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G.O., No. 2056 L.

DATED 28th Oct 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

Constitution of Yercaud into a Municipality.

Informing the Collector of Salem, with remarks, that the only satisfactory method of improving the sanitation of Yercaud is to constitute it into a Municipality, and the Govt. then would be prepared to make a grant of ₨.2000 from Provincial funds and requesting him to report the decision that may be come to in the matter.

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SHEVAROY PLANTERS ASSOCIATION,
YERCAUD.

Proceedings of a Special General Meeting of the Shevaroy Planters' Association and Residents of the Shevaroys held in the Victoria Rooms, Yercaud, on Monday, July 22nd 1895.

Present

Members

Messrs J. C. Large [Chairman]
.. C. Kahm [Sen]
.. W. Kahm
.. A. Dickins
.. S. M. Hight
.. W. W. Hight
.. J. B. Nicholson.

Messrs T. Fullet
.. R. Gompertz
.. C. G. Lechler
.. T. H. Short
.. H. W. Leeming [Hon Sec].

Residents

Mrs Pritchard
Miss Cherry
Miss Norfor
Major C. J. Plummer

The Rev. J. F. Spencer
Messrs J. Wilkins
.. J. E. Linionyin

I. Notice calling the meeting was taken as read.

II. Read Proceedings of the Madras Government suggesting that Yercaud be formed into a Municipality.

Proposed by Mr R. Gompertz
Seconded by Mr Wilkins

"That this meeting be adjourned till Monday the 29th Inst in order that Mr Gompertz may endeavour to obtain statistics showing the amount of the Village & Road Cess".

The following Amendment was then put to the meeting:-

Proposed by Mr C. G. Lechler
Seconded by Miss Cherry

"In view of the urgency of the question of Sanitation at Yerc this meeting most respectfully declines the suggestion of Governm to form Yercaud into a Municipality, but the meeting suppor the view taken by the Shevaroy Planters' Association that Yerc should be formed into a Union under the Presidentship of the District Board, Salem.

For the Amendment 7
Against 7

The Chairman not giving his casting vote.

Mr Gompertz then withdrew his proposal and a second Amendme was put:-

Proposed by The Rev. J. F. Spencer
Seconded by Mr Dickins

"That this meeting respectfully considers the suggestion of Government as unsuitable to the condition of Yercaud, & requests that the Collector wi be good enough to ask Government to reconsider his own proposal that Yercaud be constituted a Taluk for the purposes of the Act & be under the District Board instead of the Salem Taluk Board."

For the Amendment 10
Against 1

With a vote of thanks to the Chair the meeting terminated.

Signed { J. Chas Large [Chairman]
Herbert W. Leeming [Hon Sec]

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Shevaroy Planters' Association.
YERCAUD,

July 26th 1895.

The Collector,
Salem District,

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose, for your information, Copy of Proceedings of a Special General Meeting of the Shevaroy Planters' Association and Residents of the Shevaroys held on the 22nd Inst to consider the suggestion of Government to form Yercaud into a Municipality.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
Herbert W. Leeming,
Hon. Sec. Shev: Plntrs: Assoc: .

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Await Mr. Gompertz' letter:

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At a meeting held last Monday, it was resolved that the Coll.r should be asked, once more, to request Govt. to declare Yercaud to be a Taluk, for the purposes of the District Boards Act (Act V of 1884). — But only 16 gentlemen (of whom 12 were planters but six of them not resident in Yercaud) & three ladies attended this meeting: — &, of those who did attend, probably not 1/4 of them had studied the Act, or realized the effect of the Resolution passed. Moreover the meeting was called only to consider the proposal of Govt. to form Yercaud into a Municipality. — It was in the hope of securing a larger attendance of persons better acquainted with the Act, that Mr. Spencer Mr. Wilkins & myself decided to call the present meeting. — And as some of you have, doubtless, still been unable to read the Act, or to understand how the present question arose, I propose to offer a few words of explanation now.

