[G. / 4.. / 5,000—7-7-00.]

L&M DEPARTMENT.

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Ordinary ~~Routine~~ No. 1626 M. dated 20-7- 1897.

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26-10-00	Revenue	53, 1653A 5865	00			
6-2-01	Judl	361	01			
29-5-01	Revenue	2747	01			
3-12-01	M	4320	01		13-12-01	
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7-5-02	M. Rangasamy				11/6/02	D
29-9-02	Telegram from Coty					
13/8/03	M	2528	1903		15/8/13	
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[L. & M. / 5,000—3-4-97.]

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1626 M.

DATED 20-7-97.

[Despatch Abstract.]

District Municipalities Act Amendment Act.

Passing orders with regard to certain proposals submitted by the Municipal Council of Ootacamund under the Madras District Municipalities Act IV of 1884 as amended by Act III of 1897.

BACK PAPERS.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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700—6-4-96.

Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

P. Current No. 2005M of 1897, dated 17th May 1897 from the Chairman, M.C. Ootacamund

Q. Current No. 2048M of 1897, dated 19th May 97 from the C. Ponnamba Pillai & others

Q. 2665M of 97, dated 14th June 1897 from the Collr of the Nilgiris.

Mis. Order. No 1626. M. mis. dt 20.7.97

Under ~~clause~~ subsection (2) of section 39-A of the District Municipalities Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that the appointment of a secretary ~~need not now be appointed~~ for the Municipal Council of Ootacamund shall for the present be postponed. The ~~present~~ existing arrangement of a salaried chairman will therefore continue.

15/7/97

J G
16/7/97

A.J.H.
19.7.97

2. ~~Clause~~ Subsection (3) of section 14 of the act as amended, ~~lays down that the municipal council may with~~ requires the previous sanction ~~of, and in such manner as may be prescribed by~~ of the Governor in Council to the election by the Mun. Council of a ~~one of their number to be~~ vice-chairman. As the ~~council did not obtain the previ~~

sanction ~~of Government to~~ was not obtained ~~elect a vice-chairman, and as the manner in which these elections should be conducted has not yet been prescribed~~, the nomination of Col. K. F. Stevenson as vice-chairman is ~~not~~ invalid. The proposal ~~of the municipal Council~~ to ~~have a~~ appoint a vice-chairman for the [illegible] is however approved and ~~it should~~ the Mun. C. should proceed to the election, as soon as the rules for the ~~in accordance with the proper elec~~ conduct of such elections, ~~the rules~~ which ~~will~~ have been issued lately ~~shortly~~, shall have come into operation.

3. The assessment of the tax on arts in accordance with the revised Schedule A, and the adoption of the increased rates of the tax on vehicles and animals provided in the amended Schedule B, are approved; ~~but the~~ It is observed that it is proposed to levy the tax on "palanquin &c" (by which is apparently meant "palanquin, bicycle or tricycle," ~~or~~ as ~~nothing~~ specified in Schedule B) at the rate of one rupee per half year. ~~does not commend itself to~~ The Government is inclined to consider that the full rate might well be charged in this case. The Municipal Council accordingly requested to state ~~why they~~ fully their reasons why the full tax ~~on these~~ should not ~~also~~ be levied ~~charged at the maximum rate of Rs 2 per half year~~.

I thought they had issued
KH

yes the draft has been altered accordingly -

c-1151
Please see separate note on this subject
8/7

5. The M.C. have declined to increase the rate of the water & drainage tax. The Govt. however observes that the anticipated income in 97/98 from the present two per cent rate is only R 7700, while the estimated expenditure under water supply & drainage, inclusive of the annual charge for the repayt. of the govt. loan on account of these objects, amounts to R 10750. The deficit must be met from the proceeds of the tax, & H. E. in C. accordingly desires that the matter be reconsidered at a very early date, in view of the enhancet. of the tax to meet the deficit of the year.

4. The proposals of the Municipal Council to levy the tax on lands unappropriated to buildings and on lands occupied by native huts at the rate of Rs 1-8-0 per acre, and to charge a fee of Rs 2 per mensem on licenses for places used for th sale of mutton, beef or fish are sanctioned ~~But~~ the Chairma ~~should~~ will report at an early da what revenue the Council ex pects to realize from the form source.

