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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 and unless his name appears in the list of candidates qualified for election prepared under rule No. 14.

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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 the 15th October in each year 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 on or before the 25th October in each year 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 on or before the 15th November next ensuing, 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.

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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, not later than the 31st day of December next ensuing, 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 from the 1st day of January next ensuing and shall continue in operation for twelve months. If on the occurrence of any vacancy in the council no valid lists are in existence, such vacancy shall be filled up by Government by nomination.

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. 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.

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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 two members of the council who are neither councillors for the ward of which the poll is to be taken, nor registered voters in it, one to be identifying officer and the other polling officer at the time of the election. The identifying officer shall remain outside the booth, identify electors as they arrive, and send into the polling booth one by one those of them who are satisfactorily identified, with a ticket inscribed with their name and number to be delivered to the polling officer, who shall record their votes. 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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Polling Officer.

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DRAFT 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. ~~Provided also that the money limit in clause (*f*) shall be Rs. 2-8-0 in Nellore.~~

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 and unless his name appears in the list of candidates qualified for election prepared under rule No. 14. ~~Provided also that the money limit in clauses (*b*) and (*f*) shall be Rs. 12 and Rs. 5, respectively, in Nellore.~~

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 the 15th October in each year 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 on or before the 25th October in each year 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 on or before the 15th November next ensuing, 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 15th, but on or before the 30th, November next ensuing. 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 seven 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, not later than the 31st day of December next ensuing, 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 from the 1st day of January next ensuing and shall continue in operation for twelve months. If on the occurrence of any vacancy in the council no valid lists are in existence, such vacancy shall be filled up by Government by nomination.

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. 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 two members of the council who are neither councillors for the ward of which the poll is to be taken, nor registered voters in it, one to be identifying officer and the other polling officer at the time of the election. The identifying officer shall remain outside the booth, identify electors as they arrive, and send into the polling booth one by one those of them who are satisfactorily identified, with a ticket inscribed with their name and number to be delivered to the polling officer, who shall record their votes. 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."

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.

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 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.

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 Anakulam 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 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.)

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

To the Collector of Malabar.
„ Chairman, Municipal Council, Calicut,
through the Collector of Malabar.
„ Superintendent, Government Press.
Gazette.

Editors' Table.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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For approval.

S.R. 29/6/96

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G.O., No. 931 M., 12th June 1896.

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JUNE.

Municipal Council.

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.

Malabar Collector's Office
Calicut 27th April 1896.

Abstract

From,

J. Newsteam Esq ICS.
Actg Collector of Malabar

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Dept.
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to report that Mr. Varada Rao, Assistant Collector, will vacate the Chairmanship of the Calicut municipality on the 2nd may and to recommend that he be reappointed as member and Chairman for another term of 3 years.

When the new municipal Act becomes law, a paid Secretary may be appointed and other arrangements made for the Chairmanship but at present I think Mr. Varada Rao's reappointment will be the best Course.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obdt Servant

J Newsteam

Actg Collector

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From

The Collector of
Malabar

To

The Chief Secretary to Fort
Madras

Dated 27th April 1896
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Report No. 147/Mul of 96.

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Subject

Recommending that Mr. T. Varada Rao, Asst Coll., be reappointed as Chairman and Councillor of the Calicut Town Council for another term of 3 years —

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Malabar Collector's Office
Calicut 29th April 1896

Local & Municipal Depmt
CURRENT No. 1312 M

From,

J. Hewetson Esq ICS
Actg Collector of Malabar

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Deptt
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor 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, 18 out of 24 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

continue to be appointed by Government, but that 12 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 18 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

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obdt Servant
J. Kewtine(?)
Actg Collector.

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The Collector of
Malabar

To

The Chief Secretary to Govt
Madras

Dated 29-4-96.
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Encl. 1

Subject.

Forwarding a memorial from the Citizens of Calicut Town praying for the restoration of the election system in the Calicut Municipality.

Statement showing the present Constitution of the Calicut Town Council.