2 For many years the Taluk Board of Salem (for Yercaud is of course situated within the Salem Taluk) has allowed a sum of some Rs 300/ a year for the upkeep of the Yercaud Roads. — On the occasion of Lord Wenlock's visit, some years ago, he was pleased to say that he considered the grant utterly inadequate; &, in consequence of the Planters' Assoc.n continually pressing the Coll.r to have it increased, he suggested that we should form Yercaud into a Union, saying that, if we would help ourselves (that is agree to the imposition of a house tax &c.), he would see that the Taluk Board helped us. — Several of us then looked up the Act, & the Planters' Assoc.n decided that a Union was very undesirable as the Act now stands. — Because at present Unions are the mere puppets of the Taluk Board, & their governing body, or Panchayets, are only its Agents, & must send copies of all their Resolutions to its President. — Any servant of a Union dismissed by the Chairman of the Panchayet, or considering himself in any way aggrieved by him, may appeal to the Presdt. of the Taluk Board, whose decision is final. — When it is remembered that Road contractors &c. are considered servants, it will be seen how completely all semblance of authority is taken away from the Panchayet. — Moreover the Taluk Board has power to set aside

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was unanimously disapproved [illegible] the meeting of [illegible] 22. [illegible] 1884 —

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which caused its rejection [illegible] in no way altered

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Set aside Resolutions orders w'ld be the Effect
Panchayets, & appoint Officers to control them &c; instead of
131, 134, 135 + 136 of the Act. — Considering that the Sherarayo is
are only one step above the Unions, these powe 55 of the Act)
In no Dept. of Govt. service is such authori the Rupee, or about
the Officers next in rank to themselves. — [illegible] Taluk, which
Panchayets in out-of-the-way places, which are [illegible] the Act, get at
villagers, & where the Presdt. of the Taluk Boardlls, existing or
it may be necessary. But it is felt that such pro[illegible] the house tax
unsuited to Yercaud, where the community comprises many Europ[illegible]
gentlemen (some of whom have held high positions in Govt. service)
the Presdt. of the Taluk Board, to whom they would be subordinate,
Huzur Dy Collr.: — a young man of not much experience, a Nat
& not a Covenanted Civilian. — But it was decided to meet Gov
half way; & a letter was adressed to the Chief Secy. to Govt., & sent
through the Collr., saying that a short Act could be passed, by which
Yercaud could be formed into a Union directly subordinate to the Distt. Boar
+ its President (that is to the Collr. himself), instead of to the Taluk Board
+ ~~its~~ Presdt., they were willing that [illegible] should be [illegible] — In forwarding
this letter to Govt., the Collr. seems to have thought that the w[illegible]
Assoc. could be met by declaring Yercaud to be a Taluk, under [illegible]
of the Act. — He no doubt intended to help us; but he appe[illegible]
lost sight of the fact that, if Yercaud were declared a Talu[illegible]
could expect no aid from the Salem Taluk, & would at o[illegible]
sum now granted for its Roads Hospital &c., without any co[illegible]
advantages except the one anna per acre raised on land
itself which would amount to only Rs 75/ a year. — If [illegible]
Union, as the Assocn. suggested, it would continue to [illegible]
grant + x: — x being the value of the Collr's. pro[illegible]
alluded to above, whatever that might amount to. — The Board
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No. the Coll'r sugg (later) that Yercaud might be exchanged from the Salem taluk [illegible] (Distt. [illegible] C. No 1369 L)

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which caused its rejection then have in no way altered
the past week

~~It~~ It remains therefore to consider what would be the effect
the friends of the Shervaroy Hills were declared a Taluk, instead of
alone. — The total land tax collected on the Shervaroys is
well 40 Rupees; out of which (under Sect. 55 of the Act)
District Board would have to pay us one anna in the Rupee, or about
Rs 1314, instead of the present grant from the Salem Taluk, which
would of course withdrawn. — We should also, under the Act, get at
least half (possibly the whole) of the proceeds of any tolls, existing or
which might be imposed hereafter by the Dist. Board; & the house tax
on any Union which might be formed within the Taluk: — with the proviso
that the house tax levied in any Union would be at the disposal of
that Union (Sect. 140), & not of the Taluk Board.

5.

