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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

MUNICIPALITY OF KANDY.

Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council of Kandy held at the Town Hall on Saturday, January 25, 1896, at 8 o'clock a.m., in accordance with notice issued.

Present:—Hon. Allanson Bailey, Chairman ; Dr. F. Keyt ; R. D. Ormsby, Esq. ; J. N. d'Esterre, Esq. ; B. de Alwis, Esq. ; E. Beven, Esq., who came in towards the end of the Proceedings.

1. The Minutes of Proceedings of the Regular and Special Meetings held on December 20 were read and confirmed.
2. The following documents were laid on the table :—Progress Report of Work done from close of 1894 to December 31, 1895 ; Return of Work done by the Municipal Magistrate, and of Cases instituted by the several Inspectors during the month of December ; and Health Officer's Report.
The Statement of Receipts and Expenditure on account of the Municipal Fund was not submitted, the accounts for last year not having been closed owing to non-receipt of balance of toll rents for 1895.
3. The return of interments at the general cemetery during the half-year ended December 31 was laid on the table.
4. Under section 88 of the Ordinance No. 7 of 1887 the Council proceeded to appoint a Standing Committee on motion by the Chairman, seconded by Dr. F. Keyt, it was unanimously resolved that the Standing Committee consist of four Members in addition to the Chairman.

The Meeting then proceeded to ballot for Members of the Standing Committee. On the votes being collected and scrutinized, the Chairman declared the following Members to have been elected :—Messrs. R. D. Ormsby, J. B. Siebel, J. H. Sproule, and Dr. J. T. Morgan.

5. Considered application by John Joseph, and connected papers, for a guide's license. No reply had been received to the Secretary's letter No. 29 of January 20 to the Superintendent of Police.

Resolved,—That the consideration of the matter remain over till the next Meeting, J. Joseph being noticed in the meantime to attend.

6. Considered application by Isebu Lebbe, that the sale of premises Nos. 243-245, Katugastota road, which took place in 1888 under a distress warrant, and which were purchased by the Council, be cancelled—he being prepared to pay all arrears due.

It was explained that no certificate of sale had been issued.

Resolved,—That the sale connected with premises Nos. 243-245 be cancelled on payment of all amounts due on the premises, together with legal interest on the sum up to date.

7. Read letter dated January 13 from Mr. Sidde Lebbe on behalf of Mr. Rajapulle applying for permission to erect a tent on the western portion of the esplanade for theatrical performances.

The application had been circulated.

Resolved,—That the use of the ground be allowed on the following conditions :—

- (1) That a payment of Rs. 5 per diem be made while the tents remain on the esplanade.
- (2) That the entertainment be not continued any night after 12 o'clock midnight.
- (3) That no entertainment take place on Sundays.
- (4) That any damage done to the ground in fixing poles, pegs, or in any other way be made good on removal of the tents.
- (5) That it be stated for what period the ground is required, and the sum payable for that time be paid in advance.

8. Considered application for use of the Council's flags at Matale on the occasion of the opening of the Borron Memorial Hall fixed for January 28.

Resolved,—That the use of the flags required be permitted on payment of Rs. 10.

9. Read letter dated January 22 from the Secretary, submitting the name of Mr. W. Pole Fletcher to act for him during his absence on leave. He stated verbally in reply to a question that he wishes to have a year's leave instead of six months.

Resolved,—That the arrangement proposed be approved : that the Secretary be allowed twelve months' leave of absence on full pay, he making arrangements about salary with his *locum tenens*.

Confirmed this 14th day of March, 1896 :

ALLANSON BAILEY,
Chairman.

Sanitary Report for December, 1895.

There have been several cases of measles during the past month, but the general health of the town has been very fair.

I have made a preliminary qualitative analysis of the water, and find it to be potable. The only impurity appears to be peaty matter.

The market and slaughter-house have been kept clean. The animals offered for slaughter are often underfed beasts, though free from disease.

I should like to draw the attention of the Municipal Council to the very great waste of water which takes place at many of the standpipes.

Kandy, January 11, 1896.

F. W. HARDY, Surgeon-Captain, A.M.S.,
Health Officer.

Progress Report of Work done brought up to December 31, 1895.

