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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.

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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 :—

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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 :—

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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.

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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.

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(Signed) ,
Polling Officer.

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(*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.

Govt. of {1896} Madras.

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For approval.

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G.O., No. 981 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.

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From,

J. Newetson Esq. I.C.S.
Actg Collector of Malabar

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Dept.
Madras

Recd 9/5/96 12/6

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

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Malabar Collector's Office
Calicut 29th April 1896

Local & Municipal Dept.
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 —

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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
[signature]
Actg Collector.

H.C.W.
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29.4.96.

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From

The Collector of
Malabar

To

The Chief Secretary to Fort
Madras

Dated 29-4-96.
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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. T. Swaminatha Iyer Avl. Deputy Collector	Calicut	Do. - Ex-officio
	Officials		
2	Mr. John Jeevadasam Srinivasagam Pillay, Asstt. Surgeon	19.6.94	✓
3	R. J. Austin Esq. Assistant Collector	9.4.95	✓
4	Captain N. A. W. Hamilton - Port Officer	14-1-96	✓
5	Varada Rao Esq. Assistant Collector	2.5-93	appointed Chairman on 2.5.93.
	non Officials		
6	M.R.R. D. Ganapathi Rao Avl. B.A.	20.2-94	✓
7	" K. Krishnan Nair Avl. B.A., L.C.E.	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. Chappu Menon Avl.	20.11-94	
12	" C. Peru Moopan Avl.	19.6.94	
13	" Cowasji 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., B.L.	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. Nominations 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. [illegible]
For Collector

K.L.W. 27.4.96

O.C. 27.4.96

Refer. Please put up with papers [illegible] 4.12.96

Also connected papers [illegible] 12/5/96

S.J. 14/5/96

R.A. 1/5

8/5

CHAIRMAN,
CALICUT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
29 FEB. 96

Pet 2. 3/79

To

His Excellency the Right Honorable,

BEILBY BARON WENLOCK G.C.I.E.,

Governor of Madras,

Fort Saint George.

R.F. AUSTIN
25FEB.1896

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 1894, 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 Hussen Sri Ahm [illegible]
Giffili. Muthu Koya Thangal.

2). Cowasjee Ardeshir
General Merchant. Nagaram Amsham.

3. Manman Nair, High Court Vakil.

4. V. Raman Menon. Vakil. Distt. Court

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

6. P Rama Patter
First Grade Pleader.

7. C Srinivasachari.
agent. Messrs Best & Co

8. D Maneckji
General Merchants. Calicut

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No.	Names of Citizens.	Address.	Signature.
1.	Edan Eleu Rajah of Padinhare Kovilagom.	Padinhare Kovilagom Valia Raja	
2.	Viarayan alias Unni Thamburan	Pudia Kovilagom	
3.	P. Kunjanujan Rajah.	Pudia Kovilagom.	P. Kunjanujan Raja
4	P. C. Amman Rajah.	Padinhare Kovilagom	P. C. Amman Raja
5	P. C. Virarayan Rajah.	Padinhare Kovilagom.	P. C. Virarayan Raja.
6	P. C. K. Virarayan Rajah	Pudia Kovilagam	പി. സി. കെ. വി. വീരരായൻ രാജാ
7	P. C. Manavedan Rajah	Padinhare Kovilagom	P. C. Manavedan Raja
8	P. C. Manavikraman Rajah	Do	മാനവിക്രമൻ രാജാ
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 Viarayan Raja
12	P. C. Cheriyanujan Rajah	Do	മാനവേദനെന്ന രാജാ
13	P. C. Veerarayan Rajah	Do	P. C. Veerarayan Rajah
14	P. C. Manavikraman Rajah	Do	manavikraman
15	Puthiyaparambath T. M. Kelu	Nedungadi	Kelu Nedungadi
16	Gopala Pattar Keshu Pattar.	merchant.	G. Keshan Pattar
17	A. V. Krishnaier	Merchant.	A. V. Krishnaier
18	Manu Bagavathar.	musician.	
19	K. Krishnan nair B. A, B.L.	1st asst. K. V. S.	K. Krishnan Nair
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. Gopalamenon
22	A. H. Vaidyanatha Iyer B.A.	Teacher. K. V. S.	A. H. Vaidyanath Aiyar
23	Dakshina murthi Iyer.	Teacher. K. V. S.	Dakshinamurthi
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

