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NOTIFICATION.

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(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
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To the Collector of Chingleput.
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7/ *West.*—A line starting from the point where the boundary line of Gundur village meets the boundary of Forest Reserve No. 53 and passing along the boundary of Forest Reserve No. 53 to the south-east corner of Survey No. 287 of Natham village and thence in a straight line to the north-east corner of Survey No. 314 ; thence along the south-west side boundary of Survey Nos. 291, 317, 316, 323 and 322, all of Natham village to the north-west corner of the last mentioned field ; thence in a straight line to the boundary stone at the southernmost corner of Survey No. 371 of Natham village, thence along the western boundary of Survey No. 353 of the same village to the trijunction stone of Natham, Pulippakkam and Attur villages. t/ t/ t/ t/

2. The following notification under section 13 of the District Municipalities Act will be published in the first issues of the same Gazettes after the 1st October 1896 :—

NOTIFICATION.

Under section 13 of the Madras District Municipalities Act IV of 1884, His Excellency the Governor in Council hereby declares that, until further orders,—

(1) The maximum number of Municipal Councillors to be appointed, for the time being for the Municipality of Chingleput, shall be twelve ;

(2) None of the Municipal Councillors shall be elected ; and

(3) The Chairman shall be appointed by the Governor in Council.

3. The proposed appointments will be gazetted in the first issue of the *Fort St. George Gazette* after the 1st October 1896. In the meantime the gentlemen nominated by the Collector should meet informally and prepare a budget estimate of receipts and charges for the second half of the current year, which should be submitted to Government as soon as possible.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy., P.W.D.,
for Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Chingleput.
„ President, District Board, Chingleput.
Gazette.

Exd. W. D'Moss.

Draft Notification

In exercise of the power conferred by Sub Section (1) of Section 4 of the Madras District Municipalities Act 1884, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare that the local area situated within the boundaries specified below and known as Nattam, Chingleput, Gundur and Melmaiyur villages shall be a municipality on and from the 1st day of October 1896, on which date the Chingleput union shall cease to exist

North:– A line starting from the tri-junction stone of Nattam, Pulippakam and Attur villages and proceeding eastwards along the boundary between Pulipakkam and Nattam villages as far as the tri-junction stone of Pulipakkam, Chingleput and Nattam villages. Thence in a south easterly direction along the north eastern boundary of the Chingleput village to where it meets the boundary of the Gundur village at the north west corner of Survey No 121 of Gundur village; thence continuing in the same direction to the north west corner of Survey No 316 of Melmaiyur; ~~thence southwar~~

East:– A line running from the north western corner of Survey no 316 in a southerly direction along the eastern boundary of the Gundur village to where it meets the boundary fence of the South Indian Railway line, thence along the eastern boundary fence of the Railway line within the limits of

Melmaiyur village to the Chingleput-Sadras road, crossing that road ~~and from~~ to the point in the southern side thereof where it meets Survey No. 205 of Melamaiyur village

South:– A line starting from the point in the southern side of the Chingleput-Sadras road where it meets survey No. 205 of Melamaiyur village and passing in a westerly direction across the South Indian Railway line in a straight line to the South East corner of Survey No. 96 of Gundur village, thence along the southern and western boundary of the said village to where it meets the boundary of the Hanumanthaputheri Forest Reserve No. 53 ~~thence~~

West:– A line starting from the point where the boundary line of Gundur village meets the boundary of forest reserve No. 53, and passing along the boundary of ~~the said~~ forest reserve No. 53, to the South East corner of Survey No. 287 of Natham village and thence in a straight line to the north east corner of Survey No. 314, thence along the South west side boundary of Survey Nos. 291, ~~Nos~~ 317, 316, 323 and 322 all of Natham village to the north west corner of the last mentioned field; thence in a straight line to the boundary stone at the southernmost corner of Survey No. 371 of Nattam village, thence along the western boundary of Survey No. 353 of the same village to the ~~starting point~~ tri-junction stone of Natham, Pulippakkam and Attur villages.

Collector.

List of enclosures which accompany this office letter to Government, Reference on No. $\frac{32}{\text{Muni}}$ dated 12th July 1896.

1. Draft notification for the constitution of the Chingleput municipality.
2. Map showing the position of the proposed boundaries.
3. List of gentlemen who may be appointed as Councillors.
4. Copy of the Sub Collector's letter Reference on No. $\frac{1273}{\text{General}}$, dated 19th May 1896.
5. Sub Collector's letter Reference on No. $\frac{1273}{\text{General}}$, dated 13th June 1896, with one enclosure.
6. This office letter to the Sub Collector Reference on No. $\frac{32}{\text{Municipal}}$, dated 22nd June 1896.
7. Sub Collector's letter Reference on No. $\frac{1273}{\text{General}}$, dated 8th July 1896, with one enclosure.