No.	Names	Date of appointment	Remarks.
1	M.R.R. S. Swaminatha Iyer avl. Deputy Collector	Calicut	Ex-Officio.
	Officials		
2	Mr. John Jeandasam Trimiravalam Pillay, Asst Surgeon	19.6.94	
3	R.F. Anstie Esq Assistant Collector	9.4.95	
4	Captain N.A.W. Hamilton - Port Officer	14-1-96	
5	Sharada Rao Esq. Assistant Collector	2.5.93	appointed Chairman on 2.5.93.
	non Officials		
6	M.R.R. Dinanath Rao avl. Da.	20.2.94	
7	- K. Krishnan Nair avl. BA.BL	19.6.94.	
8	Mr. J.W. Jones	31.3.96	
9	M.R.R. P.A. Krishna menon avl.	17.7.94	
10	H.W. Brown Esq	17.3.96	
11	M.R.R. M. Chuppu menon avl.	20.11.94	
12	- C. Veru moopan avl.	19.6.94	
13	" Coverji Ardeshir avl.	19.6.94	
14	T. Chekkutti Koya Sahib Bahadur	3.7.94	
15	M.R.R. T.M. Appu Nedungadi avl. B.A. BL	14.8.94	
16	- P.P. Karunakara menon avl.	14.8.94	
17	Maliakkal Kunnamad Sahib Bahadur	9.10.94	
18	M.R.R. M. A. Subramania Iyer avl.	12.2.95	
19	W. Naylor Esq.	11.2.96	
20	Vacant	14.3.93	vacancy caused by the expiry of the term of the Councillors. Nomination to fill up these vacancies have been already submitted
21	Vacant	14.3.93	
22	Vacant	14.3.93	
23	Vacant	14.3.93	
24	Vacant	14.3.93	

Maximum Strength — 24

Calicut
27.4.96

V Ramachandra Menon
for Collector

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CHAIRMAN, CALICUT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
29 FEB. 96

R.F. AUSTIN
25FEB.1896

To

His Excellency the Right Honorable,
BEILBY BARON WENLOCK G.C.I.E.,
Governor of Madras,
Fort Saint George.

THRO'

The Collector of Malabar,
CALICUT.

The humble memorial of the citizens of Calicut, Malabar District.

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 para 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. 622 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 1891, a deputation of the ratepayers 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

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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

[signature]

1). Puthia Maliyakkel Syed Hussain Ali Akin Giffili. Muthu Koya Thangal.

2). Cowasji Ardeshir General Merchant. Nagaram Amsham.

3. Mamman Nair, High Court Vakil.

4. V. Raman Menon. Vakil. Dist. Court.

5. K. A. Sivarama Aiyar High Court Vakil.

6. P. Raman Pattar First Grade Pleader.

7. C Srinivasachari. agent. Messrs Best & Co

8. D. Maneckji General Merchants. Calicut

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	Names of Citizens.	Address.	Signature.
	Etan Etan Rajah of Padinhare Kovi.	Padinharakkoodya valia Raja	മാനവിക്രമൻ ഏട്ടൻ രാജാ [illegible]
	Virarayan alias Unni Thamburan	Pudia Kovilagom	[illegible]
	P. Kunjanujan Rajah.	Pudia Kovilagom.	P.C. Kunjanujan [illegible]
4	P. C. Amman Rajah.	Padinhare Kovilagom	P.C. Amman Raja
5	P. C. Virarayan Rajah.	Padinhare Kovilagom.	P.C. Virarayan [illegible]
6	P.C.K. Virarayan Rajah	Pudia Kovilagam	[illegible]
7	P.C. Manavedan Rajah	Padinhare Kovilagom	P.C. Manavedan Raja
8	P.C. Manavikraman Rajah	Do	मानविक्रमन [illegible]
9	P.C. Manavikraman Rajah	Do	P.C. Manavikraman Rajah
10	P.C. Manavikraman Rajah	Do	P.C. Manavikraman
11	P.C. Sreeveerarayan Rajah	Do	P.C. Sri Virarayan Raja.
12	P.C. Cheriyanujan Rajah	Do	[illegible]
13	P.C. Veerarayan Rajah	Do	P.C. Veerarayan Rajah
14	P.C. Manavikraman Rajah	Do	Manavikraman [illegible]
15	Puthiyaparambath T. M. Kelu Nedungadi		Kelu Nedungadi
16	Gopala Pattar Seshu Pattar.	merchant.	G. Seshan Pattar
17	A.V. Krishnaier	Merchant.	[illegible]
18	Manu Bhagavathar.	musician.	
19	K. Krishnan Nair B.A, B.C.E.	1st Asst. K.V.S.	K. Krishnan Nayar.
20	G. Subba Rao B.A.	2nd Asst. K.V.S.	G. Subba Rao
21	C. Gopala Menon B.A.	4th Asst. K.V.S.	C. Gopala Menon
22	A. H. Vaidyanatha Iyer BA	Teacher. K.V.S.	A.H. Vaidyanatha Aiyar
23	Dakshina murthi Iyer	Teacher. K.V.S.	Dakshina murthi
24	C.P. Govindan Nair	Editor, Kerala Sanchari	C.P.G.
25	M.K. Kelu Nambiyar	9th Asst. K.V.S.	M.K. Kelu Nambiar

