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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
20th April 1869.

Read the following papers.—

No. 181. From the Magistrate of Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Cheepurupilli, 20th January 1869, No. 16.

I have the honor to report that, on the occasion of my recent visit to Palcondah, I was waited on by a large number of the most influential residents of the town, who expressed to me their desire that it should be made into a Municipality under Act X. of 1865.

2. The town is a large one, has about ten thousand inhabitants, is the centre of an important trade, and the head-quarters of a taluq, the whole of which has been enriched by the operations of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. who have rented it for several years. About two years ago the town itself was much improved, and its streets laid out anew under the superintendence of Mr. Mackie, Messrs. Arbuthnot's agent, by means of voluntary subscriptions raised by the inhabitants. The new streets, constructed at some expense, have been destroyed by the enormous traffic that passes through the town, and the inhabitants are desirous, by the introduction of Act X. of 1865, to raise permanent funds to keep their roads in repairs, and otherwise improve their town.

3. I was careful to impress upon the deputation the real nature of the responsibilities they wished to incur, and of the burdens which the Act would impose upon them, and I informed them of the objections which were now entertained to their favorite mode of raising a revenue, by the levy of tolls, which I told them might possibly not be sanctioned.

4. They said they would be willing to levy tolls at half the rates laid down in the Schedule to the Act, if such a measure were sanctioned, and also to impose on themselves a tax on professions, and for the registration of carts; but they objected to a house-tax, and were entirely of opinion that if the levy of tolls were not sanctioned, it would be impossible for them to raise a revenue sufficient to meet the cost of the police. It was roughly estimated that the levy of tolls at half the rates laid down in the Schedule to the Act would raise Rupees 5000 a year: the tax on trades, and the registration of carts, Rupees 1000, which with the Government contribution would supply an income amply sufficient for the cost of the police, and the expenses of the town.

5. I should state that this movement has been fostered by Mr. Mackie, Messrs. Arbuthnot's resident Manager, and he shares the general opinion that, unless the levy of tolls be sanctioned, it would be idle to attempt to introduce a Municipality. He calculates that he will himself pay toll on at least 10,000 bandies in the year; but he advocates the measure, and considers that the imposition of one-half the rates specified in the Act will be so light an impost that it will not be felt by trade.

6. I have already addressed the Government on the subject of tolls in the existing Municipalities of this district, and have stated that, if the revenue thus raised be in future prohibited, the Municipalities will lose their whole power of usefulness, and dwindle to nothing.

7. There is no doubt that where the traffic of a country passes through a series of towns on its way to a port, at all of which tolls are collected, the exaction, limited in each case, may be oppressive on the whole, and act very injuriously on the trade. Such is not the case with regard to the town of Palcondah. The heavy traffic which pours through it from the whole north of the district to the port of

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Calingapatam, pays toll at no other Municipality, and the charge of one anna per laden bandy, while it would enable the inhabitants of Palcondah to repair the injury done by the traffic to their streets, would be so slight as not to be felt by commerce.

8. The objections raised by the Government of India to such tolls would appear to be pointed more against the numerous towns of the North-Western Provinces, where the levy of repeated tolls must at least be annoying to traders, if the sum collected altogether be not absolutely oppressive. It seems stretching the argument to apply it to the Municipalities of this district whose modest wants would be satisfied with the levy of a toll of one anna on a laden bandy. In the case of a cart carrying indigo, this amounts to a transit duty of three half-pence on goods to the value of £120, and even in the case of salt, or grain, the proportion of the toll to the value of the goods is infinitesimal.

9. Were the levy of such moderate tolls injurious to trade, their retention would not be advocated by the European merchants of the district.

10. Should the Government sanction the extension of Act X. of 1865 to the town of Palcondah, and authorize the levy of tolls, of a tax on trades, and on the registration of carts, according to the provisions of the Act, for the year 1869-70, I beg to recommend the appointment of the following Commissioners:—

A. Cruickshank, Esq., Acting Senior Assistant.

D. Mackie, Esq.

M. Jagannatharow, Sub-Magistrate.

Moodoonoor Venkat Row.

