken to see that they are not covered over. In a short time the enterprising owners convert them into bazaars and apply for more lands with a view to convert them into proper shops or extensions of their own houses.

PERIAPALAYAM,
13*th March* 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Ref. on No. 49-Muni.

Forwarded.

2. The list submitted by the Chairman apparently includes only those cases in which permissions granted for constructing koradus and other encroachments have been acted on. From his letter No. 567, dated 31st December 1894, to this office (copy enclosed), it would seem also that cases where only mud koradus have been raised have been omitted from this list. What the Government required from the council in its order No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, was "a complete list of the cases in which they have allowed the erection of 'koradus' or other encroachments since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889". The present list does not comply with these requirements.

3. With regard to cases where permissions granted by the council after 20th February 1889 had not been acted on, Mr. Thomson called upon the Chairman in his letter, No. 69, Municipal, dated 7th June 1894, to move the council to issue a notice to the persons concerned that the council had no power to grant such permissions, that they were granted by mistake and that they should apply for the sanction of Government through the council and the Collector. In reply, the Chairman stated in his letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, that he would place the matter before the council at the earliest opportunity and communicate the result at once. No further report has been received from the Chairman on the subject.

4. In cases where permits have been acted on, the sketches received would show that, while in some cases the koradus had been built in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others (Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47 in the list) in which there is no encroachment on either side, and there are many others in which the sketches furnished do not clearly supply information. But the general result of allowing these koradus has been to destroy the uniformity of the streets. Thus the Shaikhpet street, which is the narrowest of those shown in the list, measures only 17½ feet wide opposite house No. 14, while opposite houses Nos. 137 and 138 it measures 36 feet wide and opposite house No. 119, 44½ feet. The sketches show side channels only in some cases and not in others.

5. A copy of this office letter, Reference on No. 85, Municipal, dated 9th July 1894, which seems to be referred to in paragraph 2 of the Chairman's letter, is enclosed with copy of the municipal council's resolution therein referred to.

6. As regards occupations of street poramboke permitted prior to 20th February 1889, the council were asked in this office letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, to consider the question of levying rent for such occupations, and it was suggested that, as time was of great importance in such cases, the council should proceed to consider the subject forthwith. The council were again reminded about this in the letter of the 9th July 1894 above quoted, but no action has apparently been taken in the matter till now. The attitude of the municipal council on these important questions is illustrative of the manner in which the interests of the public are sacrificed by it. As Sub-Collector I have already expressed my opinion that the encroachments now reported should not be allowed, or only in a very modified form.

7. The explanation called for by Government in paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, has not even yet been submitted notwithstanding the reminder in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894.

SAIDAPET,
6*th April* 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

ENCLOSURES.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on Saturday the 2nd June 1894, No. 6.

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Read letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput district, recommending to proceed to consider forthwith the subject of levying rents for the occupation of street poramboke as proposed by the council together with the G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, on the subject.

Read also proceedings of the Madras G.O., Mis. No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, on the subject.

Resolved that a yearly rent of As. 4 for every 100 square feet and under be levied in respect of any land at the disposal of the municipality upon which permission to erect koradu, platform, etc., without superstructure may be granted and a clause be invariably inserted in the pass and in the rent deed requiring the occupier to vacate the land when required by the municipal council.

The same rates will be levied on encroachments made since 1889.

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COPY of letter, reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

With reference to the Municipal Council's resolution, dated 2nd June 1894, forwarded with your letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, I have the honour to observe that it appears to be intended to apply only to the buildings which may, in future, be sanctioned. The sanction of Government for the rent proposed to be levied has to be obtained in each case. I note also rent has been fixed by the council for building only koradu, etc., without superstructure, and not for koradu with superstructure. Under my letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, the council should consider the levy of rents on the occupations of street poramboke prior to February 1889. Nothing has been said about this. Please therefore have the matter reconsidered and the resolution modified.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Collector of Chingleput, dated 31st December 1894, No. 567.

With reference to your letter No. 2061-Ver., dated 9th July 1894, I have the honour to inform you that a list of all the passes granted since 20th February 1889 was prepared in the office from the duplicate copies of the passes and sent to the nuisance inspectors directing them to fill up the 4th column of the list with the dimension of koradus, etc., as they exist at present. On receipt of the lists from them, a consolidated one was prepared in the office and submitted.

2. In reference to the arzi No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Conjeeveram, the following discrepancies are pointed out in the letter under reply :—

(1) Omission of koradus in items Nos. 1, 6 and 8 of the list.

(2) What construction was allowed in case No. 12.

(3) Occupation of more land than that allowed in case No. 10.

With reference to No. (1), I have the honour to state that only mud platforms exist opposite to the houses. Such platforms of mud can be seen opposite to that of all the houses in the town that have not had masonry constructions. When houses are built on a higher level than that of the street and when there is space enough between the row of houses and the side ditch, the houses have invariably had such platforms. Only houses in narrow lanes that cannot afford to have such platforms have not got them. These mud platforms are being worn out every year by the monsoons and are generally repaired at the time of pongal feasts. These parts are generally kept clean by the house owners who consider it very ceremonious in besprinkling cowdung water and decorating with powder diagrams every morning. These perennial mud platforms have been omitted in the list. If we are required to submit list of such platforms, I shall do so, but the list may be an enormous one.

In regard to No. (2), no pass was granted for anything except the construction of a verandah in the backyard and the re-erection of a verandah in front of the house facing the street. The pass does not authorize the building of koradu with old masonry borders, which has been in existence for a long time, and hence it was omitted in the list.

As to No. (3), I beg to state that the pass which was granted simply permits the erection of koradu, verandah and a bridge over the side ditch without specifying any dimensions. It was granted in 1889 by the then Chairman on the recommendation of a ward councillor and approved by the council at its meeting, dated 11th April 1889. As to the incorrect measurements pointed out, I have severely reprimanded the nuisance inspectors concerned.

3. With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I beg to state that a list of all assumed street poramboke lands since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, with the exception of those passes granted in 1890 (which were filed in the civil court, Chingleput, in an encroachment case), is being prepared together with plans as advised and will be submitted with the views of the council in regard to rent, etc , at an early date.

(1) Collector's letter No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894.
(2) G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 23rd September 1894.
(3) Collector's endorsement No. 133 M., dated 17th November 1894.

4. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that a list of street poramboke occupations for 22 cases was submitted to Government with this office letter No. 461, dated 26th October 1889, and a plan for the same is also under preparation and will be submitted soon. The revised list and letter No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Conjeeveram Stationary Sub-Magistrate are herewith submitted.

ORDER—Mis. No. 1024 M., dated 26th June 1895.

The papers read above relate to the question of street encroachments in the municipality of Conjeeveram.

