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Petition.

Informing Ramaswami Sastri and others of Tiruvannamalai that the Government sees no reason to reconsider its order constituting the town a municipality.

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From

Ramaswami Sastri & others
Tiruvannamalai.

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No.

Dated 21-3-96

Received 25-3-96

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Praying that the town of Tiruvannamalai may not be constituted into a municipality

Counter order

C.R.O. 949/996m

Misc.

No. 621 Order dated 2-4-96

The Government sees no reason to reconsider its order constituting Tiruvannamalai a municipality.

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The proposal to constitute the Mty. was assented to quite recently - the pet.rs being unanimous. There is nothing in the petn beyond the usual protests of poverty.

S.R.

Note - The circumstances under which Tiruvannamalai was constituted a municipality are found in the Sanitary Commissioner's & Dist. Collector's letters marked on pages 1 & 2 of G.O. No. 377 m. dated 5th March 1896.

To the Petitioners. Q to/

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S GOVT. OF MADRAS
24 MAR 1896

wealthy as it is supposed to be, and while a Union is itself considered by the people quite a needless and burdensome institution for the town, they do not know what to say of an institution many times more costly. Already people are suffering from the rigour of the Forest Laws and from the hardship on account of the Income Tax, and to be threatened with a Municipality at a time when all their resources are drained to the utmost is for them a very serious catastrophe which they would fain avoid.

One strong circumstance against the introduction of the Municipality is found in the fact that 8 other villages adjoining Tiruvannamalai are also proposed to be included in the Municipality. These villages which are marginally noted are petty hamlets with a few huts here and there and as a matter of fact there are not enough of men to live there. Including them in the Municipality will of course make the Municipality appear large in area, but it is certain that the management of such an extensive Municipality will involve a great deal of expenditure for which the already poverty-stricken people of Tiruvannamalai will be compelled to be answerable. The revenue of the present Union is about Rs. 3000 and this amount small as it may seem is considered by the people as being far in excess of their capacity to pay. A Municipality means a revenue of about Rs. 20,000, or nearly seven times as much as the present revenue. The local authorities know full well that it is impossible to collect such a large sum from the people of Tiruvannamalai alone, and that is why the adjacent villages are proposed to be included. It is somewhat curious to note that while the Head Quarters of the more important Taluqs of the Sub-Division *viz*—Tindivanam and Villupuram are not made Municipalities, that of the Taluq of the lowest grade in the District should be made a Municipality.

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2. Kosalai.
3. Adiannamalai.
4. Attiyandal.
5. Anapurandan.
6. Samudram.
7. Keelnathur.
8 Sellaneri.

3. That the memorialists for the reasons set forth above are strongly of opinion that a Municipality for Tiruvannamalai is not only not necessary, but will be a means of wringing out additional money from the people without in the least degree being advantageous to them.

4. That if Government should doubt the statement of the memorialists they pray that a Commissioner be now sent to Tiruvannamalai to make enquiries, as this is not festival time, and the present aspect of the town is just what should be considered in deciding upon making it a Municipality.

5. That the memorialists therefore pray that the Government will be graciously pleased to avert the danger of a Municipality for Tiruvannamalai and its people.

For which act of Humanity and Justice they will ever pray.

Dated 21st March 1896.

Signatures.

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Local & Municipal Dept
CURRENT No. 996 M.

To,

His Excellency the Right Honourable
the Governor in Council,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

The humble memorial of the inhabitants of Tiruvannamalai town in the District of South Arcot.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That the memorialists are greatly concerned to learn that the town of Tiruvannamalai is going to be constituted a Municipality from the 1st April next.

2. That the memorialists are strongly opposed to Tiruvannamalai being made a Municipality for the following reasons :—

Tiruvannamalai is a small town about three quarters of a mile east to west and about a mile north to south. About 20 cawnies of this small piece of land are occupied by the famous temple dedicated to Sri Arunachaleswara Swami. There are about 120 choultries in the town, almost all of which remain unoccupied all round the year except in the festival season. There are a few traders, some of them dealing in cloth and others in sundry things. Of the former there are abont 25 and of the latter about 15. There are also about 80 petty retail bazaars. This is all the commercial wealth of the town, and this wealth, if it can be so called, is in the hands of the tradesmen above refered to, most of whom do not belong to Tiruvannamalai, but are outsiders come there simply for the purpose of a livelihood, and not with a view to make a fortune. The house holders are almost all of them little better than paupers eking out their existence by hand to mouth living. There is not much of arable land in the town, and the only cultivation is of punjah crops hardly sufficient for the land holders to enable them to make both ends meet. The Government Beriz of the town is only Rs. 1700. Such is the state of the town, the productive character of its soil, and the tax paying capacity and the commercial wealth of its citizens. Even as it is, people are put to enormous worry by the fact of the town being a Union, and when it is seen how the Union finds it so very difficult to collect all the demand for the year which must doubtless be very small compared to the demand for money which a Municipality will make on the people, it goes without saying that people must inevitably groan under the weight of increased taxation consequent on the introduction of a Municipality such as tolls, professional tax, enhanced house tax &c.

According to the last census the population of the town is 11000 ; but, with great deference, it is submitted that that figure should not been taken as giving even an approximately correct number, as, Tiruvannamalai being a holy shrine held in very great veneration by all Hindus, there will periodically be a large influx of people into the town, and this circumstance of a vast number of the population of the town being itinerant, must, we submit, be taken into consideration in coming to a conclusion as to whether the town is so thickly populated as to need a Municipality. The Government are evidently dazzled by the large crowd that collect together yearly on the occasion of karthigai festival, and this probably has led to their deeming it desirable to make Tiruvannamalai a Municipality. But the town is neither as populous nor as

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From

The inhabitants of
Tiruvannamalai.

No.

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SUBJECT.

Praying that the question of the constitution of Tiruvannamalai into a Municipality may be postponed till the memorial which follows, is deeply enquired into.

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UNDER SECRETARY 18 MAR 96 PUBLIC DEPT.

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