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The Government considers that the time has again arrived when, as in 1885, it should take into consideration the propriety of extending the municipal system to some of the larger towns whose local needs are now met solely by rural boards.

2. The Collectors of the districts, in which the marginally-noted towns are situated, are accordingly requested to consider carefully the circumstances of each town and report whether, in their opinion, it is desirable that it should receive municipal powers.

Hindupur.	Tanuku.
Chittoor.	Ramnad.
Arcot.	Gudur.
Panruti.	Rasipuram.
Hospet.	Atur.
Saidapet.	Kulasékarapatnam.
Dhárápuram.	Tenkasi.
Madanapalle.	Párvatipuram.
Peddápuram.	Bobbili.
Pithápuram.	

containing a good proportion of advanced and educated inhabitants, which may properly be endowed with self-government in local affairs. On the other hand, there may be towns which apparently fulfil such conditions, yet which, for reasons known to the local officers, should continue for sometime longer outside the municipal system. His Excellency the Governor in Council, therefore, desires that recommendations should be made with due caution and with regard to any special conditions that may exist.

4. To meet the case of those towns where the establishment of a municipality would seem advisable but for the difficulty of securing the present *minimum* of twelve councillors including only three officials, the Government will be prepared to consider the propriety of legislating to reduce the *minimum* number of councillors and to increase the proportion of official members.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Anantapur.	
" " of North Arcot.	
" " of South Arcot.	
" " of Bellary.	
" " of Chingleput.	
" " of Coimbatore.	
" " of Cuddapah.	
" " of Godavari.	
" " of Madura.	
" " of Nellore.	
" " of Salem.	
" " of Tinnevely.	
" " of Vizagapatam.	

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

See.

We have very few municipalities compared with some provinces. It is a question whether we should not have more. Take Saidapet, for instance, and Tiruvallur (I mean the place just outside the southern limit of Madras city on the way to Ennore) & Tiruvallur where there are a lot of temples on the railway. Why should not these places be municipalities? What are their populations?

BS

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Note for the Secretary

Please see note pubup.

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H.M. & Co.

For Orders.

- * Hospet. ✓
- Saidapet. ✓
- * Parlakimedi. ✓
- Jaggayapet. ✓
- * Palni. ✓
- * Periyakulam. ✓
- * Ramnad. ✓
- Arcot. ✓
- * Gudiyatam. ✓
- * Tirupati. ✓
- * Tirupattur. ✓
- * Vaniyambadi. ✓
- Kulasekharapatnam. ✓
- * Srivilliputur. ✓
- Tenkasi. ✓
- Bobbili. ✓
- Salur. ✓

A In para. 4 (1) of its order No. 864 Financial, dated 30th April 1883, the Government approved the suggestion made by the Committee appointed to report on Local Self Government in this Presidency in 1882 that, as a general rule, every town of 10,000 inhabitants and upwards, being the head quarters of a Revenue Officer of not lower grade than a Deputy Tahsildar, should be constituted a municipality; and as it was found that the seventeen towns noted in the margin then satisfied these requirements, the Collectors of the Districts concerned were directed in G.O. No. 1849 Financial, dated 9th August 1884 to convene a meeting of the influential residents in each town, to ascertain whether they desired that it should be constituted a municipality and report the result to Government. After considering the reports of the Collectors, however, the Government decided to constitute only nine of these towns ^{marked with an asterisk} as municipalities -- vide G.O. No. 79 M dated 8th May 1885 -- But the municipality of Ramnad which was then created, has since been abolished on the representation of the inhabitants --

B

C

D vide G.O. No. 795 M dated 16th August 1886 If it is now considered desirable to extend the District Municipalities Act to more towns, it is submitted that in accordance with the principle enunciated by the Local Self Government Committee and approved

G.O. No. 864 Financial, dated 30th April 1885,
the towns shown in the accompanying statement
marked A are fit to be constituted municipa-
lities, as their population exceeds 10,000
and the towns form the head quarters of a Re-
venue Officer of not lower grade than a De-
puty Tahsildar, and the Collectors of the dis-
tricts concerned may be called upon to report
on the advisability of constituting these
towns as municipalities.