6 ~~5~~ The Council's proposa that the tax on private menial and domestic ma servants under clause (vii) o section 47, be levied at a rate not exceeding one rup

for each servant per mensem" cannot be sanctioned in its present indeterminate shape ~~as it would imply that the Council should fix definitely can at its discretion impose the tax at varying rates subject to a limit of one rupee~~. The Council should fix definitely the rate at which it proposes the tax should be levied, and ~~renew~~ submit its application for sanction.

(From orders)

V.R.
3/7/97

11/7/97

To.

The Chairman, Municipal Council

Ootacamund, through

the Collector of the Nilgi

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L. & M.
100—8-8-96.

There is another file
in a sealed cover

NOTE FOR THE ~~CHIEF~~ SECRETARY.

Please see the draft below from Orders and a draft circular sanctioning the assessment of the tax on Arts professions etc., and the tax on vehicles and animals in accordance with the revised Schedules B and C to the District Municipalities act, herewith submitted

2. With reference to the Honorable Member's note of the 24th June 1897 on page 6 of the note for orders, it is submitted that the revenue derived from the water-tax in 1895–96 was Rs 3,682 The rate of this tax having been raised from one to two percent of the annual value by G.O. No 1569. L.M, dated 14th ~~October~~ September 1896, the receipts from this Source in 1897-98 are estimated in the budget at Rs 7,700. The following statement gives in one view the income derived from the water tax in the Ootacamund Municipality and the annual expenditure in connection with the water-supply and drainage of the town, during the year 1895-96 and the corresponding estimates for 1897-98:—

(P.T.O.)

Note - The items of Expenditure are here given in the order in which they occur in the muni cipal accounts.

	Actuals 1895-96.	? Estm. 1897-9
Receipts Income from water-tax	3,682	7700
Charges Water-Supply		
i. Petty new works	1,449	"
ii. Repairs to works machinery etc.	8,80	500
iii. Establishment.	1,747	1,680
iv. Contingencies.	105	100
v. Interest and sinking fund on the loan of Rs 43,000 raised on account of the Water Supply Scheme.	3234	3234
Total	7,415	5,514
Drainage		
i. Petty new works	539	500
ii. Repairs to works	933	300
iii. Establishment	1555	1680
iv. Interest and sinking fund on the loan of Rs 17,500 taken for the drainage works.	1317	1317
Total	4,344	3797
Grand Total of Charges	11,759	9,311

× Please see my note. The Mty & the Coll. give the expenses as R 10750
S.T.F

It will be seen from the above Statement that the annual expenditure on water-supply and drainage exceeded the revenue realized from the water and drainage tax by Rs 8077 in 1895-96 and it is expected to be Rs 1611 in excess of the estimated income from this source in 1897-98. The actuals for 1896-97 are not yet available.

V.R
3/7/97

But according to the H.M. note these items were to be excluded only such of the charges on petty new works as were not debitable to loan funds, having been ordered to be included.
VR
22/7/97

H.M.

From the above note it will be seen that the income from the 2% water & drainage tax is estimated for 97/98 at R 7700.

The expenditure on water supply & drainage is given as R 9311: but in his communication regarding the constitution of the Mty (vide linked file) the Collector states the expenditure to be R 10,750. I asked Mr. Tremenheere Do. if he cd. explain the difference & he has sent on a note of Mr Hannett (see at end of my do.) from which it appears that the office note omits the following expre under drainage ~~[illegible]~~ proposed to be incurred from the govt. loan

" Old agraharam R1000
Vanarpettai 400
Probable on interest
on the above 39

or a total additional amt of R1439, making the total expre falling the net legitimately from the ure, R 10750.

This is R 3050 short of te estimated produce of the ax collected at 2%

An additional one per cent wd. ~~[illegible]~~ cover the difference, & a little more

But as it is not unsafe to anticipate that the income will very likely not be fully realized while the expense will probably be in excess of the estimate, an extra ~~[illegible]~~ one & one half per cent wd. not be an unreasonable enhancement. However this may be regarded, it is absolutely necessary that the water tax be increased by any rate the one per cent, making it 3% altogether. I have added to the draft a para. accordingly.