Chingleput district
Collector's office,
Saidapet, 12th July 1896

Collector.

List of Gentlemen who may be appointed as Councillors of the Chingleput Municipality

Officials

1. Surgeon Major H. A. H. Nailer
District Medical and Sanitary officer Chingleput.

2 M. R. Ry. V. Srinivasa Chariar, Tahsildar of Chingleput.

Non officials

1. Revd. Mr. A. Andrew
2. Revd. Mr. R. Freche
3. M R Ry. N. Balasubroya Mudaliar, Land holder
4. M. R. Ry. C. R. Chakrapany Aiyangar. Pleader
5. M R Ry. P. Ramanuja Chariyar B. A; B. L Vakil.
6. M R Ry. Chinnia Ratna Chettiar Merchant and Cultivator
7. Ahmed Meeran Sahib Merchant and Cultivator
8. Mahomed Alias Sahib Merchant and Cultivator
9. P. Abboyi Chettiar, Merchant and Cultivator

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Collector

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In a letter

From
The Collector
Chingleput Dist.

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Local & Mpl Dept.
Madras

Dated 12th July '96

Refer No. $\frac{32}{Mpl}$ of 96.

Subject

List of Gentlemen who may be appointed as Councillors.

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List of persons who may be recommended to Government as suitable for appointment as Councillors of the Chengleput Municipality

Ex-officio Members

1. Sub Collector, Chengleput
2. District Medical & Sanitary Officer Chengleput
3. Tahsildar of Chengleput

Non Official Members

1. Rev. A Andrew of the Free Church of Scotland Mission
2. Rev R. Freche of the Luthern Mission
3. M.R.Ry. T. R. Krishnamachariar Avl. Govt. Pleader & Dt. Court Vakil Chengleput
4. M.R.Ry. C.R. Chakrapani Ayaiyar District Court Pleader Chengleput
5. M.R.Ry. P. Ramanujachariar Avl. B.A. & B.L. Dt. Court Vakeel Chengleput
6. M.R.Ry. Chenna Ratna Chettiar, Local Merchant & Cultivator
7. Ahmed Meeran Sahib Avl. Do
8. Mahomed Abas Sahib Avl. Do
9. P. Abboye Chettiar Avl. Do

Ag Sub Collector

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Chingleput Sub-Collector's ~~MAGISTRATE~~'S OFFICE,

No.

Station, Sadras

13th June 1896.

FROM

A. C. Dutt Esquire C.S.

Ag Sub-Collector ~~MAGISTRATE~~ OF Chingleput

TO

THE Collector of the Chingleput District

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SIR,

With reference to your letter Reference on No 32 dated 30th May 1896 I have the honor to submit incl. herewith a list of persons who may be nominated as Councillors for the propo Chingleput Municipality.

2. The written consent of all the nonoff-cial members except that of M.R.Ry D. K. Krish-machariar are herein enclosed. This individu is at present away from Chingleput and his -sent cannot therefore be readily obtained. It been called for & will be submitted as soon as it is received.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Serv

Ag Sub-Collector

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CHINGLEPUT ... OFFICE
18 JUN 1896
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MAGISTERIAL DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE ~~MAGISTRATE OF~~ Sub Collector of Chingleput

TO

THE Collector of Chingleput Dt.

Dated 13
Despatched 16 June 1896
Received

Ref. No. 1273/86 of 96

ENCLOSURES. 9.

SUBJECT.

Submitting a list of persons who may be nominated as Councillors for the proposed Chingleput Municipality.

Put up G.O.
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Office note

Your honor was waiting for this paper before sending up the draft notification to Govt. This was recd only yesterday.

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Refce No. 3xiv/Munl of 96

To

~~Send~~ The Sub Collector,
Chingleput

Sir,

Adverting to your No. 1273/General dated 13th Instant submitting a list of pers[...] who may be recommen[ded] for appointment as Coun[cillors] of the Chingleput munici[pality] ordered to be constitute[d], I have the honour to st[ate] that Mr. T. N. Krishnam[a]chariar being the public prosecutor of this district is an official within the meaning of the District Municipalities Act – Vide [G.O.] No. 1070 M, dated 19th October [...] communicated with this o[ffice] No. 58/M, dated 7th November 18[..]. As by his appointment [as] Councillor the ~~number~~ proportion [of] officials exceeds that f[ixed] ~~in Section 11 of the Act~~ ~~request that you will~~ ~~be good enough to~~ ~~nominate~~ ~~so as to preserve the due~~ ~~a non official in this p~~ ~~so to separate~~

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Refer No 3?? of 96
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The Sub Collector
Chingleput

Sir,

Adverting to your
No 273 dated
submitting list of per
who may be recommen
for appointment as Cou
of the Chingleput Munici
ordered that the Constitut
the persons
that Mr T. P. Krishnama
chariar being the Public
Prosecutor of the district
is an official within the
meaning of the District
Municipalities Act.
No 1070 M, dated 19th October
communicated with this o
No 58, dated 7th November
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Councillor the number
officials exceeds that fix

to
The Sub Collector
Chingleput

22-6-96

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Urgent

No 32

requesting him to revise the list of persons who may be recommended to Govt as Councillors of the Chingleput Municipality as Mr T. P. Krishnama Chariar is an official.

