Date taken out.	For what purpose.			Initials of clerk taking the paper or of attender.	Date returned.	Initials of attender.
	Department.	C. No.	Year.			

Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

PRINTED.

G.O., No. 377 M

DATED 5th March 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Constitution of Tiruvannamalai a Municipality.

Approving the recommendation of the Collector of South Arcot to constitute the town of Tiruvannamalai a municipality, and requesting him, with remarks, to forward as early as possible the necessary draft notification under section 4 of Act IV of 1884.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

No. 377 M., 5TH MARCH 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O. No. 77 M., dated 16th January 1896.

Read—the following papers:—

From Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Acting Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 3rd May 1895, No. 889-S.

With reference to this office letter, No. 879-S, dated 1st May 1895, I have the honour to state that the town of Tiruvannámalai contains 12,148 inhabitants. It, however, up to date possesses not a single latrine. Indeed, the Chairman of the union recently, in reply to certain recommendations on this point by the District Sanitary Officer and referred to him by me, states that no necessity for their use existed, as there was ample ground round the village. This means that the neighbouring holy hill (the surface washings of which supply the tanks that are also considered holy, and are used by pilgrims) must be contaminated with fœcal matter. Having regard to the sanitary interest of the place as that of an important annual festival, I would respectfully suggest that it is desirable this large town be placed under Act IV of 1884.

No. 772.

Referred to the Collector of South Arcot for remarks.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5th June 1895.

(Signed) C. G. TODHUNTER,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

From A. E. C. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cuddalore, 15th July 1895, No. 1130-Eng.

With reference to endorsement, dated 5th June 1895, No. 772, on Sanitary Commissioner's letter, No. 889-S of the 3rd May last, I have the honour to forward, herewith, copy of Sub-Collector's letter, dated 30th ultimo, No. 2072-Dis., regarding the constitution of Tiruvannámalai town as a municipality, I am of opinion that the time has arrived for this important town to be placed under Act IV of 1884. The reasons for this course are fully detailed in the Sub-Collector's report.

2. At present Tiruvannámalai is a union in which full rates of house-tax have been ordered to be levied from the current year, *vide* paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 576-L., dated 26th March 1895.

ENCLOSURE.

From MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of South Arcot, to the Collector and President, District Board, dated 30th June 1895, No. 2072-Dis.

Adverting to your endorsement, dated 8th instant, forwarding for remarks Dr. King's letter to Government regarding the constitution of Tiruvannámalai town into a municipality, I have the honour to submit herewith the reports of the Tahsildar of Tiruvannámalai and of the Chairman, Tiruvannámalai Union, on the subject, and to state that I quite agree with these two officers in considering that it is very necessary and highly desirable to place the important town under Act IV of 1884.

2. There are 12,148 inhabitants in the town and there are 2,485 houses situated within it. At the half-schedule rates, the collection of house-tax in the union last year was Rs. 912-12-0. Full rates having been ordered to be collected this year, the house-tax receipts will be double in the current year. There are besides other sources of income to about Rs. 1,000 a year. The Tahsildar and Chairman expect that the total receipts, when the town is placed under Act IV of 1884, will amount to about Rs. 5,000 under the several sources noted in schedule A. D. G. of the Act and I think the expectation may well be realized.

3. Dr. King has rightly observed that the town is badly in want of latrine, of which there is only one at present, large as the town is. The Chairman states that at least ten latrines are required and estimates the cost of each at Rs. 150. The town is wanting also in good water-supply which a union cannot hope to remedy. In other respects also the town, in view of its rising importances, requires careful looking after sanitary grounds. The town is large and already populous; there is a large concourse of people collected during the two important festival occasions—Karthigai and Panguni Utharam. After the opening of that part of the country by rail, hundreds and thousands of people visit the place even on ordinary occasions. The lives of so many depend on the perfectly sanitary condition of the place and this state cannot be attained by a major union worked with limited income.

4. I am, for these reasons, strongly of opinion that time has come for placing the Tiruvannámalai town under Act IV of 1884 and constituting it a municipality and accordingly recommended that the suggestion of Dr. King may be commended for favourable consideration of the Government.

5. The reference under reply is re-submitted with the two reports above referred to.

Memorandum No. 1182.

The estimate of the probable income which a municipality would be able to derive from the town, given in the Sub-Collector's letter, is exceedingly vague. The Collector will be requested to frame a detailed estimate of the probable receipts and charges of a municipality in Tiruvannámalai under the various heads now adopted in other municipalities, and to submit it with full explanations for the orders of Government.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of South Arcot.

From A. E. C. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cuddalore, 13th December 1895, No. 1130-Eng.

With reference to memorandum from Government, No. 1182, dated 23rd August 1895, I have the honour to forward, herewith, in original, letter from the Acting Sub-Collector, No. 3637, dated 30th November 1895, together with its enclosures as per margin.

(1) Detailed estimate of probable receipts.
(2) Do. do. charges.
(3) From the Chairman, Tiruvannámalai Union, to the Sub-Collector, No. 248, dated 27th October 1895, with 2 enclosures.

2. Mr. Muhammad Raza Khán fully explains the various items both under receipts and charges of the proposed Municipality of Tiruvannámalai and I have nothing to add.

3. The estimates appear to have been carefully framed. I beg to recommend that Tiruvannámalai be constituted a municipality having regard to its great importance as a place of pilgrimage and the necessity which exists to keep it in a thoroughly sanitary condition.

Enclosure.

From MUHAMMAD RAZA KHÁN, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of South Arcot, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated 30th November 1895, C. No. ~~1130-Eng.~~

With reference to your footnote Reference on No. 1130-Eng., dated 28th August 1895, to memorandum No. 1182 L., dated 23rd August 1895, I have the honour to submit, herewith, two statements giving probable receipts and charges of a municipality in Tiruvannámalai under the

several heads now adopted in other municipalities. The statements have been prepared after communicating with the Chairman of Cuddalore Municipality. The several items of receipts are detailed below.

Receipts.

2. The Chairman, Tiruvannámalai Union, puts down Rs. 500 as the probable closing balance of the current year and says that large amounts are being now withdrawn from the balance in favour of the union on account of additional expenditure in connection with the next Karthigai festival, and that it is not therefore likely that a large balance will be left at the close of the year. But I estimate the probable closing balance for the year at Rs. 2,000. As the annual market has been sold to great advantage and as the receipts under other items also rose a little, I believe that Rs. 2,000 may safely be taken as the opening balance for the next year even though the expenditure likely to be incurred on account of the Karthigai festival should exceed the amount that was anticipated at the time of submitting revised estimate for the union.

3. *Tax on Arts, Rs.* 1,114.—The Chairman estimates the income under this head at Rs. 1,114 and puts down 175 as the probable number of persons assessable to the tax. He says that the profession tax is chiefly derived from trade only there being neither divisional offices nor civil courts nor pleaders living and practising there. But I believe that the number of persons assessable to the tax must be about 290. The profession tax is chiefly derived from trade only. A classwar list of assessees is sub-joined :—

Class.	Number of persons.	Amount.
		Rs.
1st and 2nd	..	..
3rd	20	500
4th	25	300
5th	40	240
6th	50	150
7th	5	10
8th	150	150
Total ..	290	1,350

4. *Tax on Buildings, Rs.* 2,000.—There are on the whole 2,819 houses in this union paying a house-tax of Rs. 2,021 in all. This amount represents 5 per cent. of the rental value of the buildings, though the percentage itself may vary in individual cases. The rate of house-tax now in force in this union was introduced only during the current year and is double the rate at which the tax was levied last year. In consideration of the fact that this union was established only during the latter half of 1893–94, it is not advisable to adopt the 7 per cent. rate now prevailing in the Cuddalore Municipality. I also find from the General Municipal Review for 1893–94 that the 5 per cent. rate prevails in four of the existing municipalities in the Presidency, though they, no doubt, have been established several years ago.

5. *Tax on Lands, Rs.* 670.—The union contains 2,250 acres of both dry and wet lands assessed at Rs. 4,363. These are for the most part of a very inferior quality. Wet lands form but a small portion of the occupied area and are mainly dependant on rainfall tanks only. Taking the annual rental to be three times the assessment and adopting at the same time the 5 per cent. rate recommended, the tax on these lands would amount to Rs. 654. Adding to this amount the tax on vacant lands and sites occupied by native huts which may fetch Rs. 16, the total land-tax amounts to Rs 670. The tax on the latter sort of lands is levied at 6 pies per 80 square yards in the Cuddalore Municipality. The 7 per cent. rate is in force in Cuddalore as regards the building tax also.