This is another matter on which great misapprehension appears
to exist. Under Sect. 77 of the Act, house tax can be imposed, if desired
& ordered by the District Board, on all houses situated within any Union;

8. houses outside a Union, nor can it be imposed
been made. First Taluk Board. ~~(Sect. 77)~~ — of Yercaud only, or the whole
Act, directly under deed a Taluk for the purposes of the Act,
District Board till a Union or Unions were formed
— as above explained would be an absurdity, as the boundaries
Board would have to be co-terminous with those of its Taluk.
Board to the whole of Shervaroys being declared a ~~Union~~ Taluk, Yercaud
at prelim at once be put into a Union; & the house tax could
of the immediately collected. — But no house tax could be
than outside Yercaud — & until — other Unions had been
of outside it, & until had been ordered by the Dist. Board.

If Govt. permits to elect our own President & Chair-
we I intend present all that we should solicit, it would
our the result that the individual who was President of the Board
the Taluk, would be Chairman of the Yercaud Union (because
would be likely it), thus rendering innocuous the

phenomenal

should lose our the nominal powers given to the former under the

7. And here — parenthetically — I should like to say a few words about our wish to elect our own Chairman & President. — ~~It has~~ I have been informed that certain natives of position attribute this desire to racial feelings & think it is likely to give offence to our Native friends. Such an idea seems to me to be very little minded. — If - as may well happen within the next few years — the Colr. of Salem were Native I venture to say we should not object to work under him on ac his race. — The fact that he had passed the competitive for the Civil Service & had risen to the position of a Collector would as a sufficient guarantee, not only of his administrative exp ability but that he had received a liberal education; &, from experience & attainments was a man under whom other educated need not object to serve. — The case is quite different in the case of Dy. Colr., be he Native Eurasian or European: A Huzur Dy. Col be fully fit for his position, or he would not be there; but it should offence to any one to say that he is in a very different position to that Colr.: — & the Native Collector I have just asked you to im be quite as likely to object to serve under him as any of us so.

8. To resume. Let us now compare the three propo been made. First if Yercaud were declared a Union & pla Act, directly under the Presdt. of the ~~Taluk~~ District Board, we sho District Board to see that our present income was in no way x — as above explained — might become really valuable (su Board would not have to pay it themselves, but only to order the Board to do so) & we should have no more to do with our money than at present, except to provide an Office, a clerk, & peons for the collec of the house tax; which I presume the tax would about cover. — If it more than covered it our funds would be increased by the surplus; of x. — If the proceeds of the house tax did not suffice Office & establishment, which we are bound to provide under we should still have the value of x to set against this deficit our present funds, with liberty to manage them ourselves under the Distt. Board. — 2ndly If Yercaud alone were declared

should lose our present grant for Roads

disappear; &, as a Taluk we should have ten times as much to do with our
income, as I shall presently shew; & nothing at all to do it with except
the half of the taxes collected by the Dist. Board in Yercaud itself, equ
to about Rs75/ a year. — 3rdly. If the whole of the Shevaroy were d
a Taluk for the purposes of the Act, we should have the same
if Yercaud only were made a Taluk; but to meet them we should ha
income described in para 4; viz Rs 1314 being the one [illegible]
land, besides at least half (perhaps the whole) of the proce
or prospective. — In addition to this Yercaud would then be formed
into a Union, & the house tax within that Union (less the
& establishment) would be spent upon Yercaud itself. — Whether
only or the whole of the Shevaroy Hills were declared a Taluk the
the new Taluk Board are detailed in Sect. 95 & include (1) exte
repair of Roads bridges &c (2) planting & preservation of trees &c (3) co
& repair of hospitals, choultries, markets, drains, waterworks, tanks &
establishment & maintenance of schools & school houses & many other
well as the payment of salaries, leave allces pensions &c. to the
But there is a saving clause that Local Boards are to do
as far as the funds at their disposal may admit; — & I
that, after paying the necessary salaries & for repair
be left for anything else, if the Shevaroy Hills were declared
if only Yercaud were, that we should not have nearly enough to pay
establishment alone.

9 If a short Act could be passed enabling the Govt. in Coun
any Union directly subordinate to the District ~~Board~~ instead of to the
I would propose that the Collr. should be again asked move Govt. to do
a Union under these conditions would seem to be the best thing
a letter to this effect has already been submitted to the Chief Secy to G
to be the general opinion that this cannot be done. — I therefore prop

That the Collr. be asked to request Govt. to declare
of the Shevaroy Hills a Taluk for the purposes of Act V of 18
Dy Tahsildar's entire charge, & not Yercaud only; & if this
Yercaud be formed into a Union under ~~the~~ said Taluk.

