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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 981 M., dated 12th June 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Approving the recommendations of the Collector of Malabar regarding the restoration to the inhabitants of Calicut of the privilege of electing municipal councillors, and ordering the publication of the necessary notifications in the Fort St. George and Malabar District Gazettes.

ORDER—No. 1878 M., dated 5th November 1896.

No objection or suggestion having been received in respect of the rules published under the Government order read above, they will, as amended, be confirmed, and the following notification will be published in the District Gazette in English and in the Vernacular language of the district:—

NOTIFICATION.

Under section 250 (1) (*a*) of the District Municipalities Act, 1884, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to prescribe the following rules for the conduct of elections in the Municipality of Calicut. These rules shall come into force three months after their first publication in the District Gazette in English and in the Vernacular language of the district:—

RULES.

1. For electoral purposes the Municipality of Calicut shall be divided into the wards specified in the schedule attached hereto. The number of elected councillors for each ward shall be as shown in this schedule.

2. No person shall be entitled to vote unless he has been registered under these rules as a voter.

3. The following persons shall be entitled to have their names registered as voters:—

(*a*) Every owner of houses or lands situated within the limits of the municipality paying a house or land tax, or aggregate house and land taxes, amounting to Rs. 3-12-0 per annum and upwards.
(*b*) All persons paying a profession-tax of Rs. 3 per annum and upwards.
(*c*) All persons paying income-tax.
(*d*) All Government pensioners drawing Rs. 15 per mensem and upwards.
(*e*) All persons drawing a salary of Rs. 30 per mensem and upwards.
(*f*) All persons who pay a house-rent of Rs. 3 per mensem and upwards.
(*g*) All graduates of any recognized university.

Provided that no person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a voter under this rule unless he has been resident in the ward or possessed of the necessary property qualification under clause (*a*) in the town for at least six months immediately preceding the day of publication of the register of voters.

NOTE.—The word "persons" in clauses (*b*) and (*e*) above includes all Companies or Associations or bodies of individuals, whether incorporated or not. The votes of such Companies may be given by the Secretary of the Company or by any partner or agent whose name the Company shall cause to be entered in the municipal register.

4. The following persons are disqualified from being registered as voters:—

(*a*) Persons who are less than twenty-one years of age.
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Provided that no person shall be eligible for election unless he has been resident in the town for at least six months immediately preceding the publication of the list of candidates.

6. The following persons are disqualified for election:—

(*a*) All persons under the age of twenty-five years.
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(*d*) All persons who are clerks or servants of the council.
(*e*) All persons of the female sex.
(*f*) All servants of Government who have been dismissed for misconduct, provided the order of dismissal prohibits their further employment in the public service.
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7. The Municipal Council shall appoint persons to draw up the list of persons entitled to vote in each ward. On or before such date as shall be determined by the Municipal Council with the sanction of the Governor in Council, such persons shall deliver to the Chairman of the Council a list of all persons entitled to be registered as voters in each ward. A person may be registered in more lists than one, provided he has the requisite property qualification under clause (*a*) of rule 3 in each ward. A person who pays the requisite amount of taxes to entitle him to be an elector, but has his property scattered over more than one ward, may be registered for any one such ward as he may elect.

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11. Subject to any correction subsequently ordered by the Collector of the district, the orders passed by the Municipal Council under rule No. 10 shall be final.

12. The Collector may, at any time within one month after the meeting held under rule No. 10, for reasons which he shall record in writing, direct the Chairman of the Municipal Council to insert in, or remove from, the list of electors for any ward the name of any person, upon which the Chairman shall at once give notice accordingly to the persons affected.

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14. The persons making the ward lists of electors shall at the same time complete the lists of persons qualified to be elected. Such lists shall be prepared, corrected and published within the dates specified in rules Nos. 7 to 13, and shall be amended where necessary in the same manner as the lists of voters.

15. Elections shall be held as vacancies in elective seats occur, the choice of the particular ward where they should begin being left to the Collector in case the vacancy does not occur in any particular ward.