26	C. Koman Menon	Editor, Kerala Pathrika	C. Koman Menon
27	V. Karunakara Menon	First grade Pleader	V Karunakara Menon
28	T. R. Narayana Aiyar	Second grade Pleader	T R Narayana Aiyer
29	A. K. Anantharama Iyer B.A. B.L.	First grade Pleader	A.K. Anantharama Aiyar
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	[illegible]
33	K. R. Ramaswami Iyer	First grade Vakil	K R Ramaswami Aiyar
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 Sundarjee Seit	General Merchants	[illegible]
43	Kilaparambath Moideen Kutty	General merchants	[illegible]
44	Kadarkandy Kunhi Unlee Pilly	General merchant	[illegible]
45	Mullanbakath Assen Koya Ager	General merchant	[illegible]
46	Cheria Pilakkal Ibrayan Koya	merchant	[illegible]
47	Pazhayakath Ali Koya	General merchant	[illegible]
48	Alikkavittil Kunjirayan Kutty	General merchant	[illegible]
49	Achimmiakath Amullu Koya	merchant	[illegible]
50	Parambath Kanan	merchant clerk	Kanan

1	M. Appu nedungadi	High Court Vakil	
2	P. Rama Krishna Aiyar	Govt Pleader, Calicut.	
3	T. A. Kalyana Krishna Iyer	High Court Vakil	T. A. Kalyana Krishna Iyer
4	K. P. Raman menon	High Court Vakil.	K. P. Raman menon
5	P. A. Krishna menon	1st Grade Head Munsif-Sub Court	
6	S. Sivarama Krishna Iyer	1st Grade Pleader.	
7	M. Gopal menon	High Court Vakil	
8	P. Viraraghava Iyer	Pleader, Dt Court.	P. Viraraghava Iyer
59	V. Kasturi Rengaiar	Dt Court Vendor.	
60	S. Gopala Krishna Pattar.	Merchant	
61	K. V. Vythilinga Aiyar.	Merchant	
62	L. K. Soobramania Aiyar	Merchant	L. K. Soobramania Iyer
63	A. K. Ramaswami Iyer	Darkast vendor	
64	S. Ramaswamy Pattar.	Broker.	
65	L. Ramaier Subramaniar.	Merchant.	
66	R. Shanmu Pattar.	Stamp Vendor.	R. Shanmu Pattar
67	S. V. Sivarama Aiyar	Contractor.	
68	A. Padmanabha Aiyar	School Master.	
69	Kunji Lakshmi Amah	Land Lady.	
70	Kunji Kali Amah	Land Lady.	
71	Kunhikrishna menon.	Editor.	
72	M. A. Krishna Iyer	Bank Cashier.	
73	Mullandaketh mammu Kaja	General merchant	
74	Vadaserdil Syavan Pillai	Landlord	
75	Avaran Kaja.	Merchant	
76	Poochakandy Mamod	General merchant	
77	R. B. Kothwal	merchant	
78	B. Ramanni menon.	First Grade Pleader.	
79	B. K. Raghavan rambyar.	High Court Vakil.	
80	Kar: Krishna menon.	High Court Vakil	
81	M. Kanan nair.	Second Grade Pleader.	
82	O. Rama marar	Second Grade Pleader.	
83	M. Chuppu menon.	Second Grade Pleader.	
84	K. Venkateswara Shastry.	Sanskrit Pandit.	
85	A. Ganapati Aiyar B.A.B.L.	First Grade Pleader	A. Ganapati Aiyar
86	A. Devaraja Aiyar. B. A.	Asst master Native H. School	
87	E. V. Sundara Aiyar.	Darkhas vendor.	
88	G. Appa Rao	Private medical practitioner	
89	S. R. Vasudeva Rau	Landlord & merchant	
90	V. Ranga Rao	Merchant	
91	S. R. Govinda Rau	Landlord	
92	R. W. Ramaiah	Merchant	
93	M. Appu. Menon.	Medical Practitioner	
94	D. Gaupat Rao. B. A.	Headmaster, Native High School	D. Gaupat Rao
95	S. Kuppa Rao	Asst do.	
96	L. A. Sivaramaiah	Merchant	
97	A. Sundara Iyer	Press Proprietor	
98	E. V. Eswara Aiyar.	Broker.	
99	Attiyillaketh Abdulla Kajee.	General merchant	
100	Attiyilaketh Kutti Ami	General merchant	
101	P. Mammu	merchant	
102	P. A. Padmanabhan Chetty	merchant's clerk.	
103	Mudiraparambeth Kadir Kaja.	General merchant	
104	M. Kunjahammed Kaja.	General merchant	
105	Vanishery Abu Baker Kaja	General Merchants	