6. *Tax on Vehicles with springs and palanquins, Rs.* 75.—There are in the union only seven carriages falling under this head.

7. *Tax on Animals, Rs.* 1,396.—Details for this are given below :—

Animals.	Number.	Amount.
		Rs.
Elephant	1	24
Horses under eleven hands	12	12
Bullocks	1,273	1,273
Male buffaloes	71	71
Asses	32	16
Total ..	1,389	1,396

8. *Tax on Carts, Rs.* 880.—The amount put down by the Chairman under this head is only Rs. 660, but I estimate it at Rs. 880. There are 220 carts in the union.

9. *Tolls, Rs.* 5,000.—The Chairman puts down only Rs. 3,500 as the income under this head, but I estimate it at Rs. 5,000 as shown below. The Cuddalore Municipality collects tolls at half the maximum scheduled rates, while the Chidambaram Municipality levies it at three-fourths of the maximum rates. The former rate is adopted to begin with. The amount actually collected now under the head of cart-stand fees furnishes a clue to determining the number of carts visiting the town. The right of collecting fees in these cart-stands is being sold by public auction since last year. Quarter anna per cart was collected last year in ordinary seasons as against half an anna now levied. But, during the ten days of the Karthigai festival, the rate of tax was enhanced to nine pies per cart. Rs. 275 was the lease amount for last year and Rs. 628 for the current year. Rs. 600 may be put down as a fair income under this item for an average year. The cost of collecting these fees throughout the year and at the festival may be estimated at Rs 500, as these stands are about eleven in number. Apportioning this income of Rs. 1,100 between the ordinary and the festival seasons at *3* to *1*, I find that the above sum of Rs. 1,100 represents fees from 32,266 carts. These are, of course, carts of out stations, as local residents have enough vacant sites for their carts. There is another set of cart-stands about fifteen in number owned by private individuals, and these accommodate a large number of carts than those that find their way into the public cart-stands. There are also other carts that simply pass through the town or return from it soon after entering it without getting into any of the cart-stands. Doubling, therefore, the number of carts visiting the public cart-stands, the grand total of carts entering the town may be placed at 64,352 or say 64,500. Of these carts, it may be taken for granted that two-thirds would be laden and the remainder not laden. The tolls on them would yield Rs. 6,718. Excluding one-third contribution of Rs. 1,707 payable to the district board after defraying the expenses which in this case would amount to Rs. 1,596 (*vide* estimate under charges), the balance of Rs. 5,011 or Rs. 5,000 in round number may be taken as income under this head.

10. *Rent of Lands, Rs.* 105.—This represents the income at present derived from two pieces of land near the bazaar street. Two thatched shops have been erected here by the lessees.

11. *Avenue Rents, Rs.* 75.—This is the probable income under this head, there being only a few fruit trees within the union limits.

12. *Travellers' Bungalow, Rs.* 70.—The actual receipts during the last year were Rs. 71-8-0.

13. *Sale-proceeds of night-soil, &c., Rs.* 150.—The Chairman puts down only Rs. 108 as income under this head, being the value of cowdung in the public cart-stands and the annual cattle market. He says that town sweepings and night-soil fetch no bids there. But I think that if proper steps be taken the town sweepings and night-soil will fetch about Rs. 40, I therefore estimate the total income under this head at Rs. 150.

14. *Fees from Educational Institutions, Rs.* 694.—There are here three schools under the management of the local board and their maintenance will devolve on the proposed municipality, what is shown under this head are the fees from these schools, and their actual details are noted below:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Middle school	651	9	4
Hindustani mixed school	27	13	6
Samudram Paracheri mixed school	14	15	9
Total ..	694	6	7

15. *Other Revenue from Educational Institutions, Rs.* 46.—This relates to the local middle school.

16. *Income from markets, Rs.* 1,250.—The Chairman estimates the income under this head at Rs. 350. But I find that the sale of the annual cattle market has fetched this year Rs. 1,125 and Rs. 125 more would be collected from booths and other temporary erections usually put up at the time of fairs and festivals.

17. *Distraint Fees, Rs.* 25.—This is a probable estimate.

18. *License Fees, Rs.* 100.—The Chairman puts down Rs. 65 as the income under this head, but I estimate the income at Rs. 100 and this is made up of Rs. 30, the expected collections during the current year, the actuals up to date this year being Rs. 28 and of Rs. 70 expected to be derived by grant of special licenses for brick-kiln, &c.

19. *Cart-stand Fees, Rs.* 628.—The Chairman puts down only Rs. 527, which was the actual income of last year. Rs. 628 now shown by me as the income represents the actual income during the current year.

20. *Fines, Rs.* 250.—The Chairman's estimate is only Rs. 170. But the actuals for the first six months of the current year being Rs. 112, Rs. 250 may fairly be taken as the amount expected to be derived during the year.

21. *Contribution—Municipal Schools, Rs.* 449.—This constitutes the grant from Provincial funds on account of the local middle school paid hitherto to the taluk board. The grant for girls in these schools from Provincial funds has not been taken into consideration, as the amount is small and is wholly appropriated by the teachers.

22. *Medical, Rs.* 450.—This represents one-fourth the pay of the local civil apothecary drawn from Provincial funds on account of the Police hospital.

23. *Contribution by Local Board—Medical, Rs.* 1,410.—This is half the expenditure on the local hospital, exclusive of the Provincial grant, that is, usually contributed by the district board as the benefits of the institution are enjoyed by the residents of the outlying villages also.

24. *Other Grants and Contribution, Rs.* 210.—The receipts under this head consist of (1) Rs. 200, the annual contribution made by the trustee of the Tiruvannámalai temple towards the festival sanitary arrangements and (2) of Rs. 10, contributed by the manager of Oyamadam for the same purpose.

CHARGES.

25. *New Buildings, Rs.* 500.—This amount is required for providing two standard plan latrines, as the town has none at present.

26. *Repairs—Communications, Rs.* 1,000.—This provision is required as there are now about 10 miles of metalled road and as many miles of unmetalled road within the union.

27. *Repairs of Buildings, Rs.* 120.—This amount is provided for the repairs of such buildings as the school-house, hospital and the travellers' bungalow.

28. *Water-supply, Rs.* 500; *Establishment, Rs.* 48.—The first mentioned amount is required for the repair of some of the wells in the town and the other sum represents the pay of the watchman for the Yellapillaikolam, a drinking-water pond.

29. *Establishment.*—The Chairman has provided Rs. 180 under this head. This represents the pay of three peons for execution of repairs to roads in the three wards into which the town is proposed to be divided. As I consider that this is a silly charge. I have altogether disallowed it.

30. *Tools and Plant, Rs.* 20.—The Chairman puts down Rs. 60 under this head being the rent of a godown for storage of tools, &c. But I think Rs. 20 is sufficient, as it is not now proposed to work the roads *amani*.

31. *Training Schools—Stipends to Normal Students, Rs.* 12.—The teachers of the salary-result schools will have to be trained, and only one of them may be sent up each year calculating at the rate of one rupee per month, the stipends would come to Rs. 12, the Provincial grant for each student being Rs. 5 per mensem.

32. *Middle School Establishment, Rs.* 1,548; *Salary-result Schools, Rs.* 237.—These represent the pay of the teachers in the three schools already mentioned, now supported by the local board.

33. *Middle School Contingencies, Rs.* 200; *Salary-result Schools Contingencies, Rs.* 44.—The above sum represents the actual expenditure incurred last year in these schools. Provision is made also for a new item, viz., a house-rent of Rs. 2 per month for the Samudram Paracheri Mixed school as the present Forest tanah occupied by it is required for forest purposes.

34. *Salary-result Schools Result Grant, Rs.* 70.—This is almost the amount allowed last year by the local board.

35. *Result System Schools, Rs.* 300.—The Chairman puts down Rs. 400 as the probable expenditure under this head. The expenditure under this item has hitherto been about Rs. 250. In consideration of the numerical strength of the schools, the amount may be raised to Rs. 300.

36. *Inspection, Rs.* 84.—This represents a contribution of Rs. 6 a month to the local board towards the pay of the local inspecting schoolmaster to inspect the schools in the municipality, calculated on the number of schools working in the taluk, and Rs. 12 a year for contingencies. No municipal inspectors for the supervision of the schools are now proposed as the sum be deferred till the schools improve in strength, &c.