16. The day on which, the hours during which, and the places where, votes shall be taken, shall be decided upon by the council at a meeting to be held not more than fifteen days before or after the occurrence of each vacancy. The day of election shall not be deferred more than two months from the date of such meeting without the special sanction of Government.

17. Twenty days before the day of election, the Chairman of the council shall prepare and sign a notice thereof, stating the number of persons to be elected in each ward, the day on which, the hours during which, and the place where, if there be a poll, the votes of the electors will be taken, the date within which nominations must be submitted, and the person by whom the nominations will be received. Such notice shall be affixed in a conspicuous position at not less than three different places in each of the wards into which the municipality has been divided.

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

Municipality of _____

ELECTION for the ward of to be held on day of

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

Name.	Description.	Abode.	Occupation.	

Date

(Signed)

Nominations in the foregoing form may be sent to the Chairman or delivered at the municipal office.

19. The Chairman of the Municipal Council shall, at least a fortnight before the election is held, publish, by a notice hung up in the municipal office and in conspicuous places in the ward or wards for which election or elections are to be held, a list of such nominations as appear to him valid in the following form :—

Name.	Description.	Abode.	Ward for which nominated.

20. The Chairman shall attend at the municipal office on the day next after the day 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 Chairman 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 the Collector; in such case, the Collector's decision shall be final. In case the objection is allowed, the decision of the Chairman shall be communicated to the candidate affected thereby.

21. Three days before the election, the Chairman shall prepare a schedule of valid nominations of candidates for election in each ward, and publish the same by affixing one copy to the municipal office and one copy in a conspicuous position in the ward.

22. (*a*) If the number of valid nominations exceeds that of the vacancies, a poll shall be taken of the ward 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.

22-A. Any candidate whose name is included in the list of valid nominations published under rule 21 may withdraw at any time before the close of the poll by a written and signed paper to be presented to the Chairman if the poll has not commenced, or to the polling officer if it has. The Chairman shall then remove the candidate's name from the list of candidates in recording the result of the election under rule 31.

23. In the case of a poll at an election, the Chairman shall appoint a member of the Council who is neither a councillor for the ward of which the poll is to be taken nor a registered voter in it, to be polling officer at the time of the election. It shall be the duty of the polling officer to see that the votes are recorded with absolute secrecy, that only electors are admitted to the polling booths, and that persons who have recorded their votes leave immediately.

24. The votes shall be given by ballot.

25. 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 for his ward under rule No. 21 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.

26. The elector shall sign or mark the ballot paper, below the name or names that are retained therein, in the presence of the polling officer, who shall take care that the paper shows in a legible manner the name and number of the elector or other description sufficient to show his identity.

27. Any ballot paper which is not signed or marked in the way required by rule No. 26, or on which the names of more candidates are retained than there are persons to be elected, shall be invalid.

28. When a person presents himself to vote, the polling officer shall satisfy himself that he has a right to vote in the ward in question, and has not already voted.

29. The elector shall give his vote by placing his ballot paper, folded, in the ballot box, which shall be so constructed that the ballot paper can be introduced but not extracted without the box being unlocked. The ballot boxes shall be securely sealed, and certified by the Chairman of the council, in writing, to be empty before being entrusted to the polling officer.

30. At the close of the poll, the polling officer, in the presence of such of the candidates or their agents as may be present, shall sign the following certificate :—

"Certified that the election for the ward was held this day of at , in my presence, and was conducted in accordance with the rules."

(Signed) *Polling Officer.*

Date

and securely seal and personally deliver the ballot box to the Chairman of the council at the municipal office.

31. On receipt of the ballot box from the polling officer, the Chairman of the Municipal Council shall, in the presence of two councillors, who shall be either nominated councillors or members for some ward other than that in which the election has been held, open the ballot box and count the votes, checking the same by the register of electors, and shall record the result under his signature witnessed by the signatures of the two municipal councillors present. The ballot paper shall then be forwarded to the Collector and sealed up by him under his seal, and may not again be opened except under his orders and in his presence. These papers may be destroyed six months after the date of the election provided the inquiry (if any) into the validity of the election has by that time been concluded and final orders passed.