Manganapilly Ramaya.

Pasmoorthy Appadoo.

Kottakota Ramaya.

The Apothecary in charge of the Dispensary.

No. 182. From the Magistrate of Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Polavaram, 10th March 1869, No. 60.

With reference to the Under Secretary's Memorandum, dated 1st March, No. 75, I have the honor to submit copy of a letter from Mr. Mackie, detailing the proposed boundaries of the Palcondah Municipality.

2. I have not yet received a reply from the Superintendent of Police to my requisition calling for an estimate of the police expenditure for the town.

From D. MACKIE, Esq., to the Collector and Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George in Vizagapatam; dated Palcondah, 20th February 1869.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 42, of the 16th instant, requesting information respecting the boundaries, villages, suburbs, stations, and bazaars which form the town of Palcondah.

2. I beg to suggest the following boundaries for the town:—

East.—Seetampetta road.

West.—Rydoo tank.

South.—Potuloo Gada including Government road.

North.—Patudoo tank.

3. These boundaries include two villages besides Palcondah proper, viz., Vadamah and Venkampetta.

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4. There are about one hundred bazaars in the town, but the chief market is held in the old Fort every Wednesday, and the number of people coming to market is estimated at between five and six thousand people including sellers and buyers.

5. There is only one Police station in the town of Palcondah.

Estimate for the Town Police, Palcondah, 1869-70.

Number.	Designation.	Rate per man per month	Total amount per month.	Clothing charges per man per annum.	Total clothing per annum.	Five per cent. on pay and allowance and rent on station.	Grand total of all charges per annum.
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1	Deputy Constable	12 8 0	12 8 0	12 11 9	12 11 9		
4	First Class Constables..	8 0 0	32 0 0	12 10 2	151 10 0	60 4 10	1,430 10 8
8	Second „ „ „	7 0 0	56 0 0				
			100 8 0		164 5 9	60 4 10	1,430 10 8
			1,206 0 0				

VIZAGAPATAM,
15th March 1869.

(Signed) W. M. FRAZER, Captain,
Supt. of Police.

MEMORANDUM.

Forwarded with reference to the Magistrate's letter, dated 10th March 1869, No. 60.

(Signed) J. I. MINCHIN,
Magistrate.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

No. 183. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1869, No. 511.

Under the circumstances represented by the Collector and Magistrate of Vizagapatam in the first of the foregoing letters, His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the application of the Towns' Improvement Act X. of 1865 to the Town of Palcondah, in the District of Vizagapatam, and directs that the necessary Notification on the subject be published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette*.

NOTIFICATION.

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 Palcondah in the District of Vizagapatam in the Presidency of Fort Saint George, together with the villages of Vadamah and Venkampetta, and all other places situate and lying within the boundaries hereinafter specified, that is to say—

East.—Seetampettah road,

West.—Rydoo tank,

South.—Potuloo Gada, including Government road,

North.—Potuloo tank,

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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 Palcondah," and that all persons residing within the said boundaries shall be deemed to be inhabitants, within the meaning of the said Act, of the said Town of Palcondah as so declared to be united as aforesaid. The Governor in Council, in accordance with the provision of Section 5 of the said Act, doth hereby extend the said Act to the said Town of Palcondah as so declared to be united as aforesaid.

3. The Governor 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 Palcondah, as so declared to be united as aforesaid, to be Town Commissioners, in addition to the Magistrate of the District of Vizagapatam, and the Officer of the Public Works Department in executive charge of the range in which the said Town of Palcondah as so declared to be united as aforesaid, is situated, who are the ex-officio Commissioners, under Section 8 of the said Act, for carrying out in such town, the provisions of the said Act, that is to say—

Mr. A. Cruickshank, Acting Senior Assistant.

„ D. Mackie.

M. Jagannatharow, Sub-Magistrate.

Moodoonoor Venkat Row.

