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10. Any ballot paper on which the names of more candidates are retained than there are persons to be elected shall be invalid.	To stand.	Stet.
11. Each voter shall present himself to the polling officers, and after stating that it is his intention to vote shall answer any questions put to him by such officers to satisfy themselves that such person is entitled to vote, and then provided no objections are admitted against him place his voting paper in the ballot-box.	Substitute for this rule, "when a person presents himself to vote, the polling officer shall satisfy himself that he has a right to vote in the division in question and has not already voted and provided no objections are admitted against him shall permit him to place his voting paper in the ballot-box."	The Committee would make the rule run thus :—Each voter shall present himself to the polling officers who, if satisfied that such person is on the list as entitled to vote and has not already voted, shall allow him to place his voting paper in the ballot-box. In the event of a voter being incapable of registering his vote himself he may be accompanied by another person who may record the vote for him.
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13. At the polling no objection to any intending voter shall be admitted, except on the following three grounds :—	Substitute for "three grounds" in the 2nd line, "ground."	
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15. The polling officer shall at the close of the day transmit to the President a list of the objections to voters admitted by him during the day, and the President shall, after hearing and deciding upon all such objections, ascertain the totals of the votes given in each division and shall record the result of the election under his signature.	To stand.	Stet.
16. The candidates for whom the greatest number of votes shall have been given in each division shall, according to the number of vacancies in each, be deemed to have been elected Municipal Commissioners for the said divisions, subject to the provisions contained in section 13 of the Madras Municipal Act I of 1884.	Do.	Do.
17. Upon the expiration of the period mentioned in rule No. 18, if there have been no objections raised under rule No. 19, the names of the candidates duly elected shall be forwarded to Government for publication in the *Fort St George Gazette*, and until such publication, the candidates shall not enter on their functions as Municipal Commissioners.	Omit after the word "*Gazette*" in the 4th line, the words "and until . . Municipal Commissioners."	The rule should stand, but the Committee would recommend its becoming *rule* 19.
18. The validity of any election may be questioned by a petition put in before the President by any candidate at the election, or by at least ten electors, within fifteen days after the day on which the election was held.	Substitute for "fifteen" in the 3rd line "three."	The Committee would alter 15 *to* 7 and would make *rule* 18 *rule* 17.
19. The President shall then proceed to inquire into the validity of the election held, which may only be questioned on the ground— (*a*) that fraud, intimidation or bribery was practised at such election ; (*b*) that the person whose election is questioned was, at the time the election was held, not qualified as a candidate ; (*c*) that he was not duly elected by a majority of votes.	Omit.	The rule to stand but 19 *to become* 18.
20. At the conclusion of the inquiry, the President shall make a report to Government, who will pass orders on the matter.	Alter thus :— "The President shall then proceed to enquire into the complaints made under the preceding rule and on the conclusion of the inquiry shall give his decision in writing which shall be final."	Stet.

ORDER—No. 1630 M., dated 10th October 1895.

The alterations in the election rules proposed by the Municipal Commissioners are approved, with the following remarks and exceptions :—

(1) *Rule* 2—should remain unaltered.

(2) *Rule* 3.—No elector shall nominate more candidates than there are persons to be elected.

(3) *Rule* 5.—The Government is not in favour of the proposal to delegate the President's powers. As regards the second alteration suggested in this rule, it appears to Government that three days' time to hear objections is more than is required. The period will therefore be reduced to two days.

(4) *Rule* 6.—The Government considers that the proposal to dispense with a poll if the number of nominations is the same or less than that of the vacancies is a reasonable one. The Commissioners will be requested to state whether the Act may not be amended accordingly.

(5) *Rule* 8.—In the addition proposed to be made at the end of this rule, the word "shall" will be substituted for "should".

(6) *Rule* 10.—In order to fit in with the alteration made in rule 9, rule 10 should be worded thus :—

"Any ballot paper on which a mark is made against the names of more candidates than there are persons to be elected shall be invalid."

(7) *Rule* 11.—The word "as" in the rule as altered is apparently a misprint for "and". The addition proposed to be made to this rule, permitting a voter who is incapable of registering his vote himself to bring another person with him to record his vote, does not commend itself to Government.

(8) *Rules* 17, 18 *and* 19.—The proposal to number these rules 19, 17 and 18, respectively, appears to be unnecessary.

2. The following notification will now be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* :—

NOTIFICATION.

Under the provisions of section 11 of the City of Madras Municipal Act, 1884, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to approve the following amended rules for the conduct of elections in the Madras Municipality :—

RULES.

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ELECTION for the Division to be held on day of

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Date .

(Signed)

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(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
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Municipality of Madras.

ELECTION for the Division to be held on day of .

We, the undersigned, nominate the undermentioned as candidate at the ensuing election :—

Name.	Description.	Abode.	Occupation.

Date .

(Signed)

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(*a*) that fraud, intimidation or bribery was practised at such election;
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(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
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G.O., No. 1630 M., 10th October 1895.

OCTOBER.

Election Rules.

Approving, with remarks, certain alterations in the rules for the conduct of elections in the Madras Municipality and ordering the publication of the necessary notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

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No. 1630 M., 10TH OCTOBER 1895.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. MOORE, C.I.E., President, Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 8th August 1895, G. No. 280.

In forwarding the accompanying extract from the proceedings of an adjourned general meeting held on the 6th August 1895, I have the honour to submit as follows.

2. At a general meeting held in October 1894, M.R.Ry. Pragasa Mudaliyar Avargal moved a resolution to the effect that the rules for the conduct of elections be referred to a committee for revision and submission to Government for approval.

3. The Commissioners referred the rules to the standing committee. M.R.Ry. Pragasa Mudaliyar Avargal submitted a memorandum on the subject to the standing committee (copy of which is attached). This was duly considered by the standing committee and the result of their deliberations as submitted to the Commissioners is now forwarded for such action as Government may deem fit.

ENCLOSURE.

Extract referred to.

Resolution No. 1 of the Commissioners at their general meeting held on 24th June 1895, deferring the consideration of the election rules as revised by the standing committee till meeting in July 1895.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu and seconded by Mr. DeCaster—

"That the election rules as revised by the standing committee be approved of and submitted to Government."

Carried.

Existing Election Rules.	Modifications suggested by M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliyar Avargal.	Views of the Standing Committee.
1. No person shall be qualified to vote at an election unless his name shall have been entered in the lists prepared by the President under section 19 of Act I of 1884.	Needs no modification, it may stand as it is.	Stet.
2. One month before the day of election, the President shall prepare and forward to the Governor in Council a notice thereof, stating the number of persons to be elected in each division, the day on which, the hours during which, and the place where, the votes of the electors will be taken, the date within which the nominations must be submitted, and the person by whom the nominations will be received. Such notice shall be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, as required by section 10 of Act I of 1884, and copies thereof shall be affixed in conspicuous positions at not less than three different places in each of the divisions into which the Municipality is divided.	Substitute for "one month" in the 1st line, "two months."	There is no objection to this alteration, though it is not absolutely necessary.
3. Every candidate shall be nominated by at least two electors, in the following form, at least fifteen days before the date of the election :— *Municipality of Madras.* ELECTION for the Division to be held on day of We, the undersigned, nominate the undermentioned as candidate at the ensuing election :—	Substitute for "two" in the 1st line, "twenty" and for "fifteen days" in the 2nd line, "one month."	This would be illegal when read with 8. Sect. 10 lays down that every election should be by ballot. There does not appear to be any necessity for extending the fifteen days to one month.
Name. | Description. | Abode. | Occupation. Date (Signed)		
4. The President shall, at least ten days before the election is held, publish, by a notice to be exhibited in the Municipal office and in conspicuous places in the division or divisions for which an election or elections is or are to be held, a list of such nominations as appear to him valid in the following form :—	Substitute for "ten" in the 1st line, "twenty."	There seems to be no necessity for this. Ten days has worked hitherto without inconvenience.

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Name. | Description. | Abode. | Division for which nominated.		
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6. Three days before the election the President shall prepare a schedule of nominations of candidates for election in each division, and publish the same by affixing one copy to the Municipal office and one copy in a conspicuous position in each division.	Substitute for "three" in the 1st line, "seven" and introduce— (*a*) "If the number of valid nominations exceeds that of the vacancies a poll shall be taken on the day of the election in the manner hereinafter provided." (*b*) "If the number of valid nominations is the same or less than that of the vacancies, the person or persons nominated shall be deemed to have been elected."	The Committee see no necessity for altering "three" to "seven." They would make the rule read as follows :— Three days before . . . Municipal office and one *or more copies in conspicuous positions in each division.* It is considered that the proposed addition would be illegal under the provisions of section 10.
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Exd. A. Raitt.

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Election Rules.

Approving, with remarks, certain alterations in the rules for the conduct of elections in the Madras Municipality and ordering the publication of the necessary notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

At a Meeting of the Standing Committee held on Wednesday the 27th March 1895.

PRESENT.

Official Member:

Lieut.-Col. G. M. J. Moore, C.I.E., *President.*

Non-Official Members.

M. R. Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. R. Balakistnama Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu.
M. R. Ry. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Nayudu Garu.
N. Subrahmanyam, Esq.

1. The Minutes of the Proceedings of the Meeting held on 22nd March 1895, were signed by the President.

Sales of land.

