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Trichinopoly Municipality.

The extension for another year of the provisions of Act X of 1865 into the town of Trichinopoly, sanctioned, and the levy of certain rates and taxes, authorized.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

No. 166. From the President of the Municipal Commission for the Town of Trichinopoly, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George; dated Tiroomanur, 1st August 1867, No. 32.

In acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, Public Department, dated 12th ultimo, No. 826, I have the honor to express my regret that delay should have been caused by my failure to enter more fully, in my letter of the 14th June, into the necessity for increased expenditure.

2. It did not, however, occur to me, either that Government would have laid so much stress upon the estimates for the past initiative half-year—estimates which I now beg to request they will put out of consideration altogether, as being of no value, framed as they were (so to speak) in the dark and at guess—or that Government would have so far apparently under-rated the magnitude and importance of this Municipality as to have supposed it possible that “the sum which it is proposed to raise and expend is in excess of what is required or can be utilized.”

3. Any inference drawn from deficient expenditure in the past half-year would prove equally fallacious if applied to our future capacity to expend money beneficially. With an establishment in process of organization—and funds, consequently, coming in very slowly—the Commissioners were obliged to act with considerable caution, and limit their operations in accordance with the state of their cash balances. With increased experience, circumstances have altered.

4. I will now offer a few observations on the several items of proposed expenditure.

5. *Conservancy*.—Towards the close of last year, a Sub-Committee, composed of Colonel Greenaway, Dr. Ranking, and the Vice-President, Mr. Oliver, after due deliberation, laid before a General Meeting a scheme for conservancy, involving an annual outlay of Rs. 66,368. Neither roads, drainage, latrines, nor any of the other items of the now proposed expenditure were included in the scheme, which was approved by the Meeting only so far that they considered it to be still inadequate to meet the actual requirements.

6. Solely on account of insufficiency of funds, Rs. 24,000, or about one-third of the necessary amount, is proposed to be devoted to this most important object in the current year.

7. *Roads*.—There are thirty miles of metalled road within municipal limits. At Rs. 300 per mile, the proposed expenditure of Rs. 10,000 will be swallowed up in maintenance of these roads alone, leaving nothing for the construction of much required new roads and for the repair of many others. But for insufficiency of funds, a much larger sum should be devoted to this purpose.

8. *Cleaning and repairing Tanks*.—The townspeople are dependent for their water on upwards of forty tanks, most of them in a filthy state of neglect. One of the very smallest was cleaned out last year at an expense of Rs. 500. From want of funds, Rs. 2,000 are now assigned for this purpose, when Rs. 10,000 might be most beneficially expended.

9. *Drainage*.—There is literally none. The trifling sum of Rs. 5,000 now assigned, owing to paucity of funds, will suffice to remedy an evil here and there. To drain the town as it ought to be drained would cost lakhs.

10. *Latrines and Dust Bins*.—The sum of Rs. 5,000 set apart for this purpose, will meet about a tithe of the actual requirements of the people.

11. *Miscellaneous, Demolishing ruins, etc.*—Under this head is included the demolition of the ramparts, and filling in of the Fort ditch—a project second to none in pressing importance, with reference to the general health of the public—a project already approved of by Government, and for which an estimate, amounting to Rs. 22,000, was framed in the Public Works Department some years ago. Allowing for the rise in rates, its execution will, now, probably cost not less than Rs. 40,000.

12. Upon this subject, I beg to append an extract from the Proceedings of the Commissioners at a Meeting held on the 29th June, and to request the favorable consideration of the Government to the request therein contained. Without some special assistance, it is improbable that the Commissioners will be able to devote to the execution of this great work a larger annual sum than Rs. 5,000, at which rate its completion will take eight years or longer.

13. *Demolishing ruins*.—The extrication of the stones is an expensive item, and, unless the Commissioners are permitted to share in the proceeds, it would be to their interest to tumble all the stone into the ditch and bury it. I do not think it would be sufficient to allow them the bare cost of the extrication out of the proceeds of the stones. These were roughly estimated by Captain Oakes, in a letter embodied in Government Proceedings, dated 7th December last, to be worth two or three lakhs; and taking this and all the other circumstances of the case into consideration, I do not think that the request of the Commissioners, to be given a lien on the stones, to the value of the work they may execute, is an unreasonable one.