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	No.	Name	Occupation	Signature
80	26	C. Koman Menon	Editor, Kerala Pathrica	C. Koman Menon
81	27	V. Karunakara Menon	First grade Pleader.	V Karunakara Menon
82	28	T. R. Narayana Aiyar	Second grade Pleader.	T R Narayana Aiyar
8	29	A. K. Anantharama Iyer. B.A. B.L.	First grade Pleader.	A.K. Anantharama Aiyar
6	30	M. Krishnan Nair B.A. B.L.	High Court Vakil	M Krishnan Nair.
	31	K. Raman Menon B.A. B.L.	First grade Pleader.	K Raman Menon.
	32	Bappen Koya.	Merchant.	Bappen Koya
	33	K. R. Ramaswami Iyer.	First grade Vakil	K R Ramaswami Iyer
	34	L. R. Soobramania Aiyar	merchant.	L.R. Subramania Iyer
	35	Veeru Mamod Koya	General merchants	[illegible]
	36	S. Rama Krishna Iyer	Clerk Bank of Madras Calicut	S. Ramakrishna Iyer
	37	T. V. Ramakrishna Iyer	Clerk Bank of Madras Calicut	T. V. Ramakrishna
	38	A. A. Ponrunga Moor	Govt. Clerk Bank of Madras Calicut.	A. A. Ponrunga Moor
	39	P. Chandod	Bank Shroff.	P. Chandod.
	40	Kanda Cutty.	do	[illegible]
	41	Ibrahim Khan	do.	A. Ebrahimkhan
	42	Pitambar Sundrajee Seit	General Merchant	[illegible]
	43	Kitaparambeth Moideen Kutty	General merchants	[illegible]
	44	Katarkandy Kunhi Kutty	General merchant	[illegible]
	45	Mullankaketh Assen Koya Agee	General merchant	[illegible]
	46	Cheria Pilakal Ibraya Koya	merchant	[illegible]
	47	Pazhayaketh Ali Koya	General merchant.	[illegible]
	48	Alikka Vittil Kunjirayan Kutty	General merchant	[illegible]
	49	Achimvitaketh Amulla Koya	merchant	[illegible]
	50	Parambeth Kanan	merchant's clerk	[illegible]

78	B. Ramanu menon.	First Grade Pleadr.	B. Ramanu Menon
79	B. K. Raghavan rambyar.	High Court vakil.	B. Raghavan Nambyar
80	Kar: Krishna menon.	High Court vakil	K. Krishnamenon
81	m. Kanan nair.	Second Grade Pleadr.	M. Kanan nair
82	O. Rama marar	Second Grade Pleadr.	O. Ramamarar
83	m. Chuppu. menon.	Second Grade Pleadr.	M. Chuppu Pattar
84	K. Venkateswara Sastry.	Sanskrit Pandit.	[illegible]
85	A. Ganapati Aiyar B.A.B.L.	First Grade Pleadr	A. Ganapati Aiyar
86	R. Devaraja Aiyar. B. A.	Asst master. Native H. School	[illegible]
87	E. V. Sundara Aiyar.	Darkhas vender.	E. V. Sundaraya
88	G. Appa Rao	Private medical practitioner	G. Appa Rao
89	S.R. Vasudeva Rau	Landlord & merchant	Vasudeva Rau
90	V. Ranga Rao	Merchant	Manga Rao
91	S.R. Govinda Rau	Landlord	[illegible]
92	D. V. Kamath	Merchant	D. V. Kama
93	M. Appu. Menon.	Medical Practitioner	M. Menon
94	D. Ganpat Rao. B. A.	Headmaster, Native High School	D. Ganpat Rao
95	S. Kuppa Rao	Asst do.	S. Kuppa Ra
96	L. A. Sivaramiah	Merchant	L. Sivaramiah
97	A. Sundara Iyer	Press Proprietor	A. Sundara Iyer
98	E. V. Eswara Aiyar.	Broker.	[illegible]
99	A. Pillakath Abdulla Hajee.	General merchant	[illegible]
100	Athipilakath Kutti Ami	General merchant	[illegible]
101	Pillai [illegible]	merchant	[illegible]
102	P. A. Padmanabha Chetty	merchant's clerk.	[illegible]
103	Mudiraparambath Kadiri Vija.	General merchant	[illegible]
104	M. Kunyahammed Aiya.	General merchant	[illegible]
105	Vanishery Abu Bakar Vija	General Merchant	[illegible]

66	B. Shanu Pattar.		
67	E. V. Sivarama Aiyar		
68	A. Padmanabha Aiyar		
69	Kunji Lakshmi Amah		
70	Kunji Kali Amah		
71	Kunhikrishna menon.		
72	M. A Krishna Iyer		
73	Mullandakath mamu Vija		
74	Vadaparadil Byavan Pillai		
75	Avaran Vija.		
76	Poolakandy Mamod		