That the Collr. be asked to request Govt. to elect
our own President for the new Taluk Board & Chairman that may
be formed under it

Yercaud
29th July 1895

[illegible] Meeting of the Residents of

Notice

Govt. having suggested that a Municipality should be formed at Yercaud in preference to a Taluk Board, & that the opinion of the Planters Assocn. should be invited upon the matter, the Hony. Secy. S.P.A. called a meeting yesterday, & invited Residents interested in the discussion, other than Planters, to attend. – A good many people appear not to have seen this notice, or to have believed that the proposed taxation would not affect them; & the result was that only 19 persons attended the meeting, of whom 12 belonged to the Association; & seven (including three ladies) did not.

2 Of the 12 members of the Assocn. who were present, six do not live in Yercaud. – It is believed that Govt. is not aware that the majority of Planters live outside Yercaud (that is outside the postal radius, wherein letters are delivered by the postman & which would probably be the limit of the Municipality or Union); & so would not be affected by the proposed taxation: – & that, of the 60 houses in Yercaud proper, usually occupied by Europeans, only six or seven are occupied by members of the Assocn. – The question of a Union – or of a Municipality – for Yercaud, is therefore clearly one which affects the Residents rather than Planters.

3 It is proposed therefore to hold a meeting at the Victoria Rooms of the Residents of Yercaud, as well as of anyone residing outside Yercaud who may choose to attend, on Monday the 29th. inst. at 3 p.m., at which every house owner (or occupier being the head of the family) is invited to attend.

4. The object of the meeting is (1st.) to consider Mr. Gompertz proposal to request that the Shevaroy Hills, & not only Yercaud, may be declared a Taluk for the purposes of the Act, in order that the funds available for Road sanitation &c. may be greater than at present; instead of being reduced by the withdrawal of the present grant for Roads which would ~~be withdrawn~~ happen if Yercaud only were declared a Taluk.

(2ndly) To request permission to elect our own Chairman or President of the Board that may be formed; as, if we omit to do this, the Native Dy. Collector will become President ex officio under the Act.

Yercaud
23rd. July 1895

Robt. Gompertz

Proceedings of a Meeting of the Residents of Yercaud and the Shevaroy Hills held in the Victoria Rooms at 3 P.M. on Monday the 29th July 1895.

Present

Miss Cherry	Mr. C. G. Lechler	Mr. C. Rahm Jr.
Mr. A. Dickins	" Lecot	" W. Rahm
" E. Dickins	Dr. Lincoln	" Robinson
" Gilbert	Mrs. Marshall	" W. Short
" Gompertz	Mr. Nicholson	" Fh. Short
" S. M. Hight	Miss Norfor	" C. K. Short
" Kempf	Mrs. Pritchard	Rev. J. F. Spencer
" Large	Mr. Rahm	The Tahsildar
		Mr. Wilkins

Proxies

Mr. W. Hight by Mr. S. M. Hight	Mr. Phillips by Mr. Marshall
Mrs. Lechler by Mr. C. G. Lechler	" F. Short by Mr. C. K. Short. (with power of attorney)

Mr. Spencer having been called to the Chair, read the Notice calling the meeting, and spoke as to the objects of the meeting.

Mr. Gompertz read a paper on the advantages that would attend the formation of all the Shevaroys into a Taluq, and the disadvantages that would attend the formation of only Yercaud into a taluq; and also on the advantages of Taluq Board & Union electing their own Chairman

The Tahsildar told the meeting the amount of the cess on the land tax on the hills and of the tolls on the ghat road; and the amounts yielded by taxes on slaughter houses and market in Yercaud.

Members of the Meeting asked and received information on various particulars.

It was then Proposed by Mr. Gompertz and
Seconded by Mr. C. G. Lechler

I That the Collector be asked to request the Government to declare the whole of the Shevaroy Hills a Taluq for the purposes of Act V of 1884-

—that is, the Deputy Tahsildar's entire charge, and not Yercaud only; and if this can be done, that Yercaud be formed into a Union under the said Taluq. Carried unanimously.