37. *Building and Furniture Grant, Rs.* 100.—This is the probable amount required under this head.

38. *Hospital Establishment, Rs.* 2,400.—This represents the pay of the existing staff—

	Proposed. Rs.	A.	P.	Actuals of last year. Rs.	A.	P.
Medicines	360	0	0	355	8	4
Diet	360	0	0	357	4	0
Sundries	150	0	0	143	4	0
Total ..	870	0	0	856	0	4

39. *Contribution to Provisional Funds, Rs.* 90.—This is the probable amount that will have to be paid on account of Medical College, &c.

40. *Vaccination Establishment, Rs.* 84 ; *Contingencies, Rs.* 100.—This provides for a vaccinator on Rs. 7 a month, the contingencies being intended for purchase of lymph, &c.

41. *Registration of Births and Deaths Establishment, Rs.* 120 ; *Contingencies, Rs.* 20.—One registrar of deaths and births on Rs. 10 per mensem is proposed.

42. *Conservancy and Road-cleaning, &c., Rs.* 1,608.—The town lies scattered in some directions and contains, as already stated, about 10 miles of metalled road and as many miles of other roads. The Chairman states that the present conservancy establishment of the union is poor and cannot do full justice to the work intended to be done by them. When the town is constituted as a municipality, this branch of work should receive its foremost attention. So the Chairman proposes an additional establishment of one sanitary maistry on Rs. 20, one male sweeper on Rs. 5, six female sweepers on Rs. 3 each, and three toties on Rs. 5 each, besides two additional carts. While I approve of the proposal to entertain additional establishment, I think that the pay of the maistry may be fixed at Rs. 15. The present and the proposed establishments are compared in the following table :—

	Present scale.		Proposed scale.
	RS.		RS.
1 Maistry on	10	1 Inspector on	15
10 Male sweepers at Rs. 5 each ..	50	1 Maistry on	10
3 Female „ at Rs. 3 „ ..	9	11 Male sweepers at Rs. 5 each ..	55
2 Toties at Rs. 6 each	12	9 Female „ at Rs. 3 „ ..	27
		2 Toties at Rs. 6 each	12
		3 „ at Rs. 5 „	15
Per month ..	81	Per month ..	134
Per year ..	972	Per year ..	1,608

43. *Conservancy—Other Charges, Rs.* 640.—This amount is arrived at as follows :—

	RS.
Bullock hire for four carts	520
Price of dust-bins and one cart	120
Total ..	640

There are now four carts in the union, only two being worked by bullocks. It is proposed to use four carts with bullocks and one as a hand cart only. These five carts are necessary. As regards the dust-bins the number now in use is reported to be 46 ; but there have to be four times this number of dust-bins, if the requirements of the proposed municipality are to be adequately met. As this may not be possible at the outset, the Chairman proposes—and I agree with him—that the best way of accomplishing this end would be to set apart every year a certain amount of money for the purchase of dust-bins till the required number is made up.

44. *Private Scavenging.*—The Chairman observes that this will have to be introduced later on, as people would not take to it and pay a cess on this account when they have to pay several other taxes. If, however, the introduction of the system is found necessary, the receipts under this head may adequately meet the expenses.

45. *Cholera Charges, Rs.* 100.—This represents the amount required for the treatment of cholera patients.

46. *Contingencies, Rs.* 80.—This is intended for occasional repairs to carts and for greasing and tarring them when necessary.

47. *Removing prickly-pear, Rs.* 30.—This sum will be annually required for some years to come.

48. *Festival Charges, Rs.* 2,500.—This is a charge that must be incurred every year on account of the annual Karthigai festival when crowds of people gather in Tiruvannámalai from different parts of the Presidency. The amount entered here is adopted for this year and the several items of expenditure are detailed below :—

	RS.
(1) Additional conservancy establishment	940
(2) Do. temporary latrines	336
(3) Hire of additional establishment carts	131
(4) Temporary cholera sheds	100

	RS.
(5) Cattle market sanitation	127
(6) Lighting the town on all the festival nights	50
(7) Barricading insanitary wells and protecting tanks from pollution ..	200
(8) Miscellaneous, such as temporary cinerators, brooms, baskets, dry-earth, stout bamboo dust-bins for storage of night-soil in latrines, &c.	126
(9) Disinfectants for tanks and unforeseen charges	500
Total ..	2,500

49. *Lighting Establishment, Rs.* 144.—There are 81 lanterns in the union. This number is likely to be increased by about 75 this year. Three lamp-lighters on Rs. 4 each are therefore provided. Their number may be increased by one when found necessary.

50. *Contingencies, Rs.* 700.—The increased amount under this item is necessary, as the number of lanterns is to be increased considerably.

51. *Travellers' Bungalow Establishment, Rs.* 108.—This represents the pay of the maty and the sweeper attached to the bungalow.

52. *Contingencies, Rs.* 20—Calls for no remarks.

53. *Rewards for the Destruction of Wild Animals and Snakes, Rs.* 35.—This is the probable amount that may be required to be paid as reward for killing snakes and stray dogs.

54. *Printing, Rs.* 400.—This constitutes mainly the cost of printing all forms, registers, &c., required for the use of the new office and excludes also the contribution for work done by the Government Press, which will amount to Rs. 70.

55. *Municipal Office Establishment, Rs.* 684.—The Chairman has provided Rs. 888 under this head, but I consider Rs. 684 is sufficient, and give particulars below :—

	Annual charge.
	RS.
1 Manager on Rs. 20	240
1 Accountant on Rs. 14	168
1 Attender on Rs. 7	84
2 Peons on Rs. 6	144
1 Sweeper on Rs. 4	48
Total ..	684

The establishment proposed for the municipality is rather poor, but it may be considered sufficient to start with.

56. *Inspection.*—No carriage allowance is provided for, as it is presumed that a public servant will be the Chairman of the municipality at the outset.

57. *Collection Establishment, Rs.* 192.—This constitutes the pay of two bill collectors on Rs. 8 each. They will be available for sanitary work also when they have not collection duty to attend to.

58. *Purchase of Account Books, Cash Chest, &c., Rs.* 100—Call for no special remarks.

59. *Collection of Tolls Establishment, Rs.* 1,296.—The Chairman has provided Rs. 1,440 for this item. According to him this amount constitutes the pay of six gate-keepers on Rs. 10 each and twelve peons on Rs. 5 each, who are required for the eight roads leading into the town. I consider that the establishment proposed is necessary, but that the pay of gate-keepers may be fixed at Rs. 8 instead of Rs. 10.

60. *Tolls—Contingencies, Rs.* 300.—Particulars for this item are given below :—

	RS.
6 Toll-gates and 6 sheds	150
7 Lanterns and oil charges	80
6 Notice boards	70
Total ..	300

61. *Office Contingencies, Rs.* 200.—This constitutes the house-rent, which will not even be Rs. 6 per mensem, postal and other contingent charges.

62. *Contribution for Central Office and Audit Establishment, Rs.* 60.—No remarks.

63. *General.*—According to the Chairman's estimate the charges exceed the receipt by Rs. 4,320, and he suggests means for making good the deficit. But as per estimates provided by me, there will be a surplus of Rs. 1,619 in the receipts over expenditure. If tolls are levied at

three-fourths the maximum rates, as in Chidambaram Municipality, the financial condition of the proposed municipality would be much better than what has been represented above. Application will also be made to the district board to forego its share of the tolls till the financial condition of the municipality is established on a satisfactory footing, and the local boards, which have now to spend Rs. 14,000 in this direction, should only be too glad to help the municipality in the manner suggested. The road round the hill will also have to be included in the municipal limits. The Chairman states that this would bring in 65 houses of Adiannamalai and about 607 acres (assessed at Rs. 700) of five villages within the proposed limits, and that the additional charge to be incurred will be met from the income that would be derived from them.

Tiruvannámalai is at present a most important town of pilgrimage. The population of the town is 13,216, but the sacredness of the town draws to it thousands of pilgrims throughout the year from all parts of the Presidency and the opening of the railway station has considerably added to its importance. At present the union can ill-afford to attend to the extensive sanitary arrangements that have to be made not only throughout the year, but more especially during the annual Karthigai festival, when several thousands of people congregate in the town. Such arrangements, I need hardly say, are absolutely necessary, not only for the well being of the town and the district, but of all the adjoining districts and in fact the whole of the southern districts of the Presidency. I therefore strongly advocate the speedy conversion of Tiruvannámalai town into a municipality and beg that you will be pleased to commend the proposal for the favourable consideration of Government. The Chairman's report and the statements received therewith, as well as the revised statements prepared with reference to my remarks, are submitted herewith.