31-A. A candidate who has been duly elected may withdraw (in writing to the Chairman) before his appointment is gazetted under rule 34. In such cases rule 22 shall apply, and the candidate who obtains the next highest number of votes shall, subject to the provisions of rules 32 and 33, be deemed to have been elected.

32. In cases where there may have been an equality of votes for any two or more candidates, the candidates shall, in the presence of the Chairman, cast lots as to who shall fill the vacancy.

33. If a person be elected for more than one ward, he shall choose within one week of the election for which ward he will sit as member, and in default of such decision the Collector shall forthwith declare the ward for which such person shall serve. In the other ward, or each of the other wards, as the case may be, the person who has obtained the next largest number of votes shall be deemed to have been elected.

34. Upon the expiration of the period mentioned in rule No. 35, if there have been no objections raised under rule No. 36, 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 councillors.

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

36. The Collector shall then proceed to enquire, either personally or by the divisional officer in charge of the division in which such municipality is situated, 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 majority of votes.

37. At the conclusion of the inquiry, the Collector shall make a report to Government which will pass orders on the matter.

SCHEDULE.

Name of Municipality.	Number and name of wards.	Boundaries or other description of wards.	Number of elected councillors for each ward.
Calicut ..	1. A ward ..	The wards shall comprise the present revenue divisions except C, which will be divided into two wards, C-1 and C-2, the line of demarcation being the lane leading from the Dispensary road past the Anaikulam and crossing the Flag Staff road to the Big Bazaar road near the well.	1
	2. B do. ..		2
	3. C-1 do. ..		1
	4. C-2 do. ..		2
	5. D do. ..		2
	6. E do. ..		1
	7. F do. ..		1
	8. G do. ..		1
	9. H do. ..		1

2. The Collector will report the date of publication in the District Gazette.

(True Extract.)

15/11/96

Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Calicut.
„ Collector of Malabar.
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Calicut Election Rules

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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Note

It is regretted that by a mistake in the office the new local rule were to be issued of the amendment of the Draft Municipalities Act were printed on the Govt order sheet instead of those now in force in other Municipalities.

To The Chairman, M.C., Calicut &
" Collector of Malabar &
Editor's Table.

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No. 981 M., 12TH JUNE 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers :—

From the Acting Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 27th April 1896, Ref. on C. No. 147-M1.

ABSTRACT.—Recommending that Mr. T. Varada Rao, Assistant Collector, be re-appointed as Chairman and councillor of the Calicut Town Council for another term of three years.

From J. HEWETSON, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Calicut, 29th April 1896, Ref. on C. No. 3-M1.

I have the honour to forward a memorial from the citizens of Calicut praying for the restoration of the right of electing their own municipal councillors and Chairman.

2. Up to the year 1890, eighteen out of twenty-four councillors and the Chairman were elected: the then Collector, Mr. Dumergue, recommended that a paid Chairman should be appointed, but in G.O., No. 1839 M., dated 4th December 1890, Government ordered that both councillors and Chairman should be appointed by Government. This system has now had a trial of more than five years, and it seems to be generally agreed that the constitution of the council has not improved during these five years and that a partial return, at all events, might be made to the elective system. I would recommend that the Chairman continue to be appointed by Government, but that twelve seats be thrown open to election. This would allow Government to nominate six officials and six non-officials, who might be so selected as to represent minorities, such as Europeans and Parsees, whose members are not likely to be elected.

3. The following table shows the way in which the eighteen elective seats were formerly distributed among the wards, and the way in which I would distribute the twelve seats now proposed to be opened to election :—

Wards.	Old scale.	Proposed scale.
A	1	1
B	2	2
C-1	2	1
C-2	3	2
D	3	2
E	2	1
F	2	1
G	2	1
H	1	1

ENCLOSURE.