II. That the Collector be asked to request the Government to permit us to elect our own President for the new Taluq Board, and Chairman for any Union that may be formed under it.
Carried unanimously

Proposed by Mr Lechler
Seconded by Mr Wilkins

III. That Mr Gompertz be thanked for the trouble he has taken in making plain the matters before the meeting and for the able paper he has read to the meeting.
Carried unanimously.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman

J. A. Spencer,
Chairman.

800—10-7-94.

Salem Collector's Office,
2d September 1895.

Ref No. 844 / B.G.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 2540 L

From

G. STOKES Esq.,
Collr. & Dist. Magte. of Salem.

To

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

SIR,

In reply to Government Order No. 1017. L. Misc / 17. 6. 95, directing me to report my own opinion as well as that of the Planters' Association on the proposal of Government to Constitute Yercaud a Municipality, I beg to state as follows:-

2. It is necessary in Connection with this matter to again call attention to the fact that there is no question raised as to necessity for bringing Yercaud and its Surroundings under Some Sort of Sanitary control and it is also plain that the desire —

the natural desire — of the residents of Yercaud — is to effect that object with as little cost to themselves as possible. The aspect of the matter, so far as the formation of the place into a union is concerned, is already sufficiently before Government whether the union is to be an ordinary union or an union under the President of the District Board. I append, however, in further elucidation of this matter, a Statement showing the probable Receipts and Charges of the union. The cost of this proposal to the District or Taluk Funds would be about Rs. 800.

3. The Government has raised the question as to whether Yercaud should not be made a Municipality. The proposal was referred to the Planters' Association for opinion. Copies of the Resolutions of their meetings held on the 22nd and 29th July, are enclosed. It will be seen therefrom that the residents of Yercaud are not in favour of a Municipality. They raise the question whether

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Statement Shewing the Estimated receipts and Expenditure of proposed Yercaud Union

Items	Amount	
Receipts		
House tax " "	500 " "	A
Contribution from the District or Taluk funds	780 " "	✓
Fines under the union-ces Act	30 " "	
Private scavengering fees	10 " "	
Total	1320 " "	

A- First class Houses about 5 Rs maximum rate — Rs 300/:
Other houses about 200 — " 200/:
500

Items	Amount	
Charges		
Roads " "	300 " "	
Scavengering Establishment	600 " "	
Lighting Charges " "	200 " "	
Panchayett Office Establishment	120 " "	A clerk on Rs 10
Office Contingencies	100 " "	
	1320 " "	✓

Salem Collector's Office
2nd September 1895

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Statement shewing the Estimated receipts and Charges of the proposed Municipality of Yercaud

Items	Amount			
Receipts				
House-tax	1500	"	"	on the Salem & Atur ghat roads -
Tolls	1200	"	"	Average of last 5 years
Market rents	620	"	"	As per L.F. Budget including Slaughter house.
Land Tax	200	"	"	
Profession-tax	500	"	"	
Vehicles and animals	300	"	"	
Sale of medicines	400	"	"	As per L.F. Budget
Bungalow fees	40	"	"	
Total	4760	"	"	
Charges				
Hospital	2935	"	"	As per L.F. Budget with a compounder in place of Hospital assistant
Bungalow	60	"	"	Pay 48 + Contingencies 12
Chatram	96	"	"	Pay 84 + Contingencies 12
Schools	200	"	"	
Roads	300	"	"	
Scavengering Establishment	600	"	"	
Office Establishment	324	"	"	One Clerk on Rs 20 + a peon on Rs 7
" Contingencies	100	"	"	stationery, postal and printing charges
Market	50	"	"	
	4665	"	"	

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whether the Hills should not be formed into a Local Fund Taluk. The main matter for consideration, in connection with these matters, is the ~~Financial Report~~ aspect of the proposals. To enable an approximate opinion to be formed on this point, I have had the annexed Statements prepared on the best data available.

4. As to the formation of a Municipality, the proposal has much to recommend it. The place is however very small, and it will be seen from the Statement that the income will not exceed ₹5000. Under the scheme the District Board, will have to give up the tolls which realize ₹1200 - a year now, as there is no through traffic while it will remain ⊕ saddled with the upkeep of the roads.

⊕ Item 120 on page 307 of the Salem D.C.Bd. Budget for 1895-96.