———

Order—Mis. No. 77 M., dated 16th January 1896.

The District Board, South Arcot, will be requested to state whether, in the event of Tiruvannámalai being constituted a municipality, it would be prepared to forego, for the present, its share of the toll receipts, and also whether, considering that the health of Tiruvannámalai is of great importance to the whole district, it would contribute towards the expenses of the Karthigai festival. The trustee of the temple should also be asked whether he would be willing to continue his contribution to the same.

2. It is presumed that the district board would still pay its contribution to the hospital in Tiruvannámalai.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the President, District Board, South Arcot.

———

Read—also the following paper :—

From A. E. C. STUART, Esq., President, District Board, South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ulundurpet, 8th February 1896, Ref. on Cur. Regr. No. 63—D.B.

With reference to Proceedings, Mis. No. 77 M., dated 16th January 1896, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a copy of the district board's resolution, No. 21, dated 31st ultimo, and to state that the dharmakartha of the Tiruvannámalai temple has expressed his willingness to continue his contribution towards the expenses of the Karthigai festival.

———

Enclosure.

Extract from the Proceedings of the District Board, South Arcot, passed at a meeting held on the 31st January 1896.

* * * * *

No. 21. Read G.O., No 77 M., dated 16th instant, calling for information as to whether, in the event of Tiruvannámalai being constituted a municipality, the district board would be prepared to forego, for the present, its share of the toll receipts and also to contribute towards the expenses of the Karthigai festival.

Resolution.—The board is prepared, in the event of Tiruvannámalai being constituted a municipality, to forego, for the present, its share of the toll receipts, as also to make a reasonable contribution towards the expenses of the Karthigai festival. It would continue to pay its contribution to the hospital in Tiruvannámalai.

———

Order—No. 377 M., dated 5th March 1896.

The Collector's recommendation to constitute the town of Tiruvannámalai a municipality is approved. He will be requested to forward, as early as possible, the necessary draft notification under section 4 of Act IV of 1884, in which the boundaries of the municipality should be defined by survey numbers. A sketch showing clearly the position of the boundaries should accompany the draft. He should also submit, without delay, proposals for the constitution of the municipal council, so that the council may begin work from 1st April 1896. In the meantime, the proposal to constitute the municipality should be made publicly known in Tiruvannámalai.

2. The Collector's attention will be drawn to the fact that the expenditure of the proposed municipality under the several heads, and more especially under education, is somewhat over-estimated by the Sub-Collector. He will point out to the council, when formed, the desirability of reducing it in framing the budget for the ensuing year.

3. The Government is pleased to observe that the Sub-Collector and the Chairman of the union panchayat have taken considerable pains in working out the proposals in connection with the scheme.

for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Collector of South Arcot.
" President, District Board, South Arcot.
Editors' Table.

Exd. C. M. Thumbusawmy.

Govt. of {1896} Madras.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

A. S.

Proof for approval.

Issued

Recd. ..... Encl.

G.O., No. 377 M., 5th March 1896.

MARCH.

Constitution of Tiruvannamalai a Municipality.

Approving the recommendation of the Collector of South Arcot to constitute the town of Tiruvannámalai a municipality, and requesting him, with remarks, to forward, as early as possible, the necessary draft notification under section 4 of Act IV of 1884.

Enclosure

258/P

Extract from the Proceedings of the District Board, South Arcot, passed at a meeting held on the 31st January 1896.

Present.

Officials

A. E. Crawford Stuart Esquire, President.

1. A. R. Cumming Esq. Head Assistant Collector.
2. Surgeon Major W. A. Lee District Medical & Sanitary Officer.
3. J. R. Coombes Esquire Assistant Collector.
4. M.R.Ry. T. Sundara Row Avl. Vice President, and Treasury Deputy Collector S. Arcot.
5. " Ramachariar Avergal, Tahsildar of Chidambaram.

Non officials.

6. J. P. Paul Esquire.
7. Revd A. P. Hansken.
8. M.R.Ry. Vythinada Iyer Avl.
9. " Sankara Iyer Avl.
10. " Sankariah Naidu Garu.
11. " Seshachela Naidu Garu.
12. " Thiaga Pillai Avl.
13. " Ramasami Iyer Avl.
14. " Srinivasa Iyer Avl.
15. Hazarath Ali Hussain Sahib.

No. 21. Read G.O. dated 16th Instant, No. 377 M. Calling for information as to whether, in the event of Tiruvannamalai being constituted a Municipality, the District Board would be prepared to forego for the present its share of the Toll receipts and also to

to contribute towards the expenses of the Karthigai festival.

The Board is prepared in the event of Tiruvannamalai being constituted a Municipality to forego for the present its share of the Toll receipts as also to make a reasonable contribution towards the expenses of the Karthigai festival. It would continue to pay its contribution to the hospital in Tiruvannamalai.

(Signed) A.E. Castle Stuart Stuart
President Dt Bd
South Arcot

(True Extract)

Mundaliar
Vice President
for President Dt Bd.

SOUTH ARCOT. DISTRICT BOARD PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

Ref. on Regr. No. 63 of 1896. Camp. Cuddalore. Ulundurpet 8th February 1896.

FROM

A. E. Castle Starat Stuart Esquire,
President, District Board.
SOUTH ARCOT.

To.

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

ENCLOSURE

SIR,

With reference to proceedings dated 16-1-96 No 77 M, Mis, I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of the District Board's resolution No 21 dated 31st Ultimo and to state that the Dharmakartha of the Tiruvannamalai Temple has expressed his willingness to continue his contribution towards the expenses of the Karthigai festival.

I have the honour to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Mundaliar
Vice President
for President Dt Bd

Local & Municipal Dept.

Local Fund Department.

CURRENT No. 54 &/M

From,

THE PRESIDENT,

DISTRICT BOARD,

To, SOUTH ARCOT.

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Local and Municipal Department,

MADRAS.

Dated 8
Despatched 11 February 1896.
Received

Ref. on Regr. No. 63 of 1896.

ENCLOSURE. 82 (one)

Subject.

RECEIVED
CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
13 FEB 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Submitting copy of Resolution of the District Board, South Arcot expressing its willingness to forego its share of Tolls in the event of Constituting Tiruvannamalai a Municipality & stating that the Dharmakarta of the Tiruvannamalai temple has expressed his willingness to Contribute the Contribution on account of the Karthigai festival.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. 1287 M. of 1895, dated 3rd May 1895, from the Sanitary Commissioner

Current No. 2301 M. of 1895, dated 15th July 1895, from the Collector of South Arcot

" " 3777 M. " , " 13th December 1895 " do " do

FOR ORDERS.

Please see the notes and orders on the first two of the currents read above. The Collector now forwards (Cur. No. 3777 M.) the Sub-Collector's report and his detailed estimate of the probable receipts & charges of the town in case it is constituted a municipality. Considering it undesirable to levy the house and land taxes at more than 5 percent of the annual rent value and the tolls at more than half the maximum rates, the Sub-Collector estimates the receipts and charges at Rs 19,280 & Rs 17,660 respectively and the closing balance at Rs 1,649. Deducting, however, the opening balance of Rs 2,000 which is included in the receipts, the budget would close with a deficit of Rs 380. But if tolls are levied at three-fourths rates, as in Chidambaram, there would be a surplus of

more

more than Rs 2,000, and the Sub-Collector proposes also to ask the District Board to forego its one-third share of the toll-receipts, until the financial condition of the municipality is placed on a satisfactory footing. The Collector recommends the proposed constitution of the municipality, having regard to the great importance of the town as a place of pilgrimage, and the necessity for its being kept in a thoroughly satisfactory condition.

If this were done there would be a balance of Rs 1300 without levying tolls at $\frac{3}{4}$ rates.

V.M. 17/12/75

The two estimates, one prepared by the Chairman, the other issued by the Sub-Collector differ considerably, especially in the matter of receipts. The chief items of difference are as follows

	Chairman's Estimate	Sub-Coll.r's do
Balance	500	2000
Tolls	3500	5000
Markets	350	1250
	4350	8250.