106	Ajiyarakath Kunyayan Vaza	Merchant. Nagaram.	[illegible]
107	Kilningatakath Impichi Vaza.	Merchant. Nagaram.	[illegible]
108	Kayasseu Vaza vittil Ahmed.	Timber Merchant.	K. Ahamed
109	villiadath Ahmed.	Timber Merchant.	[illegible]
110	V. Padmanabhan Pillay.	Clerk. Bank of Madras.	[illegible]
111	A. M. Krishna Mallew	Canvasser: Oriental Life Office	A.M. Krishna Mallew
112	P. S. Viswanatha Aiyer B.A.	Asst. Kerala Vidyasala	P.S. Viswanatha Aiyer
113	A. V. Samu Pattar.	Merchant's Clerk.	[illegible]
114	K. R. Appathuray	Merchant.	K.R. Appathuray
115	G. R. Vythinatha Aiyar.	Teacher. Native High Sch.	G. R. [illegible]
116	Rama Pattar.	Land Lord.	[illegible]
117	V. N. Ramakrishnaier	School master N. H. S.	V. N. Ramakrishna[illegible]
118	Gopala Pattar.	Merchant.	[illegible]
119	Valiakath Abdul Kader Bavi	Merchant	[illegible]
120	Soopikavittil Abdullah Bavi	Merchant	[illegible]
121	Kamakantakath Kizamudeen	Merchant	[illegible]
122	Pilakal Malikal Mamod Haji	Merchant	[illegible]
123	Aiyam vittil Kuttussa.	Merchant	[illegible]
124	Kamakantakath Kalendan	General Merchant	[illegible]
125	P. Mussa Berami.	Timber Merchant	[illegible]
126	V. Kuyemed Haji.	Merchant.	[illegible]
127	Makaram vittil Moidutti[illegible]	Timber merchant	[illegible]
128	Bengala vittil Shek mam Haji.	merchant	[illegible]
129	Valiakath Impichi Vaza Bavi	merchant	[illegible]
130	M. Abu Bakur	Merchant	[illegible]
131	Chenimakantakath Mamod	Merchants	[illegible]

132	Assankoya. K.	Timber merchant	[signature]
133	Rammunni Menoki	Thavandapurath	[signature]
134	[illegible] Nair	Othayamangalath	[signature]
135	Chathu Kurup	Madathil	[signature]
136	Avoolla Haji	Vadial	[signature]
137	Thazhapalathingal	Kalanther Kutty.	[signature]
138	Kallingal Moosa Kutty	Timber merchant	[signature]
139	Champinkandy Ebrayan,	Timber merchant	[signature]
140	Do Moidian Koya	Do.	[signature]
141	Palathingal Mamadh	Do	[signature]
142	Ajarakath Mammath Koya	Do.	[signature]
143	Palatt Avoothraman	Do.	[signature]
144	Thakerthodial Avoothraman Kutty	Do	[signature]
145	Palliwattukil Avaran Koya	Do	[signature]
146	Moollasari Imparachan,	Landholder	[signature]
147	Narikkunni Bappu	Timber Merchant	P. N. Bāppoo
148	Kadar Moidien	Timber Merchant	[signature]
149	Maliakil Pawroojee	Do.	[signature]
150	P. T. [illegible]	Merchant	[signature]
151	Koyassankoya Veettil Allikoya	Do.	[signature]
152	T. C. Sankunni Nair	School-master	T. C. Sankunni Nair
153	Ajarakath Maliakil Mamadh.	Landholder.	[signature]
154	Cheru Kutty Comath Choyi,	Manager Kerala Sanchari	[signature]
155	Krishna Panikker K.	Clerk. Native High School, Calicut	
156	M. Krishna Menon	Asstt. Master.	[signature]
157	Puthumana Narayana Menon	Landholder.	[signature]