	High Court Vakil	S. Kanakrishna
	Govt Pleader, Calicut.	T. A. Kalyana Krishna Iyer
	High Court Vakil	K. Ramanu menon
	High Court Vakil.	[illegible]
	1st Grade Pleader Municipal Commissioner	[illegible]
	1st Grade Pleaders.	[illegible]
	High Court Vakil	N. Gopal menon
	Pleader, Dt. Court.	P. Viraraghava Iyer
	Dt Court Vendor.	[illegible]
	Merchant.	[illegible]
	Merchant	[illegible]
	Merchant	[illegible]
	Darkast writer	[illegible]
	Broker.	[illegible]
	Merchant.	[illegible]
	Stamp Vendor.	[illegible]
	Contractor.	[illegible]
	School Master.	[illegible]
	Land Lady.	[illegible]
	Land Lady.	[illegible]
	Editor.	[illegible]
	Bank Cashier.	[illegible]
	General merchant.	[illegible]
	Landlord	[illegible]
	Merchant	[illegible]
	General merchant	[illegible]
	merchant	[illegible]

106	Ajiyarabeth Kunyayan Hzr.	Merchant. Nagarcoil.	
107	Kilinjatabeth Impichi Hzr.	Merchant. Nagarcoil.	
108	Koyassen Hza vittil Ahmed.	Timber Merchant.	
109	Pilliadeth Ahmed.	Timber Merchant.	
110	V. Padmanabhan Pillay.	Clerk. Bank of Madras.	
111	A. M. Krishna Mallen	Canvasser: Oriental Life Office	
112	P. S. Viswanatha Aiyer B.A.	Asst. Kerala Vidyabala	
113	A. V. Sanu Pattar.	merchant's Clerk.	
114	K. R. Appathuray	Merchant.	
115	G. R. Vythinatha Aiyar.	Teacher. Native High Sch.	
116	Rama Pattar.	Land Lord.	
117	V. N. Ramakrishnaier	School master N. H. S.	
118	Gopala Pattar.	Merchant.	
119	Pallakeith Abdul Kadir Bami	Merchant	
120	Poopikanittil Abdullah Bami	Merchant	
121	Ramakandeketh Hzamveen	Merchant	
122	Pilakath Malakeb Mamd Hza	Merchant	
123	Diyam vittil Kuttissa.	Merchant	
124	Ramakandeketh Kalendn	General Merchant	
125	P. Mussa Berami.	Timber Merchant	
126	V. Hyenud Hzr.	Merchant.	
127	Makaram vittil Mothuzan	Timber merchant	
128	Bengale vittil Shekmam Hzr.	merchant	
129	Pallakeith Impichi Hza Bami	Merchant	
130	M. Abu Bakur	Merchant	
131	Cheinmakandaketh Mamd	Merchant	

132	Assan Koya. K.	Timber merchant		
133	Kammu menoki	Thavandapurath		
134	Do Hammad	Othayamangalath		
135	Chathu Kurup	Madathil		
136	Avoolla Haji	Vadial		
137	Thazhapalathingal	Kalanther Kutty.		
138	Kallingal Moosa Kutty.	Timber merchant		
139	Champinkandy Ebrayan.	Timber merch.		
140	Do moidian Koya	Do.		
141	Palathingal Mamadh	Do		
142	Ajarakath Mammath Koya	Do.		
143	Palath Avootheraman	Do.		
144	Thakerthodial Avootheraman kutty	Do		
145	Pallivathukil Avaran Koya	Do		
146	Moollavari Imparachan.	Landholder		
147	Narikkunni Kappu	Timber merchant	P.N. Kappu	
148	Kadar moidian	Timber merchant		
149	Maliakil Pavvoojee	Do.		
150	V Imbichy Moo[illegible]	Merchant		
151	Koyassan koya Veettil	Ollikoya	Do.	
152	T.V Sankunni Nair	School-master	T.V Sankunni Nair	
153	Ajarakath Maliakil Mammadh.	Landholder.		
154	Chera Kutty Comath	Choje, manager	Kerala Sanchari	Telegraph
155	Krishna Panikker K.	Clerk.	Native High. School,	Calicut
156	M. Krishnan Nayar	Asstt. Master.		
157	Puthumana Narayana	menon	Landholder.	