This makes a difference of nearly Rs 4000, but excluding the balance, which is improperly included, there is a difference of Rs 2500 circ. It seems probable that while the chairman no doubt underestimated the receipts, the Sub-Coll.r has over-estimated them.

In expenditure the difference between the two estimates is not so great, being only Rs 1500, of which Rs 800 comes under Communications, the chairman estimating the expenditure at Rs 1800 & the Sub Coll.r at Rs 1000, which is a very small estimate, considering that the tolls are expected to realize Rs 5000. This item should be raised to at least Rs 2500. This will increase the deficit to Rs 1880. This wd be reduced to Rs 800, if the D.C. Bd. forgoes its $\frac{1}{3}$ share of the toll revenue. If tolls are levied at $\frac{3}{4}$ rates, there wd be a balance of Rs 2800. Again Rs 2500 are provided for expenditure on festivals i.e. the Kartiyai festival. Last year the expenditure was only Rs 404, of which the temple trustee contributed half. If he continues to contribute to these expenses, say Rs 500, & the local board continues to contribute half as seems only reasonable, the expenditure wd be reduced to Rs 1000, & this wd leave a balance of Rs $\frac{4300}{3500}$, which wd leave a wide margin for over-estimation of the receipts. This desirable result depends however on three things, i.e.

(1) Enhancement of the toll rates to $\frac{3}{4}$ maximum

(2) The foregoing by the D.C. Bd of its $\frac{1}{3}$ share

(3) Contribution by Tk. Bd of Rs 1000 to the Kartigai festival. (Only Rs 400 are provided in the Budget for 95-96) I would eliminated item No 1 at first. So that item No 3 may be dispensed with. The Dt. Bd. might be asked if they would at any rate for the first year or two forgo their share of the tolls, if Tiruvannamalai is constituted a municipality.

KWD
20.XII.95

There seems enough to warrant trying the experiment of making Tiruvannamalai a Municipality.

JD
28/12/95

I think so. The Dt. Bd. might be asked if for the present it will forego its share of tolls or also contribute to the festival expenses. I think it should as the health of Tiruvannamalai is of great importance to the whole district. The temple trustee might also be asked if he will continue to contribute. I discussed specially as he is an intelligent & educated man (Dharmakarta Mudaliar I think). The expenditure seems rather high to begin with. Perhaps it might be further reduced. For instance, they seem rather ambitious in their educl proposals.

The Dt Bd, I think, should continue to contribute to the Hospital.

The Chairman & the Sub Collr seem to have taken a good deal of trouble over this business.

WD
7/1/96

Constitution of Tiruvannamalai into a municipality.

FOR ORDERS.

3777/96

3777/96

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., ~~dated~~ No. 774. ~~189 , No.~~ Dated, 16th January 1896.

Current No. 548 of 1896, dated 8th February from the President, District Board, South Arcot.
Current No. of 189 , dated from the

Order. No. 377 Ms. dt. 5.3.96

Apparently neither H.L. nor the Hon'ble Govt have seen this proposal. They had better see the papers before the proposal is finally sanctioned. They should have been cited before.

BS
28/2/96

In my opinion — and I know Tiruvannamalai well before this line of rail was — the town ought to be a municipality

JG
28/2/96

BS
28/2/96

The Collector's recommendation to constitute the town of Tiruvannamalai ~~into~~ a municipality is approved. He will be requested to forward as early as possible the necessary draft notification under Section 4 of Act IV of 1884, in which the boundaries of the municipality should be defined by Survey numbers, ~~and~~ A sketch showing clearly the position of the ~~the~~ boundaries should also accompany the draft. He should also submit without delay proposals for the constitution of the municipal Council so that the Council may begin work from 1st April 1896.

2. The Collector's attention will be drawn to the fact that the expenditure of the proposed municipality under the several heads and more especially under Education

In the meantime, the proposal to constitute the town should be made public known in Tiruvannamalai

There seem to be good reasons advanced for making this place a Municipality. But I do think that the Temple people who make such a good thing out of the pilgrims, should contribute more largely to the expenditure. W & M

Education, is somewhat over-
Estimated by the Sub Collector
and We will be requested to
point out to the Council, when
formed, the desirability of reducing
it, in framing the budget for the
ensuing year.

V.R. 25/2/96

3. The Govt. is pleased to observe
that the Sub Collector, the
Chairman of the Union Panchayat
have taken a good deal of considerable
pains in working out the proposals,
wbs in connection with the scheme.

28.ii.96

Constitution of Tiruvannamalai into a municipality

No. 548 m

N. Jm
P.S.

Office.
Issue the order quote H.E.'s
remark when the budget is submitted.
wbs
4.3.96

To The Collector of South Arcot
& President, Dt Bd South Arcot.
Extra Table. Public Depts (with 6
reference to para 3)
Dis/Ge 25/3/96

Returned in Dis 5/3/96

No. 377 M., 5TH MARCH 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., Mis. No. 77 M., dated 16th January 1896.

Read—the following papers:—

From Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Acting Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 3rd May 1895, No. 889-S.

With reference to this office letter, No. 879-S, dated 1st May 1895, I have the honour to state that the town of Tiruvannámalai contains 12,148 inhabitants. It, however, up to date possesses not a single latrine. Indeed, the Chairman of the union recently, in reply to certain recommendations on this point by the District Sanitary Officer and referred to him by me, states that no necessity for their use existed, as there was ample ground round the village. This means that the neighbouring holy hill (the surface washings of which supply the tanks that are also considered holy, and are used by pilgrims) must be contaminated with fœcal matter. Having regard to the sanitary interest of the place as that of an important annual festival, I would respectfully suggest that it is desirable this large town be placed under Act IV of 1884.

No. 772.

Referred to the Collector of South Arcot for remarks.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5*th June* 1895.

(Signed) C. G. TODHUNTER,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

From A. E. C. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cuddalore, 15th July 1895, No. 1130-Eng.

With reference to endorsement, dated 5th June 1895, No. 772, on Sanitary Commissioner's letter, No. 889-S of the 3rd May last, I have the honour to forward, herewith, copy of Sub-Collector's letter, dated 30th ultimo, No. 2072-Dis., regarding the constitution of Tiruvannámalai town as a municipality, I am of opinion that the time has arrived for this important town to be placed under Act IV of 1884. The reasons for this course are fully detailed in the Sub-Collector's report.

2. At present Tiruvannámalai is a union in which full rates of house-tax have been ordered to be levied from the current year, *vide* paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 576-L., dated 26th March 1895.

ENCLOSURE.

From MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of South Arcot, to the Collector and President, District Board, dated 30th June 1895, No. 2072-Dis.

Adverting to your endorsement, dated 8th instant, forwarding for remarks Dr. King's letter to Government regarding the constitution of Tiruvannámalai town into a municipality, I have the honour to submit herewith the reports of the Tahsildar of Tiruvannámalai and of the Chairman, Tiruvannámalai Union, on the subject, and to state that I quite agree with these two officers in considering that it is very necessary and highly desirable to place the important town under Act IV of 1884.

2. There are 12,148 inhabitants in the town and there are 2,485 houses situated within it. At the half-schedule rates, the collection of house-tax in the union last year was Rs. 912-12-0. Full rates having been ordered to be collected this year, the house-tax receipts will be double in the current year. There are besides other sources of income to about Rs. 1,000 a year. The Tahsildar and Chairman expect that the total receipts, when the town is placed under Act IV of 1884, will amount to about Rs. 5,000 under the several sources noted in schedule A. D. G. of the Act and I think the expectation may well be realized.

3. Dr. King has rightly observed that the town is badly in want of latrine, of which there is only one at present, large as the town is. The Chairman states that at least ten latrines are required and estimates the cost of each at Rs. 150. The town is wanting also in good water-supply which a union cannot hope to remedy. In other respects also the town, in view of its rising importances, requires careful looking after sanitary grounds. The town is large and already populous; there is a large concourse of people collected during the two important festival occasions—Kartigai and Panguni Utharam. After the opening of that part of the country by rail, hundreds and thousands of people visit the place even on ordinary occasions. The lives of so many depend on the perfectly sanitary condition of the place and this state cannot be attained by a major union worked with limited income.

4. I am, for these reasons, strongly of opinion that time has come for placing the Tiruvannámalai town under Act IV of 1884 and constituting it a municipality and accordingly recommended that the suggestion of Dr. King may be commended for favourable consideration of the Government.