2. On the 11th February 1889, the municipal council passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of houses) should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet, and in accordance therewith continued to grant licenses to build "koradus" without reference to Government notwithstanding the fact that in G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, the transfer of immovable property by municipalities without its sanction was forbidden, until April 1894, when the Collector of Chingleput brought the matter to notice. In its order No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, Government endorsed the latter officer's opinion that the resolution in question could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property, the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned by Government with reference to the Government order quoted above. The council, however, to which the Collector had in the meantime communicated his reference to Government, passed a resolution on the 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation of immovable property within the meaning of the Government order of February 1889, and submitted it to Government; but in G.O., No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, passed thereon, the Government referred the council to its previous order and directed the submission of a list of all alienations made since the order of 1889. On the 21st July 1894, the council passed a second resolution to the same effect as the first and sent it up direct to Government; but the Government in its order No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894, drew the council's attention again to the previous orders on the subject and directed it to expedite the list of "koradus" already called for. On the 21st October a first instalment of the list was received, which was returned to the council for further particulars (G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894).

3. The final list was submitted only on the 7th March 1895, and it is altogether incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission to erect "koradus" has been granted, but not yet acted upon, or those in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches submitted with it, imperfect as they are, show that the clear tendency of these assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets and that many encroachments which should not be permitted have been allowed. The Collector also points out that while in some cases the "koradus" are in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others in which there is no encroachment on either side, and that the Shaikhpet street, which is 44½ feet wide in one place, has been reduced to 17½ feet in another. The dilatory and unsatisfactory manner in which the council has been dealing with this subject throughout is highly discreditable, and the Government has now decided that the time has come to employ other means to secure obedience to its orders. The Collector will therefore be requested to direct the Sub-Collector to proceed to Conjeeveram at an early date, inspect each "koradu" which has been built upon the public

street in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that it is done without delay. The municipal council should moreover distinctly understand that all licenses which have not as yet been acted upon must at once be withdrawn and that no license for a "koradu" should, in future, be given without the previous sanction of Government.

4. The council also submits proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of "koradus" in cases where they are held to be unobjectionable. This question was first commended to its consideration by the Collector in April 1894, and in its resolution, dated 2nd June, the council decided to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on lands granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector thereupon appears to have asked the council in his letter, dated 6th June 1894, to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again in a subsequent communication, to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter the council has failed to do, but requests sanction for levying fees in different streets at the rates of 4 and 8 annas respectively. These are much too low and cannot be approved. The Sub-Collector should be directed to propose a system of rates which should be fixed sufficiently high to serve as a check against encroachments and should in no case be less than 6 pies per square foot per annum. Every lease, where such is allowed, must contain a stipulation that the land, if required by the municipality, should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months, without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind and for the grant of every such lease the previous sanction of Government should be obtained.

5. The Collector will be requested to report, by the 30th September next, what action has been taken upon this order.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.
" Collector of Chingleput.

Krd. S. J. Pereira.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., MIS. No. 1024 M., DATED 26TH JUNE 1895.

[SUBJECT.—*Street encroachments, Conjeeveram Municipality.*]

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, dated 19th March and 6th April 1895, Nos. 1217 M. and 1238 M.

The papers read above contain the final replies of the municipal council, Conjeeveram, in regard to the question of street encroachments within the municipal limits.

2. They deal with two different issues, but as these have both arisen in the course of the same correspondence and as the files are much involved in consequence it has been thought best to deal with them both in the same note. The points for decision are—

I. Whether the Government will approve the large number of temporary assignments of street land made by the municipal council for the purpose of "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of the houses) since 1889, a list of which is now submitted.

II. In case it does, whether it will insist on a rent being charged, and if so, how much.

3. As to the first of these points—previous to the issue of G.O., No. 210, dated 20th February 1889, which forbids the transfer of immovable property by municipalities without the sanction of Government, the Conjeeveram municipality had passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet. In April 1894 the Collector brought this resolution to notice and the Government agreed with him in thinking that it "could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned with reference to G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889—*vide* G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894. The council, however, to whom the Collector had separately communicated his reference, passed a resolution on 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation within the meaning of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. They were referred to the former order and told to submit a list of all alienations made since the Government order of 1889 in G.O., Mis. No. 654, dated 24th May 1894. On 21st July they passed a second resolution to the same effect and sent it direct to Government. They were referred to the former orders and told to expedite the list of "koradus" and to explain why they had not sent their letter through the Collector—G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894. On 21st October they sent a first instalment of the list which was returned for further particulars—G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894. The final list was sent on the 7th March 1895 and forms part of current No. 1238 M. These particulars are given to show how the matter comes before Government and how it has been delayed by the council.

4. As regards the list itself—it is incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission has been given to erect "koradus" but not yet acted upon, or cases in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches that accompany it, incomplete as they are, show

that the clear tendency of the assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets. The Collector points out in his endorsement of 6th April 1895 that in cases Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47, for instance, there is no encroachment on either side and that the new "koradu" stands out alone into the street, and again that the Shaikhpet street which is 44½ feet wide in one place is reduced to 17½ feet in another. Moreover, as Mr. Thomson and Mr. Forbes had pointed out in former endorsements, this "improvement of the line of the street"—the council profess to be acting under section 164 of the Act—is a "game capable of indefinite extension" so long as the line of the street is irregular and the permits for "setting forward" buildings are given without restriction as to width, while the enterprising shopkeeper will never be satisfied with a simple "koradu" but will wait his opportunity to roof it in and erect a pial and then come up for another extension. On these grounds it is submitted that the system of making temporary assignments of street lands for "koradus" cannot be approved. It would perhaps be too harsh a measure to insist on the removal of all the "koradus", some of which have been in existence for upwards of five years, but they ought certainly to be removed wherever they really interfere with the line of the street. It is submitted, therefore, that the council may be called upon as regards this part of the case—

(*a*) to send complete lists of assignments and corrected maps showing the encroachments street by street;

(*b*) to submit proposals for the removal of all such as project beyond the line of the adjacent houses.

It is submitted that this order might be made applicable also to assignments before 1889.

5. There remains the question of rent in cases where the "koradus" are held to be unobjectionable. Mr. Thomson just asked the council to deal with the question in his letter of the 4th April 1894. They dealt with it in their resolution, dated 2nd June (in C. No. 1238 M.), deciding to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on land granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector then appears to have asked them in another letter of the 6th June to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again on the 9th July to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter they have failed to do, but they have submitted with their resolution of the 4th August (in C. No. 1217 M.) proposals for levying rates of 4 and 8 annas in different streets for the sanction of Government. Mr. Brodie who forwards the resolution gives it as his opinion that it is inadvisable to fix any general system of rents, but that in any case those fixed are too low.