Chingleput ~~Magistrate's~~ Subcollector's Office,
Camp, Chingleput
No.
8th July 1896.

From

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A. C. Duti Esquire C. S.
~~Magistrate of~~ A/subcollector of Chingleput

To

The Collector of Chingleput District

Sir,

Adverting to your letter Reference on No. 32/M dated 22nd June 1896 I have the honor to submit a revised list of persons who may be nominated as Councillors for the proposed Chingleput Municipality

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most obedient servant

A/subcollector

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TREASURY DEPUTY COLLECTOR, SAIDAPET.
10 JUL. 96

MAGISTERIAL DEPARTMENT

No 1

FROM
The Sub Collector
MAGISTRATE OF
Chengleput

To
THE Collector of
Chengleput Dt.

Dated 8
Despatched 9 July 1896.
Received

Refer No. 1273/86 of 96.

ENCLOSURES 1.2

SUBJECT.

Submits a revised list of persons who may be nominated as Councillors for the proposed Chengleput Municipality.

[illegible] who may be recommended to Government as suitable for appointment as Councillors of the Chengleput Municipality.

Ex officio Members

(1) Sub collector Chengleput
2 District Medical & Sanitary Officer Chengleput
3 Tahsildar of Chengleput

Nonofficial members

(1) Rev A. Andrew of the Free church of Scotland mission
2 Rev R. Freche of the Lutheran mission
3 M.R.Ry Balasubraya Mudaliar Avl Landholder
4 M.R.Ry C.R. Chakrapani Aiyangar Avl District Court Pleader Chengleput
5 M.R.Ry. P. Ramanuyachariar Avl BA BL District Court vakil Chengleput
6 M.R.Ry. Chenna Ratna Chettiar Avl Local merchant & Cultivator
7 M.R.Ry. Ahmed Meeran Sahib Avl Local merchant & Cultivator
8 M.R.Ry Mahomed Abbas Sahib Avl Local merchant & cultivator
9 M.R.Ry. P Athony Chettiar Avl Local merchant & cultivator

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A Subcollector

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In a letter.

from The Collector
Chingleput Dist.

To The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Local & Mpl Depmt
Madras

Dated 12 July /96.

Ref on No. $\frac{32}{Mpl}$ of 1896

Subject

Draft notification

Ref: on No. $\frac{32}{Mpl}$ of 1896.

Chingleput District
~~MAGISTRATE'S~~ Collector's OFFICE,
Station, Saidapet
12 July 1896.

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CURRENT No. 2093 M

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FROM
G. S. Forbes Esquire
~~MAGISTRATE~~ Collector OF
Chingleput District

TO
~~THE~~ Chief SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Local and Municipal DEPARTMENT,
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor, as required in G. O. No 614 L. Mis, dated 30th March 1896 to forward a draft notification under sub-section 1 of Section 4 of the Madras District Municipalities Act 1884 for the constitution of the Chingleput Union into a Municipality. A map showing the position of the proposed boundaries is enclosed.

2. The Chingleput Union is at present composed of five revenue villages, the names of which are given in the margin. The Sub Collector proposes to exclude from the Municipality the village of Hanumanthaputheri and portions of Melmanjai and Natham villages and a trifling piece of one survey field in Gundur which is included in the Reserve forest. The reasons for his recommendation are fully set out in his letter No. $\frac{1273}{General}$ dated 19th May a copy of which accompanies this rep

1. Nattam
2. Chingleput.
3. Gundur
4. Melmanjai
5. Hanumantha-puthen.

I have carefully considered the proposals and have also discussed them personally with the Sub Collector. They are in my opinion the best that can be put forward in the circumstances.

3. Three special considerations have inter alia to be taken into account in determining the Municipal boundaries, (a) the expediency of making the defensive position of the prospective toll gates as strong as possible; (b) the exclusion of the enclosures of reserved forest; and (c) the necessity of rendering the municipal area as compact as possible so as to save the expense of outlying and detached areas connected to the main town by the trunk roads, the cost of maintaining which is heavy and is becoming heavier. As to the exclusion of certain houses at present occupied by Europeans, I am of opinion, without committing myself to all the views expressed in para 3 of Mr Buckley's letter, that the cost entailed by bringing them within the limits is prohibitive, and that no commensurate advantage is to be gained by such a course. In paras 6, 7 and 8 Mr Buckley indicates the financial advantage of exclusion, which he calculates at Rs 300 a year; and to this must al[illegible] be added the amount which the residents of these [illegible] will have to pay in the shape of compounded toll fees - an amount by no means trifling, as it is safe to calculate that the officers concerned will always keep a considerable establishment of horses and carriages.

