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Budget

Recording with remark, explanations of
points noticed in the Mayavaram Municipal
— for 1898-99.

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REPORT NO. 1810 AA
From the Chairman
of 1898

Order No 1177 M. No. 4-7-98.

Municipal Council
Mayavaram.

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2. The result of the Sub Collector's

enquiries regarding the incidence of the house tax should be reported to Government.

Dated 12th May 1898

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SUBJECT.

Submitting a report on the points noted in G.O. No 482 dated 2nd March 1898.

According to the recent revision the incidence of the house tax was Rs 1-14-10, against a general average of Rs 2-4-9 in 1896-97; the tax now levied at 10 percent on the annual value of buildings.

The Chairman, M.C. Mayavaram
Collector of Tanjore.

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This is simply his ordinary cry whenever it is proposed to raise any taxes - whether it be on land or houses - "the people are too poor."

I cannot at this moment
say how the prosperity of the people
and the incidence of taxation
compare with those of the
neighbouring municipalities
of Kumbakonam. I shall
however keep the matter
in mind and as I propose
to make some detailed inquiries
in Kumbakonam, relative to
the late revision, I shall be
able to give a more definite
opinion at the time of the
Budget.

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Proceedings of the Municipal Council
May 1898 at its meeting held on
the 16th April 1898

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M.R. Ry. J. A. Hagar Pillai Regal, Chavman,

u R. Chandrasekhar, M. Councilor

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T Read G.O. no 482. m. dated 99
2nd March 1898 reviewing the Budget
Report of the Mayavaram Municipality
for 1898-99.

Recorded with the following remarks:-

Para 3 of the G.O.: The revision of the House Tax Register has been completed before the close of the financial year 1897-98 in view of adopting the revised assessments for the current year. To give full effect to the proposals of the Sub-Committee and the Collector in which the Government fully concurs, the Chairman has, by strict and careful

revision raised the revenue by Rs 900.
against a very small sum anticipated
by the Council. In consideration
of the above large increase, the
Council submits that the rate
should not be raised to 83 p.c.
in the circumstances of this
town. Which the Chairman is
requested to present to Government.

Para 4 (3): The Surgeon General's
proposal to allow an extra
allowance of Rs 2 to the Hospital
Compounder and an increase of
half a rupee to the ward attendant
will be considered at the next
Budget. Iron Cots have already
been supplied to the Hospital.

Signed) M. A. Alaga Pillai
Chairman

(True Extract)



J. A. Alagappa Pillai
Chairman

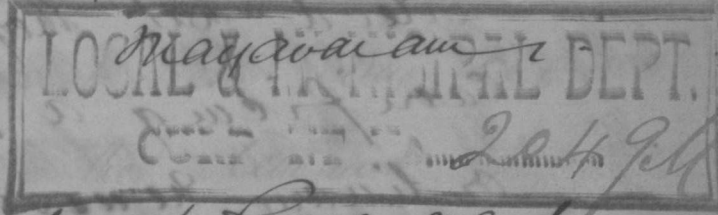
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12.5.98
From



M. R. K. A. Alaga Pillai Aragal.
Chairman, Municipal Council



To The Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George,
Local & Municipal Dept.
Madras.

With reference to G.O. No. 482.M.
dated 2nd March 1898, reviewing the
Budget of this Municipality for 1898-99
I have the honor to report, as follows,
on the points noted therein:

2. Para 3 of the G.O.: In his remarks
on the Budget, the Sub-Collector
expressed that the assessments on
houses are unduly low even on the
present percentage and suggested
a strict revision and the increase also,
if possible, of the rate per cent
to the maximum limit - 83 per cent.
The following, among others, are the
Chief reasons which go to show that
any revision, not to speak of the
raising of the rate, is hard

admissible at this stage in this town:-

(i) It cannot be denied that most of the rate payers of the town are very poor - so poor indeed that they cannot, without sacrificing a portion of their ordinary necessities, bear any increased taxation. The trade of the town - trade in female clothes - which was once very flourishing and on which alone depended the prosperity of the town, is now dwindled itself into almost nothing, so much so the weaving class - saliyars etc - who form the bulk of the population in Kothad Division, stand face to face with starvation. That there has been a gradual deterioration in trade and a great decline in the general wealth of the town has been set forth in the previous Budget and Annual Reports.

(ii) A careful revision of the tax was made in 1895 -

a comparatively populous ward only in 1895 by the then Chairman, which created a confusion in the minds of the public but passed away with a general discontent.

(iii) There has not been any appreciable increase in the demand of houses for rent to justify any increase in valuation. And the occupants of most of the houses are the owners themselves.

(iv) The houses, besides, do not improve in structure by way of stories etc on a large scale, scruple peculiar to this town, viz. that stone houses do not thrive, generally standing in the way. Most of the houses, I may say almost all, are of the ordinary, oriental type and some in Kothad are thatched. The houses therefore that go to make up the number 4309, are always simple, little accommodating, and consequently yielding a very low rent, if rented at all. It will therefore be observed that, in this circumstance, incidence of

Taxation Cannot but be low.

3. The Council, with reference to G.O. reviewing the last Annual Report, requested me to revise the tax, whenever possible, and while I was devising measures to adopt a revision, G.O. reviewing the Current year's Budget was received. In the face of the very many difficulties shown above and placing, at the same time, the means of the public at heart, it was an uphill ascent for me to attempt at any strict revision. But, — strengthened by the repeated instructions of Government to enhance the assessments and under the spirit of G.O. No. 482. in dated 2nd March 1898, I began revising the tax very strictly and carefully, and even heartily. I should say in some cases, and the result was the income from this source increased by Rs 900. The incidence is thus raised from

1-10-8 1-14-10
Rs 7300-00 to Rs 8200-00 against Rs 249 of the Prudency average. The best has been done by way of revision and I need not repeat that under the very poor circumstances of the Town the increase of the rate per Cent, to the maximum limit is not to be thought of. The Council's resolution on the subject is herein enclosed.

4. In Consideration thereof of the above facts and in consideration also of the large increase now made, amidst so many Counter-influences, I respectfully beg, on behalf of the overburdened taxpayers, that Government will be pleased to accept the revision and need not hesitate to order that the rate per Cent should not be raised for some years to come.

5. Para 4(2) of the G.O.: The 5th and the 7th assistants of the Mayavaram Prudency School have, of course, reached the maximum already. The increase of annual

Eight cents for each in the state-
ments, is a slip.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

J. H. G. 20/11/91
Chairman

Sr.

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Indorsement on Mayavaram Municipal
Chairman's No. 438, dated 12th May 1898.

Forwarded.

It is true that the Koonad weaving
industry is not in a flourishing Con-
dition. The revision has resulted in
a Substantial increase in the receipt
from house-tax, and I should prefer
to await the result of the Sub Collector's
enquiries ^{and} testing of the assessments
before pressing for the levy of the tax at
the maximum rate.

Tanjore Collectors office } Individual names till
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