2. Produced the following applications for sale of public land from—

i. Moledena Ludda Sait, dated 7th January 1895, for land measuring $21' \times 9\frac{1}{2}' = 199\frac{1}{2}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 98, Varadamutheappen Street, 3rd Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 1,500 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 2*nd March* 1894.

ii. V. Somasundra Mudaliar, dated 16th January 1895, for land measuring $36\frac{1}{4}' \times 6\frac{1}{4}' = 226\frac{9}{16}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 186, Mint Street, 2nd Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 2,000 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 1*st February* 1895.

iii. T. S. Singaravelu Gramani, dated 22nd September 1894, for land measuring $460' \times 3' = 1380$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 46, Sheik Maistry Street, 1st Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 50 *per ground, on local enquiry.*

iv. Sah Manmull, dated 5th February 1895, for land measuring $40' \times 6\frac{3}{4}'$ from east to west on the northern side and $6\frac{1}{2}'$ on the southern side $= 265$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 103, Mint Street, 2nd Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 2,000 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 1*st February* 1895.

v. T. Virabadriah Battadu, dated 5th December 1894, for land measuring $33' \times 9\frac{3}{4}' = 321\frac{3}{4}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 61, Linghi Chetty Street, 3rd Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 2,000 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 4*th April* 1894.

vi. Yagappa Chetty, dated 11th February 1895, for land measuring $18' \times 7\frac{1}{4}' = 130\frac{1}{2}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 275, Linghi Chetty Street, 3rd Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 2,000 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 4*th April* 1894.

vii. C. Soobraya Chetty, dated 24th January 1895, for land measuring $33\frac{1}{4}' \times 5\frac{1}{2}' = 182\frac{7}{8}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 42, Arunachella Aucharry Street, 7th Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 500 *per ground, rate of last sale on 1st June* 1894.

viii. M. A. Ruthra Cotty Pillai, dated 28th January 1895, for land measuring $20' \times 5\frac{1}{4}' = 105$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 22, Carriappa Mudali Street, 5th Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 300 *per ground, rate of last sale on 5th August* 1892, *Rs.* 200—*value increased.*

ix. C. Manavala Naidu, dated 31st January 1895, for land measuring $36' \times 6' = 216$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. $\frac{1}{72}$, Purasawakam High Road, 5th Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 600 *per ground, rate of last sale on 6th August* 1894.

x. Canny Chetty, dated 16th January 1895, for land measuring $23\frac{3}{4}' \times 12\frac{3}{4}' = 290\frac{1}{16}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 35. Arunachella Aucharry Street, 7th Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 500 *per ground rate of last sale on* 1*st June* 1894.

xi. C. Mottai Naikan, dated 20th December 1894, for land measuring $16' \times 1' = 16$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 38, Barber's Bridge Road, 8th Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 200 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 17*th March* 1893.

xii. Thondi Bai Ammal, dated 11th February 1895, for land measuring $25' \times 8\frac{3}{4}' = 218$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 17/1, South Madah Street, Mylapore, 8th Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 500 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 12*th August* 1885, *Rs.* 400—*value increased.*

xiii. P. Rungammah, dated 15th February 1895, for land measuring $33\frac{1}{2}' \times 6\frac{1}{2}' = 217\frac{3}{4}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 3, Arundal Street, 8th Division.

Sale recommended Rs. 200 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 20*th May* 1891, *Rs.* 100—*value increased.*

xiv. V. Srenevasa Charya, dated 11th February 1895, for land measuring $25' \times 8\frac{3}{4}' = 218\frac{3}{4}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 17/2, South Madah Street, Mylapore, 8th Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 500 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 12*th August* 1885, *Rs.* 400—*value increased.*

xv. M. A. Narasimha Charriar, dated 24th October 1894, for land measuring $25' \times 12\frac{3}{4}' = 318\frac{3}{4}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 3/7, Therady Street, 7th Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 6th March 1895, stating that the pial is an old construction and within 3″ of the drain and there is no other objection to the sale.

Sale recommended at Rs. 1,200 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 19*th October* 1894.

xvi. S. Papiah Chetty, dated 4th March 1895, for land measuring $21' \times 7'$ from east to west on the northern side and $6\frac{3}{4}'$ on the southern side $= 144\frac{3}{8}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 90, Narraina Mudaly Street, 2nd Division.

Read resolution No. 2-vi, dated 6th January 1894.

Read also memo. from the Engineer, dated 8th March 1895, stating that this sale was sanctioned, but the applicant failed to pay in time and he now renews his application.

Sale recommended at Rs. 1,500, *per ground, owing to non-payment of purchase money within the specified time, rate of last sale Rs.* 1,200, *on 7th September* 1894.

xvii. K. Lutchmiah Naidu, dated 4th February 1895, for land measuring $37\frac{3}{4}' \times 2' + 3\frac{1}{7}' = 78\frac{2}{7\frac{1}{4}}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 101, Adam Sahib Street, 1st Division.

Read resolution No. 2-iii, dated 6th July 1894.

Read also memo. from the Engineer, dated 1st March 1895, stating that the street is less than 18 ft. wide and there is no other objection and this is second application as the applicant failed to pay in time on the first one.

Sale recommended at Rs. 300 *per ground, owing to non-payment of purchase money within the specified time, rate of last sale Rs.* 200, *on 6th August* 1894.

xviii. T. Narraina Row, dated 10th December 1894, for land measuring $64\frac{1}{2}' \times 6\frac{1}{4}' = 403\frac{3}{4\frac{1}{8}}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 3, Perianna Maistry Street, 3rd Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 18th January 1895, stating that the street is less than 18 ft. wide—no other objection—and that if sale be recommended the diversion of drain will have to be paid for.

On condition of his paying cost of diversion of the drain sale recommended at Rs. 1,200 *per ground, on local enquiry.*

xix. A. Singaravelu Gramany, dated 3rd December 1894, for land measuring $28\frac{1}{2}' \times 7\frac{3}{4}' = 220\frac{7}{8}$ sq. ft., in front of premises Nos. 3rd 1, Theagappa Mudali Street, 6th Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 26th January 1895, stating that it will form a projection if sold as applied for on the east side, but will be in line on the west side.

Not recommended.

xx. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Naidu, dated 21st December 1894, for $136\frac{3}{4}$ sq. ft. of land in front of premises No. 4, Lang's Garden Road, 5th Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 15th February 1895, stating that the plot shown in plan was already sold but on checking when making over it to the applicant, it was found to contain $136\frac{3}{4}$ sq. ft., in excess of the land for which payment was made and which is now recommended for sale.

Sale recommended at Rs. 200 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 19*th October* 1894.

xxi. Kannappa Chetty, dated 22nd November 1894, for land measuring $18\frac{1}{2}' \times 2\frac{1}{2}' = 46\frac{1}{4}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 3, Sundra Murthy Venayagar Covil Street, 7th Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 15th January 1895, stating that the street is less than 18 ft. wide and there is no other objection.

Not recommended.

xxii. G. Kamalavalley Thayarammall, dated 30th November 1894, for land measuring $20' \times 4\frac{1}{2}' = 90$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 2/10, Alangatha Pillay Street, 7th Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 17th January 1895, stating that the street is less than 18 ft. wide and there is no other objection.

Not recommended.

xxiii. V. Rungasawmy Mudali, dated 30th November 1894, for land measuring $29\frac{3}{4}' \times 5\frac{1}{4}' = 156\frac{3}{16}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 23, Pattu Rasappa Mudali Street, 2nd Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 18th January 1895, stating that the street is less than 18 ft. wide and there is no other objection.

Not recommended.

xxiv. C. Perumal Mudali, for T. Kuppusawmy Mudaliar, dated 8th December 1894, for land measuring $22' \times 5\frac{1}{2}' = 121$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 40, Malaiperumal Street, 3rd Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 18th January 1895, stating that the street is less than 18 ft. wide and there is no other objection.

Not recommended.

xxv. Lutchmana Prasad, dated 21st November 1894, for land measuring $40' \times 2\frac{1}{4}' = 90$ sq., ft. in front of premises No. 43, Venkatachella Chetty Street, 7th Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 15th January 1895, stating that the street is less than 18 ft. wide and there is no other objection.

Sale recommended at Rs. 1,000 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 21*st December* 1894.

xxvi. B. Theagaroya Sastrulu, dated 22nd January 1895, for land measuring $26' \times 5'$ from east to west on the northern side and $4\frac{3}{4}'$ on the southern side $= 127\frac{5}{8}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 11, Kumarappa Mudali Street, 2nd Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 15th February 1895, stating that the street is less than 18 ft. wide and there is no other objection.

Not recommended.

xxvii. A. Moonisawmy Chetty, dated 21st December 1894, for land measuring $30' \times 1\frac{1}{4}' = 37\frac{1}{2}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 36, Nyneappan Street, 3rd Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 8th February 1895, stating that the street is less than 18 ft. wide and there is no other objection.

Not recommended.

xxviii. G. Krishnasawmy Chetty, dated 10th December 1894, for land measuring $26' \times 4\frac{1}{4}'$ from east to west on the northern side and $3\frac{3}{4}'$ on the southern side $= 104$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 56, Anderson Street, 3rd Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 18th January 1895, stating that the street is less than 18 ft. wide and there is no other objection.

Sale recommended at Rs. 1,500 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 17*th March* 1893, *Rs.* 1,200—*value increased.*

xxix. A. Narainasawmy Mudaly, dated 16th February 1895, for land measuring $15\frac{1}{4}' \times 4' = 61$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 30, Aurimuthu Maistry Street, 5th Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 9th March 1895, stating that the street is less than 18 ft. wide and there is no other objection.

Not recommended.

xxx. Rathnavelu Nattar, dated 31st January 1895, for land measuring $15\frac{3}{4}' \times 2\frac{3}{4}' = 43\frac{5}{16}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 38, Narasier Street, 1st Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 7th March 1895, stating that the street is less than 18 ft. wide and there is no other objection.

Not recommended.

xxxi. Thangavelu Thesigar, dated 18th January 1895, for land measuring $24' \times 3' = 72$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 10, Devaroya Mudali Street, 7th Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 2nd March 1895, stating that the street is less than 18 ft. wide and there is no other objection.

Not recommended.

xxxii. M. A. Jayaram Pillai, dated 26th January 1895, for land measuring $38' \times 5\frac{1}{4}' = 199\frac{1}{2}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 21, Cariappa Mudali Street, 5th Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 27th February 1895, stating that the street is less than 18 ft. wide and there is no other objection.

Sale recommended at Rs. 300 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 5*th August* 1892, *Rs.* 200—*value increased.*

xxxiii. A. Thiruvengadammal, dated 11th February 1895, for land measuring $22\frac{1}{4}' \times 4' = 90$ sq. ft., in front of premises Nos. 9 and 10, Ramasawmy Street, 3rd Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 1st March 1895, stating that the street is less than 18 ft. wide and there is no other objection.

Sale recommended at Rs. 1,000 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 28*th May* 1894.

xxxiv. D. Ragavelu Naidu, dated 17th January 1895, for land measuring $30' \times 4\frac{11}{12}'$ from east to west on the northern side and $4\frac{3}{4}'$ on the southern side=195 sq. ft., in front of premises No. 12, Paliappen Street, 2nd Division.

Read resolution No. 2-xiv., dated 16th September 1892.

Read also memo. from the Engineer, dated 19th February 1895, stating that the street is less than 18 ft. wide and there is no other objection.

