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Public **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 665	Press Mis.
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3rd July 1866.

No. 15. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Magistrate of Malabar, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 18th June 1866, No. 81.

Adverting to G. O., dated 9th ultimo, I have the honor to forward a Draft Notification, setting forth,

1stly.—The proposed limits of the municipality of Palghaut, with a view to the introduction of the Towns' Improvement Act.

2ndly.—The names of the proposed Municipal Commissioners.

3rdly.—The number and description of the Police force to be maintained, and the rates at which they are to be paid.

4thly.—The estimated amount to be raised for the purposes specified in Section 25 of the Act.

2. The municipal limits were proposed on careful consideration with the people by the Head Assistant, and are approved by the Superintendent of Police and myself.

3. The proposed Commissioners have been similarly carefully selected, and I think will quite command the confidence of the towns-people.

4. The number, description, and rates of the Police force is that given in the Appendix to the Proceedings of Government under reply.

5. Mr. Logan has given much attention to the works to be undertaken and the way in which the funds required should be raised, and has consulted freely with the towns-people on both subjects.

I enclose a Memorandum forwarded by him.

6. The Statement of proposed expenditure speaks for itself. I forward it as sent up by Mr. Logan and those he consulted, with the addition only of Rupees 1005, being Rupees 500 additional for road work, and Rupees 505 for any additional expenses under general conservancy and sundries, as I believe the Commissioners will find ample use for the money.

7. It is proposed to raise funds by,

1st.—A toll on entering municipal limits.

2nd.—A rate on houses, shops, &c.

3rd.—A tax on arts and professions.

8. Under the peculiar circumstances of Palghaut, where a great number of carts pass through the town with merchandize from and for other places, the first is not as objectionable a means as, in general, I think it likely to be. It is approved by the people, and at moderate rates will realize a handsome revenue. The rates proposed are those in Schedule B. of the Act.

9. The house and shop tax is to be calculated on much the same principles as those proposed for Calicut, with a proviso that I should have been glad to have proposed for this town, but did not see my way clear to make here, viz., that premises under the estimated market value of Rupees 100 should be excluded from assessment.

10. The tax on trades and professions is likewise to be applied. The numbers estimated by Mr. Logan, I am sure, are far under the mark, and I anticipate that the levy of half the maximum rates under this head will, with the other sources, meet the estimated requirements. The population being estimated at some 30,000,

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if we take one-fifth as adults and one-sixth only (allowing for the considerable admixture of agriculturists) as taxable under this head, we have at an average of about Rupees 2 per head, a sum of Rupees 2000* nearly.

* The amount as per accompanying Statement is Rupees 1800.

11. The above calculations are very rough, but during the course of the year experience will be gained. And if moderation is exercised at first, and judicious management attended to afterwards, I anticipate that the funds will be raised in Palghaut with ease, and great benefit ensue from the expenditure.

MEMORANDUM.

Appended to this Memorandum is a Statement in detail of the proposed expenditure and estimated income of the Palghaut Municipality for 1866-67.

2. The items have been calculated as for a whole year.

3. The work of classifying and rating the houses, &c., will necessarily occupy much time and labor in the first year of the working of the Act, so that about 18 per cent. of the total expenditure has been set apart for maintaining an establishment for that purpose.

4. Until accurate data can be obtained for estimating the proceeds of each of the different kinds of taxes, it was felt to be unadvisable to undertake more than some simple arrangement for removing accumulations of rubbish, and making necessary repairs to roads, &c. The site of the town is undulating, and the natural drainage is in consequence very good. Only two latrines will be constructed, as there is no doubt that they will be used at first, at any rate, only by the poorer classes of Natives.