MEMORIAL from the Citizens of Calicut to His Excellency the Governor in Council, Fort St. George (through the Collector of Malabar), dated Calicut, 25th February 1896.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.—In accordance with the resolution passed at a public meeting of the citizens of Calicut held on the 16th February 1896, your Excellency's humble memorialists beg to approach your Excellency with a few facts connected with the appointment of the municipal councillors and the Chairman of the Calicut Municipality and crave your Excellency's kindness to accord a favourable consideration to their prayer.

2. Your Excellency's humble memorialists beg to state that the citizens of Calicut were enjoying the privilege of electing a portion of the municipal councillors and the Chairman even before the introduction of the present Municipal Act (IV of 1884).

3. Your Excellency's humble memorialists beg to state that the elective franchise was confirmed and ratified by the Government on the occasion of the Madras District Municipalities Act IV of 1884 being applied to Calicut in 1885 (*vide* Notification, No. 24, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* Extraordinary, dated 19th March 1885).

4. Your Excellency's humble memorialists beg leave to state that the elective franchise thus accorded to them was appreciated and worked well until the close of the year 1890, when owing to some remissness on the part of the then Chairman the tax collection became somewhat lax.

5. Your Excellency's humble memorialists beg to state that the expediency of having a full-timed Chairman was pressed upon the attention of the Government by the then Collector of Malabar, whereupon the Government thought fit to cancel so much of the notification referred to in paragraph 3 above as related to the election of municipal councillors and the Chairman and to declare that not only the Chairman but also the municipal councillors shall be appointed by the Government (*vide* Notification, No. 612, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* dated 19th December 1890).

6. Your Excellency's humble memorialists beg leave to submit that the penalty thus inflicted on the townspeople of Calicut was in excess of the recommendation of the local District Authority and was undeserved, as a mere warning to the councillors or even a change in the *personnel* of the Chairman would have answered all requirements; but that they submitted to it in the hope of approaching your Excellency for restoration of the elective privilege when the alleged cause of disfranchisement would have disappeared.

7. Your Excellency's humble memorialists beg to bring to your Excellency's recollection that when your Excellency visited this town in October 1893, a deputation of the rate-payers of Calicut waited upon your Excellency with a prayer for the restoration of the elective franchise, and your Excellency was pleased to assure the deputation that the right would be restored to them on the receipt of a memorial, supported by the Collector of the district.

8. Your Excellency's humble memorialists beg to bring to your Excellency's notice that any laxity in the collection of the municipal dues, which alone was the cause of the disfranchisement in 1890, has now ceased to exist, as is seen from the Government reviews of the administration reports of the Calicut Municipality for the last two years.

9. Your Excellency's humble memorialists also beg to submit that it is a matter of extreme regret to them that the town of Calicut, which is the head-quarters of the district and which contains a sufficiently large number of educated and enlightened citizens competent to serve on the municipal council, should not be allowed the elective franchise, while the other minor towns of the district enjoy that privilege.

Your Excellency's memorialists therefore most respectfully pray your Excellency in Council will be graciously pleased to restore to the people of Calicut the right of electing their own councillors and their Chairman which they once enjoyed.

For which act of justice and mercy the memorialists shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

ORDER—No. 981 M., dated 12th June 1896.

The Collector's recommendations in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the second letter read above are approved, and the following notifications will be published in the Fort St. George and the Malabar District Gazettes :—

NOTIFICATION.

Under section 13 of the District Municipalities Act IV of 1884 and in modification of notification, No. 612, published at page 214, Part I-A, of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 19th December 1890, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare that, from and after the date of this notification, twelve of the municipal councillors of the municipality of Calicut shall be appointed by election.

NOTIFICATION.

The following draft rules for the conduct of elections in the Municipality of Calicut, framed under section 250 (1) (*a*) of Act IV of 1884, are published under section 256 (1). Any objection or suggestion that may be made in respect of these rules by any persons interested therein will be considered on or after the 1st August next :—

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17. Twenty days before the day of election, the Chairman of the council shall prepare and sign a notice thereof, stating the number of persons to be elected in each ward, the day on which, the hours during which, and the place where, if there be a poll, the votes of the electors will be taken, the date within which nominations must be submitted, and the person by whom the nominations will be received. Such notice shall be affixed in a conspicuous position at not less than three different places in each of the wards into which the municipality has been divided.