13/7/7

Circ.
For favour of early explanation.
H. Tremenheere
13.7

Local & Municipal Department.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

OOTACAMUND,
12.7.1897

My dear Tremenheere

In your confidential letter No. A. of 14th June last you put the expenditure on water & drainage for 97/98 at R10,750. My office in a note called for independently put these charges at R. 9.311

Levy of certain taxes by Ootacamund municipality

C.Nos 20051/97 & 2048m/97

For orders.

With his letter read above the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ootacamund forwards a resolution of the Council in which sanction is requested to the following proposals:–

(a) To dispense with the appointment of a Secretary and to pay the Chairman his present salary (R 250).

(b) To appoint Col: Stevenson as vice-chairman.

(c) To levy the tax on arts in accordance with the annexed schedule A and to ~~[illegible]~~ impose the tax on lands unappropriated to buildings and lands occupied by native huts at Rs 1-8-0 per acre

(d) To bring into force the maximum rates prescribed in Schedule B and C ~~[illegible]~~, but to levy the tax on palanquins &c at the rate of one rupee per half year.

(e). To impose a tax on private menial and domestic male servants at a rate not exceeding one rupee per mensem and

(f) To levy a fee of Rs 2 per mensem Value beef or fish in any place outside the public market.

— appt. of a Secretary —

2. As regards (a): it is observed that clause (2) of section 39-A of the amended municipal act provides that "unless the Governor in Council otherwise directs, every municipal Council which has during three consecutive financial years realized an average annual income of Rs 30000, excluding extraordinary items of receipt, shall in the next succeeding financial year appoint a Secretary". The average income of Ootacamund excluding special receipts during the three financial years ending with 1895-96, amounted to Rs 82,242, ⊗ and the appointment of a Secretary is therefore obligatory unless the Govt directs otherwise. It is for consideration, whether the Council's proposal, for which, however, no reasons have been assigned, may not be approved.

(b) The Council has unanimously elected Col. Stevenson as its vice-chairman. Clause (3) of Section 14 of the amended act says that "the municipal Council may with the previous sanction of, and in the manner prescribed by, the Governor in Council elect one of their number to be vice-chairman". The Council has not obtained the previous sanction of Govt to elect vice-chairman, and the manner in which these elections should be conducted not having yet been prescribed by Government, the election of Col. Stevenson cannot be considered to be strictly valid. The Council's proposal to have a vice-chairman may therefore be now approved and the Council may be asked to elect one, in such manner as may hereafter be prescribed by Government. The question of adopting the rules now in force for the election of chairmen of municipal Councils, to the case of election of Vice-Chairmen also, has been submitted for consideration in another file.

(c) and (d). The Sanction of Govt. does not appear to be necessary for levying the tax on carts in accordance with the amended Schedule A or for adopting the increased rates of tax provided in the revised Schedules B and C.

Under Clause (3) of section 63 of the amended act, the Council proposes to levy the tax on lands un-appropriated to buildings and lands occupied by native huts at the rate of Rs 1-8-0 per acre. ~~The tax on all~~ All the lands in the town are now taxed at 7½ per cent of their annual

P.T.O.

⊗ These are the figure given in the Statement submitted with another file now at Ooty

On another file I have noted that the present arrangt. shd. continue. If this is approved the G in C may ~~otherwise~~ direct that a Secy need not be appointed

S.J.L. 31.5.97

Yes HH

On another file I have noted that the rules for the election of a Chairman may be adopted. If this is done & if then the G in C sanctions the appt. of a Vice Chairman, the Council may proceed to the election: but meantime the nomination is invalid. S.J.L. 31.5.97

Quite so — there is, of course, no objection to their having a Vice Chairman HH

The raising of these taxes has already been sanctioned under sec. 48 of the Act; as also the max.m rates for vehicles & animals under the old law; but as these max. rates have been altered by the amending act it will be safest to sanction them formally.