5. With regard to income it is proposed—

1. To levy tolls on carts, &c., entering the municipal limits.

2. To tax houses, shops, &c., and,

3. To levy a tax on arts, professions, trades, &c.

6. The first of these taxes will fall primarily upon those merchants and others in Coimbatore and other places, who send their goods to the Sea Coast, via Trunk road No. 5, without conferring any benefit upon the Palghaut community, and who yet cut up with their heavily loaded bandies the roads to be maintained by the municipality; it will also fall upon the Palghaut merchants, and subsequently on the community at large—and, being an indirect mode of taxation, it will be less felt than a large tax levied directly on houses or professions. The amount expected to be realized in this way will be the most easily collected of all the taxes, as the tolls will be annually put up to public auction, and the amount realized in two or four instalments, payable by one man from whom adequate security will be taken. Three individuals have offered to rent the tolls during the first year on payment of 3000 Rupees.

7. In addition to placing toll bars on the main thoroughfares it is intended to levy a tax on houses and shops, the owners of which are permanently benefited by the provisions of the Act. The number of houses within the limits has been estimated on data furnished by the Amshom authorities at 2176, excluding all houses, &c., under Rupees 100 in value. The value of the houses and lands has been estimated at Rupees 9,60,000, of which 5 per cent. may be taken as the annual rental at which the houses, &c., could be let. This gives an annual rental of Rupees 48,000, and 5 per cent. of that amount would be Rupees 2400, the amount entered in the Statement.

8. The amount expected to be realized by the tax on professions, trades, &c., is as given in the Statement, but it is believed that the numbers under each class are in excess of the estimated numbers.

9. The total anticipated income exceeds the proposed expenditure by nearly 2000 Rupees, but the income has, in the absence of reliable data, been roughly calculated.

10. The population within the limits, calculated on the basis of the last Census Returns, has been estimated at 30,000. The house-owners are estimated at about 1800, giving an average pay-

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ment of Rupee 1½; the persons to be taxed on account of arts, professions, and trades, are—

* This figure has been slightly altered in the Statement. estimated at 538,* giving an average payment of Rupees 5½ if the full rate of each class be charged, but it is expected that the persons

liable to this tax will far exceed the estimated number.

PALGHAUT, 16th June 1866.

(Signed) W. LOGAN,
Head Asst. Magistrate.

Proposed Expenditure.

	RS.
Maintenance of Police.....	3,413
<i>Office Establishment and Expenses.</i>	
1 English Writer, at 25 Rupees per mensem.....	300
1 Goomastah, at 12 „ „.....	144
1 Masalji at 5 „ „.....	60
2 Peons at 6 „ „.....	144
Office Furniture.....	182
Bills and Notices.....	200
Paper, books, ink, &c.....	138
	1,168

Collection and Assessment of rates and taxes.

Allowance to Koppam Adigari, at Rupees 4 per mensem.....	48
„ „ Menon „ 3 „.....	36
„ Vadakantara Adigari „ 4 „.....	48
„ „ Menon „ 3 „.....	36
„ Puttur Adigari „ 4 „.....	48
„ „ Menon „ 3 „.....	36
„ Six Amcam Peons „ 1½ each.....	108
	360

Conservancy Establishment, &c.

1 Maistry, at Rupees 6 per mensem.....	72
6 Coolies, at Rupees 4 „.....	288
Hire of six bandies with bullocks and drivers, at Rupees 23¼ per mensem.....	1,674
	2,034
Repairs and road work.....	1,700
Sundry repairs, improvement of drains, &c.....	505
2 Latrines, at Rupees 150 each.....	300
2 Toties, at Rupees 5 each per mensem.....	120
	420

Total... 9,600

Estimated Income.

Quarter share to be paid by Government.....	2,400
Tolls on carts entering municipal limits.....	3,000
Tax on 2176 houses, shops, &c., excluding all under Rupees 100 in value, and calculating at the rate of 5 per cent. on rental.....	2,400

Tax on Professions, Trades, &c.

Class 2, 8 persons at Rupees 12½.....	100
„ 3, 60 „ „ 6.....	360
„ 4, 310 „ „ 3.....	930
„ 5, 410 „ „ 1.....	410
	1,800

Total... 9,600

(Signed) G. A. BALLARD,
Magistrate.