5. The reference under reply is re-submitted with the two reports above referred to.

MEMORANDUM No. 1182.

The estimate of the probable income which a municipality would be able to derive from the town, given in the Sub-Collector's letter, is exceedingly vague. The Collector will be requested to frame a detailed estimate of the probable receipts and charges of a municipality in Tiruvannámalai under the various heads now adopted in other municipalities, and to submit it with full explanations for the orders of Government.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of South Arcot.

From A. E. C. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Cuddalore, 13th December 1895, No. 1130-Eng.

With reference to memorandum from Government, No. 1182, dated 23rd August 1895, I have the honour to forward, herewith, in original, letter from the Acting Sub-Collector, No. 3637, dated 30th November 1895, together with its enclosures as per margin.

(1) Detailed estimate of probable receipts.
(2) Do. do. charges.
(3) From the Chairman, Tiruvannámalai Union, to the Sub-Collector, No. 248, dated 27th October 1895, with 2 enclosures.

2. Mr. Muhammad Raza Khán fully explains the various items both under receipts and charges of the proposed Municipality of Tiruvannámalai and I have nothing to add.

3. The estimates appear to have been carefully framed. I beg to recommend that Tiruvannámalai be constituted a municipality having regard to its great importance as a place of pilgrimage and the necessity which exists to keep it in a thoroughly sanitary condition.

ENCLOSURE.

From MUHAMMAD RAZA KHÁN, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of South Arcot, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated 30th November 1895, C. No. 3637—Dis.

With reference to your footnote Reference on No. 1130-Eng., dated 28th August 1895, to memorandum No. 1182 L., dated 23rd August 1895, I have the honour to submit, herewith, two statements giving probable receipts and charges of a municipality in Tiruvannámalai under the

several heads now adopted in other municipalities. The statements have been prepared after communicating with the Chairman of Cuddalore Municipality. The several items of receipts are detailed below.

RECEIPTS.

2. The Chairman, Tiruvannámalai Union, puts down Rs. 500 as the probable closing balance of the current year and says that large amounts are being now withdrawn from the balance in favour of the union on account of additional expenditure in connection with the next Karthigai festival, and that it is not therefore likely that a large balance will be left at the close of the year. But I estimate the probable closing balance for the year at Rs. 2,000. As the annual market has been sold to great advantage and as the receipts under other items also rose a little, I believe that Rs. 2,000 may safely be taken as the opening balance for the next year even though the expenditure likely to be incurred on account of the Karthigai festival should exceed the amount that was anticipated at the time of submitting revised estimate for the union.

3. *Tax on Arts, Rs.* 1,114.—The Chairman estimates the income under this head at Rs. 1,114 and puts down 175 as the probable number of persons assessable to the tax. He says that the profession tax is chiefly derived from trade only there being neither divisional offices nor civil courts nor pleaders living and practising there. But I believe that the number of persons assessable to the tax must be about 290. The profession tax is chiefly derived from trade only. A classwar list of assessees is sub-joined:—

Class.	Number of persons.	Amount.
		Rs.
1st and 2nd	..	..
3rd	20	500
4th	25	300
5th	40	240
6th	50	150
7th	5	10
8th	150	150
Total ..	290	1,350

4. *Tax on Buildings, Rs.* 2,000.—There are on the whole 2,819 houses in this union paying a house-tax of Rs. 2,021 in all. This amount represents 5 per cent. of the rental value of the buildings, though the percentage itself may vary in individual cases. The rate of house-tax now in force in this union was introduced only during the current year and is double the rate at which the tax was levied last year. In consideration of the fact that this union was established only during the latter half of 1893-94, it is not advisable to adopt the 7 per cent. rate now prevailing in the Cuddalore Municipality. I also find from the General Municipal Review for 1893-94 that the 5 per cent. rate prevails in four of the existing municipalities in the Presidency, though they, no doubt, have been established several years ago.

5. *Tax on Lands, Rs.* 670.—The union contains 2,250 acres of both dry and wet lands assessed at Rs. 4,363. These are for the most part of a very inferior quality. Wet lands form but a small portion of the occupied area and are mainly dependant on rainfall tanks only. Taking the annual rental to be three times the assessment and adopting at the same time the 5 per cent. rate recommended, the tax on these lands would amount to Rs. 654. Adding to this amount the tax on vacant lands and sites occupied by native huts which may fetch Rs. 16, the total land-tax amounts to Rs 670. The tax on the latter sort of lands is levied at 6 pies per 80 square yards in the Cuddalore Municipality. The 7 per cent. rate is in force in Cuddalore as regards the building tax also.

6. *Tax on Vehicles with springs and palanquins, Rs.* 75.—There are in the union only seven carriages falling under this head.

7. *Tax on Animals, Rs.* 1,396.—Details for this are given below:—

Animals.	Number.	Amount.
		Rs.
Elephant	1	24
Horses under eleven hands	12	12
Bullocks	1,273	1,273
Male buffaloes	71	71
Asses	32	16
Total ..	1,389	1,396

8. *Tax on Carts, Rs.* 880.—The amount put down by the Chairman under this head is only Rs. 660, but I estimate it at Rs. 880. There are 220 carts in the union.

9. *Tolls, Rs.* 5,000.—The Chairman puts down only Rs. 3,500 as the income under this head, but I estimate it at Rs. 5,000 as shown below. The Cuddalore Municipality collects tolls at half the maximum scheduled rates, while the Chidambaram Municipality levies it at three-fourths of the maximum rates. The former rate is adopted to begin with. The amount actually collected now under the head of cart-stand fees furnishes a clue to determining the number of carts visiting the town. The right of collecting fees in these cart-stands is being sold by public auction since last year. Quarter anna per cart was collected last year in ordinary seasons as against half an anna now levied. But, during the ten days of the Karthigai festival, the rate of tax was enhanced to nine pies per cart. Rs. 275 was the lease amount for last year and Rs. 628 for the current year. Rs. 600 may be put down as a fair income under this item for an average year. The cost of collecting these fees throughout the year and at the festival may be estimated at Rs 500, as these stands are about eleven in number. Apportioning this income of Rs. 1,100 between the ordinary and the festival seasons at *3* to *1*, I find that the above sum of Rs. 1,100 represents fees from 32,266 carts. These are, of course, carts of out stations, as local residents have enough vacant sites for their carts. There is another set of cart-stands about fifteen in number owned by private individuals, and these accommodate a large number of carts than those that find their way into the public cart-stands. There are also other carts that simply pass through the town or return from it soon after entering it without getting into any of the cart-stands. Doubling, therefore, the number of carts visiting the public cart-stands, the grand total of carts entering the town may be placed at 64,352 or say 64,500. Of these carts, it may be taken for granted that two-thirds would be laden and the remainder not laden. The tolls on them would yield Rs. 6,718. Excluding one-third contribution of Rs. 1,707 payable to the district board after defraying the expenses which in this case would amount to Rs. 1,596 (*vide* estimate under charges), the balance of Rs. 5,011 or Rs. 5,000 in round number may be taken as income under this head.

10. *Rent of Lands, Rs.* 105.—This represents the income at present derived from two pieces of land near the bazaar street. Two thatched shops have been erected here by the lessees.

11. *Avenue Rents, Rs.* 75.—This is the probable income under this head, there being only a few fruit trees within the union limits.

12. *Travellers' Bungalow, Rs.* 70.—The actual receipts during the last year were Rs. 71-8-0.

13. *Sale-proceeds of night-soil, &c., Rs.* 150.—The Chairman puts down only Rs. 108 as income under this head, being the value of cowdung in the public cart-stands and the annual cattle market. He says that town sweepings and night-soil fetch no bids there. But I think that if proper steps be taken the town sweepings and night-soil will fetch about Rs. 40, I therefore estimate the total income under this head at Rs. 150.

14. *Fees from Educational Institutions, Rs.* 694.—There are here three schools under the management of the local board and their maintenance will devolve on the proposed municipality, what is shown under this head are the fees from these schools, and their actual details are noted below:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Middle school	651	9	4
Hindustani mixed school	27	13	6
Samudram Paracheri mixed school	14	15	9
Total ..	694	6	7

15. *Other Revenue from Educational Institutions, Rs.* 46.—This relates to the local middle school.

16. *Income from markets, Rs.* 1,250.—The Chairman estimates the income under this head at Rs. 350. But I find that the sale of the annual cattle market has fetched this year Rs. 1,125 and Rs. 125 more would be collected from booths and other temporary erections usually put up at the time of fairs and festivals.