4. As regards the constitution of the Municipal Council, I have the honor to recommend that the maximum number of Municipal councillors including the Sub Collector who will be an ex-officio Councillor be declared to be twelve. Of the eleven councillors two may be officials and the rest non-officials. I do not propose that for the present any of the councillors be appointed by election. The Chairman may also be appointed by His Excellency the Governor in Council and I would nominate Surgeon Major H. A. F. Nailer the District Medical and Sanitary officer as Councillor and Chairman. He is the person best fitted to discharge the duties and he is willing to undertake them. Dr. Nailer is temporarily doing duty in a privilege leave vacancy in Madras but I understand he will shortly revert to his permanent post. A list of nominees for the office of councillor is enclosed. The~~ir~~ consent of the non-official nominees has been obtained.

5. The delay in submitting this report is mainly due to the numerous changes among the Sub Collectors in charge of the Chingleput division.

I ha[illegible] honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Collector

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Local & Municipal Dept.

FROM CURR Collector 2013 M.

THE ~~MAGISTRATE~~ OF

Chingleput District

TO Chief

THE SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,

Local and Municipal DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

614 L 30-3-96
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1050 L 17-6-75
577 L 30-3-96
1070 L 19-10-97
921 L 25-5-72

Dated 12
Despatched 13 } July 1896.
Received 13 JUL. 96

Refer No. 32/Mpl of 96.

ENCLOSURE. Records 10

SUBJECT.

Submitting proposals with draft notification for the constitution of Chingleput Union into a Municipality

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Chingleput Sub Collector's offi
19th May 1896

Refer No. 1273/General of 1896

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From

L. E. Buckley Esquire
Ag Sub Collector of Chingleput.

to

the Collector of the Chingleput district,
Saidapet.

Sir,

In obedience to your Reference on No. 32/Municipa dated 12th April 1896, I have the honour to submit proposals for the conversion of Chinglep Union into a municipality.

2. I send a plan showing the existing limits of the Union, which comprises the following villages

	Houses taxed.	House tax.	Population according to census of 1891.
1. Nattam.	785	980 1/4	3529
2. Chingleput.	613	500 1/4	3466
3. Gundur.	438	417 3/4	2714
4. Melmaiyur.	46	47 (a)	213
5. Hanumantaputheri.	2 (b)	8	61

(a) 5 European houses account for Rs 25.
(b) Sub Collector's bungalow and outhouses.

3. Chingleput would be of no great importa were it not a railway junction and the

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Head quarters of the District and sessions judge, the Sub Collector, the Tahsildar and the sub magistrate. No extensive trade is carried on and Government employees and Vakils and their families form the majority of the better off class. The only reason for the creation of the municipality is to relieve the impoverished taluk Board from the continuous drain upon its resources for the upkeep of the Union. The revenue of the Union is small and even with the introduction of the municipal Act and the consequent additional taxes the funds at the disposal of the local body will be meagre. It must be remembered that the cost of upkeep of the main roads in the Union is not charged against the Union being shown against Grant I.—Communications—Repairs. The municipality will however have to keep up these roads at its own cost, a matter of Rs 1200 or more. For this reason I consider it desirable to circumscribe the limits, as far as possible, in order to relieve the municipality from the necessity of keeping up costly roads. With this end in view I propose to exclude the villages of Hanumantaputteri and Melmaiyur (excepting a small portion of the latter t be referred to hereafter) Two portions

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of Nattam should also be excluded, viz (1) the field lying west of maduvu, survey No 353 and (2) the fields lying South of the Southern extremity of the maduvu. The maduvu is always full of water and forms a natural boundary on the West which is impassable by bandies except at the bridge. At its Southern extremity the maduvu joins the Palar river, and unless the municipal boundary, and consequently the toll gate, are fixed at this spot, bandies will evade toll by crossing the river bed which is alongside the road. The village of Hanumantaputheri practically consists of nothing but Reserved forest and the Sub Collector's bungalow and outhouses. The latter lie a mile or so from the bazaar in the middle of a spacious compound surrounded by Forest reserve and the interferen of municipal authority is uncalled for. The inhabited portion of Melmaiyur with the exception of a triangular portion lying between the South Indian Railway main line, the boundary of Gundur and a line drawn from the South East corner of Gunde to the Southern side of the railway crossin on the Chingleput Sadras Road (marke as CD in the plan) and with the except of land occupied by European bungalo is entirely cut off from the main bod

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of the villages by the South Indian Railway and lies a purely agricultural hamlet in the midst of cultivated fields. This portion of the village contains only 21 houses with 159 inhabitants. Conservancy, lighting and road repairs consequent on including this hamlet within the municipal limits would cost 10 times the income. It is moreover undesirable to place the European quarters of the town under the municipality, for the town should not be allowed to extend in this direction to destroy its healthiness, quiet and freedom from smells. Chingleput will, I fancy, increase but slowly for the present, and there is ample room for extension on the Nattam side. The proposed boundary is clearly marked in the plan submitted and a detailed specification of the boundary (as in the case of Forest Reserves) is enclosed.