6. It is submitted that we may go further than this and say that it is inadvisable to levy rents at all. In the majority of cases the land is either required for street purposes, in which case it must be vacated, or it is not, in which case it may, as a rule, be sold. It should only be in very exceptional cases, if at all, that renting should be adopted. It is submitted therefore with reference to this part of the case that the council may be asked—

(*a*) which of its assignments may be sold outright as being wholly unobjectionable and for what price they may be sold;

(*b*) whether, with reference to the remarks above, there are any special cases in which a lease is necessary.

This order may also be applied to all assignments and not only to those since 1889.

7. The council seems to merit a severe order for the dilatory and unsatisfactory way in which it has dealt with the matter.

C. G. TODHUNTER.
8-5-95.

The so-called plans are very badly drawn and it is next to impossible to make anything out of them. Several of them show, however, that encroachments which should certainly not be permitted have been made. I submit that it is not of the slightest use corresponding any longer with the council. They will do nothing.

When I was Collector more than ten years ago, I frequently personally drew the attention of the then Chairman to the way in which encroachments were ruining the streets of Conjeeveram and to the best of my recollection I caused more than one of these to be removed. Since then it is evident that things have been going from bad to worse. Attention is invited to the remark of the acting Sub-Collector in C. No. 1238 marked with red tape. Knowing Conjeeveram as I do, I quite agree with him.

H. W. B[LISS.].
31-5-95.

I submit that the only way of dealing with this case is to instruct the Collector to direct the Sub-Collector to go to Conjeeveram, inspect each koradu in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that this is done.

The council too should, I consider, be distinctly told that no license for a koradu is to be given without the *previous* sanction of Government being obtained.

Conjeeveram is full of priests and retired Government officials and their hangers on. The council, instead of preventing these making encroachments on the streets, are hand in glove with them in this matter and it is hopeless to expect the council to do anything. They have delayed disgracefully in replying to references on the subject and if any more are made to them they will continue the same policy. The only way to deal with them appears to be to take them short by the head and let them see that Government will allow no more "shilly shallying" about the matter and will not tolerate encroachments which are rapidly ruining what were once remarkably fine streets. As for the matter of rents, I think that they ought to be heavy as a check against encroachments and that in no case should sale be permitted. Every lease, where such is allowed, should contain a stipulation that the land if required by the municipality should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind.

I agree. Let the Sub-Collector propose rates. We might fix a minimum. How would 6 pies per square foot per annum do?
H. W. B[LISS].

The full case had better be set out in the Government order.

Encroachments on streets is a rapidly growing evil and if not checked by stringent measures which municipal councils will not of their own accord adopt, will soon be the ruin of the streets of most municipal towns and future generations of tax-payers will in order to put matters straight have to pay heavily for the laches of the councils in the past.

J. F. PRICE
18-5-95.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

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Regd. *Spare copies*

G.O., No. 1024 M., 26th June 1895.

JUNE.

Encroachments.

Stating that the manner in which the Conjeeveram Municipal Council has been dealing with the question of street — is highly discreditable, and requesting the Collector of Chingleput to direct the Sub-Collector to inspect the koradus in the town, make out a list of those which should be removed and see that they are removed, and to submit proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of koradus.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 30th August 1894, No. 370.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of resolution of the Municipal Council, dated 4th August 1894, and to state that the rate of rents proposed for occupying poramboke lands in front of houses, bazaars, etc., in the various streets of Conjeeveram without any kind of detriment to the convenience and comforts of the public, is of two classes, viz., 4 annas and 8 annas per 100 square feet per annum.

The rent of the kind is meant to be levied in cases in which the Council may allow the erection of koradu, sarmanai, etc., constructions.

No superstructure will be allowed with or without the sanction of Government.

I beg therefore that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for the rates and for levying the same in all the cases referred to above.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on first Saturday, the 4th August 1894, at 5-45 P.M.

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Collector's reference on No. 69-M. of 1894, dated 7th June 1894, asking the Council to fix different rates of rent for different streets together with lists submitted by the sub-committee suggesting a difference of rates.

The following rates suggested by the sub-committee are approved:—

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.	Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	First Division.	RS. A. P.		*First Division*—cont.	RS. A. P.
1	Sannadhi street	0 8 0	22	Punnia Koteeswaren Mada street ..	0 4 0
2	Kurukkoo do.	0 8 0	23	Amuthupadi street	0 8 0
3	Varahavasal do.	0 8 0	24	Malaiyala do.	0 8 0
4	Vadavanda Mada street	0 8 0	25	Sunnambukara street	0 8 0
5	Thirucholai street	0 8 0	26	Chetty do.	0 4 0
6	Kathiree do.	0 4 0	27	Namundacara do.	0 8 0
7	Pattla do.	0 8 0	28	Thirucachinumbi street	0 8 0
8	Naina Pillai do.	0 4 0	29	Seshathiripalyam Mattu street ..	0 8 0
9	Sethuraya Pillai street	0 4 0	30	Do. street ..	0 4 0
10	Keelanda Mada do.	0 8 0	31	Do. Palani Chetty street.	0 4 0
11	Mudaliar street	0 4 0	32	Moonam Thirumala Mandapam street.	0 4 0
12	Yeda do.	0 4 0	33	Succulapalayam street	0 8 0
13	Thennanda Mada street	0 8 0	34	Do. Govintha Chetty street	0 4 0
14	Kammala street	0 4 0	35	Mettupalaya Kammala street ..	0 4 0
15	Usthagiree do.	0 4 0	36	Thiruppukodal street ..	0 4 0
16	Kusa do.	0 4 0	37	Mettupalayam do.	0 4 0
17	Ammangar do.	0 4 0	38	Aiyangarpalayam street	0 4 0
18	Vagavathee do.	0 4 0	39	Mahaliamman Kovil street	0 8 0
19	Anaikuttee do.	0 8 0			0 4 0
20	Palla street	0 4 0			
21	Punnia Koteeswaran Kovil street ..	0 4 0			

Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.	Number.	Names of streets.	Rate of rent per 100 square feet per annum.
	Second Division.	RS. A. P.		*Third Division*—cont.	RS. A. P.
1	Nellucara street	0 8 0	25	Krishna Rayar street	0 8 0
2	Kusa do.	0 8 0	26	Thirumettalli do.	0 8 0
3	Sekkupettai Kavara street	0 4 0	27	Thirumulraya do.	0 4 0
4	Do. street	0 8 0	28	Nadu street	0 4 0
5	Do. Salia street	0 4 0	29	Mathanumpalayam street	0 8 0
6	Yannaikara street	0 4 0	30	Akkanambalayam do.	0 8 0
7	Rajampettai Salia street	0 4 0	31	Lingappaiyarpalayam street	0 8 0
8	Hudsonspettai street	0 8 0	32	Virana Kaliamman Kovil street ..	0 4 0
9	Rajampettai do.	0 8 0	33	Do. Othaivadai street	0 4 0
10	Hudsonspettai Chetti street	0 8 0	34	Thennukambam street	0 8 0
11	Palleekcodathan Mudali street ..	0 4 0	35	Soleeswaran Kovil do.	0 4 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0	36	Kuchiappan street	0 4 0
13	Vilakkadi Kovil street	0 4 0	37	Sala Bohum do.	0 4 0
14	Vallicca Pattarai do.	0 4 0	38	Kailasa Nathan Kovil Mattu street ..	0 4 0
15	Bungarooyasappa Naiken street ..	0 4 0			
16	Vilakkadi Kovil Thoppu do. ..	0 4 0		*Fourth Division.*	
17	Singaperumal Mada street	0 4 0			
18	Do. Sannadhi street ..	0 4 0	1	Rajah street	0 8 0
19	Narayanapalayam street	0 4 0	2	Sengalanir Odai street	0 8 0
20	Bavapettai street	0 8 0	3	Keelanda Rajah do.	0 8 0
21	Thumbavanam street	0 8 0	4	Nellucara street	0 8 0
22	Kottrambalayam street	0 8 0	5	M. K. Darmaraya Mudali street ..	0 4 0
23	Do. Vania street ..	0 4 0	6	Kollasuthiram street	0 8 0
24	Astabujam Sannadhi street	0 8 0	7	Kamatchiamman Mada street ..	0 4 0
25	Do. Mada street	0 4 0	8	Subbaroya Mudali street	0 4 0
26	Mullapalayam street	0 4 0	9	Ulahalandhaperumal Sannadhi street	0 4 0
27	Nahaluthu street	0 4 0	10	Ulahalandha street	0 4 0
28	Thasichettipalayam street	0 4 0	11	Sappani Pillaiyar Kovil street ..	0 8 0
29	Santhareeswararswamiyar street ..	0 4 0	12	Vaikuntaperumal Sannadhi street ..	0 8 0
30	Kannappan street	0 4 0	13	Urappanancharry street	0 8 0
31	Astabujam Kumara Chetti street ..	0 8 0	14	Kamatchiammen Sunnadhi street ..	0 8 0
32	Virana Chetti street	0 8 0	15	Chettikulam Silar Sahib do. ..	0 4 0
33	Tirukkachinambi street	0 8 0	16	Do. Pallu street	0 4 0
34	Yathothkariswamiyar Mada street ..	0 8 0	17	Kuppunayakkan street	0 4 0
35	Do. Sunnadhi street.	0 8 0	18	Punjukutti street	0 4 0
36	Haidarpettai street	0 4 0	19	Damalwar do.	0 4 0
37	Vuppukula do.	0 4 0	20	Kalandur do.	0 4 0
38	Market street	0 4 0	21	Koverikuppam street	0 4 0
39	Reddipettai street	0 4 0	22	Rayankuttai do.	0 4 0
40	Babarampettai street	0 4 0	23	Kammala do.	0 8 0
			24	Kammala Kullappa Chari street ..	0 4 0
	Third Division.		25	Sembada Sinnapiyan street	0 4 0
1	Puthari street	0 8 0	26	Chetti street	0 4 0
2	Okkapurunthan Kila street	0 4 0	27	Perumal Naiken street	0 4 0
3	Do. Pudu do.	0 4 0	28	Theradi street	0 8 0
4	Mandukanneswarar Kovil street .	0 4 0	29	Vathia Kurukkul street	0 8 0
5	Badrakaliamman Kovil street ..	0 4 0	30	Yekambaraswamiyar Mada street ..	0 8 0
6	Narasingarayar street	0 4 0	31	Yekambarapuram street	0 4 0
7	Vania street	0 8 0	32	Punjupettai Peria do.	0 4 0
8	Kachapeswaraswamiyar Kovil Mada street	0 8 0	33	Do. Sinna do.	0 4 0
9	Nellucara street	0 8 0	34	Vol. Muhammadpettah Lubbai street.	0 8 0
10	Kusa do.	0 8 0	35	Do. Varadhappa Mudali street ..	0 4 0
11	Rajampettai street	0 8 0	36	Lingappaiyar street	0 8 0
12	Aladipillaiyar Kovil street	0 8 0	37	Salai street	0 8 0
13	Vanathiswarar Kovil street	0 4 0	38	Bava Sahib street	0 4 0
14	Karealan street	0 8 0	39	Sathangutti street	0 4 0
15	Karikkivilvaluruthal Kovil street ..	0 8 0	40	Vallakulam do.	0 4 0
16	Kajana Ramanjeear street	0 4 0	41	Pandavaperumal Mada street ..	0 4 0
17	Mata street	0 8 0	42	Thiruppukodal street	0 4 0
18	Ananthogipundithur street	0 4 0	43	Pandavaperumal Sannadi street ..	0 8 0
19	Solai Ramaswami Aiyar street ..	0 4 0	44	Vuppari street	0 4 0
20	Mandapa street	0 8 0	45	Puthari do.	0 8 0
21	Othaivadai Sengalvarayan Naiken street	0 4 0	46	Yekambaraswarar Sannadhi street ..	0 8 0
22	Balayya Maduvu street	0 4 0	47	Yirattaipillaiyar Kovil street ..	0 4 0
23	Puthupalaya street	0 8 0	48	Karppaha Pilliar street	0 4 0
24	Yakamuhan do.	0 8 0	49	Nabunthakara street	0 4 0
			50	Do. Vothavadai street ..	0 4 0
			51	Kanakku Subbaraya Pillai do. ..	0 4 0

No. 877.

Returned to the Chairman for submission through the Collector.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th September 1894.

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

Forwarded to the Collector.

6th October 1894. N. S. BRODIE,
Sub-Collector.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

Returned to the Chairman with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, passed on his letter No. 360 of the 23rd September.

What the Government distinctly asks for and requires is a specific list of the assumed alienations in question so that its orders may be taken on each individual case. The list should show the extent of the encroachment and the number and date of the council's resolution purporting to authorize it. A plan of the encroachments would greatly facilitate Government in passing orders on the various cases.

SAIDAPET,
30*th October* 1894. G. S. FORBES,
Collector.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Conjeeveram 30th March 1895, No. 66-Index of 1895.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 19th March 1895, No. 58-Index of 1895.