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No. 16. ORDER THEREON 3rd July 1866, No. 665.

With this letter, the Magistrate of Malabar submits, with his own remarks and modifications, his Head Assistant's proposals for introducing the Towns' Improvement Act into Palghat.

2. The charges are set down at Rupees 9600; of which Rupees 3413 are on account of the Police Establishment.

3. The sum to be contributed by the people amounts to 7200 Rupees, on a population of 30,000.

4. The Commissioners propose to levy tolls on carts entering the Municipal limits; to tax house property at 5 per cent. on the gross rental (excluding houses valued at less than 100 Rupees); and to tax professions, &c.

5. The amount expected from each source of Revenue is as follows: the Estimates being of course only approximate:

	RS.
Tolls.....	3,000
House tax.....	2,400
License tax.....	1,800
Total	7,200

6. The Tolls are to be rented out, and are expected to be the most remunerative source.

7. The Act does not empower Commissioners to exempt houses below a certain extent; but they possess the general power to exempt any one too poor to pay, and on this they can act. With these remarks the Governor in Council directs the issue of the following Notification.

NOTIFICATION.

FORT SAINT GEORGE, 3rd July 1866.

His Excellency the Governor of Fort Saint George in Council having resolved to extend the provisions of the Towns' Improvement Act, 1865 (Madras Act No. X of 1865) in manner hereinafter set forth, doth hereby declare, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the said Act, that the Town of Palghat, in the District of Malabar in the Presidency of Fort Saint George, together with the several towns, villages, suburbs, stations, and bazaars, which heretofore have been and now are called and known by the several names of—

1. Palghat Bazaar,
2. Sultan Petta,
3. Kalpatti,
4. Ambikapuram,
5. Kumarapuram,
6. Lakshiminarayanapuram,
7. Chekunpurom,
8. Putenkuricci,
9. Ramanathapuram,

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10. Vettakaruman Kaver,
11. Tonipalayom,
12. Puttur Tara,
13. Kunnanur Meda,
14. Vadakantara,
15. Nellheccery,
16. Pallipram,
17. Nurni,
18. Tirunellai,

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

North.—The Railway;

East.—A line from a point on the Railway, directly north of where the road from Sultan Petta to Kadukankunna crosses the Kalpatti river, to the ford over that river; the road from Sultan Petta to Kadukankunna, as far as the Konamenna Kovil; the road from Sultan Petta to Puttur to where it meets the road branching from Trunk road No. 5 to Kottekad; the road branching from Trunk road No. 5 to Kottekad to the Trunk road No. 5; trunk road No. 5 as far as its junction with the cross road east of Kunnatturmeda; a line from the latter point to the ford over the Kannadi river on the road to Putunagarani and Kolangode;

South.—The Kannadi river;

West.—A line from a point on the Kannadi river west of Tirunellai Gramam to the first mile-stone west of Palghat on Trunk road No. 5; the cross road from that point over the Kalpatti river to the first Railway crossing west of Palghat Railway Station—

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 Palghat," and that all persons residing within the said boundaries shall be deemed to be inhabitants within the meaning of the said Act, the said Town of Palghat, as so declared to be united as aforesaid, and all premises which abut on, or which, or any portion of which, lie within the bounds of either side of any public road, or other communication forming a boundary, shall be for the purposes of the said Act considered to be and treated as lying within the boundary. 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 Palghat 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 Palghat, as so declared to be united as aforesaid, to be Town Commissioners in addition to the Magistrate of the District of Malabar and the Officer of the Public Works Department, in Executive charge of the Range, in which the said Town of Palghat, as so declared to be united as aforesaid, is situated, who

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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. William Logan, Esq., Head Assistant to the Collector and Magistrate of Malabar,
2. Lieutenant F. Hole, Assistant Superintendent of Police,
3. J. J. Tomlinson, Esq.,
4. W. E. Gay, Esq.,
5. Kilianat Krishna Menon, Tahsildar,
6. Pattikarai Krishna Chettiar,
7. Nurni Ceshan Patter,
8. Guram Subbarama Sastriar,
9. Tirunelai Govinda Patter,
10. Kanakata Cankara Menon,
11. Taravanat Camu Menon.