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

Municipality of _____

ELECTION for the ward of to be held on day of

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

Name.	Description.	Abode.	Occupation.

Date (Signed)

Nominations in the foregoing form may be sent to the Chairman or delivered at the municipal office.

19. The Chairman of the Municipal Council shall, at least a fortnight before the election is held, publish, by a notice hung up in the municipal office and in conspicuous places in the ward or wards for which election or elections are to be held, a list of such nominations as appear to him valid in the following form :—

Name.	Description.	Abode.	Ward for which nominated.

20. The Chairman shall attend at the municipal office on the day next after the day 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 Chairman 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 the Collector; in such case, the Collector's decision shall be final. In case the objection is allowed, the decision of the Chairman shall be communicated to the candidate affected thereby. If the objection be disallowed, but the decision of the Chairman or the Collector under this rule is for any reason not passed in time to permit of the inclusion of the candidate's name in the schedule of valid nominations referred to in rule No. 21, the election shall be postponed for such period as will allow it to be so included.

21. Three days before the election, the Chairman shall prepare a schedule of valid nominations of candidates for election in each ward, and publish the same by affixing one copy to the municipal office and one copy in a conspicuous position in the ward.

22. (*a*) If the number of valid nominations exceeds that of the vacancies, a poll shall be taken of the ward 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.

22-A. Any candidate whose name is included in the list of valid nominations published under rule 21 may withdraw at any time before the close of the poll by a written and signed paper to be presented to the Chairman if the poll has not commenced, or to the polling officer if it has. The Chairman shall then remove the candidate's name from the list of candidates in recording the result of the election under rule 31.

23. In the case of a poll at an election, the Chairman shall appoint a member of the Council who is neither a councillor for the ward of which the poll is to be taken nor a registered voter in it, to be polling officer at the time of the election. It shall be the duty of the polling officer to see that the votes are recorded with absolute secrecy, that only electors are admitted to the polling booths, and that persons who have recorded their votes leave immediately.

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24. The votes shall be given by ballot.

25. 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 for his ward under rule No. 21 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.

26. The elector shall sign or mark the ballot paper, below the name or names that are retained therein, in the presence of the polling officer, who shall take care that the paper shows

in a legible manner the name and number of the elector or other description sufficient to show his identity.

27. Any ballot paper which is not signed or marked in the way required by rule No. 26, or on which the names of more candidates are retained than there are persons to be elected, shall be invalid.

28. When a person presents himself to vote, the polling officer shall satisfy himself that he has a right to vote in the ward in question, and has not already voted.

29. The elector shall give his vote by placing his ballot paper, folded, in the ballot box, which shall be so constructed that the ballot paper can be introduced but not extracted without the box being unlocked. The ballot boxes shall be securely sealed, and certified by the Chairman of the council, in writing, to be empty before being entrusted to the polling officer.

30. At the close of the poll, the polling officer, in the presence of such of the candidates or their agents as may be present, shall sign the following certificate:—

"Certified that the election for the ward was held this day of at in my presence, and was conducted in accordance with the rules."

Date (Signed)

Polling Officer.

and securely seal and personally deliver the ballot box to the Chairman of the council at the municipal office.

31. On receipt of the ballot box from the polling officer, the Chairman of the Municipal Council shall, in the presence of two councillors, who shall be either nominated councillors or members for some ward other than that in which the election has been held, open the ballot box and count the votes, checking the same by the register of electors, and shall record the result under his signature witnessed by the signatures of the two municipal councillors present. The ballot paper shall then be forwarded to the Collector and sealed up by him under his seal, and may not again be opened except under his orders and in his presence. These papers may be destroyed six months after the date of the election provided the inquiry (if any) into the validity of the election has by that time been concluded and final orders passed.

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32. In cases where there may have been an equality of votes for any two or more candidates, the candidates shall, in the presence of the Chairman, cast lots as to who shall fill the vacancy.