2. The population of Saidapet, Tiru-
vallur and Tiruvottiyur are 11,981, 9052
and 11,187 respectively. The question of
constituting Saidapet a municipality was
also the subject of consideration in 1884,
as it was one of ^{the} seventeen towns speci-
fied in G.O. No. 1849, Financial dated 9th
August 1884 above referred to, which were
then found to satisfy the conditions neces-
sary for being constituted a municipality,
and in his report on the introduction of
the Local Boards and the District Municipi-
pal ~~Act~~ Act of 1884, Mr. Hammick observed
as follows regarding this place:-

"The town, virtually a suburb of Madras
should, though the inhabitants do not wish it
be made a municipality. Dr. Maclean's objec-
tions on the score of the difficulty of ad-
justing the toll income in connection with
tolls already levied in Madras do not seem
very forcible; some arrangement could no
doubt be arrived at by the local authori-
ties of both towns. The town is large and
notoriously badly looked after, often the
source of cholera, and the home of the most
of the dhobies who wash for the inhabitants

This is a matter in
which we must not move
too fast. I have marked
H.T. the towns to which we might
make inquiries & will add
a few remarks regarding some of
them -

Tadpetti. We have already, I think
collected report about this place -
Arast. Could not Ranipet be
included? It will soon have a
railway station. There is a big sugar
factory & distillery there, with in-
crease of Ranipet to be long in the
H? Act Cbs.
Gudiv will soon be a Railway
junction.

B. Opinion will no doubt
be taken that in many of these
places there must be enough persons
of sufficient education & intelligence
to provide for the constitution of a
M.C. of 12 persons (the present
legal minimum) of whom not

more than 3 may be of legal
age. I should be prepared to
legislate to alter this legal

vide Appendix F. Dr. Hammick's
report G.

Minimum number & to allow
a large proportion of officials
in special cases. Please
note the legal minimum
& maximum proportion of officials
allowed in other provinces &

then
Circ
8/12/97

⊙ Please see note marked X on the next page

I-gone that inquiries
shd be made with refer
to the places marked in
list A

20/12/97

Very quiet in action with the Hon. Sir H.
But in thinking that this is a matter F.
in which we must not move too fast.

It appears to me that there are two classes
of towns which would benefit by the adoption of
municipal form. Class I would include towns
which by reason of being specially important,
or by reason of some other particular cause,
need money to spend on progress and
improvement. Class II
would comprise towns
of exceptional size and
population, containing
advanced and educated inhabitants. The
towns in the first class may fairly be called
upon to tax themselves in order to
provide for their special needs. Those in
the second class may be understood with self-
government as a means of political education.

But I would not force self-government on
towns which do not
wish for it, simply
because they have gone

Minimum number of Councillors -
Bengal (Act II of 1884) - 9
Punjab (Act XX of 1891) - 3
N.W. Provinces (Act XV of 1888) - Not fixed
Bombay (Act II of 1884) - Not fixed
Burma (Act XVII of 1884) - Not fixed

"of Madras. Some local control greater than
can be given under the Local Boards Act is
"necessary here, and the town should, it is
submitted, be, at an early date converted
into a municipality."

The Government, however, was then of opinion
that the difficulties in constituting
Saidapet a municipality were considerable
and the matter was allowed to drop. Please
see the notes and orders in G.O. No. 79 M
dated 8th May 1885. Tiruvallur is the head
quarters of a Deputy Collector, Tahsildar
and Deputy Tahsildar; but no revenue offi-
cer of a grade not lower than that of a
deputy tahsildar is resident in Tiruvotti-
yur.

3. There are also 37 nonmunicipal
towns, of which Tiruvottiyur is one, with
populations of over 10,000, which have
resident revenue officer and it is quite
possible that some of them may notwith-
standing benefit for municipal life. These
towns are shown in the accompanying list
marked B. There are many other towns
whose population is less than 10,000, but
which are the head quarters of a Revenue
Officer.

V.R.
6/12/97

J.M.

Please see notes above.

Minimum number of Councillors -
Maximum proportion of official Councillors -
One fourth
One third
Not fixed
One half
Not fixed

there is fixed number of municipalities or because
 the Provinces have more municipalities than
 we have.

Holding this opinion on the subject, I have
 no objection to the reference to Collectors which
 Sir H. B. has proposed. But, I think that the
 reference should be worded impartially, that
 is to say, that Collectors should not be made
 to feel that they are being pressed in the direction
 of supplying for self government, or that they
 are being called upon to show cause why the Towns
 should not accept self government, with the
more upon them (the towns) to make good
 their objection, if any be raised.

I should like to see the G.O. in draft

form.