4. It may be said that my recommendations are invidious as I propose to exclude three of the European houses from the provisions of the municipal Act. My proposals, however, are made with a view to reduce the charges of the municipality, which will barely be able

able to struggle on with its limited funds.

5. There is no doubt that the European officers who live outside the municipality will constantly have to pass the toll gates, and will therefore compound for tolls, by taking out licenses for their horses and carriages. Moreover the District and Sessions Judge and the representative of the Free Church Mission will, I believe, both have to pay profession tax, as they exercise their profession within the proposed limits.

6. By the narrowing of limits, the municipality will lose

1. House-tax on 3 bungalows, sub-Collector's office, and P.W.D rest house say at the most — Rs 150
(Present house tax Rs 25)
2. Sub Collector's profession tax. 25
3. House tax in outlying portion of Melmaïyur (now about Rs 10) say — 15
or Rs 190 in all.

7. On the other hand the municipality will be relieved from

(1) Upkeep of 4 1/2 furlongs of Southern trunk road at Rs 200 a mile — 112 1/2
(2) Upkeep of 4 furlongs Sadras road at Rs 200 a mile — 100
(3) Upkeep of 5 furlongs of branch road from Sub Collector's office to Sadras road at Rs 100 a mile — 72 1/2

	Rs
4) Upkeep of village roads	50
5) Conservancy (Extra establishment necessary on account of distance) say	120
6) Lighting Say	70
	525

8. That is to say that by the provision of the Municipal Act only to those parts where it is required, the Municipality which will undoubtedly have a hard struggle to make both ends meet, will save annually Rs 300.

9. There are 2 reasons why I have proposed the inclusion of the small triangular portion of Melmaiyur within municipal limits. At present the road forms the Western boundary of the village in this neighbourhood. There are houses on the West or Gundur side of the road, and houses are being built on the East or Melmaiyur side of the road. If this triangular patch were not included, there would be houses on one side of the road under municipal control and houses on the other side not under municipal control. This would be obviously undesirable. The second reason is that unless this small piece is included it is impossible to fix toll gates that cannot be evaded. If it is included and the other boundaries proposed by me are accepted, it will be impossible to evade the toll gates, I propose.

10. I am presuming that the establishment of the toll gates will be sanction I propose them at A on the Conjeevaram road, B on the Madras road, C on the Sadras road, D on the branch road from Sub Collector's office to Sadras road, E on the Southern trunk road and F on the Nattam-Madurantakam road. Two roads are seen on the plan near the spot marke E in Hanumantaputheri village. The Western one is now abandoned; it may be easily closed by a trench. There is at present a District Board toll gate on the Southern trunk road on the Northern bank of the Palar. This will have to be abolishe and the tolls at the newly established gates shared between the municipality and the District Board in the usual proportion. Tolls will not be of the nature of transit duties for there is practically no through traffic by road.

11. The number of Councillors should be fixed at 12. It will be difficult to find even that number of competent men.

12. I am unable to submit at present a full list of persons to be appointed Councillors

Councillors. The list will follow shortly.

The following should be ex-officio members

(1) Sub Collector.

(2) Tahsildar

(3) District Medical and Sanitary officer.

13. Surgeon Major Nailer M.B., District Medical and Sanitary officer, has expressed his willingness to undertake the duties of Chairman, and no better selection can be made.

I have &c.

(sd) L. E. Buckley

Sub Collector

(True copy)

Collector.

Enclo: 4

In a letter.

From
The Collector
Chingleput District

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Local & Mpl. Depmt.
Madras.

Dated 12th July 96.

Ref on No. 32/Mpl of 1896.

Subject

Copy of Sub Collector's letter Ref on No. 1273/Genl dated 19th May 96.

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ORDER, No. 1459 M. 7 1st Septr. 1896.

The following notification will b published in the Fort St. George and th Chingleput district Gazettes:-

Notification

(H.E. draft notification submitted by t Collector as amended by Government).

2. The following notification under section 13 of the District Municipaliti Act will be published in the first issues of the same Gazettes after the 1st October 1896.