Manganapilly Ramaya.

Pasmoorthy Appadoo.

Kottakota Ramaya.

The Apothecary in charge of the District.

4. The Governor 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 Palcondah, as so declared to be united as aforesaid, shall be thirteen, and that such police shall be of the description hereinafter mentioned, and shall be paid at the rates hereinafter specified, that is to say—

One Deputy Constable, at Rupees 12½ per mensem.

Four First Class Constables, at „ 8 each do.

Eight Second Class Constables, at „ 7 „ do.

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

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Vizagapatam.

„ Inspector General of Police.

„ Accountant General.

„ Public Works Department.

„ Board of Revenue.

Govt. of Madras.

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To

THE MAGISTRATE OF VIZAGAPATAM.
&c. &c. &c.

Dated April, 20th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 20th April 1869, No. 511.

APRIL.

Nos. 181—183.

Sanctioning the application of the Towns' Improvement Act to the Town of Palendab, Vizagapatam District, and directing that the necessary Notification on the subject be published in the *Gazette*.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Magistrate of Vizagapatam.
(These rules 20th Jan'y 1869
March/69 N^o 1626A).

Order in Council 20 April 1869 N^o 571.

Under the
circumstances represent-
ed by the Collector and
Magistrate of Vizaga-
patam in the first of
the foregoing letters,
His Excellency the Governor
in Council sanctions
the application of the
Lords' Improvement
Act-X of 1865 to the Town
of Palconidok in the
District of Vizagapatam,
and directs that the
necessary Notification
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on the subject be
published in the Fort
Saint George Gazette.

Notification.

The Governor, Fort
Saint George in Council
having resolved to
extend the provisions
of the Towns' Improve-
ment Act, 1865; Madras
Act No. 1 of 1865 in manner
hereinafter set forth, doth
hereby declare, in accord-
ance with the provisions
of Section 4 of the said
Act, that the Town of
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Presidency of Fort Saint
George, together with
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other places situated &
lying within the
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East—Sectampettah Road.
West—Rydoos Tank.
South—Potuloo Gadda
including Goot Road.
North—Potuloo Tank.
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
Palcondah", and that
all persons residing
within the said boundaries
shall be deemed to be
inhabitants, within the
meaning of the said
Act, of the said Town of
Palcondah as so declared
to be united as aforesaid.
The Governor in Council,
in accordance with the
provision of Section 5 of
the

the said Act, doth hereby
extend the said Act to the
Town of Palcondah as
so declared to be united
as aforesaid.

The Governor in
Council, in accordance
with the provisions of Section
6 of the said Act hereby
appoints the undermen-
tioned persons, being
inhabitants of the said
Town of Palcondah, as so
declared to be united as
aforesaid, to be Town
Commissioners, in addition
to the Magistrate of the
District of Vizagapatnam,
and the Officer of the
Public Works Department
in Executive charge of the
range in which the said
Town of Palcondah is
so declared to be united
as aforesaid, is situated,
who are the Ex-officio
Commissioners under
Section

Section 8 of the said Act
for carrying out in such
Town the provisions of
the said Act; that is to say,
Mr. A. Crinkshaw A.S. Mag.
" D. Mackie.

Mr. Jagannatharao Sub
Magistrate.
Mordoonoor Venkat Rao.
Manganapilly Ramaya.
Pamoorthy Appadoo.
Kottakota Ramaya.

The A.P. in charge of the District.

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1. Deputy Constable at Rs 12 1/2 per mensem.
- 4 First Class Constables at Rs 8 each — " —
- 8 Second. — " — at Rs 7 each — " —

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To The Magistrate of Vizagapatnam
" Inspector Genl of Police
" Accountant General.
H. Dept
East of Revenue

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To
The Chapel of Reginald

Dated April 20 }
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Nos. 181. 183.

Sanctioning the application
of the Town Improvement
Act to the Town of Salem
and directing that the town
may participate in the
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the Gazette.

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