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Calicut 31st May 1866.

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From

G. A. Ballard Esq^r

Magistrate of Malabar

To

The Honble A. J. Arbutnot

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

Adverting to Government Order dated 9th Instant N^o 471, I have the honor to submit a draft Notification setting forth

1st The proposed limits of the Municipality of Calicut with a view to the introduction of the Town's Improvement Act.

2nd The names of the proposed Municipal Commissioners.

3rd The number & description of the Police force to be maintained & the rates at which they are to be paid.

(and)
4th The estimated amount to be raised for the purposes specified in Section 25 of the Act.

2. With regard to the Municipal limits proposed, it will be observed that they

they are extensive, comprising an area that may be roughly calculated at about 10 square miles.

The Town Police Charge has hitherto extended much farther viz. to Klatia - a distance of 8 miles to the North (and to Beypore - a distance of 7 miles to the South, from the centre of Calicut. But to make the Municipal limits so extensive would weaken & embarrass Municipal action, and would be unfair to considerable tracts of land, that would then be brought under

Municipal burdens without deriving any proportionate share of Municipal advantages.

The Superintendent of Police entirely agrees with me in this, & so do most of the proposed Commissioners. The Superintendent states that he can, with ease, arrange for the transfer to the General Police of the charge of the places hitherto under the Town Police but now excluded from Municipal limits.

3. I have added a few more names of proposed Commissioners to the list already submitted.

The post of Commissioners at first

first will be no sincere.

4. The number, description & rates of the Police force to be maintained, is that given in the appendix to the Government Proceedings under reply.

5. As stated in my previous letter, there is room for spending almost any amount of money under clause 2 of Section 25 of the Municipal Act.

There is so much to do that it is somewhat difficult to know where to begin (and this difficulty is greatly increased by the straggling nature of these Malabar Towns. For, they occupy so large an area that it is difficult to undertake any comprehensive drainage or such like works except at an expenditure, which at the very outset, (and until our data of ways & means are more reliable, it would be folly to enter on. Altho that it is at present proposed actually to undertake immediately, are the very simple conservancy arrangements specified below - Listing, classifying & appraising the properties,

to be rated under the Act, arranging the rates individually under the profession Tax, will fully engage the Commissioner's attention (and will entail the necessity for some extra establishment at first - but it is not till all this has been done thoroughly, that any reliable conclusion can be arrived at as to the funds likely to be forthcoming. Whilst therefore fully sensible of the extreme importance of keeping this class of charges as low as possible, I do not see that they can be estimated from the commencement lower than they are now put. They come to about 18 1/2% of the money to be raised by the Municipality. -

6. Estimated Municipal Charges for Calicut 1866-67.

Police (Vide above Govt Proceedings 7/9 May 1866 N. 47)	7620
12 Dust Carts at 40 Rs	480
Hire of bullocks & men for ditto @ 22 1/2 Rupees p. month	3240
20 Lamp posts & lanterns	300
Oil for ditto	250
Improvement of Streets	
Drains &c	2224
Stationery Sundries &c	220
	6714
Brought over Rupees	6714
	7620

Brought over Rs		21	6714	7620
<u>Establishment</u>				
1 Office Manager or Head Clerk	c 40	per month		
1 " Clerk	15			
2 Peons @ 6 Rs each	12			
2 Masalpees @ do	12			
Allotments to				
Paniengara	Adigari	3		
	Menon	3		
Nagarom	Adigari	5		
	Menon	5		
Kasba	Adigari	3		
	Menon	3		
Kacheri	Adigari	2		
	Menon	2		
Valianad	Adigari	2		
	Menon	2		
Kotuvalli	Adigari	2		
	Menon	2		
7 Amshom peons @ Rs each	36 - 148 -	1776		
2 Sothia Gunasthis @ Rs 15 (for 3 months)		90		
Travelling allowances to Commissioners when actually engaged on office at Rs				
2 per diem whilst so engaged			300	8880
Total Rupees				16500

7. I do not think I need remark further on the above than to say that a very considerable increase of work in connection with the Municipal appointment & collections will be thrown on the Amshom servants, and that it is but right they should have some extra allowance. So the appraisement of properties, and classification of tax

tax payers, will entail some considerable labor on such of the commissioners as may be specially deputed for the work, and some allowance is considered desirable.