158	Kiriyatath Ramootty	Land Holder.	[illegible]
159	Thirishery Bappu	Contractor	[illegible]
160	Kallingal Mallishery Chandukutty	Vydiar	[illegible]
161	Palolithayath Kandan	Merchant.	[illegible]
162	Metaparambath Audy	Do	[illegible]
163	Elathil Velukutty	Do	[illegible]
164	Kurikal Kandy Imbichutty	Do	[illegible]
165	Mankoozhi Kandacootty	Land Holder	[illegible]
166	Kolangarakath Chirukandan	Do	[illegible]
7	Palackal Raru	Merchant.	[illegible]
8	Kanakaskery Chattu	Do	[illegible]
9	Kalathil Sami	Land Holder.	[illegible]
0	Kizhakavalappil Choyi	Do	[illegible]
	Moolath Chattu	Do	[illegible]
2	Tirumangalath Sankara Menon	Zamorin's agent	[illegible]
7	Muthalakott Kelu Tirumulpad.	Land holder.	[illegible]
4	Chandrasakarapuram Subramanian Pattar		[illegible]
5	Kuningikott Vishnu Namboodri	Land holder	[illegible]
	Sankurissi Vikirissa Menon	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Mathilakath Krishna Menon		[illegible]
	Mullassari Krishna Menon		[illegible]
	Maniani Achuta Menon		[illegible]
7	Mangatt Unniranicha Nedungadi		[illegible]
	Parala Unni Ranicha Nedungadi		[illegible]
	T.K. Ittiranicha Nedungadi		[illegible]

183	Kattayatt Krishna menon	Landholder		
184	Pokavil Krishna Menon	Do		
185	P. K. Raman Menon	Do		
186				
187	Chambil Krishna Panikker	Do.		
188	V. Sekara menon.	Do.		
189	Chalapurath Unniri Menon	Do		
190	Mathilakathu Raman Menon	Do		
191	Chengalathu Gopala Menon	Do		
192	Karankunnath Narayana menon	Do		
193	Parakil Narayanan nair	Do		
194	Thacharakil Sankara Panikker	Do		
195	S. Krishna Putter	Do		
196	V. Govinda Menon	Do		
197	K. Raman nair	Do		
198	K. Kunhi Krishna menon	Do		
199	M. Sankara menon	Do		
200	V. Narayana Menon	Do		
201	M. Cheyyan menon	Do		
202	K. Krishna menon	Do		
203	K. Pandichetty	Do		
204	A. Unni Raman menon	Do		
205	V. Narayana Nambi	Do		
206	P. Nanu nair	Do		
207	M. Parangodan	Do		
208	M. Athan	Merchant		

…kembil Appu Panikker	Criminal Vakeel	[illegible]
…tannapuratte Karappan	Merchant	[illegible]
…lanni Kothi Mundakutty.	Landholder	[illegible]
Patannapuratte Bappu	Do	[illegible]
…rampikal Korappan	Do	
…ttaikotte Paravan	Do.	[illegible]
…hilapilikatt Choyi	Do.	[illegible]
… Velayudan.	Do.	[illegible]
…hannanassari Kunhiparachan	Do.	[illegible]
…ppara Kunhi Ramamenon	School Master	[illegible]
…hithassan Kandi Korappan	Merchant	[illegible]
…Chattunny	Kattukandy	Chattunny
…alcandy - Krishnan…	Landholder	[illegible]
2 …hipuratte Gopala Menon	Landholder	ഗോപാല [illegible]
2 …tatte Krishna Menon	Agent to the 4th Rajah	[illegible] മേനോൻ
…lichiyil Kadungimenon	Do.	[illegible]
Pottakatt Chathu Menon	Do.	[illegible]
Thiruvannore Athemoorthi Pattar	Do.	[illegible]
…kurssi Pangassa menon	Do	[illegible]
P. Kelu Eradi	Do	[illegible]
…aringini Ramanambi	Do.	[illegible]
2 …dasseri Ittiravicha Nedungadi	Do.	[illegible]
…lati Viswanadan Patter	Do.	[illegible]
…aykarimbil Kadar Tiruvanore	Do.	[illegible]
T. Govinda Menon	Do	[illegible]
…Krishna Menon	Do	[illegible]
2… …thatt Padmanabha Panikker	Do	[illegible]
28 …mmal Ahmed Pilla	Merchant	[illegible]