14. *Establishment*.—The cost is but $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the amount of the estimated receipts and proposed expenditure. The amount that was found sufficient during the limited operations of last year forms no criterion of the requirements of the current year.

15. I will merely add that the Proceedings of Government under reply have been laid before the Commissioners, and that they are unanimous in deprecating the enforcement of the suggestion of the Government.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Trichinopoly at a Meeting held on the 29th June 1867.

2. Resolved that the demolition of the Fort walls, and the filling in the ditch, is one of the most important sanitary measures for the consideration of the Commissioners; that the sum of Rs. 5,000 be this year assigned for this purpose; and that the Government be moved to make over to the Municipality all the land included in the above walls and moat, and to give them a lien upon the stones removed, to the extent of the sum expended on this most necessary sanitary work. The Commissioners further resolve that the land thus reclaimed shall be laid out as a boulevard, as suggested originally by Sir C. Trevelyan, in his Minute dated 28th January 1860.

(True Extract.)

J. L. RANKING, *Commissioner,*
for President.

No. 167. ORDER THEREON—No. 1033, Public, dated 21st August 1867.

The explanation afforded in the foregoing letter shows that there is ample scope for the useful employment of a large sum of money on municipal conservancy in Trichinopoly; and the Government, relying on the recommendation of the Commissioners, will no longer delay sanctioning original estimates, it being understood the Government contribution will only be paid proportionately on the total sum actually raised and expended.

2. The expenditure for the year is estimated at Rs. 80,000. The Government contribution on this sum (after deducting Rs. 4,800 on account of lighting) amounts to Rs. 18,800. The Commissioners are to raise themselves Rs. 60,000, which sum with the State grant, and a balance of Rs. 5,595 from last year's account, will place Rs. 84,395 in all at their disposal.

3. With regard to the disposal of the ~~one~~^{some} procured by the demolition of the Fort walls, and the compensation which should be made to the Commissioners, with a view to enabling them to complete the scheme initiated some years ago for filling up the moat and making a boulevard, the Government are willing to make over to the Commissioners the land included in the moat and walls, but they cannot create a lien on the stones in favor of the Commissioners, as it was decided, in December last, that the whole of the stones were required for the use of the Department of Public Works.

4. It is observed that the Government already contribute 25 per cent. towards the completion of the project, and that they have placed convict labor free of charge at the disposal of the Commissioners. Whatever may be decided on by the Commissioners, the Government strictly forbid the throwing of the stone into the moat, to be there buried.

5. The following Notification will at once be published:—

NOTIFICATION.

Fort St. George, 21st August 1867.

The Right Honorable the Governor of Fort St. George in Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of (Madras) Act X of 1865, hereby appoints the undermentioned persons, being inhabitants of the town of Trichinopoly as described and designated for the purposes of the said Act in the Notification published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 30th October 1866, to be Town Commissioners, for the purposes of the said Act, during the year ending on the 30th April 1868, in addition to the Officers who are, under the provisions of Section 7 of the said Act, ex-officio Commissioners for the towns within their respective charges—that is to say.

1. Surgeon Major James Lancaster Ranking, Garrison Surgeon.
2. Mr. Charles William Wall Martin, Acting Head Assistant Collector and Magistrate.
3. Mr. James Dunning Baker Gribble, Assistant Collector.
4. „ George Tweedle Oliver.
5. Roobgoondy Ragoonath Row.
6. Roobgoondy Hurry Row.
7. Devanamputtumu Pareasawmy Moodelliar.
8. Soukar Rajaram Towker.
9. Lunka Krishtniengar.
10. Abiramshary Patchappah Moodelliar.