8. The total sum required being Rs 16500. of which Government will give 25% or Rs 4125. there remains to be raised by the Municipality Rs 12,375.

It is proposed to meet this by the following means - The roughly estimated amounts to accrue from each are noted -

1. Rate on houses, buildings & lands	Rs 7000
2. Tax on professions &c	4775
3. " On Carriages &c	300
4. Fee on registration of Carts	300
	<u>Rupies 12,375</u>

9. The estimates are exceedingly rough. There are several old accounts con-

necting with the Moturfa which afford some indication of what may be expected from a House tax, but the number of small substantially built houses has greatly increased of late years (and considerably larger returns, without the infliction of any hardship, may certainly be

By a late Moturfa account the number of houses & shops in limits nearly corresponding with the present proposed limits, is,		
Houses	4673	Amount 2596
Shops	1315	2499
		<u>Rupies 5095</u>
2342 houses paid	1/5 of a rupee	
1129 "	2/5 "	
1202 "	above these rates	

be looked for.

The system of valuation proposed is much as follows.

The houses, buildings, & shops with their immediate premises, (and the lands within the Municipal limits will be appraised - a percentage, probably 5% of the estimated market value taken as the annual rental value; (and for the current year) 5% of this taken as the Municipal rate - Thus premises whose market value was estimated at Rupees 1000 would be liable to a rate of (Rs 2-8-00 per annum.

10. For the tax on Arts, Professions, trades & callings, it seems to me, & to all with whom I have conversed on the subject, that the classification adopted in Schedule A of the Act requires much modification. In fact I presume it is only meant to be indicative -

This tax would embrace every class, save private gentlemen of no profession, pure agriculturists & daily laborers.

Taking the population of

of the Municipality at about 34,000; about $\frac{1}{5}$ as male adults; & $\frac{1}{5}$ of these as taxable at an average of Rs 2 per head we have a sum of Rs 5000. And there is no doubt that a larger sum may be collected for though a great number of those taxed under this head should not be assessed in more than 1 rupee a year at the most, yet the higher rates at the head of the Schedule will amply keep up the average.

I am not prepared to make more definite remarks on the incidence of this tax at present, but it will only require care on the part of the Commissioners to make it remunerative without any approach to hardship.

11. With reference to items 3 & 4 in para. 8, it is only proposed to levy for the current year half the maximum rates allowed in the Act.

12. The sum proposed to be raised is considerably larger than I contemplated collecting at first.

But I see no item that can be omitted or materially reduced.

To

To save the expense of renting a building the office will be held in a room of the Kutchery which I can without much inconvenience give up for the purpose.

13. The proposed Commissioners agree generally in all that has been said; (and it is after full & free discussion with them that I have now addressed you. We now only await the orders of Government to bring the Act into immediate operation here.

14. I shall report with the least possible delay with regard to its introduction in the other towns of my district.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

C. S. S. S.
Magistrate

1. Cannanore
2. Tellicherry
3. Palghat
4. Cochin.

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Draft Notification (as per Appendix)

His Excellency the Governor of Fort St George in Council having resolved to extend the provisions of the Towns Improvement Act, 1865 (Madras Act ~~XX~~ of 1865) in manner hereinafter set forth, doth hereby declare, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the said Act, that all those Bazaars, Buildings & Premises in the Kasha & Nagarom ~~and~~ houses commonly called & known as the Town of Calicut in the District of Malabar in the Presidency of Fort St George together with ~~the~~ all or portion of the several hamlets, towns, suburbs, stations & bazaars which heretofore have been & now are called by the several names of

1. Panimgara ——— (portion)
2. Nagarom ——— (all)
3. Kasha ——— (all)
4. Kacheri ——— (all)
5. Vallinad ——— (portion)
6. Edakad ——— (portion)
7. Kottuli ——— (portion)

(and

Regd. No. 1866/32/13205

Ed. 1866 Regd. No.