Notification

Under section 13 of the Madras District Municipalities Act IV of 1884 H.E. the Governor in Council hereby declares that until further orders

(1) the maximum number of Municipal Cou -cillors to be appointed for the time being, for the Municipality of Chingleput shall be twelve,

(2) none of the Municipal Councillors shall be elected, and

(3) the Chairman shall be appointed by the Governor in Council.

3. The proposed appointments will be gazetted in the first issue of the Fort St. George Gazette after the 1st Octobe 1896. In the meantime the gentlemen ~~reco~~ nominated ~~-mended~~ by the Collector should meet

informally and prepare a ~~draft~~ budget
estimate of receipts & charges
for the second half of the current year
which should be submitted to Government
as soon as possible.

V.R.
3/8/96

W.W.D.
5-8-96

27/8/96

Constituting Chingleput Municipality.

2013 M. ✓

C.S.
P.S.

D.C.pr.
Please return this to me after despatch.
P.R.
1/9/96

To

The Collector of Chingleput ✓6
,, President, D.B. Do ✓18
,, Gazette (note paras. 2 & 3.)
1/10/96
6/10/96

Despd. 27/9/96 P.R.

Government (1896) of Madras.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

Recd. 1896. Enclosures.
Regd. Spare copies.

G.O., No. 1459 M., 1st September 1896.

SEPTEMBER.

Constitution of Chingleput a Municipality.

Ordering the publication of notifications for the — in the Fort St. George and Chingleput District Gazettes, and requesting the early submission of the budget estimate of receipts and charges for the second half of the current year.

No. 1459 M., 1st September 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper:—

From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Chingleput, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Saidapet, 12th July 1896, Ref. on No. 32, Municipal, of 1896.

I have the honour, as required in G.O., Mis. No. 614 L., dated 30th March 1896, to forward a draft notification under sub-section 1 of section 4 of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1884, for the constitution of the Chingleput Union into a municipality. A map showing the position of the proposed boundaries is enclosed.

2. The Chingleput Union is at present composed of five revenue villages, the names of which are given in the margin. The Sub-Collector proposes to exclude from the municipality the village of Hanumantaputteri and portions of Melmaiyur and Nattam villages and a trifling piece of one survey field in Gundur, which is included in the reserve forest. The reasons for his recommendation are fully set out in his letter, No. 1273, General, dated 19th May, a copy of which accompanies this report. I have carefully considered the proposals and have also discussed them personally with the Sub-Collector. They are in my opinion the best that can be put forward in the circumstances.

1. Nattam.
2 Chingleput.
3. Gundur.
4. Melmaiyur.
5. Hanumantaputteri.

3. Three special considerations have *inter alia* to be taken into account in determining the municipal boundaries, (*a*) the expediency of making the defensive position of the prospective toll-gates as strong as possible; (*b*) the exclusion of the enclosures of reserved forest; and (*c*) the necessity of rendering the municipal area as compact as possible so as to save the expense of outlying and detached areas connected to the main town by the trunk roads, the cost of maintaining which is heavy and is becoming heavier. As to the exclusion of certain houses at present occupied by Europeans, I am of opinion, without committing myself to all the views expressed in paragraph 3 of Mr. Buckley's letter, that the cost entailed by bringing them within the limits is prohibitive, and that no commensurate advantage is to be gained by such a course. In paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 Mr. Buckley indicates the financial advantage of exclusion, which he calculates at Rs. 300 a year; and to this must also be added the amount which the residents of these houses will have to pay in the shape of compounded toll-fees—an amount by no means trifling, as it is safe to calculate that the officers concerned will always keep a considerable establishment of horses and carriages.

4. As regards the constitution of the municipal council, I have the honour to recommend that the maximum number of municipal councillors, including the Sub-Collector, who will be an ex-officio councillor, be declared to be twelve. Of the eleven councillors, two may be officials and the rest non-officials. I do not propose that for the present any of the councillors be appointed by election. The chairman may also be appointed by His Excellency the Governor in Council and I would nominate Surgeon-Major H. A. F. Nailer, the District Medical and Sanitary officer, as Councillor and Chairman. He is the person best fitted to discharge the duties and he is willing

to undertake them. Dr. Nailer is temporarily doing duty in a privilege leave vacancy in Madras, but I understand he will shortly revert to his permanent post. A list of nominees for the office of councillor is enclosed. The consent of the non-official nominees has been obtained.

5. The delay in submitting this report is mainly due to the numerous changes among the Sub-Collectors in charge of the Chingleput division.

Enclosure.

From L. E. BUCKLEY, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Chingleput, to the Collector of Chingleput, dated Chingleput, 19th May 1896, Ref. No. 1273, General, of 1896.

In obedience to your reference on No. 32, Municipal, dated 12th April 1896, I have the honour to submit proposals for the conversion of Chingleput Union into a municipality.