No. of Est.	Heads of Expenditure.	Amount voted for the Year.		Expenditure up to Nov. 30, 1895.		Expenditure in December.		Total.		Unexpended Balances.	
		Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
1	Pavements and drains	1,500	0	1,438	55	57	84a	1,496	39	3	61
2	Town streets	4,770	0	3,738	87	927	3b	4,665	90	104	10
3	Alutgantota and Lady Anderson's road	790	0	769	49	17	28c	786	77	3	23
4	Udawattakele roads	1,700	0	1,267	70	98	13d	1,665	83	34	17*
5	Halloluwa road, Slaughter-house road, Deyannewela road, Biherokekanda road, and Smallpox Hospital road	1,165	0	969	92	190	81e	1,160	73	4	27
6	Municipal buildings	2,000	0	1,967	25	—	—	1,967	25	32	75
7	Watering streets	300	0	248	50	16	96f	265	46	34	54
8	Main sewers	600	0	—	—	523	7g	523	7	76	93
9	Market buildings and roads	1,500	0	1,169	13	72	43h	1,441	56	58	44
10	Contingencies	300	0	295	53	—	—	295	53	4	47†
11	Care of and planting ornamental plants	500	0	423	67	65	40j	489	7	10	93
12	Tools	400	0	477	87	—	—	477	87	—	—
13	Ferry approaches	100	0	82	1	10	0k	92	1	7	99
14	Maintenance of bathing tank	200	0	134	91	56	1l	190	92	9	8
15	Lady Gordon's road, Lady MacCarthy's road, and Lady Longden's drive	918	0	883	30	33	23m	916	53	1	47
16	Ferry boats	400	0	400	0	—	—	400	0	—	—
17	Maintenance of fountains	150	0	88	57	5	96n	94	53	55	47
18	Clearing lake silt	2,000	0	1,633	26	119	24o	1,752	50	247	50
19	Lake—working dredger and barge	4,228	0	3,265	6	302	62p	3,567	68	660	32
20	Recreation ground and Victoria esplanade	1,982	0	1,632	67	286	36q	1,919	3	62	97
21	Public privy	520	0	488	43	12	96r	501	39	18	61.
22	Improvement of barrel and side drains and pavements, Town	5,234	0	4,982	98	182	81s	5,165	79	68	21
23	Lewella ferry double canoe	900	0	719	13	71	74t	790	87	109	13†
24	Water troughs for animals	195	0	191	84	—	—	191	84	3	16
25	Culvert, Halloluwa road	638	0	638	40	—	—	638	40	—	—
26	Road from Lewella to Alutgantota	1,350	0	1,323	32	—	—	1,323	32	26	68
27	Gregory road culverts...	515	0	505	14	—	—	505	14	9	86
28	Deyannewela new road	1,246	0	1,111	76	125	62u	1,237	38	8	62
29	Cooly lines	1,763	0	410	47	513	99v	924	46	838	54
30	Improvement of dog pound	258	92	341	22	—	—	341	22	—	—
31	Night soil cart	504	0	498	89	—	—	498	89	5	11
32	Public privy—market...	550	0	467	93	74	86w	542	79	7	21
33	Repairs to Gonawatta ferry boat	283	0	283	0	—	—	283	0	—	—
35	Cemetery boundary wall	438	0	163	53	170	3x	333	56	104	44

* Estimate No. 11, Rs. 300.

† Estimate No. 11, Rs. 200.

‡ Estimate No. 16, Rs. 180'48.

- (a) 16 grating irons fixed; 15 manhole covers repaired.
 (b) 360 lines of sides of roads and drains cleared; 76 lines of side drains deepened; 41 cubes of landslips and drain silt removed; purchase of 262 cubes of metal.
 (c) 57 squares of road repaired.
 (d) 67 lines of sides of roads and drains cleared; 29 cubes of landslip and silt removed from drains.
 (e) 195 lines of sides of drains and roads cleared; 15 lines of roads metalled; 19 cubes of metal purchased.
 (f) Repairs of wheels.
 (g) Purchase of cement for repairs of drains.
 (h) 15 lines of sides of roads and drains cleared; whitewashing; cleaning iron work.
 (j) Weeding round and care of trees and plants; repairs of tree guards; trimming hedges.
 (k) Purchase of 5 cubes of metal.
 (l) Clearing sides of tank; clearing out silt; proportion of cost of store and latrine cooly.
 (m) 57 lines of sides of roads and drains cleared; 4 cubes of landslips and silt from drain removed; 8 cubes of gravel transported; 3½ lines of roads gravelled.
 (n) Cleaning and painting fountain.
 (o) 65 cubes of silt removed from outlet of barrel drains round the lake; wages of watcher.
 (p) Labour working dredger; purchase of planks for decks of barges.
 (q) Mowing grass on esplanade and recreation ground; weeding ground; 50 ft. of sides of channel lined with dry rubble masonry; 1 square of paving.
 (r) Purchase of materials.
 (s) 84 cubes and 54 bushels of metal purchased.
 (t) Labour repairing ferry boat; purchase of materials.
 (u) 45 cubes of earth cutting and transport; 30 cubes of gravel transported; 5 lines of road gravelled.
 (v) 15 cubes of earth cutting for foundations, &c.; labour fitting roof; 5 cubes of wall built; purchase of timber for roof.
 (w) Purchase of wheels for latrine cart.
 (x) 2 squares of boundary wall constructed; 3 cubes of retaining wall constructed; 21 lineal ft. of 3 ft. barrel drain constructed; transport of stone.

H. BYRDE,
Secretary.The Municipal Office,
Kandy, February 24, 1896.

MUNICIPALITY OF GALLE.

Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council of Galle held at the Municipal Office on January 18, 1896, at 2.30 p.m., pursuant to notice dated January 11, 1896.

Present :—The Chairman; Dr. J. Attygalle; F. W. Johnson, Esq.; C. L. M. Abdul Carim, Esq.; R. L. Symes, Esq.; Dr. P. D. Anthonisz, C.M.G.; and D. G. Goonewardena, Esq.

1. Read and confirmed Minutes of General and Special Meetings held on December 14, 1895.

2. Submitted correspondence with Government *re* by-laws on dogs.

Moved by the Chairman "that Government be requested to pass by-laws 1 and 6."

Seconded by Mr. F. W. Johnson.—Carried.

3. Submitted report of M. Cochran, Esq., on an analysis of Bikke water.

Moved by Dr. Attygalle "that water be issued from February 1 next for two hours in the morning and two in the evening, with a warning that it be boiled before it is drunk, and that the water-rate be imposed from April 1 next."

Seconded by Dr. Anthonisz.—Carried.

4. Submitted an application from the Superintendent of Works to be allowed to retire on pension.

Moved by Dr. Attygalle "that the application of the Superintendent to retire on pension be allowed, and that he be granted the ordinary pension for which he is eligible under the Pension Rules, and that the authority of the Governor be obtained."

Seconded by Mr. Abdul Carim.