The Magistrate of Malabar
The City of Calicut
31st May 1866
No. 25 Rule

No. 659 N.Y.

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drafting with the
reference to a draft of the
provision for the
Regd. No. 1866/32/13205
the notification of the
Municipal Act in the
Town of Calicut

if No. 871

and all places whatsoever situate & lying within the boundaries hereinafter specified, that is to say,

West- Sea

North- Road from the Sea

North of the ~~barack~~ ~~to~~
past Rock Wall & East
Hill to the ~~conolly~~ Canal
at "Karaparamba".

East- Road from Karaparamba
to Kakode bridge to
intersection of the road
running South near
Floukin Hill. Then to its
intersection with the
highway to Lamberachery
road. Thence by said
road to the Canal.

Thence the Canal to its
intersection with the
water-course dividing
the Komeri Desam from
the Vahanad Desam
of the Vahanad Amshom.
Thence Eastward along
the line of the said
water-course & the northern
boundary of the Vahanad
Desam

Desam to the foot of the Pokkum¹¹
Hill. thence South East along the
foot of the Hill, (and from the Hill
along the eastern boundary of the
Vahanad Desam to the backwater
at Alupurathu Paramba, thence
returning by the backwater to the
Mangadu Bridge (and from the Bridge
along the Canal leading to the
Peypore river to the portion of
it called Kotta-Pala where the
Canal turns Eastward.

South- Thence turning to the
west along a foot path
leading to the Mamalli
road & from the road
to the Tiruva cheru
or Tank & thence to the
sea, keeping along the
southern boundary of
the Paniazara Desam
of the Paniazara
Amshom.

including within those limits Houses

(and premises wholly or in part within 100 yards of the outside of any boundary road; shall be united for the purposes of the said Act, (and shall be hereafter designated for the purposes of the said Act, by the name of the "Town of Bahint," (and that all persons residing within the said boundaries shall be deemed to be inhabitants, within the meaning of the said Act, of the Town of Bahint as so declared to be united as aforesaid. His Excellency in Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the said Act, doth hereby extend the said Act to the said town of Bahint as so declared to be united as aforesaid.

2. His Excellency in Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the said Act, hereby appoints the undermentioned persons being inhabitants of the said town of

of Bahint as so declared to be united as aforesaid, to be Town Commissioners in addition to the Magistrate of the District of Malabar & the officer of the Public Works Department in Executive charge of the range in which the said town of Bahint as so declared to be united as aforesaid; is situated, who are ex-officio Commissioners under Section 8 of the said Act for carrying out in such town, the purposes of the said Act, that is to say,

1. Captain Arthur Matcham Davies - Superintendent of Police
2. Asst Surgeon Robert Edmund Pearce
3. Chetty Poorniam Ranga Chander
4. Mr. Robert ~~Hodges~~ Pierce
5. " Emanuel Fernandez
6. " William Anthony Barboza
7. Arothur Ambesoldagatha Kundi
8. Dungebhoy Manackjee
9. Manija Kamaty
10. Imbichi Panikar
11. Kuzhikandi Kunder - Vakil.
12. Mr. Edward Noel Overbury
13. Ambagatta Mathammada Roy
14. Katala Vekaisa Monon
15. Mantharil Rama Menon
16. Jeshita Ramjee

3. His Excellency in Council in accordance with the provisions of sections 26 & 27 of the said Act, further determines & directs that the number of Police to be maintained in the Town of Bahant as so declared to be united as aforesaid, shall be 46 & that such Police shall be of the description hereinafter mentioned and shall be paid at the rates hereinafter specified, that is to say,

- 1 Inspector at Rs 165 per mensem
- 3 Head Constables at 22 Rs each - ditto
- 3 Deputy do at 12/- - ditto
- 13 1st Class do at 8 - - - ditto
- 26 - 2^d do - do at 7 - - - ditto

and that the total amount that shall be raised & expended in the said town of Bahant as so declared to be united as aforesaid during the year ending on the 30th April 1867; for the purposes specified in section 25 of the said Act shall be Rupees 16500 - of which sum 25%, or Rupees 4125 shall be contributed

contributed by Government to the Municipal Fund

(By Order of His Excellency
the Governor in Council)

P. S. S. S.

24th 8th Rungtany.