In re-submitting my letter No. 370, dated 30th August 1894, with its enclosures which were submitted to you direct by mistake, and a copy of resolution of the council, dated 16th March 1895, I have the honour to state that the rate of rents, viz., As. 4 and As. 8 per 100 square feet per annum has been fixed according to the importance of each street shown in the list. These rates will not only apply to all the poramboke lands occupied by the townpeople on account of koradu, &c., with or without superstructure since 20th February 1889, but also to all those that may hereafter be granted with the sanction of Government.

2. I beg, therefore, that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for these rates and for levying the same in each and every case already submitted to Government with necessary sketches.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on 3rd Saturday the 16th March 1895, at 5-45 P.M., No. 46, of 1894-95.

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Read Collector's reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, requesting to reconsider the resolution of the council, dated 2nd June 1894, on the subject of levying rents on the occupations of street poramboke since 20th February 1889.

Read Resolution No. 1, dated 4th August 1894, on the subject.

Resolved by a majority that the rates of fees passed by the council in their resolution, dated 4th August 1894, be applicable to constructions with or without superstructure that have come into existence since 20th February 1889, as well as to such buildings that may hereafter be permitted with the sanction of Government under G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. Mr. Ramanadasarma dissents.

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Forwarded to the Collector.

SATHIAVEDU,
25*th March* 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Forwarded.

2. The list of koradus referred to in paragraph 2 has been already submitted to Government for orders. I have already recommended that the encroachments therein referred to should not be sanctioned, but if they are, the rates herein proposed are certainly much too low. The rates should be more or less prohibitory so as to discourage applications as much as possible and the lowest rate should not be less than one rupee per 100 square feet. For future encroachments the rate proposed should, I think, be specified when each case is submitted for the orders of Government, and no general system of rates should be sanctioned as herein proposed.

SAIDAPET,
4*th April* 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

From M.R.Ry. E. SUBRAHMANIYA AIYAR Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and Collector of Chingleput district), dated 7th March 1895, No. 43-Index.

With reference to G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894, calling for a complete list of encroachments made since 20th February 1889, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a list of permissions granted for the erection of koradus in street poramboke lands as directed therein. It contains measurement of each koradu and the present breadth of the street with 53 sketches showing the encroached portion of the street in each case.

2. The resolution of the council fixing rent for street poramboke land in each street is laid before it for its reconsideration as advised by the Collector on the ground that the rent now fixed does not show specifically whether it is for the lands already encroached upon or those that may hereafter under the sanction of Government be obtained by the people, and I shall obtain the decision of the council on the subject and submit shortly.

Forwarded.

2. The sketches submitted with this letter do not show in all cases whether the lands so lavishly assigned by the council are projections into the line of the street or not. All the permits granted seem to have been for the construction of koradus or raised platforms of mud or stones in front of the pials of the houses. I cannot recommend that any of the assignments should be confirmed in the interests of the town generally. The Sanitary Commissioner has frequently remarked in his inspection notes that the wide and airy streets for which Conjeeveram was formerly celebrated are rapidly becoming things of the past, and the causes thereof can be easily learnt from this statement now forwarded. Koradus so long as they are of uniform height and not covered over in any way are not, I think, objectionable and may serve the purpose fulfilled by side pavements in European countries. The evil of promiscuous assignments such as those now reported is that no definite rule is laid down for their breadth or height and no precautions taken to see that they are not covered over. In a short time the enterprising owners convert them into bazaars and apply for more lands with a view to convert them into proper shops or extensions of their own houses.

PERIAPALAYAM,
13*th March* 1895. N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Ref. on No. 49-Muni.

Forwarded.

2. The list submitted by the Chairman apparently includes only those cases in which permissions granted for constructing koradus and other encroachments have been acted on. From his letter No. 567, dated 31st December 1894, to this office (copy enclosed), it would seem also that cases where only mud koradus have been raised have been omitted from this list. What the Government required from the council in its order No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, was "a complete list of the cases in which they have allowed the erection of 'koradus' or other encroachments since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889". The present list does not comply with these requirements.

3. With regard to cases where permissions granted by the council after 20th February 1889 had not been acted on, Mr. Thomson called upon the Chairman in his letter, No. 69, Municipal, dated 7th June 1894, to move the council to issue a notice to the persons concerned that the council had no power to grant such permissions, that they were granted by mistake and that they should apply for the sanction of Government through the council and the Collector. In reply, the Chairman stated in his letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, that he would place the matter before the council at the earliest opportunity and communicate the result at once. No further report has been received from the Chairman on the subject.

4. In cases where permits have been acted on, the sketches received would show that, while in some cases the koradus had been built in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others (Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47 in the list) in which there is no encroachment on either side, and there are many others in which the sketches furnished do not clearly supply information. But the general result of allowing these koradus has been to destroy the uniformity of the streets. Thus the Shaikhpet street, which is the narrowest of those shown in the list, measures only $17\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide opposite house No. 14, while opposite houses Nos. 137 and 138 it measures 36 feet wide and opposite house No. 119, $44\frac{1}{2}$ feet. The sketches show side channels only in some cases and not in others.

5. A copy of this office letter, Reference on No. 85, Municipal, dated 9th July 1894, which seems to be referred to in paragraph 2 of the Chairman's letter, is enclosed with copy of the municipal council's resolution therein referred to.

6. As regards occupations of street poramboke permitted prior to 20th February 1889, the council were asked in this office letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, to consider the question of levying rent for such occupations, and it was suggested that, as time was of great importance in such cases, the council should proceed to consider the subject forthwith. The council were again reminded about this in the letter of the 9th July 1894 above quoted, but no action has apparently been taken in the matter till now. The attitude of the municipal council on these important questions is illustrative of the manner in which the interests of the public are sacrificed by it. As Sub-Collector I have already expressed my opinion that the encroachments now reported should not be allowed, or only in a very modified form.

7. The explanation called for by Government in paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 26th September 1894, has not even yet been submitted notwithstanding the reminder in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894.

SAIDAPET,
6th April 1895.

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Sub-Collector in charge.

ENCLOSURES.

EXTRACT from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, passed at its general meeting held on Saturday the 2nd June 1894, No. 6.

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Read letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput district, recommending to proceed to consider forthwith the subject of levying rents for the occupation of street poramboke as proposed by the council together with the G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, on the subject.

Read also proceedings of the Madras G.O., Mis. No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, on the subject.

Resolved that a yearly rent of As. 4 for every 100 square feet and under be levied in respect of any land at the disposal of the municipality upon which permission to erect koradu, platform, etc., without superstructure may be granted and a clause be invariably inserted in the pass and in the rent deed requiring the occupier to vacate the land when required by the municipal council.

The same rates will be levied on encroachments made since 1889.

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COPY of letter, reference on No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894, from the Collector of Chingleput, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.