Mr. Symes moved as an amendment "that as the conduct and work of the Superintendent has been the subject of an inquiry by a Special Committee of this Council, the consideration of this application be deferred until the report of the Committee has been considered."

Seconded by Mr. Goonewardena.

Hereupon Dr. Attygalle withdrew his motion.

5. Submitted report of the Special Committee appointed to inquire into the manner in which the Superintendent of Works performs his duties, and to consider any charges that may be brought against him.

Mr. Johnson hands in a protest against the remark made by the Chairman in his record of opinion that the Municipal work has been done at half Public Works rates.

Moved by Mr. D. G. Goonewardena "that the consideration of the report be deferred until the Members of Council had the opportunity of reading the notes of evidence taken by the Special Committee."

Seconded by Mr. Symes.

The motion was put to the vote, with the following result :—

For the Motion.

Mr. Goonewardena.
Mr. Symes.

Against the Motion.

Mr. Abdul Carim.
Dr. Anthonisz.
Dr. Attygalle.
Mr. F. W. Johnson.
The Chairman.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Dr. Attygalle moved "that in the opinion of the Council it is advisable that the connection of the Superintendent with the Council should cease, and that he be allowed to retire on the ordinary pension for which he is eligible under the rules, and that the authority of the Governor be applied for in terms of the second paragraph of the rules."

Seconded by Mr. Abdul Carim.

The motion was put to the vote, when there voted—

For the Motion.

Dr. Attygalle.
Mr. Abdul Carim.
Dr. Anthonisz.
Mr. Johnson.
The Chairman.

Against the Motion.

Mr. Goonewardena.
Mr. Symes.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Symes handed in a protest by Mr. Hayley against the above decision.

Mr. Symes and Mr. Goonewardena intimated that they will also send in protests.

Moved by Mr. Symes "that the whole of the proceedings, viz., the report of the Special Committee and the minutes of the evidence, be forwarded to Government with the recommendation of the Council for pension to the Superintendent."

Seconded by Mr. Goonewardena.—Carried.

6. The Council proceeded to elect a Standing Committee for the current year in terms of section 88 of the Municipal Councils' Ordinance, and the ballot taken resulted in the return of Messrs. F. W. Johnson, C. P. Hayley, W. Abeyasundera, Dr. Anthonisz, and Dr. Attygalle.

7. Pursuant to notice Dr. Anthonisz moved "that steps be taken at once to prevent Havelock place being washed away by the tide in the canal, and also to begin building the side wall or embankment in sections."

Seconded by Mr. Abdul Carim.

The Chairman moved as an amendment "that in view of the state of the finance it is inadvisable to incur any further liability at present.

Seconded by Dr. Attygalle.

The amendment was put to the vote and carried.

8. Pursuant to notice Mr. Symes moved "that the correspondence between the Municipal Council and the Government relative to the transfer or sale of the old road on the west side of the Kepu-ela, and the acquisition of land on the east side of the ela, be laid on the table.

Seconded by Mr. Johnson.

The Chairman placed the papers on the table.

9. Pursuant to notice Mr. Symes moved "that the question brought forward at the last Meeting, with reference to paragraphs 63 and 65 of the Municipal Councils' Ordinance, be referred to the Government for decision, viz., whether the Chairman or Standing Committee has power to make any contract, say for the year 1896, before the Budget for that year has been passed by the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Goonewardena.—Carried.

10. Pursuant to notice Mr. Symes presented a petition from the residents in the Fort with reference to boutiques in the Fort, and moved "that if the Fort market is now available the licenses of the outside boutiques be not renewed."

Seconded by the Chairman.—Carried.

The Chairman intimated that he had not renewed any special licenses for private markets in the Fort for the current year, and that he had given public notice on December 6 last of his intention to refuse all applications for licenses for such markets.

Confirmed :

E. ELLIOTT,
Chairman.

PROTEST BY MR. F. W. JOHNSON.

I WISH to place on record the exception which I feel bound to take to the remarks of the Chairman in the 7th paragraph of his report, viz., that the Superintendent of Works to the Municipality does work for "about half" the rates of the Public Works Department. The Chairman further remarks that there has been rarely any difficulty in securing contractors for the execution of these works within the rates; "indeed," he says, "generally there is a considerable competition."

I deny that the Municipality does the same class of work at half or even lower rates than the Public Works Department. If the rates are so low, why is the competition for contracts so keen? If the Public Works Department rates are double or even higher, the competition should be very keen indeed; but this is certainly not the case, a large percentage of tenders received by the Department being higher than the estimated rates.

January 18, 1896.

F. W. JOHNSON,
Provincial Engineer.

PROTEST BY THE MEMBER FOR THE GALUPIYADDA WARD.

Galle, January 18, 1896.

SIR,—I BEG to express my regret that I am unable to attend the Meeting of the Municipal Council fixed for this afternoon. I have carefully read the reports of the Members of the Committee appointed to inquire into the "manner in which the Municipal Superintendent has performed his duties," &c., and I regret that these reports seem to me so unfavourable that I cannot agree with those who may consider that he is entitled to a pension, and if it be decided by the majority of Council that a pension be accorded to him, I must record my protest against it.

I am, &c.,
C. P. HAYLEY.

PROTEST BY THE MEMBER FOR THE FORT WARD.

I AM unable entirely to agree with the resolution of Council passed at the Meeting held to-day, viz.:—That in the opinion of the Council it is advisable that the connection of the Superintendent with the Council should cease; and that he be allowed to retire on the ordinary pension for which he is eligible under the rules; and that the authority of the Governor be applied for in terms of the 2nd paragraph of the rules.