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

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| 1 | 5th Class Inspector, | at | Rupees 60 per mensem. |
| 1 | Head Constable, | at | " 22 " |
| 2 | Deputy do. | at | " 12½ each " |
| 7 | 1st Class do. | at | " 8 " " |
| 12 | 2nd do. do. | at | " 7 " " |

and that the total amount that shall be raised and expended in the said Town of Palghat, as so declared to be united as aforesaid during the year ending 30th April 1867, for the purposes specified in Section 25 of the said Act shall be Rupees, 9,600; of which sum 25 per cent., or Rupees 2,400, shall be contributed by Government to the Municipal Fund.

(True Extract).

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of
" Inspector General of Police.
" Accountant General.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

Proposed Expenditure

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Maintenance of Police 3413

Office Establishment & Expenses

1. English Writer @ Rs 15 per mensem	300
1. Gumasta @ 12 " "	144
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Hire of 6 bawdies with bullocks	
and drivers @ Rs 23 1/4 per mensem	167 1/4

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Repairs and road work 1700

Sundry repairs, improvement of drains &c. 505

2 Latrines at Rs 150 each 300

2 Totas at Rs 5 each per mensem 120 420

Rupies 9600

Estimated Income

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1/4 Share to be paid by Government 2400

Tolls on carts entering Municipal limits 3000

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at the rate of 5 per cent on rental 2400

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1200

Rupies 9600

Cannanur
Magistrate

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1866 Sept.

In a letter from the
Magistrate of Malabar
dated 18th June 1866 A.D.

Statement of Expenses
& Receipts.

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Names of the places &c. to be included
in the proposed Municipality of Palghat

1. Palghat Bazaar.	പാലക്കാട് ബാजार
2. Sultan Petta.	സുൽത്താൻ പെട്ട
3. Kalpathi.	കൽ പാത്തി
4. Ambikapuram.	അമ്പികാവുരം
5. Khamapuram.	കമപുരം
6. Leshminarayanaapuram.	ലക്ഷ്മിനാരായണപുരം
7. Shekimpuram.	ശേഖിപ്പുരം
8. Puthankuzhi.	പുതൻ കുഴി
9. Ramanathapuram.	രാമനാഥപുരം
10. Vetta kuramankavu.	വെട്ടക്കരമൻകാവ
11. Thoni Palayam.	തൊണിപാലയം
12. Puthan Thara.	പുത്തൻ തറ
13. Kunnaneer Ineda.	കുന്നമ്പുറമുട
14. Vatakantara.	വാടക്കൻ തറ
15. Kollicherry.	കൊളിക്കുളം
16. Palliprom.	പാലപ്പുറം
17. - Varazi.	വറാസി
18. Tirunellie.	തിരുനെൽവേലി

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Names of the Commissioners of the proposed Municipality of Palghat

1. William Logan Esq.

2. Lieutt. Frederick Hole

3. Mr J. J. Tomlinson

4. Mr W. E. Gay

The Christian names of these two will be given in full as soon as possible.

5. Kilianat Kristua Menon
കിളിയനാട്ടുകൃഷ്ണമേനോൻ.

6. Pattikara Kristua Chettiar
പട്ടികാരകൃഷ്ണചേട്ടിയാർ

7. Kurini Peshan Pattar
കുറിനിപേഷൻപട്ടർ

8. Guram Subrama Shastri
ഗുരംസുബ്രഹ്മണ്യശാസ്ത്രി

9. Tirunelli Govinda Pattar
തിരുനെല്ലി ഗോവിന്ദൻപട്ടർ

10. Kanattat Shankara Menon
കനക്കത്തശങ്കരമേനോൻ

11. Tharavanat Shami Menon
തരവനാട്ടുശാമിമേനോൻ

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Encls. No. 5.

In a letter from the Magistrate of Malabar dated 18th June 1868.