Not recommended.

xxxv. B. Chinna Raju Mudali, dated 7th December 1894, for 2 strips of land marked A and B, measuring $29\frac{1}{2}' \times \frac{7\frac{1}{2}' + 8'}{2}$ and $41\frac{1}{2}' \times 10'$ respectively, aggregating $643\frac{5}{8}$ sq. ft., in front of and adjacent to premises No. 46, Vepery High Road, 5th Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 7th March 1895, recommending the sale of the plot marked A in the plan but not B which is part of a fountain plot adjacent to the said premises.

Deferred.

xxxvi. V. Chinnammah, dated 27th February 1895, for land measuring $40' \times 11'$ from east to west on the northern side and 12′ on the southern side=460 sq. ft., in front of premises No. $\frac{6}{79}$ ft., Pedary Pagoda Street, 3rd Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 600 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 19*th October* 1894.

xxxvii. C. Subbammah and C. Venkatammal, dated 4th February 1895, for land measuring $12' \times 5'$ from east to west on the northern side and $5\frac{1}{4}'$ on the southern side=$61\frac{1}{2}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 104, Sunjiviroyen Covil Street, 1st Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 350 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 26*th January* 1894.

xxxviii. A. Shunmuga Chetty, dated 3rd December 1894, for land measuring $36\frac{1}{2}' \times 4' = 146$ sq. ft., in front of premises Nos. 11,12, 1/13 and 2/13, Covil Street Komalesvarenpettah, 5th Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 350 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 6*th October* 1893, *Rs.* 250—*value increased.*

xxxix. Mooroogathammall, dated 23rd February 1895, for land measuring $21\frac{3}{8}' \times 4\frac{1}{4}' = 90\frac{7}{32}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 4, Saniammen Covil Street, 1st Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 50 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 19*th October* 1894.

xl. Ghouse Mohideen Sahib, dated 24th January 1895, for land measuring $35' \times 2' = 70$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 29, Dasoomoothoo Parcherry Street, 7th Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 100 *per ground, on local enquiry.*

xli. Thanalatchmi Ammal, dated 5th February 1895, for land measuring $27\frac{1}{2}' \times 2\frac{3}{4}'$ from east to west on the northern side and $6\frac{1}{4}'$ on the southern side=$123\frac{3}{4}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 42, Tiruvettore High Road, 1st Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 500 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 21*st December* 1894, *Rs.* 350—*value increased.*

xlii. A. Shunmuga Chetty and Arumuga Chetty, dated 3rd December 1894, for land measuring $8' \times 4'$ and $32\frac{1}{2}' \times 4' = 162$ sq. ft., in front of premises Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, Covil Street, Pudupett, 5th Division.

Sale recommended at Rs. 350 *per ground, rate of last sale on* 1*st December* 1893, Rs. 250—*value increased.*

xliii. Munisawmy Naicker, dated 8th March 1895, for land measuring $43\frac{3}{4}' \times 4\frac{1}{2} = 196\frac{7}{8}$ sq. ft., in front of premises No. 24, Nagappa Mudali Street, 5th Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 11th March 1895, stating that this is second application.

Read also Resolution No. 2-ii, dated 7th September 1894.

Sale recommended at Rs. 300 *per ground, owing to non-payment of purchase money within the specified time, rate of last sale Rs.* 200, *on* 11*th January* 1895.

xliv. A. Sivaramiah, dated 21st January 1895, for a piece of land in front of premises No. 33, North Madah Street, 8th Division.

Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 16th March 1895, not recommending sale of this land as it will form a projection.

Not recommended.

Bill of Costs.

3. Produced Bill of Costs from Messrs. Barclay, Morgan and Orr relating to the execution proceedings taken in C. S. No. 128 of 1890 against T. Linghi Chetty, amounting to Rs. 460-6-0.

Recorded.

Irrecoverable Rent.

4. Read Engineer's memo., dated 9th March 1895, stating that the rent of Rs. 30 together with fees of Rs. 2 due from Raju Mudali lessee of Municipal land on Coum Road, during the first half-year of 1891-92 is irrecoverable and the amount might be written off.

To be written off.

Irrecoverable license fees.

5. Produced statements of irrecoverable license fees levied by the Health Department for—

			Rs.	A.
1886-87	...	...	... 244	0
1887-88	...	...	... 190	0
1888-89	...	...	... 620	8
1889-90	...	...	... 257	0
1890-91	...	...	... 270	0
1891-92	...	...	... 248	8
1892-93	...	...	... 388	8
		Total Rs....	2,218	8

To be written off.

Memorial on behalf of the highest bidder at auction sale of the right of collection of General Market Stalls.

6. Read memorial from Messrs. Wilson and King, dated 20th March 1895, on behalf of Y. Ramasawmy Mudaliar, highest bidder in the recent auction sale of the right of collection of fees at the General Market stalls during 1895-96.

The Standing Committee see no reason to reconsider their resolution No. 13, *dated* 15*th March* 1895.

Revision of Election Rules.

7. Read letter from R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar, dated 3rd December 1894, submitting a memorandum of objections on the working of the present Election rules and requesting their revision in the light of his remarks.

The rules as modified to be circulated.

8. Read letter from the Deputy Collector of Madras, No. $\frac{1231}{C.}$, dated 13th September 1894, forwarding for signature and return a statement showing the particulars of land to be acquired for a Cholera shed in Cemetery Road, Royapuram, and the details of the estimated cost of the acquisition.

Land for Cholera shed in Cemetery Road.

Resolved that steps be taken under Land Acquisition Act as the Standing Committee consider the Deputy Collector's award excessive.

9. Read memo. from the Engineer, dated 22nd March 1895, requesting sanction for the appointment of one surveyor and 4 lascars for one month more in connection with the laying of auxiliary mains.

Surveyor and Lascars required in connection with laying auxiliary mains.

Read also Resolution No. 13, dated 1st February 1895.

Sanctioned.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
MADRAS,
March 1895.

G. M. J. MOORE, LT.-COL.,
President, M. C.

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Cl. 2524 M.

For orders.

With his letter read above, the President, Municipal Commission, Madras, forwards a resolution of the Commissioners of 6th Aug. 1895, in which they approve of certain alterations in the rules for the conduct of Elections in the Madras Municipality. The rules now in force are those issued in G.O. of 5th July 1892 No. 1171 M, and the alterations proposed by the Commissioners are noted below:—

(a) Rule 2. It was proposed by Commissioner Pragasa Mudaliyar that the words "one month" with which this rule begins should be altered into "two months". The Commissioners have no objection to this alteration, though they consider that it is not absolutely necessary.

Under the circumstances, the rule may stand as it is.

(b) Rule 5. Under this rule as it now stands the President has to attend at the municipal office on the day next after that on which the list of candidates has been published in order to hear any objections that may be made to that list. The Commissioners now propose to add the words "or some office near [illegible]

the word "President" where it first occurs, and to substitute the words "on the three office days" for "on the day next".

As regards the first suggestion, it is submitted that if approved, it would give the President authority to delegate his power to any officer he pleases - which is inexpedient. A limit might be fixed as to the status of the officers to whom delegation might be made, but as there are not many officers of the Municipality competent to exercise this power it may perhaps be as well to specify the officer or officers to whom the President might delegate his powers in this matter. It is for consideration whether instead of "or some officer nominated by him" the following may not be substituted. "or any one of the officers appointed under Section 37 of Act I of 1884, who may be nominated by him" ~~the President~~".

I am against this power of delegation in important contentions a matter
WS

The second suggestion is an improvement and may be accepted.

(c) Rule 6. At the end of this rule, instead of "one copy in a conspicuous position in each division" the Commissioners would substitute "one or more copies in conspicuous positions in each division".

This also is an improvement may be adopted.

(d) Rule 7. This proposes to alter this Rule so as to give the President discretionary power to remunerate polling officers, and to make an addition but permitting each candidate to have one agent who shall be approved by the President, present in the polling room to watch his interests.

The person mainly affected will be the Pres^t. The alteration will however give the objectors more time to object to candidates, but and one day is perhaps rather a short time. Say two days - Three are more than required
WS

Reg^{a} and Govt^{t} seem to be right in his proposal that a poll shall only be held if more persons than there are vacancies for are nominated & that there shall be no poll if an equal or smaller No^{s} of persons are nominated. In the latter case, why should people be put to the trouble of a poll. Apparently the Act need amendment in this respect, we are going to amend in regard to the other question. The amendments necessary as to Regn^{a} No^{s} ideas might be made at the same time. Ask the Govt^{t} if they do not agree
WS

Reference to Govt^{t} letter No. 278 M, the Government objected to the payment of remuneration to Municipal employés for assisting in the preparation of voters' candidates' lists & at the taking of poll at elections. This does not of course prohibit the payment of remuneration to other than municipal employés, so that the proposed alteration in the rule may be adopted.

WS

The addition proposed to be made at the end of the rule seems unobjectionable.

(e) Rule 8. In this rule the Commissioners would omit the provision which requires that each polling officer shall be supplied with a list of the names persons qualified to be elected as municipal Commissioners. They would also add the following at the end of the rule:-

"

The ballot papers to be ~~should~~ delivered to the polling officers by the President, or other persons authorized by him, on the morning of the election day not the hour fixed for the starting of the poll".

Say "shall" not "should"
WS

These suggestions may be approved.

(f) Rule 9. This rule is altered so as to provide that the ballot paper ~~of~~ shall ~~be~~

always be printed, and that instead of scoring out the names of the candidates for whom an elector does not vote, he shall make a mark against the names of those candidates for whom he votes.

The first is a desirable improvement, but as regards the second, it is feared that mistakes on the part of electors will be more likely to occur if they have only to make a mark against the names of the candidates for whom they vote. The existing system is the one in force in district municipalities & may it is submitted, continue in force in Madras also. The existing system is moreover understood by now, & changes might cause difficulties.

(g) Rule 11. This rule is recast & improved. The word 'as' in the rule as now altered is apparently a misprint for 'and'.

An addition is also made to the rule permitting a voter who is incapable of registering his vote himself to bring another person with him to record his vote.

This may be approved.

(h) Rule 12. This rule is added so as to require that the polling officer, shall beside marking off in the list the names of persons who have already voted, shall also "write down the on a separate list, the name (&) of every voter as the vote is recorded.

This would throw a good deal of additional work on the polling officers.

WS

This is so - But I consider the whole system the best - As the Comrs. wish this alteration made, I would make it.

WS

Rule 10 would do, if the above alteration is made - I would run "any ballot paper on which a mark is made against the names of more candidates than there are persons to be elected ..."

WS

approved

I don't approve of this - It might have the same effect as the making of the illiterate vote here in Ireland

WS

WS

But as the Commissioners wish it, the addition may stand.