With reference to the Municipal Council's resolution, dated 2nd June 1894, forwarded with your letter No. 252, dated 21st June 1894, I have the honour to observe that it appears to be intended to apply only to the buildings which may, in future, be sanctioned. The sanction of Government for the rent proposed to be levied has to be obtained in each case. I note also rent has been fixed by the council for building only koradu, etc., without superstructure, and not for koradu with superstructure. Under my letter No. 17 M., dated 4th April 1894, the council should consider the levy of rents on the occupations of street poramboke prior to February 1889. Nothing has been said about this. Please therefore have the matter reconsidered and the resolution modified.

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, to the Collector of Chingleput, dated 31st December 1894, No. 567.

With reference to your letter No. 2061-Ver., dated 9th July 1894, I have the honour to inform you that a list of all the passes granted since 20th February 1889 was prepared in the office from the duplicate copies of the passes and sent to the nuisance inspectors directing them to fill up the 4th column of the list with the dimension of koradus, etc., as they exist at present. On receipt of the lists from them, a consolidated one was prepared in the office and submitted.

2. In reference to the arzi No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Conjeeveram, the following discrepancies are pointed out in the letter under reply:—

(1) Omission of koradus in items Nos. 1, 6 and 8 of the list.

(2) What construction was allowed in case No. 12.

(3) Occupation of more land than that allowed in case No. 10.

With reference to No. (1), I have the honour to state that only mud platforms exist opposite to the houses. Such platforms of mud can be seen opposite to that of all the houses in the town that have not had masonry constructions. When houses are built on a higher level than that of the street and when there is space enough between the row of houses and the side ditch, the houses have invariably had such platforms. Only houses in narrow lanes that cannot afford to have such platforms have not got them. These mud platforms are being worn out every year by the monsoons and are generally repaired at the time of pongal feasts. These parts are generally kept clean by the house owners who consider it very ceremonious in besprinkling cowdung water and decorating with powder diagrams every morning. These perennial mud platforms have been omitted in the list. If we are required to submit list of such platforms, I shall do so, but the list may be an enormous one.

In regard to No. (2), no pass was granted for anything except the construction of a verandah in the backyard and the re-erection of a verandah in front of the house facing the street. The pass does not authorize the building of koradu with old masonry borders, which has been in existence for a long time, and hence it was omitted in the list.

As to No. (3), I beg to state that the pass which was granted simply permits the erection of koradu, verandah and a bridge over the side ditch without specifying any dimensions. It was granted in 1889 by the then Chairman on the recommendation of a ward councillor and approved by the council at its meeting, dated 11th April 1889. As to the incorrect measurements pointed out, I have severely reprimanded the nuisance inspectors concerned.

3. With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I beg to state that a list of all assumed street poramboke lands since the date of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, with the exception of those passes granted in 1890 (which were filed in the civil court, Chingleput, in an encroachment case), is being prepared together with plans as advised and will be submitted with the views of the council in regard to rent, etc., at an early date.

(1) Collector's letter No. 85 M., dated 9th July 1894.
(2) G.O., Mis. No. 1333 M., dated 23rd September 1894.
(3) Collector's endorsement No. 133 M., dated 17th November 1894.

4. I take this opportunity of bringing to your notice that a list of street poramboke occupations for 22 cases was submitted to Government with this office letter No. 461, dated 26th October 1889, and a plan for the same is also under preparation and will be submitted soon. The revised list and letter No. 95, dated 25th June 1894, of the Conjeeveram Stationary Sub-Magistrate are herewith submitted.

ORDER—Mis. No. 1024 M., dated 26th June 1895.

The papers read above relate to the question of street encroachments in the municipality of Conjeeveram.

2. On the 11th February 1889, the municipal council passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of houses) should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet, and in accordance therewith continued to grant licenses to build "koradus" without reference to Government notwithstanding the fact that in G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889, the transfer of immovable property by municipalities without its sanction was forbidden, until April 1894, when the Collector of Chingleput brought the matter to notice. In its order No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894, Government endorsed the latter officer's opinion that the resolution in question could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property, the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned by Government with reference to the Government order quoted above. The council, however, to which the Collector had in the meantime communicated his reference to Government, passed a resolution on the 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation of immovable property within the meaning of the Government order of February 1889, and submitted it to Government; but in G.O., No. 654 M., dated 24th May 1894, passed thereon, the Government referred the council to its previous order and directed the submission of a list of all alienations made since the order of 1889. On the 21st July 1894, the council passed a second resolution to the same effect as the first and sent it up direct to Government; but the Government in its order No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894, drew the council's attention again to the previous orders on the subject and directed it to expedite the list of "koradus" already called for. On the 21st October a first instalment of the list was received, which was returned to the council for further particulars (G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894).

3. The final list was submitted only on the 7th March 1895, and it is altogether incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission to erect "koradus" has been granted, but not yet acted upon, or those in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches submitted with it, imperfect as they are, show that the clear tendency of these assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets and that many encroachments which should not be permitted have been allowed. The Collector also points out that while in some cases the "koradus" are in a line with adjacent encroachments, there are others in which there is no encroachment on either side, and that the Shaikhpet street, which is 44½ feet wide in one place, has been reduced to 17½ feet in another. The dilatory and unsatisfactory manner in which the council has been dealing with this subject throughout is highly discreditable, and the Government has now decided that the time has come to employ other means to secure obedience to its orders. The Collector will therefore be requested to direct the Sub-Collector to proceed to Conjeeveram at an early date, inspect each "koradu" which has been built upon the public

street in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that it is done without delay. The municipal council should moreover distinctly understand that all licenses which have not as yet been acted upon must at once be withdrawn and that no license for a "koradu" should, in future, be given without the previous sanction of Government.

4. The council also submits proposals for charging rents on lands assigned for the construction of "koradus" in cases where they are held to be unobjectionable. This question was first commended to its consideration by the Collector in April 1894, and in its resolution, dated 2nd June, the council decided to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on lands granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector thereupon appears to have asked the council in his letter, dated 6th June 1894, to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again in a subsequent communication, to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter the council has failed to do, but requests sanction for levying fees in different streets at the rates of 4 and 8 annas respectively. These are much too low and cannot be approved. The Sub-Collector should be directed to propose a system of rates which should be fixed sufficiently high to serve as a check against encroachments and should in no case be less than 6 pies per square foot per annum. Every lease, where such is allowed, must contain a stipulation that the land, if required by the municipality, should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months, without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind and for the grant of every such lease the previous sanction of Government should be obtained.

5. The Collector will be requested to report, by the 30th September next, what action has been taken upon this order.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram.
„ Collector of Chingleput.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., MIS. No. 1024 M., DATED 26th JUNE 1895.