2. I send a plan showing the existing limits of the union, which comprises the following villages: —

—	Houses taxed.	House-tax.	Population according to census of 1891.
		RS.	
1. Nattam	785	980¼	3,529
2. Chingleput	613	500¼	3,466
3. Gundur	438	417¾	2,714
4. Melmaiyur	46	47 (a)	213
5. Hanumantaputteri	2 (b)	8	61

(a) Five European houses account for Rs. 25. (b) Sub-Collector's bungalow and out-houses.

3. Chingleput would be of no great importance were it not a railway junction and the head-quarters of the District and Sessions Judge, the Sub-Collector, the Tahsildar and the Sub-Magistrate. No extensive trade is carried on and Government employés and vakils and their families form the majority of the better-off class. The only reason for the creation of the municipality is to relieve the impoverished taluk board from the continuous drain upon its resources for the upkeep of the union. The revenue of the union is small and even with the introduction of the Municipal Act and the consequent additional taxes the funds at the disposal of the local body will be meagre. It must be remembered that the cost of upkeep of the main roads in the union is not charged against the union being shown against Grant I, Communications—Repairs. The municipality will, however, have to keep up these roads at its own cost, a matter of Rs. 1,200 or more. For this reason I consider it desirable to circumscribe the limits, as far as possible, in order to relieve the municipality from the necessity of keeping up costly roads. With this end in view I propose to exclude the villages of Hanumantaputteri and Melmaiyur (excepting a small portion of the latter to be referred to hereafter). Two portions of Nattam should also be excluded, viz., (1) the fields lying west of maduvu, Survey No. 353, and (2) the fields lying south of the southern extremity of the maduvu. The maduvu is always full of water and forms a natural boundary on the west, which is impassable by bandies except at the bridge. At its southern extremity the maduvu joins the Pálár river, and unless the municipal boundary, and consequently the toll-gate, are fixed at this spot, bandies will evade toll by crossing the river-bed which is alongside the road. The village of Hanumántaputteri practically consists of nothing but reserved forest and the Sub-Collector's bungalow and out-houses. The latter lie a mile or so from the bazaar in the middle of a spacious compound surrounded by forest reserve and the interference of municipal authority is uncalled for. The inhabited portion of Melmaiyur with the exception of a triangular portion lying between the South Indian Railway main line, the boundary of Gundur and a line drawn from the south-east corner of Gundur to the southern side of the railway crossing on the Chingleput-Sadras road (marked as C D in the plan) and with the exception of land occupied by European bungalows is entirely cut off from the main body of the villages by the South Indian Railway, and lies a purely agricultural hamlet in the midst of cultivated fields. This portion of the village contains only 21 houses with 159 inhabitants. Conservancy, lighting and road repairs consequent on including this hamlet within the municipal limits would cost ten times the income. It is moreover undesirable to place the European quarters of the town under the municipality, for the town should not be allowed to extend in this direction to destroy its healthiness, quiet and freedom from smells. Chingleput will, I fancy, increase but slowly for the present, and there is ample room for extension on the Nattam side. The proposed boundary is clearly marked in the plan submitted and a detailed specification of the boundary (as in the case of forest reserves) is enclosed.

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4. It may be said that my recommendations are invidious as I propose to ex the European houses from the provisions of the Municipal Act. My proposals, made with a view to reduce the charges of the municipality, which will barely struggle on with its limited funds.

5. There is no doubt that the European officers who live outside the municipality w stantly have to pass the toll-gates, and will therefore compound for tolls, by taking out l for their horses and carriages. Moreover the District and Sessions Judge and the representative of the Free Church Mission will, I believe, both have to pay profession tax, as they exercise their profession within the proposed limits.

6. By the narrowing of limits, the municipality will lose—

	RS.
(1) House-tax on three bungalows, Sub-Collector's office and Public Works Department rest-house, say at the most (present house-tax Rs. 25)	150
(2) Sub-Collector's profession-tax	25
(3) House-tax in outlying portion of Melmaiyur (now about Rs. 10), say	15

or Rs. 190 in all.

7. On the other hand the municipality will be relieved from—

	RS.
(1) Upkeep of 4½ furlongs of Southern trunk road at Rs. 200 a mile	112½
(2) „ of 4 furlongs, Sadras road, at Rs. 200 a mile	100
(3) „ of 5 furlongs of branch road from Sub-Collector's office to Sadras road at Rs. 100 a mile	72½
(4) „ of village roads	50
(5) Conservancy (extra establishment necessary on account of distance), say	120
(6) Lighting say	70
Total ..	525

8. That is to say, that by the provision of the Municipal Act only to those parts where it is required, the municipality which will undoubtedly have a hard struggle to make both ends meet, will save annually Rs. 300.