S.J.L.

This may as well be done by a general order applicable to all municies. HH

Please see note at end on the resolution of the Council to retain the present House tax &c

S.J.L.

Value and Section 63(3) empowers the Chairman to impose with the approval of the Council and the sanction of the Governor in Council, a tax on ~~lands~~ the classes of lands therein referred to* not exceeding four annas for every eighty square yards (or a little over Rs 15 per acre) in lieu of a tax calculated on their annual value. The rate of Rs 1-8-0 per acre proposed by the municipal Council is moderate and may be approved.

The Council also proposes to tax ~~pl~~ palanquins &c at the rate of one rupee per half year, the maximum prescribed in the Schedule being Rs 3. It is not stated either in the Council's resolution or in the Chairman's letter, what is meant by "palanquins &c", but presumably this expression is intended to refer to "palanquin, bicycle or tricycle" occurring in Schedules B and C. In G.Os No 765 M. dated 18th June 1894 and 1489 M dated 4th September 1896, the Government has sanctioned the levy of the tax on vehicles and animals at different rates on the different descriptions of vehicles &c given in the Schedule and it is submitted that the Council's proposal to levy the tax on palanquins &c alone at one rupee per half year is unobjectionable and may be sanctioned.

(c) The levy of a monthly tax on

* i.e. "lands not occupied by buildings "but appurtenant to any building "or attached thereto for use therewith as a "garden or pleasure ground or for the pasturage "of animals kept for private use; and "lands occupied by native huts"

The rate is very small; & may be sanctioned until it is seen how it works S.K.

Yes. But I would ask for a report as to what they expect to get H.S.

The Municipal Notice is served this half year charges "palanquins, bicycles & tricycles" at R 3 the half year. Apparently, if the interpretation of "&c" given in the office note is correct, the M.C. mean to reduce the rate to one rupee. There does not seem any good reason for this, unless they think that the small rate will encourage the extended use of the "bike", & add to their coffers in that way. S.K.

I think they might well charge the full rate — anyway, if they don't intend to do so, they should give their reasons — H.S.

The M.C. must fix definitely the rate. Govt. cannot sanction an indeterminate rate S.K. H.S.

Yes; "fish" is "flesh intended for food". The rate may be sanctioned S.K. H.S.

private menial and domestic male servants has been legalized by clause (vii), of section 47, of the act, as amended, but the Council's proposal that the tax be levied at a rate "not exceeding one rupee for each servant" seems rather vague and would imply that the Council can at its discretion impose the tax at varying rates, subject to a limit of one rupee. This does not however appear to be warranted by the act and it is therefore submitted that this proposal may be sanctioned with the remark that the ~~rate~~ tax should be levied at a uniform rate of one rupee per head.

(f) The Council proposes, apparently under sections 191(2) and 267 of the act, to charge a fee of Rs 2 per mensem on licenses for places used for the sale of mutton, beef or fish. The former section makes a license necessary for a place used for selling or storing for sale "any flesh intended for food". It is presumed that ~~in~~ a place for the sale of fish ~~[illegible]~~ also falls within the purview of this section.

Cur. No. 2048 M. is a petition from the inhabitants of Ootacamund complaining that [illegible] fee on mutton &c sh[illegible] is h[illegible] that it may be redu

K.P. 29/5/97

H.H.

Please see marginal notes.

It will be seen that the Council has declined to raise the ~~[illegible]~~ House tax from 7½ % to 8½ % or to alter the present rate of the water & drainage tax which is 2 %.

The Collector thinks the former decision particularly to be regretted: altho' he considers ~~[illegible]~~ "perhaps" both decisions may be accepted until it is seen what additional income the other changes may produce.

I have made inquiries as to the manner in which the Municipal income will be affected by the new amending Act and by the present proposals of the Municipal Council.

(1) Tax on arts

The actual income of 1896/97 is put at R3300.

