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Bill to amend the City of Madras municipal act I of 1884

Forwarding to the Legislative Dept. draft of a

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Government (1899) of Madras. LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL

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Note for the Joint Assnall

A proof copy of G.O. No. 209 M. dated 16th February 1899, may be sent to the Legislative Department in advance, for the preparation of the draft to the Govt of India.

Enclosures

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PS The original notes are also sent for personal return.

G.O., No. 209 M., 16th February 1899.

To the Legislative Department.

FEBRUARY.

Bill to amend the City of Madras Municipal Act of 1884.

Forwarding to the Legislative Department draft of a —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Hon'ble Lieut.-Colonel Sir GEORGE MOORE, Kt., C.I.E., President, Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated 24th January 1899, G. No. 1136.

With reference to G.O., No. 1966 M., dated 11th September 1897, paragraph 3, sanctioning the increase of the vehicles and animals tax by 50 per cent., and my letter No. 332, dated 3rd November 1897, paragraph 5, explaining that it was also intended to increase the tax on carts and other vehicles without springs, I have the honour to point out that it will be necessary to amend Schedule B and section 165 of Act I of 1884.

2. I would, therefore, ask that the necessary action be taken so that the increase may come into force from 1st April 1899.

ORDER—No. 209 M., dated 16th February 1899.

The accompanying draft of a Bill to amend the City of Madras Municipal Act, I of 1884, will be forwarded to the Legislative Department.

(True Extract.)

for Secretary to Government.

To the President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
To the Legislative Department.

[Appendix.

APPENDIX.

No. of 1899.

A Bill to amend Madras Act I of 1884.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend Madras Act I of 1884 (the City of Madras Municipal Act, 1884); It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. In section 165, the words "three rupees" shall be substituted for the words "two rupees."
2. For Schedules B and C shall be substituted the schedules here to annexed.

SCHEDULE B (REFERRED TO IN SECTION 153).

VEHICLES WITH SPRINGS AND ANIMALS LIABLE TO TAXATION, WITH THE RATES OF TAXATION.

	Half-yearly.
RS. A. P.	
For every four-wheeled vehicle with springs drawn by two or more horses	15 0 0
For every four-wheeled vehicle with springs drawn by a horse, mule, bull or bullock, or by two or more horses under thirteen hands, or by two or more mules, bulls or bullocks	7 8 0
For every two-wheeled vehicle with springs drawn by one or more horses, mules, bulls or bullocks	4 8 0
For every other vehicle with springs	4 8 0
Do. horse over thirteen hands	7 8 0
Do. horse of or under thirteen hands, or mule	3 12 0
Do. horse of or under eleven hands	1 8 0
Do. bullock or bull	0 12 0
Do. male buffalo	0 12 0
Do. ass	0 6 0
Do. dog	0 12 0

SCHEDULE C (REFERRED TO IN SECTION 156).

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF MADRAS.

Form of Application for License for Vehicles and Animals.

I hereby certify that I have in my possession the animals and vehicles set forth in the list given hereunder and no others liable to tax under Schedule B of Madras Act I of 1884 for the half-year ending the day of 1899:—

No.

(Description of Vehicles and Animals.)

	Tax for the half-year.
Four-wheeled vehicle with springs drawn by two or more horses.	15 0 0
Four-wheeled vehicle with springs drawn by a horse, mule, bull or bullock, or by two or more horses under thirteen hands, or by two or more mules, bulls or bullocks	7 8 0
Two-wheeled vehicle with springs drawn by one or more horses, mules, bulls or bullocks	4 8 0
Every other vehicle with springs	4 8 0
Horse over thirteen hands	7 8 0

(Description of Vehicles and Animals)—cont.

	Tax for the half-year.		
	RS.	A.	P.
Horse of or under thirteen hands, or mule	3	12	0
Horse of or under eleven hands	1	8	0
Bullock or bull	0	12	0
Male buffalo	0	12	0
Ass	0	6	0
Dog	0	12	0

Date _____

Signature. _____

Residence. _____

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

Sections 1 and 2.—The object of these amendments is to increase by 50 per cent. the rates of the taxes on vehicles, animals and carts in order to raise the funds required for carrying out a scheme of drainage.

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS,

General Department,

Madras, 24 January 1897

From

The Hon. LIEUT.-COL. SIR GEORGE MOORE, KT., C. I. E.,

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT. President, Municipal Commission.

CURRENT No. 3032m

To

The Secretary to Government,

Local and Municipal Department,

Fort St. George.

SIR,

With reference to G.O.No.1966 M., dated 11th Sep-

Enclosure.

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-cles and Animals Tax by 50 % and my letter No. 332, dated
3rd November 1897, para 5, explaining that it was also in-
-tended to increase the tax on Carts and other Vehicles --
without springs, I have the honor to point out that it will
be necessary to amend Schedule B and Section 165 of Act 1
of 1884.

2. I would therefore ask that the necessary action
be taken so that the increase may come into force from 1st
April 1899.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. Moore Lt.- Col.,

President, Munl. Commn.