2. In accordance with the provisions of Sections 26 and 27 of the said Act, the Governor in Council further determines and directs that the number of Police to be maintained in the said town of Trichinopoly, during the year ending on the 30th April 1868, shall be 150, and that such Police shall be of the description hereinafter mentioned, and shall be paid at the rate hereinafter specified—that is to say

1	Second-class Inspector,	at Rs. 165	per mensem.
1	Fifth-class „	60	„
4	European Constables „	30	each per mensem.
6	Head Constables „	22	„
10	Deputy „	12½	„
43	First-class Constables „	8	„
85	Second-class „	7	„

and that the total amount to be raised and expended in the said town of Trichinopoly during the year ending on the 30th April 1868, for the purposes specified in Section 25 of the said Act, shall be Rs. 75,200, of which sum 25 per cent. or Rs. 18,800, shall be contributed by Government to the Municipal Fund.

3. The Governor in Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Act, further authorizes the Commissioners for the town of Trichinopoly to raise a sum not exceeding Rs. 4,800 for the purposes of lighting.

4. In accordance with the provisions of Section 36 of the said Act, the Governor in Council authorizes the Commissioners for the said town of Trichinopoly to levy, during the year ending on the 30th April 1868, the several rates, taxes, and fees below specified—that is to say

Rates on houses, buildings, and lands as provided for in Sections 38 to 44.

Taxes on arts, trades, and professions, as provided for in Sections 46 to 49.

Tolls on carriages and other vehicles, as provided for in Sections 51 to 56.

Taxes on carriages, horses, and other animals, as provided for in Sections 57

to 64.

Licenses under Section 115.

(By order of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.)

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Magistrate of Trichinopoly.
" Inspector General of Police.
" Accountant General.
" Public Works Department.

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(True Extract)

J. Manning
Comptroller

for President

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Tschinopoly Municipal
Commrs Office on Vicent Street
Broomfield Woodstock Lane
1st August 1867.

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From, J
Geo. Vane Agnew Esq.
President of the Municipal Commrs
for the Town of Tschinopoly
To
The Honble R. S. Ellis C. B.
Acting Chief Secretary to Government
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Copy of

Subscribed from the
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as a meeting of the
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Signed J. Vane Agnew
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8. The townspeople are dependant for their water on upwards of forty tanks, most of them

them in a filthy state of neglect. One of the very smallest was cleaned out last year at an expense of Rs 500. How want of funds Rs 2000 are now assigned for this purpose, when Rs 10000 might be most beneficially expended.

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the Current Year.

I will merely add, that the
proceedings of Government under reply
have been laid before the Commission
and that they are unanimous in
deprecating the Enforcement of the
suggestion of the Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

J. Manning
Commissioner

for President of the Munic. Comm.
Grieg

Comp.
Smith

Letter of the President, Trichinopoly Municipality
15th August 1867. No. 32

Memo.

I think the President makes out a good case for the large increase of expenditure. The only question whether the Commissioners will now, after the delay caused by reference, be able to prepare what they propose. The Government contribution will however only be paid in proportion to the sum actually raised and expended.

The expenditure is estimated at (Rs 80,000 - Rs 4,800 for lighting) Rs 75,200. The Govt contribution on this, or Rs 18,800; + Rs 60,000 to be raised by the Commissioners will place at their disposal Rs 78,800. They will also be authorized to levy Rs 4,800 for lighting, under Section 29. There is a balance of Rs 5,595 from last year in addition. The estimates should be speedily sanctioned.

The Commissioners make out a good case, and if the taxation is not considered too onerous. The taxes are not higher than elsewhere and the collection & Commissioners must be considered to know a representative state of things at Trichinopoly. It does not seem desirable to check progress in a right direction. The Govt have given them an opportunity of viewing their estimates & they have no persons in them.

Approved by the Municipal Council
15th August 1867
J. H. M. S. J. H. M. S.

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From the President of the Municipal Council for the Municipalities
To the Secretary to Government
Dated 1st August 1867
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Trichinopoly

Suppl. to the report to the Municipal Council dated 12th July 1867, the necessity for increase of expenditure on the Municipality of Trichinopoly - 1867 -

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4. With regard to the ratification of brickly
pav. and levelling of the Fort
Ramparts, this measure has long
been recognized as desirable on
sanitary grounds.

5. An estimate was made out in the
D.P.W. in 1860 at Sir C. Trevelyan's
desire. The project was estimated
at Rs 27,000, and was ordered
to be included in the P.W. Budget
for 1864-5.