[Subject.—*Street encroachments, Conjeeveram Municipality.*]

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Conjeeveram, dated 19th March and 6th April 1895, Nos. 1217 M. and 1238 M.

The papers read above contain the final replies of the municipal council, Conjeeveram, in regard to the question of street encroachments within the municipal limits.

2. They deal with two different issues, but as these have both arisen in the course of the same correspondence and as the files are much involved in consequence it has been thought best to deal with them both in the same note. The points for decision are—

I. Whether the Government will approve the large number of temporary assignments of street land made by the municipal council for the purpose of "koradus" (raised platforms of mud and stone in front of the pials of the houses) since 1889, a list of which is now submitted.

II. In case it does, whether it will insist on a rent being charged, and if so, how much.

3. As to the first of these points—previous to the issue of G.O., No. 210, dated 20th February 1889, which forbids the transfer of immovable property by municipalities without the sanction of Government, the Conjeeveram municipality had passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet. In April 1894 the Collector brought this resolution to notice and the Government agreed with him in thinking that it "could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned with reference to G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889—*vide* G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894. The council, however, to whom the Collector had separately communicated his reference, passed a resolution on 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation within the meaning of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. They were referred to the former order and told to submit a list of all alienations made since the Government order of 1889 in G.O., Mis. No. 654, dated 24th May 1894. On 21st July they passed a second resolution to the same effect and sent it direct to Government. They were referred to the former orders and told to expedite the list of "koradus" and to explain why they had not sent their letter through the Collector—G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894. On 21st October they sent a first instalment of the list which was returned for further particulars—G.O., No. 1801 M., dated 23rd November 1894. The final list was sent on the 7th March 1895 and forms part of current No. 1238 M. These particulars are given to show how the matter comes before Government and how it has been delayed by the council.

4. As regards the list itself—it is incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission has been given to erect "koradus" but not yet acted upon, or cases in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches that accompany it, incomplete as they are, show

that the clear tendency of the assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets. The Collector points out in his endorsement of 6th April 1895 that in cases Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47, for instance, there is no encroachment on either side and that the new "koradu" stands out alone into the street, and again that the Shaikhpet street which is 44½ feet wide in one place is reduced to 17½ feet in another. Moreover, as Mr. Thomson and Mr. Forbes had pointed out in former endorsements, this "improvement of the line of the street"—the council profess to be acting under section 164 of the Act—is a "game capable of indefinite extension" so long as the line of the street is irregular and the permits for "setting forward" buildings are given without restriction as to width, while the enterprising shopkeeper will never be satisfied with a simple "koradu" but will wait his opportunity to roof it in and erect a pial and then come up for another extension. On these grounds it is submitted that the system of making temporary assignments of street lands for "koradus" cannot be approved. It would perhaps be too harsh a measure to insist on the removal of all the "koradus", some of which have been in existence for upwards of five years, but they ought certainly to be removed wherever they really interfere with the line of the street. It is submitted, therefore, that the council may be called upon as regards this part of the case—

(*a*) to send complete lists of assignments and corrected maps showing the encroachments street by street;

(*b*) to submit proposals for the removal of all such as project beyond the line of the adjacent houses.

It is submitted that this order might be made applicable also to assignments before 1889.

5. There remains the question of rent in cases where the "koradus" are held to be unobjectionable. Mr. Thomson just asked the council to deal with the question in his letter of the 4th April 1894. They dealt with it in their resolution, dated 2nd June (in C. No. 1238 M.), deciding to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on land granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector then appears to have asked them in another letter of the 6th June to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again on the 9th July to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter they have failed to do, but they have submitted with their resolution of the 4th August (in C. No. 1217 M.) proposals for levying rates of 4 and 8 annas in different streets for the sanction of Government. Mr. Brodie who forwards the resolution gives it as his opinion that it is inadvisable to fix any general system of rents, but that in any case those fixed are too low.

6. It is submitted that we may go further than this and say that it is inadvisable to levy rents at all. In the majority of cases the land is either required for street purposes, in which case it must be vacated, or it is not, in which case it may, as a rule, be sold. It should only be in very exceptional cases, if at all, that renting should be adopted. It is submitted therefore with reference to this part of the case that the council may be asked—

(*a*) which of its assignments may be sold outright as being wholly unobjectionable and for what price they may be sold;

(*b*) whether, with reference to the remarks above, there are any special cases in which a lease is necessary.

This order may also be applied to all assignments and not only to those since 1889.

7. The council seems to merit a severe order for the dilatory and unsatisfactory way in which it has dealt with the matter.

C. G. TODHUNTER.
8–5–95.

The so-called plans are very badly drawn and it is next to impossible to make anything out of them. Several of them show, however, that encroachments which should certainly not be permitted have been made. I submit that it is not of the slightest use corresponding any longer with the council. They will do nothing.

When I was Collector more than ten years ago, I frequently personally drew the attention of the then Chairman to the way in which encroachments were ruining the streets of Conjeeveram and to the best of my recollection I caused more than one of these to be removed. Since then it is evident that things have been going from bad to worse. Attention is invited to the remark of the acting Sub-Collector in C. No. 1238 marked with red tape. Knowing Conjeeveram as I do, I quite agree with him.

I submit that the only way of dealing with this case is to instruct the Collector to direct the Sub-Collector to go to Conjeeveram, inspect each koradu in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that this is done.

The council too should, I consider, be distinctly told that no license for a koradu is to be given without the *previous* sanction of Government being obtained.

H. W. B[LISS.].
31–5–95.

Conjeeveram is full of priests and retired Government officials and their hangers on. The council, instead of preventing these making encroachments on the streets, are hand in glove with them in this matter and it is hopeless to expect the council to do anything. They have delayed disgracefully in replying to references on the subject and if any more are made to them they will continue the same policy. The only way to deal with them appears to be to take them short by the head and let them see that Government will allow no more "shilly shallying" about the matter and will not tolerate encroachments which are rapidly ruining what were once remarkably fine streets. As for the matter of rents, I think that they ought to be heavy as a check against encroachments and that in no case should sale be permitted. Every lease, where such is allowed, should contain a stipulation that the land if required by the municipality should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind.

I agree. Let the Sub-Collector propose rates. We might fix a minimum. How would 6 pies per square foot per annum do?
H. W. B[LISS].

The full case had better be set out in the Government order.

Encroachments on streets is a rapidly growing evil and if not checked by stringent measures which municipal councils will not of their own accord adopt, will soon be the ruin of the streets of most municipal towns and future generations of tax-payers will in order to put matters straight have to pay heavily for the laches of the councils in the past.