I have nothing to say against the first clause of this resolution, but must enter my protest against the second, and consequently the third clauses for the following reasons:—

(1) I submit that the vote of pension is not justified by the facts before the Meeting. The work and conduct of the Municipal Superintendent has lately been the subject of inquiry by a Special Committee appointed for the purpose. The Committee being unable to agree made no report as a Committee, but three of the four Members of it made separate reports before the end of the year 1895. These reports were only issued to Members one clear day before this Meeting, though they have been in the hands of the Chairman for more than a fortnight. Under the circumstances the Member for Kumbalwela asked that the consideration of this important matter of pension should be deferred until the Members of Council had been given opportunity to read the minutes of evidence taken before the Committee, so that they might judge for themselves of the merits of the case, and more especially as three of the Members of Council (viz., two of the elected and one nominated Member) were unavoidably absent from this Meeting owing to important engagements made before this Meeting was called.

The Member for Hirimbure (Dr. Anthonisz) gave as his opinion that there was no need to defer the consideration of the matter in question, as the Council was bound by the report of its own Special Committee, and though it was pointed out to him that there was not any such report, and that only one out of the three Members whose reports were before the Council had recommended a pension, he refused to give his vote for the majority of the Special Committee, but voted for the pension grant, apparently against his own expressed conviction of what was right.

This was emphasized by a remark he made to the effect that he voted for the pension because, although it had been well known to some Members of the Council that everything was not right with regard to the road or other contracts, the Council had allowed the Municipal Superintendent to go unpunished, and he was thereby encouraged to continue his irregularities. After this admission I fail to see how the Member for Hirimbure, at any rate, can agree to such a certificate as is required from the Council by the Pension Rules, to enable His Excellency the Governor to confirm or authorize the grant of pension.

(2) I believe the vote of some of the Members to have been influenced by a statement made by the Chairman on a previous occasion (at Meeting of Council in October last), to the effect that the Council could neither force the Municipal Superintendent to retire on pension, nor could they dismiss him; and that should they pass the resolution before the Meeting, viz., "that in the opinion of the Council it is desirable that the services of the present Superin-

tendent of Works be dispensed with," they would render themselves liable, both individually and collectively, to an action by the Municipal Superintendent for wrongful dismissal, and this after reference had been made to paragraph 59 of the Municipal Councils' Ordinance, and paragraph 4 of the rules relating to pensions, &c.

This I submit was a distinct misdirection on the part of the Chairman.

(3) As a sort of preface to the reports of the Members of the Special Committee the Chairman has recorded his "opinion":—

He stated, in answer to the Member for Kumbalwela, that it was not his report as a Member of the Special Committee, but merely his "opinion."

In this statement there are inaccuracies which would be revealed on reference to the recorded minutes of the evidence taken by the Committee of Inquiry.

I refer particularly to paragraphs 3 and 6. This I submit was calculated to mislead the Members of the Council, who, not having been on the Committee of Inquiry, were unacquainted with the substance of the evidence taken.

(4) At the Meeting of Council held in October last (19), I, as Member for the Fort Ward, moved the resolution referred to in clause 2 above, to which an amendment was proposed by the Provincial Engineer: "that in view of the doubt which the motion before the Council to discontinue the services of the Superintendent implies of the efficiency and integrity of that officer, a Committee be appointed to inquire into the manner in which he performs his duties, and to consider any charges that may be brought against him."

This amendment was carried by *one vote*.

A Committee was then appointed, which included the Chairman. Several Meetings were held and evidence taken, but considerable difficulty was experienced in inducing witnesses to come forward, owing to the position taken up by the Chairman (who is also Government Agent of the Province) in strenuously advocating the case of the Municipal Superintendent. Certain evidence, however, was forthcoming, not by any means favourable to the officer in question, to which there was practically no defence—nothing but the denial of the Municipal Superintendent, whose word was shown to be worthless on his own confession, that he had lied with regard to one matter until confronted with documentary evidence, letters and papers in his own handwriting.

It is to be observed that neither the Chairman in his opinion, nor the Provincial Engineer (Mr. Johnson) in his report refer in any way to the charges made with reference to the officer's *integrity*. This was one of the specific points to which the inquiry was directed; and in the absence of any expression of opinion by the two Members of the Committee referred to, it seems to me that the Council were bound to accept the only expressed views before them, viz., my own and those of Mr. Abeysinghe, unless they elected to study the evidence for themselves and draw their own conclusions independently of the reports sent in.

Were the pension proposed to be granted to the Municipal Superintendent to come out of the pockets only of those who voted for it, I should make no objection to the Municipal Superintendent receiving it, even though undeserved; but I must protest, and strongly, against the general body of ratepayers being saddled with this charge for the benefit of an officer who does not appear to have dealt altogether honestly with his employers.

I cannot see that long service is any palliation for offences of the nature alleged, and of which I am convinced the Municipal Superintendent has been guilty: rather the reverse.

Galle, January 18, 1896.

R. L. SYMES,
Member for Fort Ward.

PROTEST BY THE MEMBER FOR KUMBALWELA WARD.

BEING unable to agree with the resolution of Council at a Meeting held this day, that its Superintendent of Works is entitled to ordinary pension, and that the sanction for the payment thereof out of the Municipal Fund be asked for from Government, I beg to place on record the grounds of my dissent.