33. If a person be elected for more than one ward, he shall choose within one week of the election for which ward he will sit as member, and in default of such decision the Collector shall forthwith declare the ward for which such person shall serve. In the other ward, or each of the other wards, as the case may be, the person who has obtained the next largest number of votes shall be deemed to have been elected.

34. Upon the expiration of the period mentioned in rule No. 35, if there have been no objections raised under rule No. 36, 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 councillors.

35. The validity of any election may be questioned by a petition put in before the Collector by any candidate ~~for~~ election, or ~~by~~ at least ten electors, within fifteen days after the day on which the election was held.

36. The Collector shall then proceed to enquire, either personally or by the divisional officer in charge of the division in which such municipality is situated, 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 ~~and materially affected the result of 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 majority of votes.

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

SCHEDULE.

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2. The required number of copies of the notifications will be printed in English at the Government Press and supplied to the Collector for publication in the District Gazette.

3. As Mr. T. Varada Rao has now been transferred to South Arcot, the Collector will be requested to submit a fresh nomination for the post of Chairman.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.
" Chairman, Municipal Council, Calicut, through the Collector of Malabar.
" Superintendent, Government Press.
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—again the following paper :—

G.O., No. 981 M., dated 12th June 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Approving the recommendations of the Collector of Malabar regarding the restoration to the inhabitants of Calicut of the privilege of electing municipal councillors, and ordering the publication of the necessary notifications in the Fort St. George and Malabar District Gazettes.

ORDER—No. 1878 M., dated 5th November 1896.

No objection or suggestion having been received in respect of the rules published under the Government order read above, they will, as amended, be confirmed, and the following notification will be published in the District Gazette in English and in the Vernacular language of the district :—

NOTIFICATION.

Under section 250 (1) (*a*) of the District Municipalities Act, 1884, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to prescribe the following rules for the conduct of elections in the Municipality of Calicut. These rules shall come into force three months after their first publication in the District Gazette in English and in the Vernacular language of the district :—

RULES.

1. For electoral purposes the Municipality of Calicut shall be divided into the wards specified in the schedule attached hereto. The number of elected councillors for each ward shall be as shown in this schedule.

2. No person shall be entitled to vote unless he has been registered under these rules as a voter.

3. The following persons shall be entitled to have their names registered as voters :—

(*a*) Every owner of houses or lands situated within the limits of the municipality paying a house or land tax, or aggregate house and land taxes, amounting to Rs. 3-12-0 per annum and upwards.
(*b*) All persons paying a profession-tax of Rs. 3 per annum and upwards.
(*c*) All persons paying income-tax.
(*d*) All Government pensioners drawing Rs. 15 per mensem and upwards.
(*e*) All persons drawing a salary of Rs. 30 per mensem and upwards.
(*f*) All persons who pay a house-rent of Rs. 3 per mensem and upwards.
(*g*) All graduates of any recognized university.

Provided that no person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a voter under this rule unless he has been resident in the ward or possessed of the necessary property qualification under clause (*a*) in the town for at least six months immediately preceding the day of publication of the register of voters.

NOTE.—The word "persons" in clauses (*b*) and (*c*) above includes all Companies or Associations or bodies of individuals, whether incorporated or not. The votes of such Companies may be given by the Secretary of the Company or by any partner or agent whose name the Company shall cause to be entered in the municipal register.

4. The following persons are disqualified from being registered as voters :—

(*a*) Persons who are less than twenty-one years of age.
(*b*) Persons who have been convicted of any such offence or subjected by a criminal court to any such order as implies a defect of character.
(*c*) Persons of unsound mind and deaf-mutes.

5. The following persons shall be qualified for election as councillors :—

(*a*) Every owner of houses or lands situated within the limits of the municipality who is liable to pay a house or land tax, or aggregate house and land taxes, amounting to Rs. 7-8-0 per annum and upwards, provided that such ownership is evidenced by registration in the municipal books.
(*b*) All persons paying a profession-tax of Rs. 25 per annum and upwards.
(*c*) All persons paying income-tax.
(*d*) All Government pensioners drawing Rs. 30 per mensem and upwards.
(*e*) All persons drawing a salary of Rs. 60 per mensem and upwards.
(*f*) All persons paying a house-rent of Rs. 10 per mensem and upwards.
(*g*) All graduates of any recognized university.