J. F. PRICE
18–5–95.

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3. As to the first of these points—previous to the issue of G.O., No. 210, dated 20th February 1889, which forbids the transfer of immovable property by municipalities without the sanction of Government, the Conjeeveram Municipality had passed a resolution that permission to build "koradus" should be given only in the case of streets of greater width than 24 feet. In April 1894 the Collector brought this resolution to notice and the Government agreed with him in thinking that it "could not cover permission to occupy or build upon immovable property the transfer of which had not been specially sanctioned with reference to G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889—*vide* G.O., No. 562 M., dated 1st May 1894. The Council, however, to whom the Collector had separately communicated his reference, passed a resolution on 21st April 1894 to the effect that the grant of leases for "koradus" did not amount to an alienation within the meaning of G.O., No. 210 M., dated 20th February 1889. They were referred to the former order and told to submit a list of all alienations made since the Government order of 1889 in G.O., Mis. No. 654, dated 24th May 1894. On 21st July they passed a second resolution to the same effect and sent it direct to Government. They were referred to the former orders and told to expedite the list of "koradus" and to explain why they had not sent their letter through the Collector—G.O., No. 1333 M., dated 25th September 1894. On 21st October they sent a first instalment of the list which was returned for further particulars—G.O., No. 1801, dated 23rd November 1894. The final list was sent on the 7th March 1895 and forms part of current No. 1238 M. These particulars are given to show how the matter comes before Government and how it has been delayed by the Council.

4. As regards the list itself—it is incomplete inasmuch as it does not include cases in which permission has been given to erect "koradus" but not yet acted upon, or cases in which "koradus" have been constructed only in mud. As it is, it contains 53 cases and the sketches that accompany it, incomplete as they are, show

that the clear tendency of the assignments is to destroy the uniformity of the streets. The Collector points out in his endorsement of 6th April 1895 that in cases Nos. 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 25, 27, 38 and 47, for instance, there is no encroachment on either side and that the new "koradu" stands out alone into the street, and again that the Sheikpet street which is 44½ feet wide in one place is reduced to 17½ feet in another. Moreover, as Mr. Thomson and Mr. Forbes had pointed out in former endorsements, this "improvement of the line of the street"—the Council profess to be acting under section 164 of the Act—is a "game capable of indefinite extension" so long as the line of the street is irregular and the permits for "setting forward" buildings are given without restriction as to width, while the enterprising shopkeeper will never be satisfied with a simple "koradu" but will ~~wait~~ his opportunity to roof it in and erect a pial and then come up for another extension. On these grounds it is submitted that the system of making temporary assignments of street lands for "koradus" cannot be approved. It would perhaps be too harsh a measure to insist on the removal of all the "koradus", some of which have been in existence for upwards of five years, but they ought certainly to be removed wherever they really interfere with the line of the street. It is submitted, therefore, that the Council may be called upon as regards this part of the case—

(*a*) to send complete lists of assignments and corrected maps showing the encroachments street by street;

(*b*) to submit proposals for the removal of all such as project beyond the line of the adjacent houses.

It is submitted that this order might be made applicable also to assignments before 1889.

5. There remains the question of rent in cases where the "koradus" are held to be unobjectionable. Mr. Thomson just asked the Council to deal with the question in his letter of the 4th April 1894. They dealt with it in their resolution, dated 2nd June (in C. No. 1238 M.), deciding to levy a rent of 4 annas per 100 square feet on land granted for "koradus" since 1889 or to be granted for the purpose in future. The Collector then appears to have asked them in another letter of the 6th June to fix different rates for different streets according to their position, etc., and again on the 9th July to consider the case of assignments before 1889. This latter they have failed to do, but they have submitted with their resolution of the 4th August (in C. No. 1217 M.) proposals for levying rates of 4 and 8 annas in different streets for the sanction of Government. Mr. Brodie who forwards the resolution gives it as his opinion that it is inadvisable to fix any general system of rents but that in any case those fixed are too low.

6. It is submitted that we may go further than this and say that it is inadvisable to levy rents at all. In the majority of cases the land is either required for street purposes, in which case it must be vacated, or it is not, in which case it may, as a rule, be sold. It should only be in very exceptional cases, if at all, that renting should be adopted. It is submitted therefore with reference to this part of the case that the Council may be asked—

(*a*) which of its assignments may be sold outright as being wholly unobjectionable and for what price they may be sold;

(*b*) whether, with reference to the remarks above, there are any special cases in which a lease is necessary.

This order may also be applied to all assignments and not only to those since 1889.

7. The Council seems to merit a severe order for the dilatory and unsatisfactory way in which it has dealt with the matter.

C. G. TODHUNTER.
8–5–95.

The so-called plans are very badly drawn and it is next to impossible to make anything out of them. Several of them show, however, that encroachments which should certainly not be permitted have been made. I submit that it is not of the slightest use corresponding any longer with the Council. They will do nothing.

When I was Collector more than ten years ago I frequently personally drew the attention of the then Chairman to the way in which encroachments were running the streets of Conjeeveram and to the best of my recollection I caused more than one of these to be removed. Since then it is evident that things have been going from bad to worse. Attention is invited to the remark of the Acting Sub-Collector in C. No. 1238 marked with red tape. Knowing Conjeeveram as I do I quite agree with him.

I submit that the only way of dealing with this case is to instruct the Collector to direct the Sub-Collector to go to Conjeeveram, inspect each koradu in person, make out a list of all those which should be removed, instruct the Chairman to have them removed and see that this is done.

The Council too should, I consider, be distinctly told that no license for a koradu is to be given without the *previous* sanction of Government being obtained.

H. W. B[LISS.].
31-5-95.

Conjeeveram is full of priests and retired Government officials and their hangers on. The Council, instead of preventing these making encroachments on the streets, are hand in glove with them in this matter and it is hopeless to expect the Council to do anything. They have delayed disgracefully in replying to references on the subject and if any more are made to them they will continue the same policy. The only way to deal with them appears to be to take them short by the head and let them see that Government will allow no more "shilly shallying" about the matter and will not tolerate encroachments which are rapidly running what were once remarkably fine streets. As for the matter of rents, I think that they ought to be heavy as a check against encroachments and that in no case should sale be permitted. Every lease, where such is allowed, should contain a stipulation that the land if required by the municipality should be handed back to it after a notice of, say, three months without any claim for compensation of any sort or kind.

I agree. Let the Sub-Collector propose rates. We might fix a minimum. How would 6 pies per square foot per annum do?

H. W. B[LISS].

The full case had better be set out in the Government order.

Encroachments on streets is a rapidly growing evil and if not checked by stringent measures which Municipal Councils will not of their own accord adopt, will soon be the ruin of the streets of most municipal towns and future generations of tax-payers will in order to put matters straight have to pay heavily for the laches of the Councils in the part.

J. F. PRICE.
18-5-95.

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