No. 77

Malabar Collectors⁷
Office
Calicut 9th June 1866.

From,

G. A. Ballard Esq
Magistrate
Collector of Malabar

To

J. D. Sim Esq
Ag. Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

Adverting to your memo. dated
7th instant, I have the honor to furnish
a revised notification and separate
lists of the several towns, canshoms,
supurbs &c which form the muni-
cipality of Calicut and also of
the Municipal Commissioners,
and to express my regret that correct
forms were not supplied in the first
instance.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt. servant

G. A. Ballard
Magistrate
Collector

No. 106.

Encl^d
In a letter from the
Magistrate of Malabar
of 31st May 1866. A. 91.

Recd. 1st June 1866
Graft. W. H. H. H.
Office to in the above

In File No. 639/66

List of towns, Amshoms, superbs &c
which form the Municipality of
Calicut.

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Paningara പനിയറ | (Portion) |
| 2. Nagarom നഗരം | (all) |
| 3. Kasba കടവു. | (all) |
| 4. Kacheri കച്ചേരി. | (all) |
| 5. Velleinad വെളിയനട. | (portion) |
| 6. Edakkad എടക്കാട് | (portion) |
| 7. Kottali കൊട്ടാളി. | (portion) |

Parakkal
Collector.
Malabar

No 9 May 1866 No 13000

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from

The collector
of Malabar
to the acting chief
secretary to Govt.

Letter 9 "2"
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Forwarding a revised
notification and
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the several towns, am-
shoms superbs &c
which form the mu-
nicipality of Calicut
to the Commissioner
of Malabar.

K. H.

List of the Commissioners of the Municipality of Calicut

1. Captain Arthur Metcham Davies,
Superintendent of Police
2. Assistant Surgeon Robert Edmund Pearce
3. Chettyponium Ranga Charlu
ചെട്ടിപ്പണിയം രാമചന്ദ്രൻ
4. Mr. Robert Hodges Peerce
5. Mr. Emanuel Fernandez
6. Mr. William Anthony Barboza
7. Urokar Mulandeagatha Kunhi
അരകർ മുലാണ്ടാഗാതാ കുന്തി
8. Duni Bohoy Manackjee
ഡുനി ബോയ് മണാക്കജി
9. Nanya Ramathi - മന്യാ രാമതി
10. Ambichi Panikar
ഇമ്പിചി പണിക്കര.
11. Kuyikandi Kanden, Vakil.
കുയികാണ്ടി കാന്ദൻ വക്കീൽ.
12. Mr. Edmund Rod Overbury
13. Pudiagatha Mahammada Koya
പുതിയാഗാതാ മാഹമ്മദാ കോയ.
14. Kateat Vikrisa Menon
കാട്ടാട്ട് വിക്രിസ മേനോൻ.
15. Mangavil Rama Menon
മാങ്ങവീൽ രാമ മേനോൻ

On a letter from
the Collector of
Malabar dated
9th June 1888. No
77.

Enclosure to letter
No. 77. dated 9th
June 1888.

In Public No 699/88

Lakhta Ramjee

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S. Narayana

~~Collector~~

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The collector of
Malabar dated
9th June 1866 No 77.

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No. 77- dated 9th
June 1866.

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In Public No 699, '65.

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From Malabar
31st May 66 No 71.

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In letter the
proposed

finally revised ar-
rangements for in-
troducing the Town
Improvement Act
into Calicut.

" proposed contract
of Municipal &
(seems) judicious. The
Town Police charge
at present extends
to the town & beyond

for son.
town. To make the
Municipal limits
coincide with
the Police limits, we

In such circumstances
should be clearly
expressed in the

The ^{very} ~~Coler~~ ^{is}
and

of Com^{rs} making
it 15/ and has
included the Supt.
of Police among them.