At a Meeting of the Council held on October 19, 1895, the Member for the Fort Ward moved, "that in the opinion of the Council it was desirable that the services of the present Superintendent of Works be dispensed with." The Provincial Engineer moved as an amendment, "that in view of the doubt which the motion before the Council to discontinue the services of the Superintendent implies of the efficiency and integrity of that officer, that a Committee be appointed to inquire into the manner in which he performs his duties, and to consider any charges that may be brought against him." On a division the amendment was declared carried by one vote. A Committee was accordingly appointed, consisting of the Chairman, Provincial Engineer, the Member for the Fort Ward, and Mr. Dias Abeysinghe. After proceedings taken at a number of sittings, the three Councillors sent in three reports before the year was out, and the Chairman sent in his *opinion* on the 12th of January following. On a perusal of these four documents the reason why the Committee could not agree on a common and joint report is apparent. Considering that the reason for the appointment of the Committee was, "in view of the doubt which the motion (to dispense with the services of the Superintendent) implies of the efficiency and integrity of that officer," it is to be regretted that the individual reports of the Chairman and the Provincial Engineer do not quite meet the purpose for which the Committee was appointed. The Chairman has been at pains to establish the efficiency of the officer concerned, but so far as could be gathered from the other reports of what transpired at the Meetings of the Committee the efficiency of that officer was assailed by no one. As regards the integrity of the officer the Chairman makes no comment. The Provincial Engineer is silent on both these heads, and although both the Chairman and the Provincial Engineer dilate upon the insolvent circumstances of the officer, their reports, in my opinion, do not afford any help to the Council to judge as to his integrity. The reports of the Member for the Fort Ward and Mr. Dias Abeysinghe stand on a different footing. They distinctly hold that the officer has been wanting in integrity in the discharge of his duties in a manner which, to my mind, precludes all possibility of his earning a pension, which, as I take it, is a reward for good, faithful, and honest services. In this state of things, I considered it advisable to defer the determination of the matter of pension until the Councillors had had an opportunity of reading the notes of evidence recorded by the Committee, which had not been circulated among them, and moved an adjournment of the consideration of the matter accordingly, urging as an additional ground the absence of three of the Councillors, one of whom had sent in his protest (Member for Galupadda Ward), and the other, Mr. Dias Abeysinghe, who sat in Committee, and whose report I have referred to above.

This, which I still maintain, was a very reasonable request, was not acceded to, and the consideration of the matter of pension was taken up, and the resolution, my dissent from which I now record, was passed.

As shown above, two Members of the Special Committee having distinctly held that the Superintendent of Works had been wanting in integrity in the discharge of his duties, and the other two Members having been silent on this point in their reports (although that was the very object for which the Committee was appointed), and I, with the other Councillors who were not in the Committee, not having had an opportunity of reading the notes of evidence recorded, and forming an independent opinion for myself, I regret I am unable to recommend the grant of a pension to the officer concerned, and must therefore record my protest against the granting of the same.

Galle, January 18, 1896.

D. G. GOONEWARDENE,
Councillor for Kumbalwela Ward.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for 1895.

No 1.—GENERAL ACCOUNT.