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236	Valia vittil Muttayan Chetty	Land holders	
237	Methala vittil Kunyumbey	Merchant	
28	Pathiparembeth Sheik mamu	Merchant	
29	Vadiyil Pakkur Koya.	Merchant	
240	Kallanke meethil Musa	Merchant	
241	Vadiyil Maliyakal mamod	Merchant	
12	M. Veeran Koya	Merchant	
270	Puthiapuray l Mrideen Koya	Merchant	
271	Pallivathakab Avaran Koya	Merchant	
272	A. Thyagarajan Pillay	Broker	
273	Velli Kunjali	Merchant	
274	Thuppattu vittil Kunjalikoya	Merchant	
275	Srangintakeeth mrideen Koya	Merchant	
276	Narayan das Gokkal das.	Merchant	
277	Ellipilla mrideen Sahib	Merchant	
278	C.S. Damodaran Chetty	Merchant	C.S. Damothiran Chetty
279	Pathiparembeth Kadir Koya	Merchant	
280	Valiaparembeth Kezhadi	Merchant	
281	M[illegible]diyarketh Ampichiamad	Merchant	
282	[illegible]diyil Pakkur Koya	Merchant	
283	[illegible]layeth Koya Mrideen	Merchant	
284	Asser		
285	Pukkn[illegible]parambil Mamod	Merchant	
286	M[illegible]than vittil Mrideen Koya	Merchant	
287	Sid[illegible]Lalakalaketh Mrideen Koya	Merchant	
	Kunnual Ahmed Pilla	Merchant	

261	Ghawall Assen Sahib.	Cloth merchant.	
262	Kadir Sahib.	Cloth merchant.	
263	Syed Ismail Sahib	Dealer in Cotton goods	
264	Siddikka Mamod Sahib	Dealer in Cotton goods.	
265	Abdhurahiman Sahib	Dealer in Cotton goods	
266	Kola Moideen Sahib	Dealer in Cotton goods.	
267	Mamod Sukkri Sahib	Cloth merchant	
268	Sabandri Moideen Sahib	Cloth merchant.	
269	Damda Ismail Sahib.	Cloth merchant.	
270	Mukhasm Ali Sahib.	Cloth merchant.	
271	Siddika Iman Sahib	Cloth merchant	
272	Bramawar Ummer Sahib	Cloth merchant	
273	Mavada Abdub Kadir Sahib	Cloth merchant	
274	Rukhnadeen Abu Baker Sahib	Cloth merchant	
275	Mulki Shamsadeen Sahib	Cloth merchant	
276	Shamundi Mamod meera Sahib	Cloth merchant	
277	Ismail Sahib	Cloth merchant	
278	Fakkir Da Shumsadeen	Cloth merchant	
279	Hayidi Assen Sahib.	Cloth merchant	
280	Seedee Ummer Sahib	Cloth merchant.	
281	Hagee Syed Fakkee Sahib.	Cloth merchant	
282	Mukhasom Moideen Sahib	Cloth merchant.	
283	Syed Assen Sahib	Cloth merchant	
284	Assen Muhamad Abib	Cloth merchant	
285	Rukhnadeen Moideen Sahib	Cloth merchant	
286	Mukhasom Assen Sahib	Cloth merchant	
287	Sidi Ummer Sahib	Cloth merchant	
288		Cloth merchant	Akbtica Mamod Sahib
289	Haja Hajee Assen Sahib	Cloth merchant	
290	Akkrum Ummer Sahib	Cloth merchant	
291	Mammad Ali Sahib	Cloth merchant	
292	Fakkir Da Ummer Sahib	Cloth merchant	
293	Syed Moideen Sahib	Cloth merchant	
294	Varoor Shamsadeen Sahib	Cloth merchant	
295	Cheedi Ahmed Sahib	Cloth merchant	
296	Syed Mammad Sahib	Cloth merchant	
297	Sabandri Abdul Kadir Sahib	Cloth merchant	
298	Mamod Meera Sahib	Cloth merchant	
299	Hajee Ahmed Fakki Sahib	Cloth merchant	
300	Essam Khan Sahib	Cloth merchant	
301	Cheria Moideen Sahib	Cloth merchant	
302	Sidekka Cheria Mamod Sahib	Cloth merchant	
303	Assen Sahib	Cloth merchant	
304	Fadel Abu Mamod Sahib	Cloth merchant	
305	Syd Mydeena Abu Bakka Sahib	Cloth merchant	
306	Syed Meera Sahib	Cloth merchant	
307	Ajab Ismail Sahib	Cloth merchant	
308	A. Shumsadeen Sahib	Cloth merchant	
309	Dandabu Mamod Sukri	Cloth merchant	
310	Sirkadee Sidi Mamod	Cloth merchant	
311	M. Ummer Sahib	Cloth merchant	
312	Mavada Oomer Sahib	Cloth merchant	