Names of the Commissioners of the proposed Municipality of Palghat

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Palghat 3
16th June 1866

(Signed) H. Logan
H. Logan: Magistrate

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Magistrate

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In a letter from the
Magistrate of Malabar
dated 10 June 1866 No. 81.

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Magistrate's Memo.

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10. Vēttakavum Kaveri
11. Jonipālayam
12. Pattūr Tera.
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2. Lieut. J. Hole. Assistant Superintendent of Police.
3. J. J. Tomlinson Esq.
4. H. E. Gay Esq.
5. Kikanat Krishna Menon. Tahsildar
6. Patti Karai Krishna Chettiar
7. Mirai Geshan Patter
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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 said Town of Palghat as so declared to be limited as aforesaid shall be 23 and that such Police shall be of the description hereinafter mentioned, and shall be paid at the rates hereinafter specified, that is to say

1. 5 "Clap Inspector @ Rs 60 per mensem
1. Head Constable @ " 22 "
2. Deputy D^o @ " 12 1/2 each "
4. 1st Clap D^o @ " 8 " "
12. 2^d D^o - D^o @ " 7 " "

and that the total amount that shall be raised and expended in the said Town of Palghat as so declared to be limited as aforesaid during the year ending 30th April 1887 for the purposes specified in Section 25 of the said Act shall be Rupees ~~4000~~ of which sum 25 per cent or Rs 2400 shall be contributed by Government to the Municipal Fund.

Gunnalland

Magistrate

Encl. No. 1.

1866 Dep't

A letter from the
Magistrate of Malabar
dated 18th June 1866 No. 81.

Draft Notification
alluded to in the above
letter.

L. No. 759. B. 56

Malabar Magistrate's Court
Calicut 18th June 1866

From G. O. Ballard Esq.
Magistrate of Malabar

To J. H. Vinn Esq.
Acting Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

Adverting to G. O. of 9th ultimo
I have the honor to forward a draft no-
tification setting forth
1st The proposed limits of the municipality
of Palghat with a view to the
introduction of the Towns improve-
ment Act.

2nd The names of the proposed mu-
nicipal Commissioners.

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

4th The estimated amount to be
raised for the purposes specified in
Sec 25 of the Act.

2. The municipal limits were
proposed on careful consideration with
the people by the Head Assistant and
are approved by the Superintendent of
Police.

Police and myself. -

3. The proposed Commissioners have been similarly carefully selected, and I think will quite command the confidence of the Townspeople. -

4. The number, description, and rates of the Police force is that given in the Appendix to the Proceedings of Government under reply. -

5. Mr. Logan has given much attention to the works to be undertaken and the way in which the funds required should be raised, and has consulted freely with the Townspeople on both subjects. -

Enclose a Memo. forwarded by him. -

6. The Statement of proposed expenditure speaks for itself. I forward it as sent up by Mr. Logan and those he consulted, with the addition only of Rs. 1005, being Rs. 500 additional for roadwork, and Rs. 505 for any additional expenses under general Conservancy and Sundries, as I believe the Commissioners will

find ample use for the money. -

7. It is proposed to raise funds by
1st a toll on entering municipal limits.
2nd a rate on houses, shops &c.
3rd a tax on arts and professions. -

8. Under the peculiar circumstances of Palghat, - where a great number of carts pass through the Town with merchandize from and for other places the first is not as objectionable a means as in general I think it likely to be. It is approved by the people and at moderate rates will realize a handsome revenue. - The rates proposed are those in Schedule B of the Act. -

9. The house and shop tax is to be calculated on much the same principles as those proposed for Calicut, with a proviso that I should have been glad to have proposed for this Town, but did not see my way clear to make ^{here} viz that premises under the estimated market value of Rs. 100 should be excluded from apportionment. -

10. The tax on trades and professions is likewise to be applied. The numbers estimated by Mr. Logan

I am sure are far under the mark, -
and I anticipate that the levy of
half the maximum rates under
this head will, with the other
sources, meet the estimated re-
quirements. The population being
estimated at some 30,000, if we
take $\frac{1}{5}$ as adults and $\frac{1}{6}$ only (al-
lowing for the considerable admix-
ture of agriculturists) as taxable
under this head we have at an
average of ^{about} Rs. 2 per head a sum of
Rs. 20,000 nearly.