I would leave the rule as it stands

WS

(i) Rule 13. In this rule, it is proposed to omit the first & third grounds on which objections might be taken to intending voters. They are apparently considered unnecessary, as rules in the case of the first ground & rule 11 (as altered) & rule 12 in the case of the other meet the object in view. This may be approved, but the rule should be worded thus:—

The Commrs. propose to leave the rule as it is, but the suggestion

"At the polling no objection that intending voter shall be accepted admitted, except on the ground that his claim to be a certain person shown on the list of voters is false".

(j) Rule 14. The alterations in this rule are merely verbal ones, made so as to suit the change in Rule 13.

(k) Rules 17, 18 & 19, are proposed to be renumbered 19, 17 & 18 respectively. This seems unobjectionable.

It is also proposed to alter the rules the time allowed for putting in objection petitions from 'fifteen' to 'seven' days. In district municipalities fifteen days are allowed in the case of election of Councillors but only seven days in that of the election of Chairmen. Seven days' time appears to be sufficient & the alteration proposed is

WS

by the Commissioners may, if it is submitted, be approved.

(f) Rule 20. In this rule, it is proposed to give the President power to pass final orders on objection petitions. In District Municipalities, similar powers are proposed to be given to Collectors. The amendment suggested may therefore be adopted, reserving, however, to Government the right to interpret the rules as in the case of elections in District Municipalities.

There is a repitition in the proposed rule 20 — which might run thus —

"At the conclusion of the inquiry made under rule 18, the President shall pass such orders on the matter as he thinks fit & report his decision to Government. All orders passed by the President under this rule shall be final, but the Government reserves to itself the right to interpret the rules."

V.R
12/9/95

The Commr. would leave the rule as it is.
I agree with the Commr. The Collr. of country is in quite a different position from the Presidt. in Madras City. To go no further, he is not ordinarily a member of the Municipal Council.
KS
25/9/95

24/9/95

Madras Municipal Election rules

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For orders.

Hon

(Mr 10)

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690—7-5-95.

DEPARTMENT.

C. No.

FOR ORDERS.

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x a single elector cannot. It should be better left known

x The question whether an elector can nominate more candidates than there are vacancies in a municipal council came up for orders in the Madura election ? it was proposed to alter the election rules to prevent such a thing occurring. The proof of the revised election rules for Madras municipality is put up. It is submitted that before they are issued a similar provision may be made in them as follows :

To rule 3 add: "No nomination elector shall contain the names of nominate more candidates than there are vacancies for election"

If this is approved an explanation can be inserted in the G.O.

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I think I prefer the original wording. Under the corrected wording an elector might put in half a dozen nominations, each containing a number of names equal to the number of vacancies, but different in each case. You can't say however "vacancies for election" - you must select vacancies - It should be "vacancies which election has to be made" or "persons to be elected", whichever fits in best with

Madras Election rules.

From
~~FOR~~ ORDERS.

C. S.

(Corrected) Proof of G.O. No 1650 dt 10-12-95 in accordance with H.M's note put up.

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MEMORANDUM.

1. I would remark in the 1st place that for the conduct of elections in the city of Madras elaborate rules are hardly needed. Unlike the District Municipalities Act 4 of 84, the Madras Act I of 84 contains clear and definite rules for the holding of elections and all that we require is auxiliary rules where necessary in amplification of the rules provided by the act, so that the procedure may be quite regular.

2. *Rule* 1 needs no modification. It may stand as it is. Though the act does not expressly provide for the exclusion of persons from voting whose names shall not have been entered in the lists prepared by the President under section 19, yet reading sections 19 to 23 it is pretty clear that the act contemplates such an action.

3. *Rule* 2.—To enable Government to publish the notification prescribed under Section 10 of the Act, the President is required under rule 2 to furnish certain information to Government one month before the day of election. Instead of "one month" in the 1st line of this rule I would substitute "two months" so as to give ample time for going through the preliminaries.

4. *Rule* 3.—If the suggestion contained in para 8 of this Memorandum is approved the nomination of a candidate under rule 3 should be made by at least 20 electors instead of as at present by two electors so that the election may be valid under Section 13 of the Act. Moreover, instead of "15 days" in the 2nd line of Rule 3 I would substitute "one month."

5. *Rule* 4.—In the 1st line of Rule 4 instead of "10 days" before the election I would say "20 days" before the election.

6. *Rule* 5.—In the 2nd line of Rule 5 after the words "has been published" I would add "and on the two following days" and also after the words "to that list" in the 3rd line of this rule I would add "on the ground that the nominee is disqualified by reason of one or other of the grounds mentioned in Section 7." I recommend this addition as I think that the President's time should not be wasted in making enquiries into frivolous and whimsical complaints, more especially, as the validity of a nomination or election can only be questioned on the grounds expressly provided for by the Act.

7. *Rule* 6.—In the 1st line of rule 6 instead of "3 days" before the election I would substitute "7 days."

8. If the Commmissioners approve I would add rule 22 of the District Municipalities rules to ours, and that is provided the Commissioners consider that is not inconsistent with Section 10. The rule that I propose to introduce would run thus:—

(*a*) "If the number of valid nominations exceeds that of the vacancies a poll shall be taken on the day of the election in the manner herein after provided."

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(*b*) "If the number of valid nominations is the same or less than that of the vacancies, the person or persons nominated shall be deemed to have been elected."

9. *Rule* 7.—In the 2nd line of Rule 7 a provision is made for the remuneration of polling officers. If I remember correctly Government took exception to our polling officers being remunerated and I believe that in consequence of that order our polling officers are not now paid. If that is so, the provision for remuneration may be eliminated from this rule.

10. *Rule* 8 may stand as at present.

11. *Rule* 9.—At the end of Rule 9 after the word "votes" I would add the following sentence "the ballot paper and box should be delivered to polling officers by the President or other persons authorized by him on the morning of the election day and at the hour fixed for the starting of the polling.

12. *Rule* 10 may remain as at present.

13. *Rule* 11.—The wording of rule 11 appears to be rather loose and not very comprehensive. Rule 28 of the District Municipalities runs thus :—"when a person presents himself to vote, the polling officer shall satisfy himself that he has a right to vote in the division in question and has not already voted." I would adopt this rule instead of our rule No. 11 with the addition of the words "and provided no objections are admitted against him shall permit him to place his voting paper in the ballot box."

14. *Rule* 12 may stand as it is.

15. *Rule* 13.—The 1st ground under rule 13 is unnecessary and may be omitted as under rule 1 no person shall be qualified to vote at an election, unless his name shall have been entered in the list. I have in my speech pointed out that the name of a qualified voter which had been omitted in the list could not be inserted at any time, much less, after an election day for the purposes of that election. There is a limitation of time in section 20 for applying to the President for the insertion of a name in the list. Similarly ground 3 may also be omitted as rule 11 as amended (Vide para 13) and rule 12 meet the purpose. If my proposal is accepted after the word "following" in rule 13 the word "three" should be omitted and the word "grounds" altered to "ground."

16. *Rule* 14.—If the proposal in the above para is accepted the words "any of" in the 1st line of rule 14 should be removed and the word "objections" in the 2nd line should be altered to "objection."

17. *Rules* 15 *and* 16 may stand as they are.

18. *Rule* 17.—The concluding portion of the sentence after the word "Gazette" in rule 17, should be omitted as it is opposed to the provisions of Section 26.

19. *Rule* 18.—There appears to be no reason why 15 days time should be allowed for sending in "objections" under rule 18. Three days would perhaps suffice.

20. *Rule* 19 appears to me to be superfluous and may well be omitted. The 1st ground on which the validity of an election may be questioned is provided for in section 27 of the Act and therefore a rule on the subject is not necessary. The 2nd ground of objection too is out of place. If the suggestion contained in paragraph 6 *Supra* is adopted by the committee, an enquiry after the election would be obviated. As regards the third ground of objection I must say that it is one which is not likely to occur, for as election is by ballot, the whole thing is a secret and none but the President is in a position to say whether a candidate was duly elected or not by a majority of votes.

21. *Rule* 20 may be altered thus:—"The President shall then proceed to enquire into the complaints made under the preceding rule and on the conclusion of the enquiry shall give his decision in writing which shall be final." If the President can decide on objections received under rule 5, there is no reason why he should not decide on objections received under rule 18. There is nothing in the Act to show that Government should pass orders in such cases.

3rd December 1894.

R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR.

Existing Election Rules.	Modifications suggested by Mr. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar.	Views of the Standing Committee.
1. No person shall be qualified to vote at an election unless his name shall have been entered in the lists prepared by the President under section 19 of Act I of 1884.	Needs no modification, it may stand as it is.	Stet.
2. One month before the day of election, the President shall prepare and forward to the Governor in Council a notice thereof, stating the number of persons to be elected in each division, the day on which, the hours during which, and the place where, the votes of the electors will be taken, the date within which the nominations must be submitted, and the person by whom the nominations will be received. Such notice shall be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, as required by section 10 of Act I of 1884, and copies thereof shall be affixed in conspicuous positions at not less than three different places in each of the divisions into which the Municipality is divided.	Substitute for "one month" in the 1st line, "two months".	There is no objection to this alteration, though it is not absolutely necessary.
3. Every candidate shall be nominated by at least two electors, in the following form, at least 15 days before the date of the election :— *Municipality of Madras.* ELECTION for the Division to be held on day of We, the undersigned, nominate the undermentioned as candidate at the ensuing election :—	Substitute for "two" in the 1st line, "twenty" and for "15 days" in the 2nd line "one month."	This would be illegal when read with 8. Sect. 10 lays down that every election should be by ballot. There does not appear to be any necessity for extending the 15 days to 1 month.
Name. | Description. | Abode. | Occupation.		
Date (Signed)		
4. The President shall, at least Ten days before the election is held, publish, by a notice to be exhibited in the Municipal office and in conspicuous places in the division or divisions for which an election or elections is or are to be held, a list of such nominations as appear to him valid in the following form :—	Substitute for "ten" in the 1st line "twenty."	There seems to be no necessity for this. 10 days has worked hitherto without inconvenience.
Name. | Description. | Abode. | Division for which nominated.		
5. The President shall attend at the Municipal office on the day next after that upon which the list of candidates nominated has been published in order to hear any objections which may be made to that list. Such objections may be put forward by any registered voter in writing. The President shall give his decision on every such objection in writing, which decision shall be final, unless, within one week of giving the same, a petition for revision be put in before a Magistrate; in such case, the Magistrate's decision shall be final. In case the objection is allowed, the decision of the President or Magistrate, as the case may be, shall be communicated to the candidate affected thereby.	After the words "has been published" in the 2nd line, add "and on the two following days," and after the words "to that list" in the 3rd line add "on the ground that the nominee is disqualified by reason of one or other of the grounds mentioned in section 7".	The Committee would make the rule read as follows :— The President *or some officer nominated by him* shall attend at the Municipal office *on the three office days after* that * * * * thereby.
6. Three days before the election the President shall prepare a schedule of valid nominations of candidates for election in each division, and publish the same by affixing one copy to the Municipal office and one copy in a conspicuous position in each division.	Substitute for "three" in the 1st line "Seven" and introduce. (a) "If the number of valid nominations exceeds that of the vacancies a poll shall be taken on the day of the election in the manner hereinafter provided." (b) "If the number of valid nominations is the same or less than that of the vacancies, the person or persons nominated shall be deemed to have been elected."	The Committee see no necessity for alternig 3 to 7. They would make the rule read as follows.— Three days before * * * * Municipal Office and one *or more copies in conspicuous positions in each Division.* It is considered that the proposed addition would be illegal under the provisions of Sect. 10.
7. The President shall appoint one or more polling officers to preside at each polling station and shall pay them reasonable remuneration for their services. Such polling officers shall neither be Commissioners for the divisions of which the poll is to be taken nor registered voters in it. It shall be their duty to see that the votes are recorded with absolute secrecy, that only electors and persons desirous of lodging objections to voters are admitted into the polling rooms and that persons who have recorded their votes or whose objections have been heard and disposed of leave immediately.	Omit the words "and shall pay * * * their services" in the 2nd line.	The Committee would make the rule read as follows:— The President * * * station and *may* * * * immediately. Each candidate shall be permitted to have one agent, who shall be approved by the President, present in the polling room during the election, to watch his interests