158	Kiriyalath Ramootty	Land Holder.	K. Ramoo[illegible]
159	Thirishery Bappu	Contractor	[illegible] Bappu
160	Kallingal Mallishery Chandukutty	Vydian	[illegible]
161	Palolithayath Kandan	Merchant.	[illegible]
162	Metaparambath Andy	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	Kanakashery Chattu	Do	[illegible]
9	Kalathil Sami	Land Holder.	[illegible]
0	Kizhakavalappil Choyi	Do	[illegible]
	Moolath Chattu	Do	[illegible]
2	Tirumangalath Sankara Menon	Zammins agent	[illegible]
3	Muthalakott Kelu Tirumulpad	Land holder.	[illegible]
4	Chandrasakarapuram Subramanian Pattar		[illegible]
5	Kurinjikotte Vishnu Namboodri	Landholder	[illegible]
	Sankurissi Vikirissa Menon	Tirumanse	[illegible]
	Mathilakath Krishna Menon		[illegible]
20	Mullassari Krishna Menon		[illegible]
	Manjani Achuta Menon		[illegible]
20	Mangatt Unniranicha Nedungadi		[illegible]
206	Parala Unni Ranicha Nedungadi		[illegible]
207	T.K. Ittiranicha Nedungadi		[illegible]
208			

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	Mathilakath Raman Menon	do		
191	Chengalath 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. Theyyan menon	do		
202	K. Krishna Menon	do		
203	K. Pandichetty	do		
204	A. Unni Raman Menon	do		
205	V. Narayana Kaimal	do		
206	P. Nanu nair	do		
207	M. Parangodan	do		
208	M. Athay	Merchant		

	Gkem bil Appu Panikker	Criminal Vakeel	[illegible]
23	Patannapuratte Karappan	Merchant	[illegible]
	Thanni Koth Mundakutty.	Landholder	[illegible]
	Patannapuratte Bappu	Do	[illegible]
2	[illegible]rampikal Korappan	Do	[illegible]
2	[illegible]ttaikotte Paravan	Do.	[illegible]
2	Thippilikatt Choyi	Do.	[illegible]
2	Do. Velayudhen.	Do.	[illegible]
270	[illegible]hannanassari Kunhiparachan	Do.	[illegible]
271	[illegible]ppara Kunhi Raman Menon	School Master	[illegible]
27[illegible]	[illegible]y Muthassan Kandi Korappan	Merchant	[illegible]
2[illegible]	[illegible]al Chathunny	Kattukandy	K. Chathunny
274	[illegible]alcandy - Krishnan [illegible]	Landholder	Krishnan [illegible]
275	[illegible]hipuratte Gopala Menon	Landholder	[illegible]
276	[illegible]tatte Krishna Menon	Agent to the 4th Raja	[illegible]
	[illegible]chiyil Kadungimenon	Do.	[illegible]
	Pottakatt Chathu Menon	Do.	[illegible]
	Thiruvannore Athemoorthi Pattar	Do.	[illegible]
279	[illegible]ukurssi Rangassa Menon	Do	[illegible]
280	P. Kelu Eradi	Do	[illegible]
281	[illegible]ringini Ramanambi	Do.	[illegible]
282	[illegible]adassari Ittiravicha Nedungadi	Do.	[illegible]
28[illegible]	[illegible]aladi Viswanadan Pattar	Do.	[illegible]
2[illegible]	[illegible]aykarimbil Kadar Tiruvanore	Do.	[illegible]
2[illegible]	[illegible]. Govinda Menon	Do	[illegible]
2[illegible]	Keezhara Krishna Menon	Do	[illegible]
28[illegible]	[illegible]kuatte Palanmanabha Panikker	Do	