Under the [illegible] Act the [illegible] unobjectionable and [illegible]

(1) the levy of a tax on

This matter will come up again on the Coll's letter dealing with the constitution of the M.C. — I certainly think the rate should be raised. As to the water & drainage tax, the objects to which it can be applied are strictly limited by the 2nd proviso to s. 47, and it is useless to raise it to an extent greater than is required to meet those objects. Please see what annual sum is required for those objects, including interest & sinking fund on ~~money~~ loans already raised and spent on drainage & water works and all charges for the establishments maintained for the supervision ~~& repair~~ cleaning of drains & water works, as well as the charges for actual repairs & petty new works of these kinds not debited to loan funds.

H.S.
24/6/97

difference of + R170.

(2) Land tax

The imposition of R1½ an acre by the present resolution of the M.C. under S 63 (3), — lands not appropriated to buildings and native huts —, is estimated to bring in a clear gain of + R1500.

(3) Vehicles & animals

An increase of + R400 is expected by the raising of the rate for animals in the new Act & by the taxing of bicycles.

Income from rents, license fees &c are somewhat altered by the new Act, but loss in one direction can be compensated by gain in another; and these sources of income may be considered as [illegible].

Thus the total enhancement of the municipal income under the operation of the new Act and the Council's resolutions now submitted will not bring in more, it is anticipated, ~~than~~ + Rs 3600, a very meagre rise.

The raising of the house tax rate from 7½% to 8½%, which the Council has declined to do, would add R4030.

The raising of the "water & drainage" tax from 2% to 4%, as proposed in the Council but lost by a vote of 8 to 4, would add Rs 7700; as the present 2% tax brings in that amount. The max^m under the am^d Act is 8%, so that it is practicable to raise a [illegible] fifteen [illegible]

thus —

Water.	
Repairs &c	R 500
estab^t.	1680
Conting^s.	100
int. & sinking fund on loan of R43000	3234
	5514
Drainage	
Petty new works	500
Repairs	300
Estab^t.	1680
int. &c on loan of 17600	1317
	3797
Grand total	Rs. 9311

If you can readily explain the discrepancy I sh^d be grateful

Yours sincerely

The difference between Rs. 10,750 and the grand total Rs. 9311. is Rs. 1439. This is made up of the following items taken from the expenditure proposed to be incurred in 1897-98 from the loan obtd. from Government for

Drainage -	Old Agraharam	Rs. 1000 -
	Vannarapettah	Rs. 400 -
	Probable on interest on the above	Rs. 39 -
		Rs. 1439

Ooty - 13. July/97

W. Kamath
Chairman

this source. [As the Act is worded (sec^ns 47(iii) : 75) only a single water & drainage tax can be raised - not an 8% water tax & an 8% drainage tax.]

I don't suppose that at the present juncture it is intended to take action under Sec^n 49 which empowers the Govt. to direct the levy of taxes. We know now that there is a large margin to go upon, & that when funds are necessary to meet the cost of the water & drainage schemes there are resources behind upon which to draw.

At the same time we might ask the Col. to reconsider the proposal to raise the house [illegible] 7½ % to 8½ per cent. As to other points see marginal notes on office note.

8/6/97

Urgent.

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

Ans.

CURRENT No. 2005 M

Order.

From The Chairman. Municipal Council Ootacamund.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT MAY 97 LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

No. 662

Dated 17th May 1897.

Received 21. 5. 97

Registered 21. 5. 97.

Enclosures Two.

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Act III of 1897.

Submitting for the approval and sanction of the Government, resolutions of the Council on the question of raising certain taxes, with reference to the District Municipalities amendment

BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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~~No.~~

Extract from the Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Ootacamund Municipal Council held on ~~Saturday~~ Monday the 10th May 1897.

~~SUBJECT No.~~

RESOLUTION :—

Present

The Chairman
J. H. Tremenheere Esqr.
Ag: Collector
J. Browne Esqr.
M.R.Ry C. Rajagopal Naidu Garu.
do P. Maruthachella Moodr. avergal
L. W. Schmidt Esqr.
G. T. Walch Esqr.
A. M. Jones Esqr.
Colonel R. F. Stevenson
N. M. Gool Mahomed Sait Sahib

Read Chairman's note dated 8th May 1897, bringing to the notice of the Council the notification of the Madras Government, No 309 dated 4th May 1897, declaring that the District Municipalities Amendment Act III of 1897 shall come into force from the aforesaid date, and requesting the consideration of the following points in connection therewith.