Existing Election Rules.	Modifications suggested by Mr. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar.	Views of the Standing Committee.
8. Each polling officer shall be supplied by the President with a list of voters for the division for which such polling officer is appointed to take votes, and also with a list of the persons qualified to be elected as Municipal Commissioners. A copy of the latter shall also be exhibited in a conspicuous position at the polling station.	To stand.	The Committee would make the rule read thus:—Each polling * * * votes. The Ballot paper and box should be delivered to the polling officers by the President, or other persons authorized by him, on the morning of the election day and at the hour fixed for the starting of the Poll. This has been added to Rule 8. The committee would make the rule read thus:— The Ballot * * * printed.
9. The ballot of each elector shall consist of a paper, supplied at the polling office, on which the number of vacancies to be filled and the names of the candidates for election, whose nominations have been included in the nomination schedule under Rule No. 6, shall be printed or legibly written. The elector shall score out the name or names of candidates for whom he does not vote, retaining the name or names of candidates not exceeding the number of persons to be elected for whom he votes.	After the word "votes" in the last line add "the ballot paper and box should be delivered to polling officers by the President or other persons authorized by him on the morning of the election day and at the hour fixed for the starting of the polling".	The Elector shall make a mark against the names of those candidates for whom he votes.
10. Any ballot paper on which the names of more candidates are retained than there are persons to be elected shall be invalid.	To stand.	Stet.
11. Each voter shall present himself to the polling officers, and after stating that it is his intention to vote shall answer any questions put to him by such officers to satisfy themselves that such person is entitled to vote, and then provided no objections are admitted against him place his voting paper in the ballot-box.	Substitute for this rule, "when a person presents himself to vote, the polling officer shall satisfy himself that he has a right to vote in the Division in question and has not already voted and provided no objections are admitted against him shall permit him to place his voting power in the ballot-box."	The Committee would make the rule run thus:—Each voter shall present himself to the Polling officers who if satisfied that such person is on the list as entitled to vote and has not already voted shall allow him to place his voting paper in the Ballot-Box. In the event of a voter being incapable of registering his vote himself he may be accompanied by another person who may record the vote for him.
12. Polling officers shall make a mark on the list of voters against the name of each person placing voting papers in the ballot-box and shall at the close of the poll send the ballot-box duly sealed and secured to the President.	To stand.	The Committee would make the rule run thus.— Polling officers * * * ballot box *and shall write down on a separate list the names of every voter as the vote is recorded* and shall * * * President.
13. At the polling no objection to any intending voter shall be admitted, except on the following three grounds:—	Substitute for "three grounds" in the 2nd line, "ground."	
1st.—That his name is not on the list of voters of the division in respect of which the election is being held.	Omit "1st—That his name * * * being held."	Stet.
2nd.—That his claim to be a certain person shown on the list of voters is false.		
3rd.—That he has already voted.	Omit "3rd—That he has already voted."	
14. On being satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for any of the above objections, polling officers shall prohibit such intending voter from placing his voting paper in the ballot-box, shall record his name and address, the objection admitted against him, and the grounds of such objection, and shall direct him to appear before the President within three days from the day of the election and the decision of the President made after due inquiries shall be final.	Omit "any of" in the 1st line and substitute for "objections" in the 2nd line "objection."	Stet.
15. The polling officer shall at the close of the day transmit to the President a list of the objections to voters admitted by him during the day, and the President shall, after hearing and deciding upon all such objections, ascertain the totals of the votes given in each division and shall record the result of the election under his signature.	To stand.	Stet.
16. The candidates for whom the greatest number of votes shall have been given in each division shall, according to the number of vacancies in each, be deemed to have been elected Municipal Commissioners for the said divisions, subject to the provisions contained in section 13 of the Madras Municipal Act 1 of 1884.	To stand.	Stet.
17 Upon the expiration of the period mentioned in Rule No. 18, if there have been no objections raised under Rule No. 19, the names of the candidates duly elected shall be forwarded to Government for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and until such publication, the candidates shall not enter on their functions as Municipal Commissioners.	Omit after the word "gazette" in the 4th line, the words "and until * * * Municipal Commissioners."	The rule should stand, but the Committee would recommend its becoming *rule* 19.
18. The validity of any election may be questioned by a petition put in before the President by any candidate at the election, or by at least 10 electors, within 15 days after the day on which the election was held.	Substitute for "15" in the 3rd line "3"	The Committee would alter 15 *to* 7 and would make *Rule* 18 *Rule* 17.
19. The President shall then proceed to inquire into the validity of the election held, which may only be questioned on the ground— (a) that fraud, intimidation or bribery was practised at such election; (b) that the person whose election is questioned was, at the time the election was held, not qualified as a candidate; (c) that he was not duly elected by a majority of votes.	Omit.	The rule to stand but 19 *to become* 18.
20. At the conclusion of the inquiry, the President shall make a report to Government, who will pass orders on the matter.	Alter thus:—"The President shall then proceed to enquire into the complaints made under the preceding rule and on the conclusion of the enquiry shall give his decision in writing which shall be final."	Stet.

No. 1630 M., Local and Municipal, 10th October 1895.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. MOORE, C.I.E., President, Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 8th August 1895, G. No. 280.

In forwarding the accompanying extract from the proceedings of an adjourned general meeting held on the 6th August 1895, I have the honour to submit as follows.

2. At a general meeting held in October 1894, M.R.Ry. Pragasa Mudaliar moved a resolution to the effect that the rules for the conduct of elections be referred to a committee for revision and submission to Government for approval.

3. The Commissioners referred the rules to the standing committee. M.R.Ry. Pragasa Mudaliar submitted a memorandum on the subject to the standing committee (copy of which is attached). This was duly considered by the standing committee and the result of their deliberations as submitted to the Commissioners is now forwarded for such action as Government may deem fit.

Enclosure.

Extract referred to.

Resolution No. 1 of the Commissioners at their general meeting held on 24th June 189 , deferring the consideration of the election rules as revised by the standing committee till meeting in July 1895.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu and seconded by Mr. DeCaster—

"That the election rules as revised by the standing committee be approved of and submitted to Government."

Carried.

Order—No. 1630 M., Local and Municipal, dated 10th October 1895.

The alterations in the election rules proposed by the Municipal Commissioners are approved, with the following remarks and exceptions:—

(1) *Rule* 2—should remain unaltered.

(2) *Rule* 5.—The Government is not in favour of the proposal to delegate the President's powers. As regards the second alteration suggested in this rule, it appears to Government that three days' time to hear objections is more than is required. The period will therefore be reduced to two days.

(3) *Rule* 6.—The Government considers that the proposal to dispense with a poll if the number of nominations is the same or less than that of the vacancies is a reasonable one. The Commissioners will be requested to state whether the Act may not be amended accordingly.

(4) *Rule* 8.—In the addition proposed to be made at the end of this rule, the word "shall" will be substituted for "should".

(5) *Rule* 10.—In order to fit in with the alteration made in rule 9, rule 10 should be worded thus:—

"Any ballot paper on which a mark is made against the names of more candidates than there are persons to be elected shall be invalid."

(6) *Rule* 11.—The word "as" in the rule as altered is apparently a misprint for "and". The addition proposed to be made to this rule, permitting a voter who is incapable of registering his vote himself to bring another person with him to record his vote, does not commend itself to Government.

(7) *Rules* 17, 18 *and* 19.—The proposal to number these rules 19, 17 and 18, respectively, appears to be unnecessary.

2. The following notification will now be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*:—

NOTIFICATION.

Under the provisions of section 11 of the City of Madras Municipal Act, 1884, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to approve the following amended rules for the conduct of elections in the Madras Municipality:—

Rules.

1. No person shall be qualified to vote at an election unless his name shall have been entered in the lists prepared by the President under section 19 of Act I of 1884.

2. One month before the day of election, the President shall prepare and forward to the Governor in Council a notice thereof, stating the number of persons to be elected in each division, the day on which, the hours during which, and the place where, the votes of the electors will be taken, the date within which the nominations must be submitted, and the person by whom the nominations will be received. Such notice shall be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, as required by section 10 of Act I of 1884, and copies thereof shall be affixed in conspicuous positions at not less than three different places in each of the divisions into which the Municipality is divided.

3. Every candidate shall be nominated by at least two electors, in the following form, at least 15 days before the date of the election:—

Election for the *Municipality of Madras.*
Division to be held on day of

We, the undersigned, nominate the undermentioned as candidate at the ensuing election:—

Name.	Description.	Abode.	Occupation.