313	S. A. Venkateswara Aiyar	Cloth merchant	[illegible]
314	Ananthanarayana Iyer	General merchant	[illegible]
315	Ramaswamy Chetty.	General merchant	[illegible]
316	V. S. Anantharamaier	Cloth merchant	[illegible]
317	S. V. Sami Aiyar	Cloth merchant	[illegible]
318	V. P. Ananthararama Iyer	Cloth merchant	[illegible]
319	M. A. Soobramania Aiyar	Cloth merchant	[illegible]
320	V. S. Gopala Pattar	Cloth merchant	[illegible]
321	V. R. Narayana Aiyar	Merchant	[illegible]
322	L. Rama Pattar	Merchant	[illegible]
323	N. Soobramania Aiyar	Merchant	[illegible]
325	V. Seshan Pattar	Cloth merchant	[illegible]
326	N. Venkateswara Aiyar	Merchant	[illegible] N. Venkataswara Iyer
327	S. Sivarama Iyer	General merchant	[illegible]
328	Vanisherry Ali Berami	Merchant	[illegible]
339	Padattil Mamod	Merchant	[illegible]
340	Kzassen Koya vittil Ahmed Koya.	Merchant	[illegible]
341	Kattil vittil Amulla Koya.	Merchant	[illegible]
342	Padinhareth Koya Moideen Hajee	Merchant	[illegible]
343	Ojintaketh Ali Koya.	Merchant	[illegible]
344	Makranom vittil Abu Baker.	Merchant	[illegible]
345	Alisanmaracarketh Kzassen Koya.	Merchant	[illegible]
345	Essajee Moosajee.	Coir merchant.	[illegible]
346	Pudia Kandath Ahmed Koya Hajee	merchant	[illegible]
347	Coyamarakandath Ahmed Koya	merchant.	[illegible]
348	Atakanee vittil Kzassen Koya	merchant	[illegible]
349	Raghava Aiyar	merchants Clerk.	[illegible]
350	Rengan Pattar	Darkas writer	[illegible] N. A. Rengan Pattar
351	Mudichancady Ayyavu Chetty.	Merchant	[illegible]
352	Kizhakkan Chettin vittil Ayyavu	Merchant	[illegible]
353	M. Shonachellam Chetty	Gold Merchant.	[illegible]
354	Illath vidu Paramhil Pyru Chetty.	Merchant.	[illegible]
355	Elakudayan vittil Saminathan Chetty	Merchant	[illegible]
356	Puliyara vittil Ayyavu Chetty	merchant	[illegible]
357	Elakudayan vittil Samban Chetty	Merchant	[illegible]
358	Puthia vittil Chamyappan Chetty	merchant	[illegible]
359.	Illath vidu paramhil Velu Unti Chetty	merchant	[illegible]
360	Illath vidu Unni Chetty	Merchant	[illegible]
361	P. Ramaswamy Chetty	Merchant	[illegible]
362	C: Arunachellum Chetty	Merchant	[illegible]
363	P. Veeran	Merchant	[illegible]
364	Srangintaketh Avathurman	Tobacco merchant	[illegible]
365	Achamparambeth Ahmed Kunji	Merchant	[illegible]
366	Arykaleheth Thanykoya Hajee	Merchant	[illegible]
367	Kannady Parambeth Mamod	Merchant	[illegible]
368	A. Impichi Koya	Merchant	[illegible]
369	Arakalaheth Kozhi	Merchant	[illegible]
370	A. Mammod Koya	Merchant	[illegible]
371	Edakatan vittil Narayanan Nair	merchant	നാരായണൻ നായര [illegible]
372	Adayamangalath Chanthunni Nair	merchant	ചന്തുണ്ണി നായര [illegible]
373	Pallinalaketh Mamod Koya	Merchant	[illegible]
374	Mettala vittil Kunjappan Chetty	merchant	[illegible]

I.

RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS BY WARDS.

1. For electoral purposes the Municipalities enumerated in the schedule attached hereto shall be divided into the wards specified against each. 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. Provided also that the money limit in clause (*f*) shall be Rs. 2–8–0 in Nellore.

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 and unless his name appears in the list of candidates qualified for election prepared under rule No. 14. Provided also that the money limit in clauses (*b*) and (*f*) shall be Rs. 12 and Rs. 5 respectively in Nellore.

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 the 15th October in each year 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 on or before the 25th October in each year 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 on or before the 15th November next ensuing, 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 15th but on or before the 30th November next ensuing. 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 seven 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, not later than the 31st day of December next ensuing, 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 from the first day of January next ensuing and shall continue in operation for twelve months. If on the occurrence of any vacancy in the Council no valid lists are in existence, such vacancy shall be filled up by Government by nomination.

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. 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 two members of the Council who are neither councillors for the ward of which the poll is to be taken, nor registered voters in it are to be identifying officer and the other polling officer at the time of the election. The identifying officer shall remain outside the booth, identify electors as they arrive, and send into the polling booth one by one those of them who are satisfactorily identified, with a ticket inscribed with their name and number to be delivered to the polling officer, who shall record their votes. 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."

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 papers 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 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 inquire 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.

189 , No.

Again G.O., dated

Current No. 1297 M. of 189 6, dated 27th April 1896 from the Collector of Malabar,

Current No. 1312 M. of 189 , dated 29th April 1896 from the — do — do —

FOR ORDERS.