I. Change in the Executive

viz

viz –

The appointment of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary –

Resolved that the Government be requested to allow the Municipality to dispense with the appointment of Secretary and to pay the Chairman his present salary.

"Carried unanimously"

II. Taxes to be levied

Proposed by Mr. L. W. Schmidt and Seconded by Mr. G. T. Walch that the consideration of the remaining points of the agenda paper be adjourned to Monday the 17th instant at 11 a.m.

"Carried unanimously"

(True Extract)

E. Bennett
Chairman.

Municipal Office,
Ootacamund, 10th May 1897.

To

1005 M of 1897

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8-9-96.

No.

Extract from the Proceedings of ~~a~~ an adjourned Special Meeting of the Ootacamund Municipal Council held on ~~Saturday~~ Monday the 17th May 1897.

~~Subject No.~~ Resolution:–

Present
The Chairman
J. H. A. Tremenheere Esqr.
Ag. Collector
J. Browne Esqr.
M. R. Ry P. Maruthachella
Moodr. Avergal
Sait Bin Meanjee Sait Sahib
L. W. Schmidt Esqr.
A. M. Jones Esqr.
Colonel H. F. Stevenson
D. Edulgee Esqr.
Revd. C. Biolley
A. R. Hajee Fakir Mahomed
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May 1897 bringing to the notice
the Council the notification
the Madras Government
309 dated 4th May 1897 de-
claring that the District
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tion therewith. –

resolution of the

Council dated 10 May 1897.

"I Change in the Executive viz:

"The appointment of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.

(1). **2nd Point** – relates to the taxes to be levied –

The present tax on lands and buildings will have to be raised from 7½ to 8½ per cent.

(2). The tax on lands not occupied by buildings and lands occupied by native huts to be at an annual rate not exceeding

"Resolved that the Government be requested to allow the Municipality to dispense with the appointment of Secretary and to pay the Chairman his present salary."

"Carried unanimously".

—

Proposed by Mr. J. H. A. Tremenheere and Seconded by Mr. Dadabhoi Eduljee –

That Colonel K. A. Stevenson be appointed as Vice-Chairman.

Carried unanimously.

Proposed by A. R. Hajee Fakir Mahomed Sait Sahib and seconded by Mr. L. W. Schmi

That the house tax be no raised at present from 7½ 8½ per Cent.

Nine for and three aga

Proposed by Colonel Stevenson and Seconded by M Browne –

That the rate of Rs 1 –

(True Extract)

MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
OOTACAMUND, ____________ 189 .

Chairman.

To

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square yards.

(3). The substitution for the tax leviable on buildings at a percentage on their annual value of a rate calculated according to the area covered by such buildings.

3rd point

(4) – The alterations in the rates on arts and professions which are in future to be assessed on the income.

4th point

(5). The alterations in the Schedule relating to the rates chargeable on Vehicles and animals including "bicycles and tricycles."

5th point

(6). The water and drainage tax –

The present tax being restricted only to water at 2 per cent, it [illegible] now be raised to any percentage not exceeding

ne new

"Carried una

Resolved that no acti be taken on new Section 50–63 (a).

The tax on arts &c. will levied under Section according to Schedule

The new maximum rates under Schedu B & C will be levied, the exception of the "palanquin &a." w be at one rupee p year.

Proposed by M and Seconded hee re –

That the

drainage

	at 4 per cent from 1st October next. Eight against, and four for.
6th point (7). The levy of tolls—No tolls are levied at present and large number of carts use the municipal roads without payment of any tax.	Resolved that no tolls be levied.
7th point A monthly tax on private menial and domestic male servants, at a rate not excee g two rupees per mensem; tax will not be leivable ose who pay profession tax and tax on building ands, water and	Resolved that a tax be levied on private menial and domestic male servants at a rate not exceeding one Rupee, for each servant, per mensem.
point es to be charged under s 180 + 188 for various es as shown in ment appended.	The fees to be charged under Sections 180 and 188 will be referred to a Sub-Committee for consideration and report. Pending such report the fees imposed at present will be levied.