Date (Signed)

4. The President shall, at least 10 days before the election is held, publish, by a notice to be exhibited in the Municipal office and in conspicuous places in the division or divisions for which an election or elections is or are to be held, a list of such nominations as appear to him valid in the following form:—

Name.	Description.	Abode.	Division for which nominated.

5. The President shall attend at the Municipal office on the next two office days after that upon which the list of candidates nominated has been published in order to hear any objections which may be made to that list. Such objections may be put forward by any registered voter in writing. The President shall give his decision on every such objection in writing, which decision shall be final, unless, within one week of giving the same, a petition for revision be put in before a Magistrate; in such case, the Magistrate's decision shall be final. In case the objection is allowed, the decision of the President or Magistrate, as the case may be, shall be communicated to the candidate affected thereby.

6. Three days before the election the President shall prepare a schedule of valid nominations of candidates for election in each division, and publish the same by affixing one copy to the Municipal office and one or more copies in conspicuous positions in each division.

7. The President shall appoint one or more polling officers to preside at each polling station and may pay them reasonable remuneration for their services. Such polling officers shall neither be Commissioners for the divisions of which the poll is to be taken nor registered voters in it. It shall be their duty to see that the votes are recorded with absolute secrecy, that only electors and persons desirous of lodging objections to voters are admitted into the polling rooms, and that persons who have recorded their votes or whose objections have been heard and disposed of leave immediately. Each candidate shall be permitted to have one agent, who shall be approved by the President, present at the polling room during the election to watch his interests.

8. Each polling officer shall be supplied by the President with a list of voters for the division for which such polling officer is appointed to take votes. The ballot papers and box shall be delivered to the polling officers by the President, or other persons authorized by him, on the morning of the election day and at the hour fixed for the starting of the poll.

9. The ballot of each elector shall consist of a paper supplied at the polling office, on which the number of vacancies to be filled and the names of the candidates for election, whose nominations have been included in the nomination schedule under Rule No. 6, shall be printed. The elector shall make a mark against the names of those candidates for whom he votes.

10. Any ballot paper on which a mark is made against the names of more candidates than there are persons to be elected shall be invalid.

11. Each voter shall present himself to the polling officers, who, if satisfied that such person is on the list and entitled to vote and has not already voted, shall allow him to place his voting paper in the ballot-box.

12. Polling officers shall make a mark on the list of voters against the name of each person placing voting papers in the ballot-box and shall write down on a separate list the name of every voter as the vote is recorded and shall at the close of the poll send the ballot-box duly sealed and secured to the President.

13. At the polling no objection to any intending voter shall be admitted, except on the following three grounds:—

1*st*.—That his name is not on the list of voters of the division in respect of which the election is being held.
2*nd*.—That his claim to be a certain person shown on the list of voters is false.
3*rd*.—That he has already voted.

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15. The polling officer shall at the close of the day transmit to the President a list of the objections to voters admitted by him during the day, and the President shall, after hearing and deciding upon all such objections, ascertain the totals of the votes given in each division and shall record the result of the election under his signature.

16. The candidates for whom the greatest number of votes shall have been given in each division shall, according to the number of vacancies in each, be deemed to have been elected Municipal Commissioners for the said divisions, subject to the provisions contained in section 13 of the Madras Municipal Act I of 1884.

17. Upon the expiration of the period mentioned in Rule No. 18, if there have been no objections raised under Rule No. 19 the name of the candidates duly elected shall be forwarded to Government for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and until such publication the candidates shall not enter on their functions as Municipal Commissioners.

18. The validity of any election may be questioned by a petition put in before the President by any candidate at the election, or by at least ten electors within seven days after the day on which the election was held.

19. The President shall then proceed to inquire into the validity of the election held, which may only be questioned on the ground—

(*a*) that fraud, intimidation or bribery was practised at such election;
(*b*) that the person whose election is questioned was, at the time the election was held, not qualified as a candidate;
(*c*) that he was not duly elected by a majority of votes.

20. At the conclusion of the inquiry the President shall make a report to Government, who will pass orders on the matter.

(True Extract.)

for *Chief Secretary.*

To the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
Gazette.

Exd. A. Ratt.

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G.O., No. 1630 M., 10th October 1895.

OCTOBER.

Election Rules.

Approving, with remarks, certain alterations in the rules for the conduct of elections in the Madras Municipality and ordering the publication of the necessary notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

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G. No. 280

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS.

General Department.

Madras, 8th August 1895.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 2524 M

From

LIEUT.-COL. G. M. J. MOORE, R. E.,

President, Municipal Commission.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

In forwarding the accompanying Extract from the proceedings of an Adjourned General Meeting held on the 6th August 1895, I have the honor to submit as follows.

2. At a General Meeting held in October 1894 Mr. Pragasa Mudaliar moved a resolution to the effect that the Rules for the conduct of elections be referred to a Committee for revision and submission to Government for Approval.

3. The Commissioners referred the Rules to the Standing Committee. Mr. Pragasa Mudaliar submitted a Memorandum on the subject to the Standing Committee (Copy of which is attached). This was duly considered by the Standing Committee and the result of their deliberations as submitted to the Commissioners is now forwarded for such action as Government may deem fit.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant,
G. M. Moore
President.

Put up.

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Resolution No. 1. of the Commissioners at their General Meeting held on 24th June 1895. deferring the consideration of the Election Rules as revised by the Standing Committee till meeting in July 1895.

Proposed by M.R.Ry V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu and Seconded by Mr. DeCaster.

"That the Election Rules as revised by the Standing Committee be approved of and submitted to Government."

Carried.

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Madras Municipality.

From

The President,

Municipal Commission,

MADRAS.

To

The Chief Secretary

to Government

Fort St. George

G. No. 280

Dated 8th August 1895.
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding with other papers extract from the proceedings of the meeting of Commissioners held on 6th August 1895 the rules for the conduct of Elections as revised by the Standing Committee for such action as Government may deem fit.

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C. No. 2524 M.

Order 10-10-95. No. 1630 M. Revn.

The alterations in the election rules proposed by the Municipal Commissioners are approved, with the following remarks & Exceptions:—

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the Act may not be amended accordingly.

(4) Rule 8. In the addition proposed to be made at the end of this rule, the word "shall" will be substituted for "should."

(5) Rule 10. In order to fit in with the alteration made in rule 9, rule 10 should be worded thus:-

"Any ballot paper on which a mark is made against the names of more candidates than there are persons to be elected shall be invalid."

(6) Rule 11. The word "as" in the rule as altered is apparently a misprint for "and." The addition proposed to be made to this rule, permitting a voter who is incapable of registering his vote himself to bring another person with him to record his vote, does not commend itself to Government.

(7) Rules 17, 18 and 19. The proposal to

Wire. Has not noted on this point, but if the rules are renumbered as proposed, rule 20 wants to come in rather abruptly after the preceding one.

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to number these rules 19, 17 and 18 respectively, appears to be unnecessary.

2. The following notification will now be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette:-

Notification.

Under the provisions of section 11 of the City of Madras Municipal act 1884, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to approve the following amended rules for the conduct of elections in the Madras Municipality:-

Rules.

(Here enter rules in G.O. dtd 5th July 1892 No. 1171 M as altered).

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Please print the rules here

5.10.95 /pon orders/

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To, The President, M.C. Madras. 16

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Madras Municipal Election Rules

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5TH JULY 1892, No. 1171 M., LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., dated 5th March 1892, No. 424 M., Local and Municipal.

READ—also the following paper:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. MOORE, President, Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 3rd June 1892, G. No. 114.

With reference to G.O., dated 5th March 1892, No. 424 M., Local and Municipal, I have the honour to forward an extract from the proceedings of a general meeting held on 30th May 1892.

2. The interval allowed between Rule 3 and 4 seems hardly enough to allow of enquiry being made as to the validity of the election.

3. A complication may arise in the event of no nomination being made or an insufficient number in the event of more than one vacancy.

4. Section 13 of Act I of 1884 would hardly seem applicable in that case, as no votes could be recorded when there is no nomination.

ORDER—dated 5th July 1892, No. 1171 M., Local and Municipal.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the President's letter read above, the period fixed in No. 3 of the rules will be reduced from 16 to 15 days, and that in Rule 4 from a fortnight to 10 days; but with regard to paragraph 3, it is not clear what the nature of the complication referred to is. If there be no nomination there will be no election, and if the number of nominations be insufficient there must be a further election.

2. With the alterations in Rules 3 and 4 above referred to, the rules will be finally passed and published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, with the following notification:—

NOTIFICATION.

"Under the provisions of section 11 of Madras Act I of 1884, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to approve the following rules for the conduct of elections in the Madras Municipality:—

RULES.

1. No person shall be qualified to vote at an election unless his name shall have been entered in the lists prepared by the President under section 19 of Act I of 1884.

2. One month before the day of election, the President shall prepare and forward to the Governor in Council a notice thereof, stating the number of persons to be elected in each division, the day on which, the hours during which, and the place where, the votes of the electors will be taken, the date within which the nominations must be submitted, and the person by whom the nominations will be received. Such notice shall be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, as required by section 10 of Act I of 1884, and copies thereof shall be affixed in conspicuous positions at not less than three different places in each of the divisions into which the Municipality is divided.

3. Every candidate shall be nominated by at least two electors, in the following form, at least 15 days before the date of the election :—

Municipality of Madras.

ELECTION for the Division to be held on day of

We, the undersigned, nominate the undermentioned as candidate at the ensuing election :—

Name.	Description.	Abode.	Occupation.

Date (Signed)

4. The President shall, at least 10 days before the election is held, publish, by a notice to be exhibited in the Municipal office and in conspicuous places in the division or divisions for which an election or elections is or are to be held, a list of such nominations as appear to him valid in the following form :—

Name.	Description.	Abode.	Division for which nominated.

5. The President shall attend at the Municipal office on the ~~day next~~ after that upon which the list of candidates nominated has been published in order to hear any objections which may be made to that list. Such objections may be put forward by any registered voter in writing. The President shall give his decision on every such objection in writing, which decision shall be final, unless, within one week of giving the same, a petition for revision be put in before a Magistrate ; in such case, the Magistrate's decision shall be final. In case the objection is allowed, the decision of the President or Magistrate, as the case may be, shall be communicated to the candidate affected thereby.

6. Three days before the election the President shall prepare a schedule of valid nominations of candidates for election in each division, and publish the same by affixing one copy to the Municipal office and one ~~copy in a~~ conspicuous position in each division.