5. Turning now to the proposal of the residents to make the Shevaroys, a Local Fund Taluk, I append a statement showing the estimated receipts and charges in this case. The Taluk Board under Section 55, would be entitled to ½ the Land cess and might be given ½ the tolls. They would have to maintain the Hospital and Schools as before and would have at least to bear ½ the cost of the upkeep of the roads. The total expenditure in this case comes to Rs 7795, or nearly Rs 8000, and the income to Rs 2250. The cost to the District Board including tolls relinquished, is apparently in this case over Rs 6000, though in reality it is much less, as in fact, now the Hospital and roads are maintained out of the District Board contribution to the Salem Taluk Board. There is in fact no new taxation imposed at all except that this

Statement Shewing the Estimated receipts and Expenditure of the proposed local fund Taluk of Shevaroy Hills.

Items	amount			Remarks
	Rs	as	p	
Land cess . " " "	590	"	"	Half the total demand
Sale of medicines	400	"	"	
Chaultry rents " "	"	"	"	
School fees .. " " "	"	"	"	
Market Rents	520	"	"	
Slaughter house fees	100	"	"	
Bungalow fees "	40	"	"	
(+) ½ tolls " " " "	600	"	"	
Contributions from the District Fund	5640	"	"	(+) Taluk Boards do not at present get any portion of the tolls
Total	7890			
Grant I Roads " " "	3200	.	"	vide A below
" II Schools " "	200	"	"	Results grant to aided Schools etc
" III Hospital " "	2935	"	"	✓
Sanitation " "	50	"	"	Improvement of water supply, village site etc outside Yercaud
Bungalow " " "	60	"	"	
Chutram " " "	96	"	"	
Market	50	"	"	
Office Establishment	324	"	"	One clerk on Rs 20 and a peon at Rs 7
Contingencies	100	"	"	
Contribution to the Yercaud Union	780	"	"	
Total	7795	"	"	

A. (1) Salem and Attur Ghaut Roads 18 miles at 50 Rs ... Rs 2700
(2). Taylor's saddle to Karadyur ... 300
(3) Scandal point to Green Hills ... 200 } = 3200

B - Yercaud Ghaut Roads are excluded from statement

C - The Sanitary charges of Yercaud will devolve on the Union.

for Collector

Salem Collector's Office } 21 September 1895

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this proposal will free the Planters from any Connection with the Salem Board, & has nothing to recommend it and it is a very roundabout method of arriving at what is wanted, namely, Sanitary Control in Yercaud which is to be provided for by a Union also to be Constituted.

6. On the whole, in my opinion, the best proposal is to Constitute Yercaud a Union under the District Board. This will meet the wishes of the largest number most fully and will supply all that is wanted in the simplest and most direct manner.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

For Collector

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L. & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 2540 L

From,
The Collector of
Salem.

Despatched on 3-9-95

To,
The Chief Secretary to
Government
Local and Municipal
Department
Madras.

Date. 2d September 1895.

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Ref No 844/B.G.

Enclosure 5

Subject

Submitting the report called for in regard to the formation of Yercaud into a Municipality

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Again G.O., dated 17th June 1895, No. 1017 L.

Current No. 2540 L of 1895, dated 2nd Septr. 1895 from the Collector of Salem.

Current No. of 189 , dated from the

FOR ORDERS.

Please see the notes and orders in G.O. dated 17th June 1895, No. 1017 L. In reply to this the Collector states that the proposal of Government to constitute Yercaud a municipality has much to recommend it: but he estimates that the income of so small a municipality will not exceed Rs. 5,000 per annum and says that the District Board will then lose an annual income of Rs. 1,200 it now realises as tolls on the ghat roads while the roads themselves will have to be maintained by it as usual at a cost of Rs. 1,350 per annum.

2. The Planters' Association and the residents of Yercaud are not in favour of a municipality which they consider as unsuitable to the condition of the place; but they wish to have the Shevaroy Hills constituted a Local fund taluk, the President of the Taluk board and the Chairmen of any unions

Yercaud now gets Rs 300 p.a., I make out, spent on its roads by the Taluk Bd. If it were converted into a Union, the grant would have to be raised to Rs 780 p.a.. That is to say the ryots of the Salem district wd. have to pay Rs 480 p.a. more for the benefit of the residents of Yercaud, who wd. themselves only pay Rs 500 more than ~~their~~ their present expenditure of O on keeping their houses & compounds clean. I cannot see why this should be sanctioned.