I have noticed the
latter point in my
mem.

lipatam scheme.

The estimated ex-
penditure (including
the State contribution)

2000

The estimated amount
Expenses include
monthly payments to
village officers.

on whom, the ²⁹ ~~Coler~~ ^{is}
"a very considerable
increase of work in
connection with the
municipal affairs."

be thrown -

The question of
employing full servants
in the executive duties
of the Municipalities
does not appear to have
been raised yet. No
doubt it will be brought
consequence to some
municipal to the Munici-
pality - no doubt
also they may fairly
claim all the funds

The fact is not
wise to prescribe
any position in
on this point at
all - They are
expensive at
present to absorb
the Municipal Com-
missioners' salaries.

very
difficult.
Officers, no
want, officers, no
take for
but on the whole
but recently they

dispute.
Per contra - the type
directly connects the
fact with the least

popular part of
what will probably
be an unpopular
measure.

On the whole, the
prospects.

must seem, to me
the undesirable.
There can be no
objection to put some
allowing assistance
in the way of it.

It is a matter to be
such assistance
should, I think, be
practicable - and
the assessment of
it should be
made, be un-
taken by the Ser-
vants of the Muni-
cipality.

do not consider the
arrangement of em-
ploying such persons
in running the Arrow
points & collecting

+ desirable one. When
fully established
the Municipality
should rely on
it.

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The Mayor proposes
also to give "Com^{rs}", a sum
actually engaged on
a "travelling

at 200
per diem - and his
estimate provides 300 Rs
for the purchase of a horse.

It is to be noted that he
noticed - the work at
first will be heavy &
his battery carriage he
will on an object
some of the Com^{rs}. He
-horary discharge of
the duties however is
preferable to his labor

will be

and will not object
them to be they ^{they} ^{afterwards} ^{the} ^{the}
that for them in
the position of Town

Courts ^{will} not have
 given their services
 gratuitously, for the
 we do not expect them
 fellows

The total sum
 to be raised by the
 Municipality after
 deducting the State
 Contribution - amount
 to Rs. 12,375.

The Com. is
 to resort to rate on
 houses & a tax on
 professions -
 Carriages &c

The Com. proposes

for a tax ^{proposed}
 by the Act - To be ex-
 cepted. The revenue
 expected from end

Trade Tax -	Rs. 7000
License Fee -	4775
	2000

12,375

The population of
 the town is given as
 37,000 - the rate is
 therefore 5.3 per head.

*These schedules are
 proposed by the
 Municipal Council*

*These
 alterations
 proposed
 change*

tax is given in the
 margin but the es-
 timates are necessary
 for 2 and must be
 1. and 2. of.

reality.

The rate on houses
 is proposed to be 5%
 on the gross annual
 value.

The Schedules of
 tax on
 professions &c. seem
 to be pressing the Com.
 but this need not be
 noticed, as the Com.
 is authorized for this.

The tax on
 houses & other amounts
 the Com. propose to
 levy at half the

later in the Schedule
C of the Act. But
Sect. 57 & 58 clearly
intend that the

rule shall be
laid. Whether this
has merely an aver.
right, is not clear, but
this is ^{also the case} ~~paraphrase~~, as
to Jolls. Thus, the
to free is an
maximum.

To save expense
the Colon. Probates,
to give the Comm^y a
2 in 6.

but I would in the
Reck pt. as clear as
possible of the whole
affair.
The Act might be

with a view at the
the first of the Comm. the
may be put in C. & D. 1000
where if the record is

is the Pro
that the
all the
is of the labor - despatch
in despatch
despatch
despatch

in London at 1000
7 p.m. at home.
N. L. D.

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Proceedings of Government
Dated 3^d July 1866.

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" 716-
" 941-
" 953-
" 1007-

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" 1274-

Respecting the introduction
of the Towns Improvement
Act to Calicut-