Provided that no person shall be eligible for election unless he has been resident in the town for at least six months immediately preceding the publication of the list of candidates.

6. The following persons are disqualified for election :—

(*a*) All persons under the age of twenty-five years.
(*b*) All persons who have been convicted of any such offence or subjected by a criminal court to any such order as implies a defect of character.
(*c*) All persons of unsound mind and deaf-mutes.
(*d*) All persons who are clerks or servants of the council.
(*e*) All persons of the female sex.
(*f*) All servants of Government who have been dismissed for misconduct, provided the order of dismissal prohibits their further employment in the public service.
(*g*) All persons holding, or directly or indirectly interested in, any municipal contract.

7. The Municipal Council shall appoint persons to draw up the list of persons entitled to vote in each ward. On or before such date as shall be determined by the Municipal Council with the sanction of the Governor in Council, such persons shall deliver to the Chairman of the Council a list of all persons entitled to be registered as voters in each ward. A person may be registered in more lists than one, provided he has the requisite property qualification under clause (*a*) of rule 3 in each ward. A person who pays the requisite amount of taxes to entitle him to be an elector, but has his property scattered over more than one ward, may be registered for any one such ward as he may elect.

8. The Chairman shall cause a copy of the list of electors for each ward to be fixed up in the ward in a conspicuous position, and all the lists shall be affixed outside the Municipal office within 10 days of the date determined in accordance with rule No. 7, and shall continue so affixed for two months.

9. Any person desiring that his name shall be entered in the list of persons entitled to vote for any ward may apply in writing to the Chairman of the Council within three weeks after the lists have been affixed under the rule last preceding, and any person objecting to the entry of any name in the list may lodge an objection thereto in writing with the Chairman within the same period.

10. Such claims and objections, if any, shall be decided at a meeting of the Council to be held after the expiry of the period mentioned in rule No. 9 and within 35 days of the date on which the lists are affixed to the Municipal office as directed in rule No. 8. At this meeting the persons claiming to have their names entered or objecting to the entry of any name shall be entitled to be heard, and any person whose name is on the list shall be allowed to object to any claim or to reply to any objection. Intimation of such meeting shall be given by a notice affixed to the Municipal office at least 7 days before such meeting is held.

11. Subject to any correction subsequently ordered by the Collector of the district, the orders passed by the Municipal Council under rule No. 10 shall be final.

12. The Collector may, at any time within one month after the meeting held under rule No. 10, for reasons which he shall record in writing, direct the Chairman of the Municipal Council to insert in, or remove from, the list of electors for any ward the name of any person, upon which the Chairman shall at once give notice accordingly to the persons affected.

13. The ward lists of electors shall be held to be completed and shall come into operation one month from the date of the meeting held in accordance with the provisions of rule No. 10, and shall continue in operation for twelve months, or, if the Government so directs, until fresh lists are completed under these rules.

14. The persons making the ward lists of electors shall at the same time complete the lists of persons qualified to be elected. Such lists shall be prepared, corrected and published within the dates specified in rules Nos. 7 to 13, and shall be amended where necessary in the same manner as the lists of voters.

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16. The day on which, the hours during which, and the places where, votes shall be taken, shall be decided upon by the council at a meeting to be held not more than fifteen days before or after the occurrence of each vacancy. The day of election shall not be deferred more than two months from the date of such meeting without the special sanction of Government.

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"Certified that the election for the ward was held this day of at in my presence, and was conducted in accordance with the rules."

(Signed) *Polling Officer.*

Date

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37. At the conclusion of the inquiry, the Collector shall make a report to Government which will pass orders on the matter.

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2. The Collector will report the date of publication in the District Gazette.

(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Calicut.
„ Collector of Malabar.
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