If the place is turned into a Munty, the estimates are:

i. The residents will have to pay

	Rs
~~House tax~~	1500
Profession do	~~500~~ 200
Tax on Vehicles & animals	300
	2300
	2500

Land Tax

ii. The L. Bd. will lose

Tolls	1200
Market rents	620
Land Tax	200
Sale of medicines	400
Bungalow fees	40
	2460

iii. The L. Board will gain

-pinions that may be formed in that Taluk being elected by themselves.

3. The Collector estimates the income of the proposed Taluk Board at only Rs. 2250 and the charges at Rs. 8,000 and he considers that the latter proposal has nothing to recommend it save that the planters will then be free from the control of the Salem Taluk Board and that it is a roundabout method of securing the control of the sanitation of Yercaud, which is the end in view. The Collector is therefore of opinion that the best proposal is to constitute Yercaud a Union under the District Board as it will meet the wishes of the largest number most fully and supply all that is wanted in the simplest and most direct manner.

V.A.
26/9/95

The estimated receipts & charges of a Union are given in the Collector's letter. Kodaikanal is a Union under the Dindigul Taluk Board. Orders are solicited.

9.10.95

The case of Kodaikanal is so similar that the papers about constituting it a Municipality were sent for. They are however required for an urgent file for H.E. the Governor.

Upkeep of ~~the~~ Hospital		293
"	Bungalow	60
"	Chuttram	96
"	Schools	200
"	roads	300
"	Market	50
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Clearly to my mind, the proper course is to establish a Muny & to make the residents pay for their own wants. If the residents will not have this, I wd let them alone to suffer for their own penuriousness.

11/10/95

Circ: If the people of the place choose to start a Muncy I should not object to helping them by a grant (say of Rs 2000) to meet initial expenses.

I agree that the best way is to make Yercaud a Municipality giving it a grant-in-aid towards initial expenses. The Members' proposals are inadmissible & there are great objections to constituting Yercaud a Union under the Dt Bd, wh would involve unprecedented legislation.

J.L. 15/10/95

L. & M.
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I agree — but the figures drawn up by the hon. Mr. Bliss should be shown to the Yercaud people — and I do not think that they will hesitate, especially when they are offered 2000 Rs. to help them to make a start. They ought to form themselves into a Municipy & so ought Kodaikanal — It is their only way to keep themselves clean.

W
23 Oct

A good many people run up there for a few days at a time, I believe — besides, under the new Munl. Act the house tax might be raised to 10%

It may however be noted that in that case also the Collector estimated the receipts of the Municipality at about Rs. 5000, but that Govt. thought this was too small an income to work, & postponed the question of the constitution of the Municipality until the special forms of taxation for Hill Sanitaria which are now inserted in the Draft Bill to amend Act IV of 1884 should be legally leviable. The same course may perhaps be adopted here, but it is believed that Yercaud is much less frequented by casual visitors than is Kodaikanal, & that the receipts from this special taxation would not be much

9.10.95

unless Yercaud is much larger than it was when I knew it it is not likely to make much of a Union

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G.O. 1017. L.
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Neither the proposal to constitute the Shevaroy hills a Local Fund Taluk, nor the suggestion that Yercaud should be made a Union (whether under the control of the Taluk or of the District Bd.) commends ~~them~~ it self ~~to~~ Govt. The result of the adoption of either course would be that the cost of improving the sanitation of Yercaud would be defrayed ~~of~~ mainly from taxes raised from the general body of rate payers in the district, which is not, in the opinion of Govt., equitable.

2. The Govt. considers that the only satisfactory method of obtaining the improvement desired is the constitution of a Municipality in Yercaud, & Gt. wd. be prepared to make a grant from Prov. Funds of Rs. 2000 towards initial expenses were this course followed.

3. The Collector will be requested to report the decision that may be come to in the matter.

W.C. 28.10.95 28/10/95 (from orders)

To Collector of Salem. Desp 30/10/95

Constitution of Yercaud Municipality

FOR ORDERS.

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