In the first current read above the Collector proposes the reappointment of Mr. T. Varada Rao as Chairman of the Calicut Municipality. etc, since the Collector's letter was received, Mr Varada Rao has been transferred to South arcot (Fort St. George Gazette dated 12th May 1896), the Collector will have to be asked to submit a fresh nomination if, after considering the petition received with the second current read above, Government decides that the Chairman should continue to be appointed by itself.

2. The petition is from the townsmen of Calicut and is largely & influentially signed. The petitioners pray for the restoration to the people of Calicut of the privilege of electing their municipal councillors & to the council that of electing its chairman both

both of which were taken away by Government in 1890 as it was found that the affairs of the municipality were being disgracefully managed (please see G.O. No. 1839 M., dated 4th December 1890).

3. In October 1893 when the late Governor visited Calicut he received an address from the townsmen in which they preferred the same request that is contained in the present petition and in his reply Lord Wenlock said* as follows:-

"* * * *. I can assure you that as soon "as satisfactory accounts come in, Government "will not oppose any recommendation the Col-"lector is able to make ~~that the Collector is able~~ "~~to make~~ that the privilege may be restored to "you. I hope that date will not be long de-"layed, and that we shall find we are in a "position to give back the privilege. As I said "before, Government does not wish to take "it away or keep it away from you longer "than is absolutely necessary. As soon as "we have better accounts of you, Govern-"ment will restore the privilege. As mat-"ters are now, I am sorry I cannot give you "a more satisfactory answer."

4. The Collector does not support the prayer for giving back to the coun-

cil

* ~~Please see the~~ Please ~~see~~ page 6 of the Town Minute in G.O. $\frac{496m}{19.4.94}$, marked with red tape.

council the privilege of electing its Chairman but recommends that, as the constitution of the council has not improved during the last five years under the nomination system, a partial return may be made to the elective system, and that half the seats may be thrown open to election. From 1892-93 the administration of municipal affairs has been improving. This being so, it is submitted that the privilege of election may be partially restored as proposed by the Collr., in accordance with the promise made by Lord Wenlock in 1893.

S.A.
14/5/96

WWD
16.5.96

This Council has had a long dose of deprivation of its elective rights: the last two years of the administration have been favourable. It is submitted that the Collr's recommendation may be approved

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18/5/96

[illegible]
21/5/96

JG
23/5/96

A. [illegible]
26.5.96

Order.

Privilege of election – Calicut Municipality

FOR ORDERS.

Curs. 1297 & 1312 M.

Hm & circ.

G 21/5
Q 27/5

700—6-4-96.

Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

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Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

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Current No. 1312 M. of 1896, dated 29th April '96 from the — do do —

Order. No. 987 M. D/ 12-6-96.

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

Notification

"Under section 13 of the District Muni-"-cipalities 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, H.E. the Governor in Council "is pleased to declare that from & 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

"respect of these rules by any persons interested
"therein will be considered on or after the 1st
"August next

Draft 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 to 37" (as in the printed rules herewith put up).

Schedule

Name of municipality.	Number & 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 division except C which will be divided into two wards, C_1 & C_2, the line of demarcation being the lane leading from the ~~Dispensary~~ road, past the Anekolam to the Big Bazaar Road near the well.	1
	2. B. ward		2
	3. C_1 ward		1
	4. C_2 ward		2
	5. D ward		2
	6. E ward		1
	7 F ward		1
	8 G ward		1
	9. H ward.		1

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

South Arcot, the Collector will be requested to submit a fresh nomination for the post of Chairman.

(From orders).

To
The Collector of Malabar.
" Chairman, M.C. Calicut. through the Collector of Malabar.
" Superintendent, Govt Press.

Gazetted 7/7/96. Dupl. 7/7/96

Privilege of Election - Calicut Municipality

1297 & 1312 M.

C.S.

P.S. (from order).

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-Ml.

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-Ml.

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 :—

DRAFT 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 and unless his name appears in the list of candidates qualified for election prepared under rule No. 14.

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 the 15th October in each year 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 on or before the 25th October in each year 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 on or before the 15th November next ensuing, 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 15th, but on or before the 30th, November next ensuing. 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 seven 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, not later than the 31st day of December next ensuing, 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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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)

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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 :—

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(*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 two members of the council who are neither councillors for the ward of which the poll is to be taken, nor registered voters in it, one to be identifying officer and the other polling officer at the time of the election. The identifying officer shall remain outside the booth, identify electors as they arrive, and send into the polling booth one by one those of them who are satisfactorily identified, with a ticket inscribed with their name and number to be delivered to the polling officer, who shall record their votes. 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."

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.

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 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.

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 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.
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