REVENUE.	Estimated.		EXPENDITURE.	Estimated.	
	Amount.	Amount.		Amount.	Amount.
	Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.
Balance on December 31, 1894 ...	8,986	0	15,319	85	
<i>Taxes.</i>					
Labour on thoroughfares commuted, 1895 ...	9,308	0	9,310	50	
Labours on thoroughfares—arrears, 1893-94 ...	73	0	73	50	
Lighting rate, 1895, and 4th quarter of 1894 ...	2,484	0	2,223	52	
Lighting rate—arrears, 1894 ...	201	0	415	0	
Vehicle and animal tax, 1895 ...	1,770	0	1,873	0	
Vehicle and animal—arrears of 1894 ...	300	0	142	0	
Dog tax ...	17	0	14	80	
<i>Tolls.</i>					
Paraduwwatta for 1895 ...	9,734	0	9,734	0	
Morawak korale road for 1895 ...	1,946	0	1,946	0	
Do. 1894 ...	160	41	320	82	
Gintota for 1895... ...	4,175	42	4,175	42	
Do. 1894... ...	463	33	463	33	
Deposit one-third security, Morawak korale toll, 1895 ...	—		182	49	
<i>Stamp Duties and Fees.</i>					
Carriages for hire ...	494	0	494	0	
Hackeries for hire ...	745	75	745	75	
Boats ...	210	90	210	90	
Carts and coaches ...	1,710	0	1,710	0	
Butchers' licenses ...	47	50	47	50	
Firearms ...	40	38	40	38	
Sale of intoxicating liquors ...	2,541	25	2,541	25	
Opium and bhāng ...	6,500	0	6,750	0	
Proctors' and notaries' annual certificates ...	855	0	855	0	
Warrants of admission of advocates and proctors ...	95	0	95	0	
Articles of apprenticeship for admission as notaries ...	95	95	95	95	
Jinrickshas ...	95	0	95	0	
Petroleum ...	275	0	201	0	
Auctioneers and brokers ...	200	0	200	0	
Taverns ...	3,800	0	3,800	0	
<i>Market Licenses.</i>					
Fish market ...	736	0	767	50	
Meat market ...	278	0	285	0	
Refuse meat market ...	60	0	60	0	
Green market ...	1,908	0	1,908	0	
Fruit market ...	1,075	0	1,164	36	
Fort market ...	366	0	325	50	
Special license to sell vegetables... ..	198	0	178	47	
Betal shed fees ...	220	0	222	37	
<i>Slaughter House Licenses.</i>					
Slaughter-house fees ...	310	0	335	0	
Pounding and feeding cattle ...	569	0	578	17	
License to slaughter cattle ...	12	0	14	0	
License to slaughter pigs ...	16	0	15	50	
<i>Miscellaneous Licenses.</i>					
License to graze cattle ...	138	0	141	0	
License to cut grass ...	40	0	48	0	
Offensive and dangerous trades ...	184	0	184	0	
<i>Judicial Fines.</i>					
Fines by Police and Municipal Magistrates ...	975	0	919	51	
<i>Rents.</i>					
Bathing wells ...	176	0	176	66	
Shed for auction sale of fish, 1895 ...	2,551	0	2,495	50	
Do. for 1894 ...	—		245	45	
Occupancy ...	67	0	61	50	
Boutiques at bazaar ...	66	0	66	0	
Refreshment sheds at Havelock place ...	239	0	300	75	
<i>Establishment and pensions ...</i>					
Stationery, cheque book, printing advertisements, furniture, audit of accounts, petty expenses ...	760	0	759	24	
<i>General Office Expenses.</i>					
<i>Revenue Services.</i>					
Commission to commutation collectors ...	870	0	864	30	
Commission to vehicle and animal tax collectors ...	80	0	83	7	
Arresting road tax defaulters ...	165	0	194	50	
Tom-tom beater ...	30	0	28	71	
Tin plates for carts and carriages ...	110	0	101	59	
<i>Lighting.</i>					
Lighting wards Nos. 1 and 2 and road to Matara ...	2,580	0	2,580	0	
Commission to lighting rate collectors ...	120	0	156	8	
<i>Sanitary Charges.</i>					
Scavenging and sweeping Fort ...	1,320	0	1,313	80	
Scavenging and sweeping suburbs ...	2,230	0	2,180	94	
Scavenging and sweeping wards No. 3, 4, and 5 ...	575	0	563	43	
Working latrines ...	1,633	8	1,629	6	
Buckets for latrines ...	27	0	26	93	
Watering streets and flushing drains ...	38	0	38	0	
Disinfectants ...	250	0	231	69	
Contingencies, sanitary ...	160	0	60	0	
<i>Market Charges.</i>					
Salary of market master ...	250	0	250	0	
Rent of Fort market ...	260	0	260	0	
Benches to fish market ...	165	0	130	0	
Whitewashing markets ...	115	0	96	7	
<i>Slaughter House Charges.</i>					
Salary of slaughter-house keeper ...	300	0	300	0	
Grass for cattle in the pound ...	220	0	213	9	
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>					
Band ...	880	0	880	0	
Fire brigade ...	360	0	360	0	
Inspectors' uniforms ...	64	0	64	0	
Proctors' fees and stamps ...	200	0	200	0	
Upkeep of clock tower ...	40	0	35	50	
Destroying dogs ...	335	0	331	49	
Time gun ...	332	0	334	94	
Assessment tax on Municipal buildings ...	401	10	401	10	
Repair of carts ...	200	0	106	0	
New carts ...	360	0	344	52	
Tools ...	100	0	83	62	
Contingencies ...	250	0	263	0	
Horse allowance ...	1,340	0	1,340	0	
Refund ...	648	67	648	67	
Interest on Waterworks loan ...	3,500	0	3,500	0	
Wages and upkeep, Waterworks ...	1,500	0	1,500	0	
Cost of purchase of Salvation barrack ...	400	0	400	0	
Abating epidemic of fever ...	7,000	0	6,728	30	
<i>Public Works.</i>					
Permanent repair of roads ...	10,500	0	10,425	91	
General upkeep of roads ...	3,000	0	2,968	26	
Do. of bridges ...	710	0	704	47	
Repair of Municipal buildings ...	1,250	0	1,175	1.	
Clearing canals and reclaiming swamps ...	1,100	0	1,089	9	
Improving drainage and sanitation, Fort ...	900	0	835	50	

REVENUE.	Estimated.		EXPENDITURE.	Estimated	
	Amount.	Amount.		Amount.	Amount.
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.		Rs. c.	Rs. c.
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>					
Sale of disinfectants ...	4 0	5 30	Improving drainage and sanitation, suburbs ...	2,660 0	2,649 5
Sale of carriage fare tables ...	3 50	3 50	Minor works and improvements ...	1,000 0	958 34
Mulets ...	20 0	20 50	Clearing rampart walls ...	95 0	36 94
Interest ...	300 0	319 18	Wind mill ...	250 0	243 47
District Court latrine contribution by Government ...	360 0	330 0	Victoria park and planting trees... ..	750 0	746 7
Sale of chimneys and wicks ...	16 0	17 64	Additional latrines ...	950 0	905 91
Sundry receipts ...	115 0	147 11	New roads and improvement of old ...	1,254 0	1,248 90
Sale of building lots ...	600 0	600 0	Improving Municipal buildings ...	700 0	700 0
					64,560 78
			Balance ...		11,450 64
		76,011 43			76,011 43

No. 2.—ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

REVENUE.	Estimated		EXPENDITURE.	Estimated	
	Amount.	Amount.		Amount.	Amount.
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.		Rs. c.	Rs. c.
Balance on December 31, 1894 ...	2,210 0	1,434 36	Police bill balance due for first half of 1894 ...	1,488 25	1,488 25
Assessment tax, arrears for 1893 and 1894 ...	671 0	1,433 98	Police bill balance due for second half of 1894 ...	4,488 25	4,391 60
Assessment tax for fourth quarter of 1894 and third quarter of 1895	9,550 0	8,379 30	Police bill balance due for first half of 1895 (part payment) ...	4,488 25	3,000 0
Assessment tax on Municipal buildings ...	401 10	401 10	Pay of four rural constables ...	960 0	860 0
			Commission to collectors ...	615 0	579 54
			Stationery and printing ...	150 0	148 98
			Assessment clerk ...	540 0	540 0
			Contingencies ...	10 0	3 0
					11,011 37
			Balance ...		637 37
		11,648 74			11,648 74