9. There are two reasons why I have proposed the inclusion of the small triangular portion of Melmaiyur within municipal limits. At present the road forms the western boundary of the village in this neighbourhood. There are houses on the west or Gundur side of the road, and houses are being built on the east or Melmaiyur side of the road. If this triangular patch were not included, there would be houses on one side of the road under municipal control and houses on the other side not under municipal control. This would be obviously undesirable. The second reason is that unless this small piece is included, it is impossible to fix toll-gates that cannot be evaded. If it is included and the other boundaries proposed by me are accepted, it will be impossible to evade the toll-gates, I propose.

10. I am presuming that the establishment of the toll-gates will be sanctioned. I propose them at A on the Conjeeveram road, B on the Madras road, C on the Sadras road, D on the branch road from Sub-Collector's office to Sadras road, E on the Southern trunk road, and F on the Nattam-Madurántakam road. Two roads are seen on the plan near the spot marked E in Hanumantaputteri village. The western one is now abandoned; it may be easily closed by a trench. There is at present a district board toll-gate on the Southern trunk road on the northern bank of the Palar. This will have to be abolished, and the tolls at the newly established gates shared between the municipality and the district board in the usual proportion. Tolls will not be of the nature of transit duties for there is practically no through traffic by road.

11. The number of councillors should be fixed at 12. It will be difficult to find even that number of competent men.

12. I am unable to submit at present a full list of persons to be appointed councillors. The list will follow shortly. The following should be ex-officio members :—

(1) Sub-Collector.
(2) Tahsildar.
(3) District Medical and Sanitary officer.

13. Surgeon-Major Nailer, M.B., District Medical and Sanitary officer, has expressed his willingness to undertake the duties of chairman, and no better selection can be made.

to undertak 1459 M., dated 1st September 1896.
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NOTIFICATION.

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...n exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Madras District Municipalities Act IV of 1884, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare that the local area situated within the boundaries specified below and known as Nattam, Chingleput, Gundur and Melmaiyur villages shall be a municipality on and from the 1st day of October 1896, on which date the Chingleput Union shall cease to exist.

North.—A line starting from the trijunction stone of Nattam, Pulippakkam and Attur villages and proceeding eastwards along the boundary between Pulippakkam and Nattam villages as far as the trijunction stone of Pulippakkam, Chingleput and Nattam villages. Thence in a south-easterly direction along the north-eastern boundary of the Chingleput village to where it meets the boundary of the Gundur village at the north-west corner of Survey No. 121 of Gundur village; thence continuing in the same direction to the north-west corner of Survey No. 316 of Melmaiyur.

East.—A line running from the north-western corner of Survey No. 316 in a southerly direction along the eastern boundary of the Gundur village to where it meets the boundary fence of the South Indian Railway line; thence along the eastern boundary fence of the said railway line within the limits of Melmaiyur village to the Chingleput-Sadras road, crossing that road to the point in the southern side thereof where it meets Survey No. 205 of Melmaiyur village.

South.—A line starting from the point in the southern side of the Chingleput-Sadras road where it meets Survey No. 205 of Melmaiyur village and passing in a westerly direction across the South Indian Railway line in a straight line to the south-east corner of Survey No. 96 of Gundur village; thence along the southern and western boundary of the said village to where it meets the boundary of the Hanumantaputteri Forest Reserve No. 53.

West.—A line starting from the point where the boundary line of Gundur village meets the boundary of Forest Reserve No. 53 and passing along the boundary of Forest Reserve No. 53 to the south-east corner of Survey No. 287 of Nattam village and thence in a straight line to the north-east corner of Survey No. 314; thence along the south-west side boundary of Survey Nos. 291, 317, 316, 323 and 322, all of Nattam village to the north-west corner of the last mentioned field; thence in a straight line to the boundary stone at the southernmost corner of Survey No. 371 of Nattam village, thence along the western boundary of Survey No. 353 of the same village to the trijunction stone of Nattam, Pulippakkam and Attur villages.

2. The following notification under section 13 of the District Municipalities Act will be published in the first issues of the same Gazettes after the 1st October 1896:—

NOTIFICATION.

Under section 13 of the Madras District Municipalities Act IV of 1884, His Excellency the Governor in Council hereby declares that, until further orders,—

(1) The maximum number of Municipal Councillors to be appointed, for the time being for the Municipality of Chingleput, shall be twelve;

(2) None of the Municipal Councillors shall be elected; and

(3) The Chairman shall be appointed by the Governor in Council.

3. The proposed appointments will be gazetted in the first issue of the *Fort St. George Gazette* after the 1st October 1896. In the meantime the gentlemen nominated by the Collector should meet informally and prepare a budget estimate of receipts and charges for the second half of the current year, which should be submitted to Government as soon as possible.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Chingleput.
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