7. The President shall appoint one or more polling officers to preside at each polling station and ~~shall~~ pay them reasonable remuneration for their services. Such polling officers shall neither be Commissioners for the divisions of which the poll is to be taken nor registered voters in it. It shall be their duty to see that the votes are recorded with absolute secrecy, that only electors and persons desirous of lodging objections to voters are admitted into the polling rooms, and that persons who have recorded their votes or whose objections have been heard and disposed of leave immediately.

8. Each polling officer shall be supplied by the President with a list of voters for the division for which such polling officer is appointed to take votes ~~and also with a list of the persons qualified to be elected as Municipal Commissioners. A copy of the latter shall also be exhibited in a conspicuous position at the polling station.~~

9. The ballot of each elector shall consist of a paper, supplied at the polling office, on which the number of vacancies to be filled and the names of the candidates for election, whose nominations have been included in the nomination schedule under Rule No. 6, shall be printed ~~legibly written. The elector shall score out the name or names of candidates for whom he does not vote, retaining the name or names of candidates not exceeding the number of persons to be elected for whom he votes.~~

10. Any ballot paper on which ~~the names of~~ more candidates ~~are retained~~ than there are persons to be elected shall be invalid.

11. Each voter shall present himself to the polling officers ~~intention to vote shall answer any questions put to him by such officers to satisfy themselves~~ that such person is ~~entitled to vote, and then, provided no objections are admitted against him,~~ place his voting paper in the ballot-box.

12. Polling officers shall make a mark on the list of voters against the name of each person placing voting papers in the ballot-box and shall at the close of the poll send the ballot-box duly sealed and secured to the President.

13. At the polling no objection to any intending voter shall be admitted, except on the following three grounds :—

1*st*.—That his name is not on the list of voters of the division in respect of which the election is being held.

2*nd*.—That his claim to be a certain person shown on the list of voters is false.

3*rd*.—That he has already voted.

14. On being satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for any of the above objections, polling officers shall prohibit such intending voter from placing his voting paper in the ballot-box, shall record his name and address, the objection admitted against him, and the grounds of such objection, and shall direct him to appear before the President within three days from the day of the election and the decision of the President made after due inquiries shall be final.

15. The polling officer shall at the close of the day transmit to the President a list of the objections to voters admitted by him during the day, and the President shall, after hearing and deciding upon all such objections, ascertain the totals of the votes given in each division and shall record the result of the election under his signature.

16. The candidates for whom the greatest number of votes shall have been given in each division shall, according to the number of vacancies in each, be deemed to have been elected Municipal Commissioners for the said divisions, subject to the provisions contained in section 13 of the Madras Municipal Act I of 1884.

17. Upon the expiration of the period mentioned in Rule No. 18, if there have been no objections raised under Rule No. 18 the name of the candidates duly elected shall be forwarded to Government for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and until such publication the candidates shall not enter on their functions as Municipal Commissioners.

18. The validity of any election may be questioned by a petition put in before the President by any candidate at the election, or by at least 10 electors within 15 days after the day on which the election was held.

19. The President shall then proceed to inquire into the validity of the election held, which may only be questioned on the ground—

(*a*) that fraud, intimidation or bribery was practised at such election ;

(*b*) that the person whose election is questioned was, at the time the election was held, not qualified as a candidate ;

(*c*) that he was not duly elected by a majority of votes.

20. At the conclusion of the inquiry, the President shall make a report to Government, who will pass orders on the matter.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Govt. of {1892} Madras.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 5th July 1892, No. 1171 M.

JULY.

Rules.

Approving certain rules for the conduct of elections in the Madras Municipality and ordering their publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

No. 1630 M., 10TH OCTOBER 1895.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. MOORE, C.I.E., President, Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 8th August 1895, G. No. 280.

In forwarding the accompanying extract from the proceedings of an adjourned general meeting held on the 6th August 1895, I have the honour to submit as follows.

2. At a general meeting held in October 1894, M.R.Ry. Pragasa Mudaliyar Avargal moved a resolution to the effect that the rules for the conduct of elections be referred to a committee for revision and submission to Government for approval.

3. The Commissioners referred the rules to the standing committee. M.R.Ry. Pragasa Mudaliyar Avargal submitted a memorandum on the subject to the standing committee (copy of which is attached). This was duly considered by the standing committee and the result of their deliberations as submitted to the Commissioners is now forwarded for such action as Government may deem fit.

ENCLOSURE.

Extract referred to.

Resolution No. 1 of the Commissioners at their general meeting held on 24th June 1895, deferring the consideration of the election rules as revised by the standing committee till meeting in July 1895.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu and seconded by Mr. DeCaster—

"That the election rules as revised by the standing committee be approved of and submitted to Government."

Carried.

Existing Election Rules.	Modifications suggested by M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliyar Avargal.	Views of the Standing Committee.
1. No person shall be qualified to vote at an election unless his name shall have been entered in the lists prepared by the President under section 19 of Act I of 1884.	Needs no modification, it may stand as it is.	Stet.
2. One month before the day of election, the President shall prepare and forward to the Governor in Council a notice thereof, stating the number of persons to be elected in each division, the day on which, the hours during which, and the place where, the votes of the electors will be taken, the date within which the nominations must be submitted, and the person by whom the nominations will be received. Such notice shall be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, as required by section 10 of Act I of 1884, and copies thereof shall be affixed in conspicuous positions at not less than three different places in each of the divisions into which the Municipality is divided.	Substitute for "one month" in the 1st line, "two months."	There is no objection to this alteration, though it is not absolutely necessary.
3. Every candidate shall be nominated by at least two electors, in the following form, at least fifteen days before the date of the election :—	Substitute for "two" in the 1st line, "twenty" and for "fifteen days" in the 2nd line, "one month."	This would be illegal when read with 8. Sect. 10 lays down that every election should be by ballot. There does not appear to be any necessity for extending the fifteen days to one month.
Municipality of Madras. ELECTION for the Division to be held on day of We, the undersigned, nominate the undermentioned as candidate at the ensuing election :—		
Name. | Description. | Abode. | Occupation. Date (Signed)		
4. The President shall, at least ten days before the election is held, publish, by a notice to be exhibited in the Municipal office and in conspicuous places in the division or divisions for which an election or elections is or are to be held, a list of such nominations as appear to him valid in the following form :—	Substitute for "ten" in the 1st line, "twenty."	There seems to be no necessity for this. Ten days has worked hitherto without inconvenience.

Existing Election Rules.	Modifications suggested by M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliyar Avargal.	Views of the Standing Committee.
Name. | Description. | Abode. | Division for which nominated.		
5. The President shall attend at the Municipal office on the day next after that upon which the list of candidates nominated has been published in order to hear any objections which may be made to that list. Such objections may be put forward by any registered voter in writing. The President shall give his decision on every such objection in writing, which decision shall be final, unless, within one week of giving the same, a petition for revision be put in before a Magistrate; in such case, the Magistrate's decision shall be final. In case the objection is allowed, the decision of the President or Magistrate, as the case may be, shall be communicated to the candidate affected thereby.	After the words "has been published" in the 2nd line, add "and on the two following days," and after the words "to that list" in the 3rd line, add "on the ground that the nominee is disqualified by reason of one or other of the grounds mentioned in section 7."	The Committee would make the rule read as follows :— The President *or some officer nominated by him* shall attend at the Municipal office *on the three office days after* that . . . . thereby.
6. Three days before the election the President shall prepare a schedule of valid nominations of candidates for election in each division, and publish the same by affixing one copy to the Municipal office and one copy in a conspicuous position in each division.	Substitute for "three" in the 1st line, "seven" and introduce— (*a*) "If the number of valid nominations exceeds that of the vacancies a poll shall be taken on the day of the election in the manner hereinafter provided." (*b*) "If the number of valid nominations is the same or less than that of the vacancies, the person or persons nominated shall be deemed to have been elected."	The Committee see no necessity for altering "three" to "seven". They would make the rule read as follows :— Three days before . . . Municipal office and one *or more copies in conspicuous positions in each division.* It is considered that the proposed addition would be illegal under the provisions of section 10.
7. The President shall appoint one or more polling officers to preside at each polling station and shall pay them reasonable remuneration for their services. Such polling officers shall neither be Commissioners for the divisions of which the poll is to be taken nor registered voters in it. It shall be their duty to see that the votes are recorded with absolute secrecy, that only electors and persons desirous of lodging objections to voters are admitted into the polling rooms and that persons who have recorded their votes or whose objections have been heard and disposed of leave immediately.	Omit the words "and shall pay . . . their services" in the 2nd line.	The Committee would make the rule read as follows :— The President . . . station and *may* . . . immediately. Each candidate shall be permitted to have one agent, who shall be approved by the President, present in the polling room during the election, to watch his interests.
8. Each polling officer shall be supplied by the President with a list of voters for the division for which such polling officer is appointed to take votes, and also with a list of the persons qualified to be elected as Municipal Commissioners. A copy of the latter shall also be exhibited in a conspicuous position at the polling station.	To stand.	The Committee would make the rule read thus :—Each polling . . . votes. The ballot papers and box should be delivered to the polling officers by the President, or other persons authorized by him, on the morning of the election day and at the hour fixed for the starting of the poll.