Bill be held to come under
Instruction 5, then the Bill
could be introduced at the
next meeting - 9th March -
& passed (without suspending
Rule 46) 15 days later.
In that case it would be
better to tell India before-
hand.

Yours Sincerely
H. Trevellick.

Local & Municipal Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
10. Feb. 1899.
My dear Arnold,
Moore's proposal to increase
the timber fees is in the file
reg. Financing the Drainage
Scheme, which was sent you on
2nd & has not returned. If
you return the file, I can
take the matter up separately.
The office tells me the
letter of Moore's regarding

file returned. At 13.2.99

of State would be
I agree with the
that the Bill for in
the

I should comply
as soon as possible with
the desire of the Municipal Comm.
to enhance their revenue
by increasing the scheduled
rates for vehicles & animals
& the registration fee for
carts. The estimated increase is Rs 37,000 per annum.
It may be stated
that the increase in the timber-
fees which requires only
the sanction of Govt. - about
to be given - will enable
the Comm. to pay interest
on such loan as they may
raise this year for the
prosecution of the drainage
scheme, & to pay

NOTE FOR THE ~~ASSISTANT~~ SECRETARY.

(1) There is no chance of a Bill for
the City of Madras Municipal Act being
introduced this Session. In his minute
of 8th Nov. 1898, dated 25th April 1898,
Hon. B. has observed as follows: -

The question indeed, arises whether,
as we have now a good many points noted
in which the City Municipal Act needs amend-
ment, it would not be better to amend
it at once. Please let me know how far
you are right in thinking that a good many
amendments have been noted as required.
A note embodying the several
which had then come to notice was ac-
cordingly submitted - vide file III below
along with C.O. 1719 of 1898, in which the
Commissioners suggested the amendment
of the Act, in order to prevent the adulteration
of articles of food & drink. But as the
reference was made to the Govt. of
Bengal on this proposal, no order was
passed on that note.

(2) As regards the amendment of the Act
as to increase the rates of the

starts, referred to in
 50 of the 25th January,
 and that the proposal to in-
 crease the rate of these taxes was made for
 purpose of providing funds for the Madras
 Drainage Scheme, and that as it is possible
 to make further amendments of the Act
 by be necessary in order to finance the
 Scheme completely, it would be better
 to bring all the amendments together
 in one Bill instead of resorting to pieci-
 meal legislation. Moreover, there does
 not appear to be any special hurry about
 increasing the rate of the taxes above
 referred to, as the proceeds of such in-
 crease will be required only for the
 purpose of paying the interest and
 sinking fund on the loan that will
 have to be raised for the execution of
 the drainage scheme & no such payment
 will fall due in the ensuing year.

V.B.
 3/2/99

Vicepara. 110 of the
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expenditure
 a serious one on
 their means, and the
 increase in question will
 to some extent relieve
 their anxieties.

It would be a mistake to postpone
 the passing of this special
 Amending Act until the
 Madras Munici. Act is revised
 that may be a lengthy process.
 Moreover in connection with this
 larger question will be merged
 that of the new taxation
 necessary to provide fully
 for the drainage scheme -
 viz. whether there is to be
 a terminal tax on a few
 bulky articles such as grain
 etc. or an increase in the house
 tax - and this is a matter
 which will take some time to
 settle, and if the terminal
 tax is advocated by the Comm.
 & approved by Govt. the princi-
 ples of India & the Secy

of State would be necessary.
 I agree with the Secretary
 that the Bill for increasing
 the scheduled rates for
 wh. & animals & the fee
 for carts does not fall
 under Instruction 5 (flag C)
 for the principle has been
 accepted or exists in the
 present Act.

I think therefore that a
 short Act should be drafted
 at once for introduction
 on the 9th March into
 the Legist. Council. The
 Govt. of India should however
 be informed, beforehand.

HT 13.2.99.

This should be circula-
 as V.U.

HT The Govt.
 Hon. Mr. Mountbatten

HT 14.2.99.

I have no objection
 HTS-89
 14-2-99
 No 7. I presume the Bill of Madras will
 have an opportunity of expressing its views before the
 Bill is passed. A.S.H. 16.2.99
 P.A. Please take no last action
 I see that India is at
 once informed
 HT 16.2.99

28th Jan 1999

My dear Arnold
Prapasa Mudalia
has put in a resolution for
the meeting on Monday, re-
questing us to move for the
enactment of the Act.
I understood a Bill was to
be introduced this session. I
do not know so.
I think it would be well to
introduce the Bill this session
and let the Commissioners
consider their amendments.

I have now seen it. 12.
3/2/99
Kt 73.2.99.

have got mixed up.
with proposals for increase
of taxation by legislation.

Please see if this cannot
be disposed of at once.