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No. 662.

A. M

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9th point (10). To declare a place to be market under Section 193A and to determine the fee which should be levied.	The Chairman will submit definite propo
10th point (11). To determine the fees which should be levied for licenses for selling mutton, beef, or fish in any place, outside of the public market—Section 191 (2).	Resolved that a fee Rs 2 per mensem b levied for licenses f selling mutton, bee or fish in any pla outside of the pu market. Eight for, and fo

P.T.O.

Municipal Office,
Ootacamund 17th May 1897

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Urgent

No. 662.

Ootacamund Municipal Office,

17th May 1897.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 2005-M

From
THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
OOTACAMUND.

Enclosures Two

To

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Stone-House Hill;

Cur no 659/97

Through

The Collector of the Nilgiris.

Sir,

With reference to Section 50 of Madras Act IV of 1884 as amended by Madras Act III of 1897, I have the honor to submit extracts of a special and an adjourned special meeting of the Ootacamund Municipal Council, and to request that the approval and sanction of His Excellency the Governor in Council may be obtained at an early date to the following viz:—

1. To allow the Municipality to dispense with the appointment of Secretary and to pay the Chairman his present salary (Rs 250),
2. To appoint Col: H. F. Stevenson as Vice-Chairman.
3. That the rate of Rs 1-8-0. per acre be charged under the new Section 49-63 (3) a & b.
4. The tax on Arts &c to be levied under Section 47 (1) according to Schedule A.

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5. The new maximum rates under Schedules b & c to be levied, with the exception of the rate for palanquins &c which will be at One Rupee per half year.

6. That a tax be levied on private menial and domestic male servants at a rate not exceeding One Rupee for each servant per mensem.

7. That a fee of Rupees Two per mensem be levied for licenses for selling mutton, beef or fish in any place outside of the public market.

To have effect from the 1st April 1897.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
W. Hannett
Chairman.

Ans. R. dis. in cur. no. 659/97.

Forwarded. It will be seen that the Council declines to raise the tax on House & Buildings from 7 ½ to 8 ½ p.c & proposes to the Water & Drainage Tax at the present rate of Water Tax, viz. 2 p.c. I think the former decisi particularly is to be regretted, but perhaps both m accepted until it is seen what additional income a from the other changes in taxation, all of which app to be advisable. H. Tremenheere
Ag. Collr. 10. 5. 97

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From
C. Ponnambala Muds.
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SUBJECT.

Praying that the license fee imposed by the Ootacamund Municipality on the Mutton & fish dealers may be reduced.

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LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
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To

The Secretary,
Local & Municipal Department,
Ootacamund.

Respected Sir,

We, the undersigned most respectfully request that you will be pleased to lay this, our petition, before His Excellency the Governor in Council, for favorable orders.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Ootacamund Municipality, No. 10 dated the 17th May 1897, we beg to point out that the license fee for mutton and fish dealers, as now fixed by the Municipality, is Rs24/- for each per annum. This tax, compared to that levied on other licensees, is unusually high, and as such brings a great loss to us.

In this connection we beg

to

to invite attention to the schedule of taxes in the renewed act III of 1897, from which it will be seen that the tax levied by Government on each Bicycle, or, other vehicle, is Rs6 per annum. But even this being considered very heavy, has been reduced by the Ootacamund Municipal to Rs2.

We beg leave to represent that consideration has, thus, been shown, to the owners of Bicycles and other vehicles, who are rich enough to pay any tax which has already been, or may hereafter be, levied lawfully by Government; whereas, we, your poor petitioners, who are unable to meet the heavy demand now made by the Municipality, and with whom it is a real hardship, have not been granted any such consideration. We, therefore, humbly pray that His Excellency the Governor will be pleased to

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consider our distressed case and render us Justice.

For which act of benevolence and charity, we shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

We beg to remain,
Respected Sir,

Your most obedient & humble
Servants,

43, Old Agraharam
Ootacamund,
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