No 3 —WATERWORKS ACCOUNT

REVENUE.	Estimated		EXPENDITURE.	Estimated	
	Amount.	Amount.		Amount.	Amount.
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.		Rs. c.	Rs. c.
Balance on December 31, 1894 ...	—	274 3	Pay of overseer, watcher, and coolies ...	612 0	691 2
Advance from General Fund ...	—	1,500 0	Cost of repairs ...	100 0	25 99
			New sluice valve ...	—	199 37
			Analysis of water ...	—	198 64
			New strainer, Bikke reservoir ...	—	216 82
			Clearing jungle ...	—	372 55
			Sundry expenses ...	—	20 52
					1,724 91
			Balance ...		49 12
		1,774 3			1,774 3

J. E. ANTHONISZ,
Secretary.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Municipal Fund from January 1 to 31, 1896.

No. 1.—GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	Estimated Amount.		Receipts.		DISBURSEMENTS.	Estimated Disbursements.	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.
Balance on December 31, 1895 ...	9,787	66	11,450	65	Salaries ...	11,192	22 1,094 96
Taxes ...	14,167	0	338	32	General office expenses ...	800	0 65 86
Tolls ...	12,496	24	379	58	Sanitary charges ...	7,800	0 17 0
Stamp duties and fees ...	17,092	50	210	0	Market charges ...	670	0 20 87
Market licenses ...	4,793	0	297	64	Slaughter-house charges ...	525	0 25 0
Slaughter-house licenses ...	938	0	57	94	Miscellaneous ...	10,011	10 148 29
Miscellaneous licenses ...	392	0	41	50			
Judicial fines ...	1,000	0	133	50			1,371 98
Rents ...	2,529	50	9	0			
Miscellaneous ...	2,355	50	50	76	Balance ...		11,596 91
			12,968	89			12,968 89

No. 2.—ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	Estimated Amount.		Receipts.		DISBURSEMENTS.	Estimated Disbursements.	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.
Balance on December 31, 1895 ...	34	0	637	37	Stationery and printing ...	150	0 71 50
Assessment tax, arrears for 1894 and 1895 ...	1,687	0	692	84	Assessment clerk ...	540	0 45 0
Assessment tax for 1896 ...	9,893	0	37	50			116 50
			1,367	71	Balance ...		1,251 21
							1,367 71

J. E. ANTHONISZ,
Secretary.

Progress Report of Work done brought up to December 31, 1895.

Description of Work.	Amount of Vote.		Expenditure in December.		Expenditure up to Dec. 31, 1895.		Balance	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
Permanent repair of roads ...	10,500	0	1,415	96	10,425	91a	74	9
General upkeep of roads ...	3,000	0	403	46	2,968	26b	31	74
General upkeep of bridges ...	710	0	—	—	704	47c	5	53
Repair of Municipal buildings ...	1,250	0	2	65	1,175	1d	74	99
Clearing canals and reclaiming swamps ...	1,100	0	106	0	1,089	9e	10	91
Improving drainage and sanitation, Fort ...	900	0	250	0	835	50f	64	50
Improving drainage and sanitation, suburbs ...	2,660	0	450	70	2,649	5g	10	95
Minor works and improvements ...	1,000	0	—	—	940	84h	59	16
Clearing rampart walls ...	95	0	—	—	36	94	58	6
Wind mill ...	250	0	28	50	243	47j	6	53
Victoria park and planting trees ...	750	0	57	0	746	7	3	93
Additional latrines ...	950	0	711	5	905	91k	44	9
New roads and improvements of old ...	1,254	0	229	0	1,248	90l	5	10
Whitewashing markets ...	115	0	27	7	96	7	18	93
Watering streets ...	38	0	—	—	38	0	—	—
New carts ...	360	0	—	—	344	52m	15	48
Repair of carts ...	200	0	88	0	106	0n	94	0
Improving Municipal buildings ...	700	0	150	0	700	0o	—	—

(a) Metalled 431 lines and gravelled 354 lines; used 464 cubes of metal.

(b) Repaired superficially 1,348 squares of road; repaired 7 lines of Parova street, 4 lines of Hirimbure road, 5 lines Quarry road, 6 lines Cripps road, 4 lines Kong-tree road; trimmed sides 169 lines, cleared side drains 327 lines; used 79 cubes of metal and 91 cubes of gravel.

(c) Removed decayed planks of Wakwella road bridge, Circular road bridge, Bope bridge, Hume road bridge, Kandawatta bridge, Kepu-ela bridge, and Miliduwe bridge; refixed 38 planks of Bope bridge; renewed abutments of Kepu-ela bridge; and repaired footbridge over the Kepu-ela.

(d) Repaired balcony latrine, sea-bathing place at Victoria park and near Triton bastion, sun shades of meat market, fish market roof, refuse meat market, Bataduwa shed, slaughter house, Pettigalla iron latrine, green market, fruit market, and Warawatta latrine.

(e) Cleared Parana-ela and Moragoda-ela; cleaning and taking water of Pettigalla-ela.

(f) Repaired Chandu street, Rampart street, and Leyn Baan street side drains.