6. In December 1866 the Collector of Puduk-
kottai desired instructions as to the
disposal of the Fort stones procured
by the demolition of the Fort, at the
request of the Municipality.
The value of the stones was then esti-
mated by Captain Parker at two
lacs of rupees.

7. As a reference made to the D.P.W.
it was decided by that Department
that for the whole of the stones are
required for the use of the D.P.W.
The Govt. could not consent to hand
over the stones to the Municipality.
But the Commissioners were allowed
the use of convict labour, as
a set off, free of charge.

Proc. Govt. Public Dept.
12th Oct/63. No. 1639.

+ Proc. Govt. 7th Dec 1866
Public No. 1242.

Proc. Govt. D.P.W. 21st Dec 66
No. 4045

I think this might be
done. It is I fancy au-
-logous to what has been
done elsewhere
W.D.

This would have to come
out of the P.W. Budget &
would hardly pay it.
Besides the money has
the use of convicts for
the work.
I would create no value
in the stones.
This would be
presumably
certainly
W.D.

7. The Commissioners propose to spend
during this year 5000 Rs. on
demolishing the Fort and
making a "boulevard" which
till the completion of the project
will take 8 years or more.

The Commissioners request that the
Govt. will make over to them all
the land included in the walls
and moat, and give them
a lien on the stones & the extent
of the value expended on the
project.

The President considers this request
not unreasonable, as otherwise
it would be in the interest of
the Commissioners to tumble
all the stone into the ditch
and bury it. He does not
consider that the bare cost of
saturating the stones would
commensurate them.
Orders are requested on this
subject.

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Police Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

and the following letter
from the President of the Municipal
Commission, Trichinopoly.
Received 1st August 1867.

Order No 1033 of 21 Aug 67

The explanation offered
in the foregoing letter shows
that there is a need
for the rapid completion
of a large sum of money in
Municipal funds in
Trichinopoly, and the Govt.,
relying on the recommendation
of the Commissioners, will
no longer delay sanctioning
the proposed estimate. It is
understood the Government
contribution will only be paid
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sum actually raised and
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The condition of the

year is estimated at Rs 60,000. The Government contribution on this sum (after deducting Rs 4,000 on account of lighting) amounts to Rs 10,000. The Commissioners are to raise themselves, Rs 60,000 which sum with the State grant, and a balance of Rs 5,595 from last year's account, will place Rs 74,595 in all at their disposal.

3 With regard to the disposal of the stone removed by the demolition of the Fort walls, and the compensation which should be made to the Commissioners with a view to enabling them to complete the scheme initiated some years ago for filling up the Moat and making a roadward, the Government are willing to make over to the Commissioners the land included in the Moat and walls, but they cannot create or

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It is observed that the Government already contribute 25 per cent towards the completion of the project and that they have placed 50 cents later free of charge at the disposal of the Commissioners. Whatever may be decided on by the Government the Gov. strictly forbid the throwing of the stone into the Moat where they are buried.

5 The following Notification will at once be published

Notification.

Fort Saint George August 1865

The Governor of Fort Saint George in Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of Madras Act of 1865 hereby appoints the undermentioned persons, being

being inhabitants of the town
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Notification published in the
Fort Saint George Gazette
dated 30 October 1866, to be Town
Commissioners for the purposes
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in addition to the Officers who
are, under the provisions of
Section 7 of the said Act, Town
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within their respective charges
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Garrison Surgeon
2. Mr. Charles William Wall Martin
Ag. Head Asst. Collector and
Magistrate
3. ~~Lieut. William Henry Dodge.~~
~~Ag. Supt. of Police.~~
4. Mr. James Dunning Baker Gibble
Asistant Collector
5. Mr. George Smeedle Oliver
6. Roobgoondy Rajooath Roy
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8. Devanamputtan's Narasawmy
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2. In accordance with the
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for in Section 57 to 64
Licenses under Section 113.

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other vehicles as provided for
in Sections 51 to 56.

Taxes on carriages horses
and other animals as provided
for

Ag. Master of Trichinopoly.
Inspector General of Police }
Accountant General. }
P. H. Department - }
for the 20/5

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated. 21 August 1867

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