6	Valia vittil Mutkayan Chetty	Land holders	
	Methala vittil Kunjumbkoy	Merchant	
8	Pathiparembeth Sheikmamu	Merchant	
9	Vadiyil Pakkur Koya.	Merchant	
40	Kallande meethil Musa	Merchant	
41	Vadiyil Maliyakal mamod	Merchant	
42	M. Veeran Koya	Merchant	
	Puthiapurayil Mordeen Koya	Merchant	
2	Pallivathakab Avaran Koya	Merchant	
2	A. Thyagarajan Pillay	Broker	
	Heldk Kunjali	Merchant	
2	Thuppattu vittil Kunjalikoya	Merchant	
	Erangintakeeth moideen Koya	Merchant	
	Narayana das Gokkal das.	Merchant	
2	Ellipilla moideen Sahib	Merchant	
27	C.S. Damodaran Chetty	Merchant	C.S. Damothiran Chetty
	Pathiparembeth Kadir Koya	Merchant	
2	Valiaparembeth Kuzhi	Merchant	
28	diyaketh Impichiamad	Merchant	
281	diyil Pakkur Koya	Merchant	
282	Kazeth Koya Moideen	Merchant	
283	parambil Mamod	Merchant	
284	than vittil Moideen Koya	Merchant	
285	Valakaleketh Moideen Koya	Merchant	
28	Semmal Ahmed Pilla	Merchant	
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261	Shawall Assen Sahib.	Cloth merchant.	
262	Kadir Sahib.	Cloth merchant.	
263	Syed Ismail Sahib	Dealer in Cotton goods	
264	Siddikka Mamud Sahib	Dealer in Cotton goods.	
265	Abdhurahiman Sahib	Dealer in Cotton goods	
266	Shola Moideen Sahib	Dealer in Cotton goods.	
267	Mamud Sukkri Sahib	Cloth merchant	
268	Sabandri Moideen Sahib	Cloth merchant.	
269	Damda Ismail Sahib.	Cloth merchant.	
270	Muthasom Ali Sahib.	Cloth merchant	
271	Siddika Iman Sahib	Cloth merchant	
272	Bramawar Ummer Sahib	Cloth merchant	
273	Mavada Abdub Kadir Sahib	Cloth merchant	
274	Ruknadeen Abu Baker Sahib	Cloth merchant	
275	Mulki Shamsadeen Sahib	Cloth merchant	
276	Shamundi Mamud meera Sahib	Cloth merchant	
277	Ismail Sahib	Cloth merchant	
278	Fakkir Dr Shumsadeen	Cloth merchant	
279	Hajiddi Assen Sahib.	Cloth merchant	
280	Seeder Ummer Sahib	Cloth merchant.	
281	Hajee Syed Fakkir Sahib.	Cloth merchant	
282	Muthasom Moideen Sahib	Cloth merchant.	
283	Syed Assen Sahib	Cloth merchant	
284	Assen Muhamad Abib	Cloth merchant	
285	Ruknadeen Moideen Sahib	Cloth merchant	
286	Muthasom Assen Sahib	Cloth merchant	
287	Sidi Ummer Sahib	Cloth merchant	

288	حنیفہ ما محمد صاحب	Cloth merchant	Ahifica Mamod Sahib
289	Kaya Hajee Assen Sahib	Cloth merchant	کایا حاجی حسن بن شمس الدین
290	Akkrum Ummer Sahib	Cloth merchant	محمد اکرم عمر بن حاجی محی الدین صاحب
291	Mammad Ali Sahib	Cloth merchant	محمد اکرم علی صاحب بن عبد القادر صاحب
292	Zakkur Da Ummer Sahib	Cloth merchant	فقور عمر صاحب بن محی الدین صاحب
293	Syed Moideen Sahib	Cloth merchant	سید محی الدین سید محی الدین صاحب
294	Varoor Shamsadeen Sahib	Cloth merchant	کہرور شمس الدین صاحب
295	Cheedi Ahmed Sahib	Cloth merchant	سید بن احمد احمد صاحب
296	Syed Mammad Sahib	Cloth merchant	کربکات سید محمد صاحب
297	Sabandri Abdul Kadur Sahib	Cloth merchant	شا بندری عبد القادر صاحب
298	Mamod Meera Sahib	Cloth merchant	شاہ بندری محمد ملک صاحب
299	Hajee Ahmed Zakki Sahib	Cloth merchant	صدیقا حاجی احمد فقیہ صاحب بن محمد صاحب
300	Essan Khan Sahib	Cloth merchant	حسین خان صاحب
301	Cheria Moideen Sahib	Cloth merchant	بایزید ارکم الدین بن محی الدین صاحب
302	Siddika Cheria Mamod Sahib	Cloth merchant	صدیقا محمد صاحب بن احمد صاحب
303	Assen Sahib	Cloth merchant	ڈاکٹر حسن بن عبد اللہ صاحب
304	Zabel Abu Mamod Sahib	Cloth merchant	فاضل ابو محمد صاحب
305	Syed Moideen Abu Bakker Sahib	Cloth merchants	سید محی الدین سید ابو بکر صاحب
306	Syed Meera Sahib	Cloth merchants	سید محی الدین سید ابراہیم صاحب
307	Ajab Ismail Sahib	Cloth merchant	عجاب اسمعیل صاحب
308	H. Shumsadeen Sahib	Cloth merchants	بحر شمس الدین صاحب
309	Dandabu Mamod Sukri	Cloth merchant	دابا بو محمد سکری صاحب
310	Sinkadee Sidi Mamod	Cloth merchant	سنکدی سیدی محمد صاحب
311	M. Ummer Sahib	Cloth merchant	سعد احمد میر
312	Mavada Oomer Sahib	Cloth merchant	[illegible] محمد صاحب