* The amount as
per accompanying
Statement is Rs. 20,000

11 The above calculations
are very rough, - but during the
course of the year experience will
be gained. - And if moderation is
exercised at first, - and judicious ma-
nagement attended to afterwards;
I anticipate that the funds will
be raised in Palghat with ease, and
great benefit ensue from the ex-
penditure. -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obed^t. Serv^t

G. M. M. M.
Magistrate.

20/10/87 Public 1866 Departs
From
The Mag. of Malabar
The Atty. Secy to Govt.
Fort St. George
Dated 10th June
Dec 23 — } 1866
No. 01

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Forwarding a draft
Notification for the
introduction of the
Municipal Act in
the town of Palghat.

7/11/87

Recd letter from the Magistrate of Malabar - 18 June 1866 - No. 87.

From Col. of Malabar

18 June 1866
Bd. 3rd July 1866 No. 665 - M. to

To the letter the letter

permits his head of

proposals with his

own remarks & no

duplications for in

to seeing the Town

Improvement Act

into Palghat.

The proposed Com

are 11 in number

and among them

is the Asst. Secy. of

Police.

The charges are

set down at Rs 9600

of which Rs 3413 are

on account of the Police

establishment.

Here, as at Calicut,

it is proposed to employ

I would not as I have said
in regard to Marulapattam
have a Police super on the
Municipal Committee -

There is odd rather. The popⁿ of
Palghat is put down at
30,000. So is that of Marulapattam -
yet the Police of the latter place
is costing 8000 Rs. odd against
3413 at Palghat. Withal
the people at Palghat would
soon become more Police than
the people at Marulapattam
though there be there a good
sprinkling of persons named Mahom-
edans.

and pay the Village
officers - The same course
I have ~~been~~ ^{put} ~~my~~
determine must the
course be followed in
all cases.

The sum the
contributed by the
people amounts to
7200 Rs. - on a popu-
lation of 37,000 -

The Com^{rs} propose
to levy tolls on carts
entering the Muni-
cipal limits - to
tax house property at
5 per cent on the pro-
prietor - / Excluding
houses valued at less
than 100 Rs / and to
tax professions, &c

The annual ex-

source of Rs 4000
follows - the estimates
being of course only
approximate.

	Rs
Tolls —	3000
House tax —	2400
Licence tax —	1800
	7200

The tolls are the
rented out - and
are expected to be
the most convenient
source. They will be
a great measure
toll on the general
trade of the country
but this was doubtless
the result of acquiescence
in when the levy of
tolls was legislated.

The Act does
not empower Com^{rs}
to exempt houses
below a certain value

that they possess the
 general power to
 exempt any one too
 poor to pay - and for
 this I believe they cross
 the proposal of the
 This is very different
 from Mr. Chas. pres.
 total exempt entire
 Pitts. knows 57.
 on 100 lb value will
 be 9 pice / day / one
 penny sterling per
 annum!

I see nothing else
 needing notice &
 the Act may I think
 be a fit bill.
 J.D.S.

Note. There would
 have been some con-
 venience & possibly
 and on top in passing
 like all the reports are

Lecture 36 when only 60
 individuals - there the
 count of exempt - if any
 department he raised for house
 exemption -

to the State of the laboring
 class part of the
 exempt general } exempt 47
 All magistrates exempt 57

I would add to
 under

nothing away - and
 white here come! all
 I put the sending
 order on each case
 the people of the
 to drink to the
 convenience of
 piece - and
 distribute.

who are in
 may be useful for
 perhaps some in
 and will have been
 delay what is not

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 " " 9th - 953 -
 " " 10th -

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Dated 3rd July 1866.

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