17. *Distraint Fees, Rs.* 25.—This is a probable estimate.

18. *License Fees, Rs.* 100.—The Chairman puts down Rs. 65 as the income under this head, but I estimate the income at Rs. 100 and this is made up of Rs. 30, the expected collections during the current year, the actuals up to date this year being Rs. 28 and of Rs. 70 expected to be derived by grant of special licenses for brick-kiln, &c.

19. *Cart-stand Fees, Rs.* 628.—The Chairman puts down only Rs. 527, which was the actual income of last year. Rs. 628 now shown by me as the income represents the actual income during the current year.

20. *Fines, Rs.* 250.—The Chairman's estimate is only Rs. 170. But the actuals for the first six months of the current year being Rs. 112, Rs. 250 may fairly be taken as the amount expected to be derived during the year.

21. *Contribution—Municipal Schools, Rs.* 449.—This constitutes the grant from Provincial funds on account of the local middle school paid hitherto to the taluk board. The grant for girls in these schools from Provincial funds has not been taken into consideration, as the amount is small and is wholly appropriated by the teachers.

22. *Medical, Rs.* 450.—This represents one-fourth the pay of the local civil apothecary drawn from Provincial funds on account of the Police hospital.

23. *Contribution by Local Board—Medical, Rs.* 1,410.—This is half the expenditure on the local hospital, exclusive of the Provincial grant, that is, usually contributed by the district board as the benefits of the institution are enjoyed by the residents of the outlying villages also.

24. *Other Grants and Contribution, Rs.* 210.—The receipts under this head consist of (1) Rs. 200, the annual contribution made by the trustee of the Tiruvannámalai temple towards the festival sanitary arrangements and (2) of Rs. 10, contributed by the manager of Oyamadam for the same purpose.

CHARGES.

25. *New Buildings, Rs.* 500.—This amount is required for providing two standard plan latrines, as the town has none at present.

26. *Repairs—Communications, Rs.* 1,000.—This provision is required as there are now about 10 miles of metalled road and as many miles of unmetalled road within the union.

27. *Repairs of Buildings, Rs.* 120.—This amount is provided for the repairs of such buildings as the school-house, hospital and the travellers' bungalow.

28. *Water-supply, Rs.* 500; *Establishment, Rs.* 48.—The first mentioned amount is required for the repair of some of the wells in the town and the other sum represents the pay of the watchman for the Yellapillaikolam, a drinking-water pond.

29. *Establishment.*—The Chairman has provided Rs. 180 under this head. This represents the pay of three persons for execution of repairs to roads in the three wards into which the town is proposed to be divided. As I consider that this is a silly charge. I have altogether disallowed it.

30. *Tools and Plant, Rs.* 20.—The Chairman puts down Rs. 60 under this head being the rent of a godown for storage of tools, &c. But I think Rs. 20 is sufficient, as it is not now proposed to work the roads *amani*.

31. *Training Schools—Stipends to Normal Students, Rs.* 12.—The teachers of the salary-result schools will have to be trained, and only one of them may be sent up each year calculating at the rate of one rupee per month, the stipends would come to Rs. 12, the Provincial grant for each student being Rs. 5 per mensem.

32. *Middle School Establishment, Rs.* 1,548; *Salary-result Schools, Rs.* 237.—These represent the pay of the teachers in the three schools already mentioned, now supported by the local board.

33. *Middle School Contingencies, Rs.* 200; *Salary-result Schools Contingencies, Rs.* 44.—The above sum represents the actual expenditure incurred last year in these schools. Provision is made also for a new item, viz., a house-rent of Rs. 2 per month for the Samudram Paracheri Mixed school as the present Forest tanah occupied by it is required for forest purposes.

34. *Salary-result Schools Result Grant, Rs.* 70.—This is almost the amount allowed last year by the local board.

35. *Result System Schools, Rs.* 300.—The Chairman puts down Rs. 400 as the probable expenditure under this head. The expenditure under this item has hitherto been about Rs. 250. In consideration of the numerical strength of the schools, the amount may be raised to Rs. 300.

36. *Inspection, Rs.* 84.—This represents a contribution of Rs. 6 a month to the local board towards the pay of the local inspecting schoolmaster to inspect the schools in the municipality, calculated on the number of schools working in the taluk; and Rs. 12 a year for contingencies. No municipal inspectors for the supervision of the schools are now proposed as the sum be deferred till the schools improve in strength, &c.

37. *Building and Furniture Grant, Rs.* 100.—This is the probable amount required under this head.

38. *Hospital Establishment, Rs.* 2,400.—This represents the pay of the existing staff—

	Proposed. Rs.	A.	P.	Actuals of last year. Rs.	A.	P.
Medicines	360	0	0	355	8	4
Diet	360	0	0	357	4	0
Sundries	150	0	0	143	4	0
Total ..	870	0	0	856	0	4

39. *Contribution to Provisional Funds, Rs.* 90.—This is the probable amount that will have to be paid on account of Medical College, &c.

40. *Vaccination Establishment, Rs.* 84; *Contingencies, Rs.* 100.—This provides for a vaccinator on Rs. 7 a month, the contingencies being intended for purchase of lymph, &c.

41. *Registration of Births and Deaths Establishment, Rs.* 120; *Contingencies, Rs.* 20.—One registrar of deaths and births on Rs. 10 per mensem is proposed.

42. *Conservancy and Road-cleaning, &c., Rs.* 1,608.—The town lies scattered in some directions and contains, as already stated, about 10 miles of metalled road and as many miles of other roads. The Chairman states that the present conservancy establishment of the union is poor and cannot do full justice to the work intended to be done by them. When the town is constituted as a municipality, this branch of work should receive its foremost attention. So the Chairman proposes an additional establishment of one sanitary maistry on Rs. 20, one male sweeper on Rs. 5, six female sweepers on Rs. 3 each, and three toties on Rs. 5 each, besides two additional carts. While I approve of the proposal to entertain additional establishment, I think that the pay of the maistry may be fixed at Rs. 15. The present and the proposed establishments are compared in the following table:—

	Present scale.		Proposed scale.
	Rs.		Rs.
1 Maistry on	10	1 Inspector on	15
10 Male sweepers at Rs. 5 each ..	50	1 Maistry on	10
3 Female ,, at Rs. 3 ,, ..	9	11 Male sweepers at Rs. 5 each ..	55
2 Toties at Rs. 6 each	12	9 Female ,, at Rs. 3 ,, ..	27
		2 Toties at Rs. 6 each	12
		3 ,, at Rs. 5 ,, ...	15
Per month ..	81	Per month ..	134
Per year ..	972	Per year ..	1,608

43. *Conservancy—Other Charges, Rs.* 640.—This amount is arrived at as follows:—

	Rs.
Bullock hire for four carts	520
Price of dust-bins and one cart	120
Total ..	640

There are now four carts in the union, only two being worked by bullocks. It is proposed to use four carts with bullocks and one as a hand cart only. These five carts are necessary. As regards the dust-bins the number now in use is reported to be 46; but there have to be four times this number of dust-bins, if the requirements of the proposed municipality are to be adequately met. As this may not be possible at the outset, the Chairman proposes—and I agree with him—that the best way of accomplishing this end would be to set apart every year a certain amount of money for the purchase of dust-bins till the required number is made up.

44. *Private Scavenging.*—The Chairman observes that this will have to be introduced later on, as people would not take to it and pay a cess on this account when they have to pay several other taxes. If, however, the introduction of the system is found necessary, the receipts under this head may adequately meet the expenses.

45. *Cholera Charges, Rs.* 100.—This represents the amount required for the treatment of cholera patients.

46. *Contingencies, Rs.* 80.—This is intended for occasional repairs to carts and for greasing and tarring them when necessary.

47. *Removing prickly-pear, Rs.* 30.—This sum will be annually required for some years to come.