313	S.A. Venkateswara Aiyar	Cloth merchant	
314	Ananthanarayana Iyer	General merchant	
315	Ramaswamy Chetty	General merchant	
316	V.S. Anantharamaier	Cloth merchant	
317	S.V. Sami Aiyar	Cloth merchant	
318	V.P. Anantharama Iyer	Cloth merchant	
319	M.A. Soobramania Aiyar	Cloth merchant	
320	V.S. Gopala Pattar	Cloth merchant	
321	V.R. Narayana Aiyar	Merchant	
322	L. Rama Pattar	Merchant	
323	N Soobramania Aiyar	Merchant	
324	V. Seshan Pattar	Cloth merchant	
326	A. Venkateswara Aiyar	Merchant	N. Venkataswara Iyer
327	S. Sivarama Iyer	General merchant	
328	Vanishery Ali Berami	Merchant	
339	Padattil Mamod	Merchant	
340	Hyassen Haja vittil Ahmed Haja.	Merchant	
341	Kettil vittil Amila Haja.	Merchant	
342	Padinhareta Kaya Moideen Haji	Merchant	
343	Ojusaheth Ali Haja.	Merchant	
344	Makanom vittil Abu Bakar.	Merchant	
345	Alisanmaracarheth Hyassen Haja.	Merchant	
345	Essaji Moosaji.	Coir merchant.	
346	Pudia Kandeth Ahmed Haja Haji	merchant	
347	Koyamarakarheth Ahmed Haja	merchant	
348	Atakanee vittil Hyassen Haja	merchant	
349	Raghava Aiyar	merchant's Clerk.	
350	Rengan Pattar	Darkas [illegible]	A.A Rengan Pattar

351	Mudichaucady Ayyavu Chetty.	Merchant	
352	Kizhakkan Chettair vittil Ayyavu	Merchant	
353	M. Shonachellam Chetty.	Gold Merchant.	
354	Illath vidu Parambil Pyru Chetty.	Merchant.	
355	Kalandayan vittil Saminathan Chty	Merchant	
356	Puliyan vittil Ayyavu Chetty	merchant	
357	Kalandayan vittil Samban Chetty	Merchant	
358	Puthia vittil Chamyappa Chetty	merchant	
359.	Illath vidu parambil Velu Auth'y Chty	merchant	
360	Illath vidu Ennni Chetty	Merchant	
361	P. Ramaswamy Chetty.	Merchant	
362	C: Arunachellum Chetty	Merchant	
363	P. Veeran	Merchant	
364	Sanguni Chetti Avathuman	Tobacco merchant	
365	Achamparambath Ahmed Hungi	Merchant	
366	Aryikalchetti Thangkoya Hagee	Merchant	
367	Kannady Parambath Mamod	Merchant	
368	A. Impichi Koya	Merchant	
369	Arakalachetti Kozhi.	Merchant	
370	A. Mammod Koya	Merchant	
371	Edakkattuvittil Narayanan Nair	merchant	
372	Adayamangalath Chanthunni nair	merchant	
373	Pallinalachetti Mamod Koya	Merchant	
374	Meltalavittil Kunjappen Chetty	merchant	

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.

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

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."

(Signed)

Date *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.

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

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

Current No. 1312 M. of 189 , dated 29th April 1896 from the —— 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. As, 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 decide 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 fc. No. 1839m., 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 council

* Please see page 6 of the Jour. Minute in fc. 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 1893-95 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 Coll., in accordance with the promise made by Lord Wenlock in 1893.

2. This Council has had a long dose of deprivation of the elective right: the last two years of the administration have been favourable. It is submitted that the Coll" recommendation may be approved

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Privilege of election – Calicut Municipality

FOR ORDERS.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

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Order. No. 981 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 3" (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 Anekoland crossing the Flag Staff Road 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 Arcot, the Collector will be requested to submit a fresh nomination for the post of Chairman.

(from orders).

Vdl 6/6/96 — WWS — 9/6/96 — 8.6.96

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

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Privilege of Elections Calicut Municipality

1297 & 1312 M.

C.S. / P.S. (from orders).

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.
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(*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.
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person may be registered in more lists than one, provided he has the requisite property qualification under clause (*a*) of rule 3 in each ward. A person who pays the requisite amount of taxes to entitle him to be an elector, but has his property scattered over more than one ward, may be registered for any one such ward as he may elect.

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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.

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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)

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."

(Signed)

Date *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.
,, Chairman, Municipal Council, Calicut, through the Collector of Malabar.
,, Superintendent, Government Press.
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