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No. 137. *Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 22nd September 1876, No.* 74 :—

I have the honor to annex copy of a letter* from my Head Assistant in reference to the introduction into Cusbah Pollachy of the Municipal Act. Although a town of under 5,000 inhabitants at present, there is reason to expect its extension, from its position, as having been found an advantageous centre for one of the most important weekly markets in the district.

* No. 61 of 17th May 1876.

2. Its sanitation, in a permanent and self-supporting form, owing to its being a place of much traffic, is imperatively called for. Besides the very successful dispensary and hospital alluded to by Mr. Mackenzie, Pollachy contains a Taluq School.

3. I beg to forward a plan of the town showing the proposed boundaries of the Municipality, and two further communications† from my Head Assistant, containing the number of houses, and the probable sum to be realized by house and other taxes.

† No. 107 of 26th July 1876, and No. 135 of 18th September 1876.

4. The proposed non-official members have consented to serve on the Board.

From G. MACKENZIE, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector of Coimbatore, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 17th May 1876, No. 61.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration that the time has come to move Government to introduce the provisions of the Towns Improvement Act into Pollachy.

2. Last year on your recommendation my headquarters were fixed at Pollachy, and Government purpose building there a suitable residence for the Head Assistant Collector.

3. The town is situated at the junction of several important roads. All the pilgrims and traffic from Malabar to Madura and the east coast halt at Pollachy. The Railway has not as yet much altered this.

4. Pollachy is only twelve miles from the foot of the Annamalay Hills, and as soon as these hills are opened up will take the same place as Mettupoliem has done under the Nilgiris.

5. The population as given at last Census was 4,922, but the town is rapidly increasing and new suburbs are being built.

6. The weekly market is also increasing so much that it is difficult to find room for the concourse of people, and troublesome disputes arise. It would facilitate the settlement of these questions if the town were a Municipality.

7. There is a good Dispensary at Pollachy under the Local Fund Board.

8. The European residents at Pollachy are the Head Assistant Collector, an Assistant Engineer, an Inspector of Police and occasionally one or more Forest Officers. There would be no difficulty in nominating a very intelligent Native Board of Commissioners.

9. I do not make this suggestion with any view to burdening the people of this town with extra taxation, but only that the hands of officials may be strengthened by Municipal Bye-laws.

From G. MACKENZIE, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector of Coimbatore, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Pollachy, 26th July 1876, No. 107.

I have the honor to submit the details called for by your No. 488 of the [illegible]

2. A rough sketch of the proposed boundary is under preparation and will be forwarded shortly. It will include the town of Pollachy only.

3. The funds now spent in Pollachy are taken from the market fees and from a voluntary cess which is irregularly paid and varies in amount. The present lease of the market is Rupees 1,450, but I expect that next year the bid will fall considerably below that figure, because of a contention raised by the Poligar of Ramaputtum.

4. I propose that, if a Municipality be established in this town, the market fees be abolished and tolls be levied instead under Section 77. There are several objections to market fees as levied in Pollachy. They have already caused a dispute with the Poligar of Ramaputtum. Main roads run through the market place, and travellers from one part of the country to another are compelled to pay market fees if they pass through Pollachy on Thursday. The market place is not fenced off, and consists of several separate plots of ground. On these considerations I think it will be better to substitute tolls.

5. The tolls on a rough estimate may bring in Rupees 2,000 per annum. Rupees 1,000 would be credited to the Local Fund Board.

6. The rate of taxes on houses under Section 40 may be fixed at 6¼ per cent. or 1 Anna in the rupee, as that rate will be more easily understood by the people. There are twenty terraced houses, and the produce of the tax on these will bring in about Rupees 60. There are 412 tiled houses, and the tax on them will produce about Rupees 300. The number of thatched houses is 333, but almost all of these will be exempt, as their monthly rental is less than 8 Annas. The total I have estimated at Rupees 400.

7. This is merely an agricultural town; there are no important trades in it except timber yards, and if any tax were laid on these they would be moved elsewhere. I do not consider that Section 57 should be brought into operation.

8. So also with regard to Sections 63 and 73. I think that if the ryots living in Pollachy are obliged to take out a license for their bullocks and carts they will evade the tax by keeping them at the nearest village. There are at present eighty carts in the town. The maximum charge for license is Rupees 4 per annum. If half of that maximum be levied the tax may produce Rupees 160.