48. *Festival Charges, Rs.* 2,500.—This is a charge that must be incurred every year on account of the annual Kartigai festival when crowds of people gather in Tiruvannámalai from different parts of the Presidency. The amount entered here is adopted for this year and the several items of expenditure are detailed below:—

	Rs.
(1) Additional conservancy establishment	930
(2) Do. temporary latrines	336
(3) Hire of additional establishment carts	131
(4) Temporary cholera sheds	100
(5) Cattle market sanitation	127
(6) Lighting the town on all the festival nights	50
(7) Barricading insanitary wells and protecting tanks from pollution ..	200
(8) Miscellaneous, such as temporary cinerators, brooms, baskets, dry-earth, stout bamboo dust-bins for storage of night-soil in latrines, &c.	126
(9) Disinfectants for tanks and unforeseen charges	500
Total ..	2,500

49. *Lighting Establishment, Rs.* 144.—There are 81 lanterns in the union. This number is likely to be increased by about 75 this year. Three lamp-lighters on Rs. 4 each are therefore provided. Their number may be increased by one when found necessary.

50. *Contingencies, Rs.* 700.—The increased amount under this item is necessary, as the number of lanterns is to be increased considerably.

51. *Travellers' Bungalow Establishment, Rs.* 108.—This represents the pay of the maty and the sweeper attached to the bungalow.

52. *Contingencies, Rs.* 20—Calls for no remarks.

53. *Rewards for the Destruction of Wild Animals and Snakes, Rs.* 35.—This is the probable amount that may be required to be paid as reward for killing snakes and stray dogs.

54. *Printing, Rs.* 400.—This constitutes mainly the cost of printing all forms, registers, &c., required for the use of the new office and excludes also the contribution for work done by the Government Press, which will amount to Rs. 70.

55. *Municipal Office Establishment, Rs.* 684.—The Chairman has provided Rs. 888 under this head, but I consider Rs. 684 is sufficient, and give particulars below:—

	Annual charge.
	Rs.
1 Manager on Rs. 20	240
1 Accountant on Rs. 14	168
1 Attender on Rs. 7	84
2 Peons on Rs. 6	144
1 Sweeper on Rs. 4	48
Total ..	684

The establishment proposed for the municipality is rather poor, but it may be considered sufficient to start with.

56. *Inspection.*—No carriage allowance is provided for, as it is presumed that a public servant will be the Chairman of the municipality at the outset.

57. *Collection Establishment, Rs.* 192.—This constitutes the pay of two bill collectors on Rs. 8 each. They will be available for sanitary work also when they have not collection duty to attend to.

58. *Purchase of Account Books, Cash Chest, &c., Rs.* 100—Call for no special remarks.

59. *Collection of Tolls Establishment, Rs.* 1,296.—The Chairman has provided Rs. 1,440 for this item. According to him this amount constitutes the pay of six gate-keepers on Rs. 10 each and twelve peons on Rs. 5 each, who are required for the eight roads leading into the town. I consider that the establishment proposed is necessary, but that the pay of gate-keepers may be fixed at Rs. 8 instead of Rs. 10.

60. *Tolls—Contingencies, Rs.* 300.—Particulars for this item are given below:—

	Rs.
6 Toll-gates and 6 sheds	150
7 Lanterns and oil charges	80
6 Notice boards	70
Total ..	300

61. *Office Contingencies, Rs.* 200.—This constitutes the house-rent, which will not even be Rs. 6 per mensem, postal and other contingent charges.

62. *Contribution for Central Office and Audit Establishment, Rs.* 60.—No remarks.

63. *General.*—According to the Chairman's estimate the charges exceed the receipt by Rs. 4,320, and he suggests means for making good the deficit. But as per estimates provided by me, there will be a surplus of Rs. 1,619 in the receipts over expenditure. If tolls are levied at

three-fourths the maximum rates, as in Chidambaram Municipality, the financial condition of the proposed municipality would be much better than what has been represented above. Application will also be made to the district board to forego its share of the tolls till the financial condition of the municipality is established on a satisfactory footing, and the local boards, which have now to spend Rs. 14,000 in this direction, should only be too glad to help the municipality in the manner suggested. The road round the hill will also have to be included in the municipal limits. The Chairman states that this would bring in 65 houses of Adiannamalai and about 607 acres (assessed at Rs. 700) of five villages within the proposed limits, and that the additional charge to be incurred will be met from the income that would be derived from them.

Tiruvannámalai is at present a most important town of pilgrimage. The population of the town is 13,216, but the sacredness of the town draws to it thousands of pilgrims throughout the year from all parts of the Presidency and the opening of the railway station has considerably added to its importance. At present the union can ill-afford to attend to the extensive sanitary arrangements that have to be made not only throughout the year, but more especially during the annual Kartigai festival, when several thousands of people congregate in the town. Such arrangements, I need hardly say, are absolutely necessary, not only for the well being of the town and the district, but of all the adjoining districts and in fact the whole of the southern districts of the Presidency. I therefore strongly advocate the speedy conversion of Tiruvannámalai town into a municipality and beg that you will be pleased to commend the proposal for the favourable consideration of Government. The Chairman's report and the statements received therewith, as well as the revised statements prepared with reference to my remarks, are submitted herewith.

———

Order—Mis. No. 77 M., dated 16th January 1896.

The District Board, South Arcot, will be requested to state whether, in the event of Tiruvannámalai being constituted a municipality, it would be prepared to forego, for the present, its share of the toll receipts, and also whether, considering that the health of Tiruvannámalai is of great importance to the whole district, it would contribute towards the expenses of the Kartigai festival. The trustee of the temple should also be asked whether he would be willing to continue his contribution to the same.

2. It is presumed that the district board would still pay its contribution to the hospital in Tiruvannámalai.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the President, District Board, South Arcot.

———

Read—also the following paper :—

From A. E. C. STUART, Esq., President, District Board, South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ulundurpet, 8th February 1896, Ref. on Cur. Regr. No. 63—D.B.

With reference to Proceedings, Mis. No. 77 M., dated 16th January 1896, I have the honour to submit, herewith, a copy of the district board's resolution, No. 21, dated 31st ultimo, and to state that the dharmakarta of the Tiruvannámalai temple has expressed his willingness to continue his contribution towards the expenses of the Karthigai festival.

———

Enclosure.

Extract from the Proceedings of the District Board, South Arcot, passed at a meeting held on the 31st January 1896.

* * * * *

No. 21. Read G.O., No. 77 M., dated 16th instant, calling for information as to whether, in the event of Tiruvannámalai being constituted a municipality, the district board would be prepared to forego, for the present, its share of the toll receipts and also to contribute towards the expenses of the Kartigai festival.

Resolution.—The board is prepared, in the event of Tiruvannámalai being constituted a municipality, to forego, for the present, its share of the toll receipts, as also to make a reasonable contribution towards the expenses of the Kartigai festival. It would continue to pay its contribution to the hospital in Tiruvannámalai.

———

Order—No. 377 M., dated 5th March 1896.

The Collector's recommendation to constitute the town of Tiruvannámalai a municipality is approved. He will be requested to forward, as early as possible, the necessary draft notification under section 4 of Act IV of 1884, in which the boundaries of the municipality should be defined by survey numbers. A sketch showing clearly the position of the boundaries should accompany the draft. He should also submit, without delay, proposals for the constitution of the municipal council, so that the council may begin work from 1st April 1896. In the meantime, the proposal to constitute the municipality should be made publicly known in Tiruvannámalai.

2. The Collector's attention will be drawn to the fact that the expenditure of the proposed municipality under the several heads, and more especially under education, is somewhat over-estimated by the Sub-Collector. He will point out to the council, when formed, the desirability of reducing it in framing the budget for the ensuing year.

3. The Government is pleased to observe that the Sub-Collector and the Chairman of the union panchayat have taken considerable pains in working out the proposals in connection with the scheme.

(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Collector of South Arcot.
" President, District Board, South Arcot.
" Public Department (with reference to paragraph 3).
Editors' Table.

Exd. C. M. Thumbusawmy.

opy sent to Press.

ed for signature.

tched in print.

AIN. G.O., No. 189 DATED

NT No.

DENCE to C. No.

NUMBER OF COPIES REQUIRED. { Order complete. / Letter only. / Order complete with Letter.

. OF GOVERNMENT.

R OF GOVERNMENT.

MENT WITH DITTO.

S NOT FILED UP, BEING MEANT FOR DESPATCH IN ORIGINAL.

S.—

A = Print in full.
B = Not to be printed.
P = Print abstract only.
Q = Print heading only.

Govt. of {1896} Madras.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., No. 377 M., 5th March 1896.

MARCH.

Constitution of Tiruvannamalai a Municipality.

Approving the recommendation of the Collector of South Arcot to constitute the town of Tiruvannámalai a municipality, and requesting him, with remarks, to forward, as early as possible, the necessary draft notification under section 4 of Act IV of 1884.