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name of district	names of towns proposed to be constituted Municipalities.	Population	Revenue Officers resident in these towns.
1 Anantapur	1. Tadpatni	11,576	Tahsildar
	2 Hindupur	16,579	Do.
	3 Chittoor	14,064	Collector and Tahsildar
	4 Arcot	15,104	Do.
2 Arcot North	5 Ambur	11,787	Stationary Magistrate
	6 Kalahasti	11,754	Deputy Tahsildar
	7 Arni	11,311	Deputy Collector & Deputy Tahsildar
	8 Mannargudi	12,365	Deputy Tahsildar
3 Arcot South	9 Bhuvanagiri	11,899	Do.
	10 Pauruti	12,302	Do.
	11 Rayadrug	10,382	Tahsildar
4 Bellary	12 Yemmiganuru	13,304	Deputy Tahsildar
	13 Hospet	16,409	Tahsildar
	14 Saidapet	11,981	Collector and Tahsildar
5 Chingleput	15 Poona Mallu	10,364	Deputy Tahsildar.
	16 Dharapuram	15,398	Tahsildar
6 Coimbatore	17 Kollegal	12,011	Deputy Collector and Tahsildar
	18 Madanapalle	12,577	Sub Collector and Tahsildar
	19 Badduel	10,947	Tahsildar
7 Cuddapah	20 Rajampeta	11,791	Do.
	21 Proddattur.	13,072	Do.
	22 Jammalamadugu	13,112	Do.
	23 Peddapuram	13,658	Do.
	24 Pithapuram	13,731	Deputy Tahsildar
8 Godavari	25 Tanuku	13,720	Tahsildar.
	26 Nandyal	12,455	Head Asst. Collector and Tahsildar
9 Eluru	27 Tirupattur	11,270	Deputy Tahsildar
	28 Ramnada	13,619	Head Asst. Collector & Deputy Tahsildar
	29 Paramakudi	15,024	Deputy Tahsildar
10 Madura	30 Gudur	14,624	Head Asst. Collector & Tahsildar
	31 Tenkatasiri	12,323	Deputy Tahsildar
	32 Rasipuram	18,274	Do.
11 Nallore	33 Atur	13,459	Tahsildar
	34 Dharmapuri	10,255	Do.

13	Tanjore	35 Tranquebar	14,468 ✓	Deputy Tahsildar ✓
		36 Tiruvalur	12,934 ✓	Do. ✓
		37. Vedaranniyam	12,808 ✓	Do. ✓
14	Tinnevely	38 Sankaranarayana	14,514 ✓	Tahsildar ✓
		39 Kulesekara ^{Kovil} pat-	20,311 ✗	Deputy Tahsildar ✓
		40 Ten Kasi ^{nam}	16,352 ✗	Tahsildar ✓
		41 Ambasamudram	13,126 ✓	Do. ✓
		42 Vartirayinruppa	11,911 ✓	Stationary Submagistrate ✓
		43 Vrindupatti	14,075 ✓	Do. ✓
15	Taichinopoly	44 Turaiyur	12,181 ✓	Do. ✓
		45 Parvatipuram	15,097 ✗	Head Const. Collr. & Deputy Tahsildar ✓
16	Vizagapataam	46 Bobbili	16,685 ✗	Deputy Tahsildar ✓
		47 Saluru	12,917 ✓	Do. ✓
		48. Palkonda	10,446	Tahsildar.

⊙ The question of constituting these towns Municipalities also the subject of consideration in 1884. Vide the list in the margin of page 1 of the note.

	Districts	Towns	Population.
1	Arcoot South	1 Porto Novo	14,880 ✓
		2 Nellikuppam	12,101 ✓
2	Bellary	3 Hampli	10,529 ✓
3	Chingleput	4 Tiruvotliyar	11,187 ✓
		5 Sembium	14,276 ✓
4	Cuddapah	6 Vempalle	10,908 ✓
		7 Dowlaiswaram	10,492
5	Godavari	8 Samalkot	13,409 ✓
		9 Jagapatinagar	12,184 ✓
		10 Affili	14,486 ✓
6	Kistna	11 Chirala	12,595 ✓
		12 Solavandan	10,108 ✓
		13 Battapundu	11,503 ✓
		14 Nijampalayam	11,756 ✓
		15 Ayakkudi	13,629 ✓
		16 Bodinayakkur	17,570 ✓
7	Madura	17 Melmangam	13,585 ✓
		18 Elayangudi	10,336 ✓
		19 Rameswaram	13,349 ✓
		20 Kila Karai	12,396 ✓
		21 Aruppu Kottai	12,673 ✓
8	Salem	22 Sendamangalam.	13,354 ✓
9	Tanjore	23 Adirampatnam	10,748 ✓
		24 Nilaviraraphana- puram	20,399 ✓
		25 Pettai	13,486 ✓
		26 Sivagiri	16,601 ✓
		27 Tiruchendur	10,229 ✓
		28 Kayalpatnam	11,465 ✓
		29 Kallada Kuricki	14,349 ✓
10	Tinnevely	30 Viravanallur	19,151 ✓
		31 Sermadevi	23,714 ✓
		32 Kadyanallur	11,883 ✓
		33 Melavasal	12,840 ✓
		34 Rajapalayam	21,118 ✓
		35 Sivakasi	12,184 ✓
		36 Settur.	12,620 ✓
11	Tiruchinopoly	37 Rattaputtur.	11,501 ✓

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I would substitute for "fitted to", the words - "desirable that it should".
Otherwise, I accept the draft & O.

BW

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3.

There are some towns no doubt which may reasonably be requested to themselves to deal with their local sanitary survey.

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Hindupur

Chittoor

Arcot

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Hospet

Saidapet

Dharapuram

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