9. There remains one item, the tax on lands under Section 41. As I said in paragraph 7 if the timber yards are taxed they will easily be moved elsewhere, and as for cultivated lands within the limits, I think that the Commissioners ought not to levy any rate, for there is no reason why these fields should bear this additional cess more than the fields near any other village. The system of levying this extra payment from ryots whose fields are included in municipal limits is one of the harshest points in our administration.

10. The Hospital and Schools I have not discussed because the accounts of these are before you as President of the Local Fund Board. There is an Anglo-Vernacular and three pial schools.

11. I enclose estimates of receipts and expenditure with a list of names to form the Board.

From G. MACKENZIE, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector of Coimbatore, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 18th September 1876, No. 135.

In continuation of my letter, No. 107, of the 26th July, I have the honor to forward, herewith, a rough sketch of the limits of the proposed Municipality of Pollachy and a Draft Notification.

2. I also submit a revised list of the non-official members in place of the list submitted with my former letter. These men are willing to serve on the Board.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
30th November 1876. *No.* 2157.

[illegible] that letter the receipts from tolls were estimated at Rupees 2,000. I now think that [illegible]ts may be estimated at Rupees 3,000. Other Municipalities take two-thirds [illegible] as Pollachy is [illegible] on the Railway one-half will probably be the distribution. The [illegible]y [illegible] for the Municipality may thus be increased to Rupees 2,200. I would suggest [illegible]00 be allotted in the estimated expenditure as you think best.

ORDER THEREON, 30th November 1876, No. 2157.

His Grace the Governor in Council approves the proposal that the town of [illegible] in the Coimbatore District, should be constituted a Municipality.

The Draft Notification forwarded by the Collector will be adopted and [illegible]ed in the *Fort St. George Gazette* together with a notice of the appointment [illegible] Commissioners recommended by him. The President will also submit his [illegible]als with reference to the appointment of a Vice-President.

The financial proposals are approved generally, but they must be [illegible] in the usual Budget form. With reference to the Acting Head Assistant [illegible]tor's remarks regarding the levy of a rate on cultivated lands, the Government observe that Section 41 contains a special provision for dealing with lands [illegible]propriated to building purposes. It is to be borne in mind also that the lands [illegible]stion will be relieved of their liability to the payment of land-cess under [illegible] of 1871 by their inclusion within municipal boundaries.

NOTIFICATIONS.

[illegible]nder the provisions of Section 5 of the Towns Improvement Act III of 1871 [illegible]as), His Grace the Governor of Fort St. George in Council hereby notifies [illegible]rom and after the 1st day of April 1877, the said Act is to be extended to, [illegible]me into force in, the Town of Pollachy, in the District of Coimbatore, and [illegible]race in Council is pleased to define, for the purposes of the said Act, the [illegible] of the town of Pollachy as follows:—

North.—Including fields No. 376, No. 375, No. 372, and No. 371 across the [illegible]batore road, including fields Nos. 305, 306, 307, 310, 315, 316 across the [illegible]lum road.

East.—From the Palladum road including fields Nos. 22, 25, 26, 28, 29, 48, [illegible]ross a jungle stream, No. 44 across the Oodumulpettah road, Nos. 89, 100, [illegible].

South.—Including Nos. 96, 95, 150, 149, 154, 153, 150, 100, 105 across [illegible]ttoor road, including Nos. 193, 192, 190, 189, 188, 209, 208.

West.—Including Nos. 208, 203 across the Anamallay road, including Nos. 277, [illegible]284, 285, 383, 384 across the Palghaut road, including No. 377.

Under the provisions of Sections 7 and 8, Act III of 1871 (The Towns [illegible]rovement Act), the Governor in Council hereby appoints the under-mentioned [illegible]ns and officers of Government to be Town Commissioners for carrying out [illegible]e Town of Pollachy, in the Coimbatore District, the purposes of the said Act; the

said persons and officers of Government to continue in the said office for three years, or until their successors shall have been appointed :—

Official.

Bhowany Sunkara Rao, Tahsildar of Pollachy.
Mr. S. Pettigrew, Inspector of Police.
Assistant-Surgeon P. Mooneswamy.
Kristnasawmy Iyer, Deputy Inspector of Schools.
Lieutenant A. Awdry, R.E., Range Officer.

Non-Official.

Kopana Mannadiar.
Siva Soobramaniya Tirumoorthy Sawmy Calingraya Gounder.
Badaraz Singh.
Aerputty Krishtnaiyer.
Melaghiry Ramaya Chettyar.
Syed Miah Saheb.
Soobbanna Pillay.

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

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commissions, Coimbatore District.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Accountant-General.

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Following Municipality.—Orders issued constituting the town of Pollachy, in Coimbatore District, a Municipality.