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Municipal Councillor's Office
Cuddalore 4th February 1898.

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M. R. Ry. Dewan Bahadur Subbaraya Ayyar
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V Subbaraya Aiyar
Ex officio Chairman.

Copied by. D.S.
Compd. by. O.C.J.

Submitted
V Subbaraya
Dr/Chn
5/2/98

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H. M. FOR ORDERS.

A.

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KS
26/4/98

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(S.A. Only this note is to
Madras

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"The closing remarks of the Collector in his endorsement forwarding the Chairman's report reveal a most discreditable state of mismanagement and it is evident that the public interests demand the intervention of the Government. His Excellency the Governor in Council, therefore, proposes to withdraw from the Municipal Council the privilege of electing its own Chairman and to reduce the number of Municipal Councillors to appointed by election by the rate-payers from fifteen to six, and under Section 12 of the District Municipalities Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, the Municipal Council is requested to report through the Collector within one month of the date of the receipt of this order its objections, if any, to these proposals."

2. With his letter read above, the Chairman submits for the favourable consideration of Govt. a resolution of the Municipal Council requesting Govt. to grant to the Council the privilege of electing its own Chairman and to the rate-payers the right to elect half the number of Councillors - viz 10, in consideration of their having enjoyed for a long time the full privilege of the election of Chairman and Councillors. A Memorandum explaining the several fects in the administration of the municipality noticed by Govt. is also forwarded with this resolution.

has been since received and is put up. From this it will be seen that there are now only seven elected Councillors on the Cuddalore Municipal Council, the remaining eight seats being vacant. The Council has postponed the elections for filling up these eight vacancies until final orders are passed on the proposals of Govt. to reduce the number of elected Councillors. Vide G.O. No. 2770 M. $^{A'}$ dated 11th December 1897 & No. 2846 M. $^{B'}$ dated 18th December 1897. Under Section 12 of the Act, the reduction in the number of elected Councillors will come into force three months after the publication of the notification and on the expiry of this period, the eight vacancies can be filled up by nomination. Please see pencil alteration made in para. 3 of the draft order.

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are generally inadequate, being more particularly so in regard to the failure to revise the house tax registers (para 3(1.) of the G.O.) and the delay in the removal of encroachments. (para 4(5) of the G.O.). The Municipal Council has thus raised no valid objections to the proposals of Govt. and the Collector in his endorsement forwarding the Council's resolution and Memorandum has made the following remarks:-

"With a paid Secretary the Chairman will have little to do beyond presiding at meetings; so I think this privilege might still be continued to the Council. The number of elected Councillors should, however, most certainly be reduced to six as proposed by Government. The rate-payers do not realise their responsibilities in the matter of elections. Two members of the same family have been elected in two wards and in another ward a cousin of an existing member is a candidate was returned on a previous occasion and probably would be again."

3. As recommended by the Collector, the Council may be allowed to elect its own Chairman; but as the town is divided into seven wards for electoral purposes, it seems but reasonable ~~but reasonable~~ to allow an elective seat for each ward. It is therefore submitted that the number of elective seats may be reduced to seven.

4. The accompanying draft order is submitted for approval.

V.A.
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ORDER. No. 923 M. dated 14/5/98.

The Govt. does not consider that any valid reasons have been shown against the reduction in the number of elective seats proposed in the proceedings read above; but in order that each of the seven wards into which the town is now divided may be allowed one elective seat, the number of such seats will be reduced from fifteen to seven and not to six as originally proposed. The Council will, however, be allowed to continue to elect its own Chairman as recommended by the Collector. The following notificati will be published in the [illegible] St. George and the South Arcot Di Gazettes

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Notification.

Whereas the Municipal Council of Cuddalore, as at present constituted, appears unequal to the administration of Municipal affairs in an efficient manner, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to declare, under the provisions of Section 12 of Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897 and in modification of notification No. 24 published at pages 1 & 2 of the Fort St. George Gazette, Extraordinary, dated 19th March 1885, that the number of councillors of the Cuddalore Municipal Council to be appointed by election shall be reduced from fifteen to seven.

2. The necessary alterations in the distribution of the elective seats will be made in the revised election rules which will issue shortly.

3. The ~~next~~ existing eight vacancies ~~that occur~~ among the elective seats of the Council will be filled up by nomination.

Note
For a precedent in regard to para 3 please see para 7 of G.O. 1490 M / 14-9-95

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4. The Govt. cannot accept the excuse offered by the Council for not revising the house-tax registers. The revision should therefore be undertaken without delay and the result reported to Govt. The Chairman is also requested to report within two months from the date of receipt of this order the progress made in the removal of encroachments in the town.

V.R.
1/4/98

H.T.
13/4/98

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