Existing Election Rules.	Modifications suggested by M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliyar Avargal.	Views of the Standing Committee.
9. The ballot of each elector shall consist of a paper supplied at the polling office, on which the number of vacancies to be filled and the names of the candidates for election, whose nominations have been included in the nomination schedule under rule No. 6, shall be printed or legibly written. The elector shall score out the name or names of candidates for whom he does not vote, retaining the name or names of candidates not exceeding the number of persons to be elected for whom he votes.	After the word "votes" in the last line, add "the ballot paper and box should be delivered to polling officers by the President or other persons authorized by him on the morning of the election day and at the hour fixed for the starting of the polling."	This has been added to rule 8. The Committee would make the rule read thus :— The ballot . . . printed. The elector shall make a mark against the names of those candidates for whom he votes.
10. Any ballot paper on which the names of more candidates are retained than there are persons to be elected shall be invalid.	To stand.	Stet.
11. Each voter shall present himself to the polling officers, and after stating that it is his intention to vote shall answer any questions put to him by such officers to satisfy themselves that such person is entitled to vote, and then provided no objections are admitted against him place his voting paper in the ballot-box.	Substitute for this rule, "when a person presents himself to vote, the polling officer shall satisfy himself that he has a right to vote in the division in question and has not already voted and provided no objections are admitted against him shall permit him to place his voting paper in the ballot-box."	The Committee would make the rule run thus :—Each voter shall present himself to the polling officers who, if satisfied that such person is on the list as entitled to vote and has not already voted, shall allow him to place his voting paper in the ballot-box. In the event of a voter being incapable of registering his vote himself he may be accompanied by another person who may record the vote for him.
12. Polling officers shall make a mark on the list of voters against the name of each person placing voting papers in the ballot-box and shall at the close of the poll send the ballot-box duly sealed and secured to the President.	To stand.	The Committee would make the rule run thus :— Polling officers . . . ballot-box *and shall write down on a separate list the name of every voter as the vote is recorded* and shall . . . President.
13. At the polling no objection to any intending voter shall be admitted, except on the following three grounds :—	Substitute for "three grounds" in the 2nd line, "ground."	
1*st*.—That his name is not on the list of voters of the division in respect of which the election is being held.	Omit "1*st*.—That his name . . . being held."	Stet.
2*nd*.—That his claim to be a certain person shown on the list of voters is false.		
3*rd*.—That he has already voted	Omit "3*rd*.—That he has already voted."	
14. On being satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for any of the above objections, polling officers shall prohibit such intending voter from placing his voting paper in the ballot-box, shall record his name and address, the objection admitted against him, and the grounds of such objection, and shall direct him to appear before the President within three days from the day of the election and the decision of the President made after due inquiries shall be final.	Omit "any of" in the 1st line, and substitute for "objections" in the 2nd line "objection."	Stet.

Existing Election Rules.	Modifications suggested by M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliyar Avargal.	Views of the Standing Committee.
15. The polling officer shall at the close of the day transmit to the President a list of the objections to voters admitted by him during the day, and the President shall, after hearing and deciding upon all such objections, ascertain the totals of the votes given in each division and shall record the result of the election under his signature.	To stand.	Stet.
16. The candidates for whom the greatest number of votes shall have been given in each division shall, according to the number of vacancies in each, be deemed to have been elected Municipal Commissioners for the said divisions, subject to the provisions contained in section 13 of the Madras Municipal Act I of 1884.	Do.	Do.
17. Upon the expiration of the period mentioned in rule No. 18, if there have been no objections raised under rule No. 19, the names of the candidates duly elected shall be forwarded to Government for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and until such publication, the candidates shall not enter on their functions as Municipal Commissioners.	Omit after the word "*Gazette*" in the 4th line, the words "and until . . Municipal Commissioners."	The rule should stand, but the Committee would recommend its becoming *rule* 19.
18. The validity of any election may be questioned by a petition put in before the President by any candidate at the election, or by at least ten electors, within fifteen days after the day on which the election was held.	Substitute for "fifteen" in the 3rd line "three."	The Committee would alter 15 *to* 7 and would make *rule* 18 *rule* 17.
19. The President shall then proceed to inquire into the validity of the election held, which may only be questioned on the ground— (*a*) that fraud, intimidation or bribery was practised at such election ; (*b*) that the person whose election is questioned was, at the time the election was held, not qualified as a candidate ; (*c*) that he was not duly elected by a majority of votes.	Omit.	The rule to stand but 19 *to become* 18.
20. At the conclusion of the inquiry, the President shall make a report to Government, who will pass orders on the matter.	Alter thus :— "The President shall then proceed to enquire into the complaints made under the preceding rule and on the conclusion of the inquiry shall give his decision in writing which shall be final."	Stet.

ORDER—No. 1630 M., dated 10th October 1895.

The alterations in the election rules proposed by the Municipal Commissioners are approved, with the following remarks and exceptions :—

(1) *Rule* 2—should remain unaltered.

(2) *Rule* 3.—Add "no elector shall nominate more candidates than there are persons to be elected."

(3) *Rule* 5.—The Government is not in favour of the proposal to delegate the President's powers. As regards the second alteration suggested in this rule, it appears to Government that three days' time to hear objections is more than is required. The period will therefore be reduced to two days.

(4) *Rule* 6.—The Government considers that the proposal to dispense with a poll if the number of nominations is the same or less than that of the vacancies is a reasonable one. The Commissioners will be requested to state whether the Act may not be amended accordingly.

(5) *Rule* 8.—In the addition proposed to be made at the end of this rule, the word "shall" will be substituted for "should".

(6) *Rule* 10.—In order to fit in with the alteration made in rule 9, rule 10 should be worded thus :—

"Any ballot paper on which a mark is made against the names of more candidates than there are persons to be elected shall be invalid."

(7) *Rule* 11.—The word "as" in the rule as altered is apparently a misprint for "and". The addition proposed to be made to this rule, permitting a voter who is incapable of registering his vote himself to bring another person with him to record his vote, does not commend itself to Government.

(8) *Rules* 17, 18 *and* 19.—The proposal to number these rules 19, 17 and 18, respectively, appears to be unnecessary.

2. The following notification will now be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* :—

NOTIFICATION.

Under the provisions of section 11 of the City of Madras Municipal Act, 1884, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to approve the following amended rules for the conduct of elections in the Madras Municipality :—

RULES.

1. No person shall be qualified to vote at an election unless his name shall have been entered in the lists prepared by the President under section 19 of Act I of 1884.

2. One month before the day of election, the President shall prepare and forward to the Governor in Council a notice thereof, stating the number of persons to be elected in each division, the day on which, the hours during which, and the place where, the votes of the electors will be taken, the date within which the nominations must be submitted, and the person by whom the nominations will be received. Such notice shall be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, as required by section 10 of Act I of 1884, and copies thereof shall be affixed in conspicuous positions at not less than three different places in each of the divisions into which the Municipality is divided.

3. Every candidate shall be nominated by at least two electors, in the following form, at least 15 days before the date of the election :—

Municipality of Madras.

ELECTION for the Division to be held on day of

We, the undersigned, nominate the undermentioned as candidate at the ensuing election :—

Name.	Description.	Abode.	Occupation.

No elector shall nominate more candidates than there are persons to be elected.

Date

(Signed)

4. The President shall, at least 10 days before the election is held, publish, by a notice to be exhibited in the Municipal office and in conspicuous places in the division or divisions for which an election or elections is or are to be held, a list of such nominations as appear to him valid in the following form :—

Name.	Description.	Abode.	Division for which nominated.

5. The President shall attend at the Municipal office on the next two office days after that upon which the list of candidates nominated has been published in order to hear any objections which may be made to that list. Such objections may be put forward by any registered voter in writing. The President shall give his decision on every such objection in writing, which decision shall be final, unless, within one week of giving the same, a petition for revision be put in before a Magistrate; in such case, the Magistrate's decision shall be final. In case the objection is allowed, the decision of the President or Magistrate, as the case may be, shall be communicated to the candidate affected thereby.

6. Three days before the election the President shall prepare a schedule of valid nominations of candidates for election in each division, and publish the same by affixing one copy to the Municipal office and one or more copies in conspicuous positions in each division.

7. The President shall appoint one or more polling officers to preside at each polling station and may pay them reasonable remuneration for their services. Such polling officers shall neither be Commissioners for the divisions of which the poll is to be taken nor registered voters in it. It shall be their duty to see that the votes are recorded with absolute secrecy, that only electors and persons desirous of lodging objections to voters are admitted into the polling rooms, and that persons who have recorded their votes or whose objections have been heard and disposed of leave immediately. Each candidate shall be permitted to have one agent, who shall be approved by the President, present at the polling room during the election to watch his interests.

8. Each polling officer shall be supplied by the President with a list of voters for the division for which such polling officer is appointed to take votes. The ballot papers and box shall be delivered to the polling officers by the President, or other persons authorized by him, on the morning of the election day and at the hour fixed for the starting of the poll.

9. The ballot of each elector shall consist of a paper supplied at the polling office, on which the number of vacancies to be filled and the names of the candidates for election, whose nominations have been included in the nomination schedule under rule No. 6, shall be printed. The elector shall make a mark against the names of those candidates for whom he votes.

10. Any ballot paper on which a mark is made against the names of more candidates than there are persons to be elected shall be invalid.

11. Each voter shall present himself to the polling officers, who, if satisfied that such person is on the list and entitled to vote and has not already voted, shall allow him to place his voting paper in the ballot-box.

12. Polling officers shall make a mark on the list of voters against the name of each person placing voting papers in the ballot-box and shall write down on a separate list the name of every voter as the vote is recorded and shall at the close of the poll send the ballot-box duly sealed and secured to the President.

13. At the polling no objection to any intending voter shall be admitted, except on the following three grounds :—

1st.—That his name is not on the list of voters of the division in respect of which the election is being held.

2nd.—That his claim to be a certain person shown on the list of voters is false.

3rd.—That he has already voted.

14. On being satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for any of the above objections, polling officers shall prohibit such intending voter from placing his voting paper in the ballot-box, shall record his name and address, the objection admitted against him, and the grounds of such objection, and shall direct him to appear before the President within three days from the day of the election and the decision of the President, made after due inquiries, shall be final.

15. The polling officer shall at the close of the day transmit to the President a list of the objections to voters admitted by him during the day, and the President shall, after hearing and deciding upon all such objections, ascertain the totals of the votes given in each division and shall record the result of the election under his signature.

16. The candidates for whom the greatest number of votes shall have been given in each division shall, according to the number of vacancies in each, be deemed to have been elected Municipal Commissioners for the said divisions, subject to the provisions contained in section 13 of the Madras Municipal Act I of 1884.

17. Upon the expiration of the period mentioned in rule No. 18, if there have been no objections raised under rule No. 19 the names of the candidates duly elected shall be forwarded to Government for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and until such publication the candidates shall not enter on their functions as Municipal Commissioners.

18. The validity of any election may be questioned by a petition put in before the President by any candidate at the election, or by at least ten electors within seven days after the day on which the election was held.

19. The President shall then proceed to inquire into the validity of the election held, which may only be questioned on the ground—

(*a*) that fraud, intimidation or bribery was practised at such election;

(*b*) that the person whose election is questioned was, at the time the election was held, not qualified as a candidate;

(*c*) that he was not duly elected by a majority of votes.

20. At the conclusion of the inquiry the President shall make a report to Government, who will pass orders on the matter.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
Gazette. 17/12/95

Govt. of {1895} Madras.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

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Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., No. 1630 M., 10th October 1895.

OCTOBER.

Election Rules.

Approving, with remarks, certain alterations in the rules for the conduct of elections in the Madras Municipality and ordering the publication of the necessary notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

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