With regard to proposed
legislation for increase
of wheel-tax among
other things, I asked

for a certain letter of
Moore's quoted in the pp.
to be put up, but as it
has not been sent to
me. Moore urges

that a bill should be brought
in for the sole purpose
of enhancing the wheel
tax. This wd give him
money to pay the interest
on the first loans to be

NOTE FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

(1) The proposal to increase the rate of license fees on timber and firewood, is one of the proposals made by the Municipal Commissioners for the purpose of financing the drainage Scheme. A note on this subject was submitted to H.M. on the Second Instant, and as soon as the file returns from Circulation, an order sanctioning the increase in the timber rate and dealing with the other proposals of the Commissioners will be issued.

(2) A note on this subject with the connected papers ~~was~~ was submitted to the H.M. on the 3rd Instant.

P.R.
10/2/49

Has this come back from H.M.?

No. It is still with him.

Is it now with H.E.?

It has not come back to the office from H.E. - H.

Did it contain the letter of Col. Moore?

A letter of Col. Moore's letter was submitted. It was stated that the original was in the file of the drainage scheme, which had been sent to the H.M. on the 3rd Instant. The last sentence has not been answered.

In the note referred to it was submitted that a single Bill embodying all the amendments which had already been stated and which might be found necessary in connection with the financing of the drainage scheme would be preferable to piecemeal legislation. Very likely, but please give me materials for a definite answer.

It does not appear to be any special hurry about increasing the rate of the vehicle tax, so as to render the question of a

Special Bill for this purpose alone necessary. The first work under the Drainage Scheme is the Comms. want to take up is the Const. of the High level Drain Main from the point to the Black Town Sewage Farm, estimated to cost 12 lakhs. Even if the Comms. borrow this money at once, the fund required for the pay of interest & sinking fund on this loan will be realized by the increase of the license fees on timber & firewood. The increased revenue anticipated from the tax on vehicles & animals will not thus be required unless further loans are taken. Moreover, ^{other} points have already been noted for Consideration in connection with the amendment of the Act, while the financing of the Drainage Scheme will necessitate the amendment of the Act in some other respects. All these amendments may be brought together in one Bill, a separate Bill for increasing the rate of the tax on vehicles & animals alone is unnecessary.

If however it is considered necessary to introduce such a Bill at once, it may perhaps be introduced ~~first~~ at the meeting of the Council & passed at the subsequent meeting.

10/2/99

② A list of these points has been submitted to Mr. Lister with the note about the amendment of the Act. & is still with him.

③ Vide No. 5(d) of the revised rules for the introduction of Bills in local Councils. Page C

V. A.

Ass. Secy. Secy.

Please check last sentence of F.A. (L.V.)'s note. Supposing India is informed promptly, say by 20th, then allowing for months delay (?) & (1) with (2) without suspending Rules, how soon can legisⁿ be effected?

HT
10 2 99

Note for the Secy.

- (1) The Bill might apparently be introduced & passed at the next meeting on the 9th March by suspending the Council Rules. If it is intended to do so a despatch would have to go to the Secy. of State at (G. A. & mail) and a covering letter to the Govt. of India together with a copy of the despatch.
- (2) Without suspending the Rules, the Bill might with reference to 5(d) of the revised Council Rules be introduced at the meeting of March 9th & if not enforced to a Select Committee passed into law after fifteen days interval (Rule 46 of the Council Rules).

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Horse over thirteen hands

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., No.	dated	189
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Current No. 303 M of 1899, dated 24th January 99, from the President, Municipal Council Madras.

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P.S. ORDER. No. 209 m d 16/2/99

The accompanying draft of a Bill to amend the City of Madras Municipal Act, 1864, will be forwarded to the Legislative Department.

/ From orders /

V.R.
16/2/99

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To The President, Municipal Council Madras.
The Legislative Department (with original notes)

Sent on the 17.2.99.

16/2/99

Note: India will be informed in the Legislative Department as soon as this draft is passed.

No. of 1899. 36

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Do. ass ...	0-12-0
Do. dog ...	0-6-0

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(Description of Vehicles and Animals)—cont.

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Horse of or under eleven hands	...	...	...	1 20 0
Bullock or bull	...	...	...	0 18 0
Male buffalo	...	...	...	0 18 0
Ass	...	...	...	0 64 0
Dog	...	...	...	0 18 0

Signature. _____
Date. _____
Residence. _____

Statement of Objects and Reasons.
Sections 1 & 2. The object of these amend-
-ments is to increase the rates of the taxes
on vehicles, animals & carts by 50 per cent
in order to raise the funds required
for carrying out the drainage Scheme.
(of drainage.)

V.A.
16/2/99

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 3037m



To lie on pending the issue of final
order on the P's letter No. 332 dated 3rd
November 1897, now with the Secy, then
this amendment may be taken up with
other amendments wh. may be necessary From
in connection with financing the drainage
Scheme & with others wh. have already
been decided upon & noted vide the note below.

Order V.R.

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1/27/99

THE PRESIDENT,

Municipal Commission,
Madras.

G. No. 1136

Dated 24th January 1899

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SUBJECT.

Requesting to amend
Schedule B and Section 165
of Act I of 1884, so that
the increase of tax on Vehicles
animals and Carts by 50%
may come into force from
1st April 1899.

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department	Date
P.C. H.			