(g) Renewed Pettigalla cross drain; built a portion of the Pettigalla-ela with stone; repaired China Garden roadside drains; formed a road on the side of the Pettigalla-ela; filled with sea sand two swamps at Pettigalla; built a drain between Matara road and the sea; renewed a culvert in Hall road; built side drains to New road at Pettigalla; filled a swamp in the Moorish burial ground at Talapitiya; bought 1,500 stone slabs for Pettigalla-ela.

(h) Repaired garden seats; built lines for coolies; cleared sewers; prepared materials for a fence round the Pavilion; built an office room for the Superintendent.

(j) Cost of repairs, new sails.

(k) Built a sea latrine at Kaluwella; building a new latrine at Pettigalla; purchased two Horbury's patent iron latrines.

(l) Opened a lane at Havelock place; paid for 7,000 bricks for road on southern boundary of China Garden; opened a road between Matara road and Talapitiya road, and built a boundary wall to it; forming a new road on southern boundary of China Garden.

(m) Procured four iron carts from Walker & Sons.

(n) Repaired two water carts and casks; repaired four scavenging carts.

(o) Improved Fort market; enlarged cart shed in office premises.

J. E. ANTHONISZ,
Secretary.

Progress Report of Work brought up to January 31, 1896.

Description of Work.	Vote.		Expenditure in January, 1896.		Balance. Rs. c.
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	
Permanent repair of roads ...	9,500	0	688	10 ^a	8,811 90
General upkeep of roads ...	2,700	0	168	79 ^b	2,531 21
General upkeep of bridges ...	750	0	2	30 ^c	747 70
Repair of Municipal buildings ...	750	0	20	0 ^d	730 0
Clearing canals and reclaiming swamps ...	800	0	65	50	734 50
Improving drainage and sanitation, suburbs ...	2,300	0	40	0 ^e	2,260 0
Minor works and improvements ...	1,500	0	8	40 ^f	1,491 60
Clearing rampart walls ...	150	0	68	0	82 0
Victoria park and planting trees ...	700	0	54	90 ^g	645 10
Repair of carts ...	600	0	50	0 ^h	550 0

(a) Metalled 53 lines of road; used 50 cubes of metal.

(b) Repaired superficially 135 squares of road; trimmed sides 29 lines; cleared side drains 12 lines; used 5 cubes of metal.

(c) Repaired bridge on Wakwella, used two planks; re-fixed six planks of Bope bridge.

(d) Re-thatched refuse meat market; repairing Talbot town latrine.

(e) Paid compensation for land taken up for a drain.

(f) Prepared kitul spouts.

(g) Cost of materials to screen trees from wind; cost of labour.

(h) Repaired two scavenging carts.

J. E. ANTHONISZ,
Secretary.

The Sanitary Officers Report for the Quarter ended December 31, 1895.

The general health was bad. The epidemic of malarial fever continued with less severity during this quarter, the victims generally being those who had previous attacks. Those who took up residence in some malarious localities near the railway line about two months ago have been free from malaria, while the neighbours on either side who had previous attacks had several relapses. I know of instances where the relapses amounted to as many as twenty since the commencement of the epidemic. There is every reason to believe that the malaria has very nearly exhausted itself, as the cases that come under treatment now are those who had previous attacks, and there is always a strong tendency to relapse independently of a fresh exposure to the ague poison. The following statement shows the number of persons affected, and the number of deaths from malarial fever during the quarter to be 689 and 231 respectively:—

	Number affected.		Number died.	
Ward No. 2	277	...	73
Ward No. 3	263	...	111
Ward No. 4	71	...	37
Ward No. 5	78	...	10
Total	689	...	231

The number of persons affected and the number of deaths from malarial fever from July 18 to September 26, 1895, amounted to 3,697 and 400 respectively. Roughly speaking, the mortality has increased from 10 to 33 per cent. The higher mortality during the quarter was due to malarial cachexia brought on by repeated relapses, and supplies strong evidence in support of the hypothesis that the persons affected were chiefly old cases, and not due to fresh exposure to the poison. These facts, together with the immunity of some families and new servants who have taken up residence in the midst of those getting frequent relapses, prove that the malaria is reduced to a state of inactivity.

The drainage of the district is greatly improved, but some of the drains require levelling. The railway drains are wanting in level in some places.

Food and medicine are still being supplied to those in need of such relief, and the homeless and helpless are attended to in the temporary hospital at Talapitiya.

Cases of malarial dysentery occurred in the affected localities throughout the quarter.

In spite of the insanitary cesspits and defective house drainage, on which I have dwelt at length in previous reports, the Ward No. 1 (Fort) was not affected by the epidemic of malaria, on account of its peculiar situation away from the railway line, protected by the ramparts and favoured with pure sea-breeze all round. Typhoid malarial and other forms of fever, erysipelas, catarrh, neuralgia, rheumatism, bronchial and pulmonary affections are not at all uncommon as a consequence of foul cesspits and defective house drainage.

I do not believe there is a single properly cemented cesspit, and the Fort soil is practically saturated with sewage. I strongly recommend to have all the cesspits emptied, disinfected, and filled with sea-sand. Those houses with back or side entrances should have the dry-earth system, and the Municipal latrine coolies should be entrusted with the work under the immediate supervision of the latrine overseer. In houses without back or side entrances where the daily removal of tubs is objected to, tubs of sufficient capacity to hold the excrement for a week may be provided, and kitchen ashes or dry-earth may be used to keep the contents dry and free from smells. The tubs may be changed once a week at a convenient hour. This is the only means of suppressing this nuisance with its ever-increasing dangers to the public health, if the water carriage system is not practicable.

CHARLES E. DE SILVA, M.B., M.R.C.S., &c.
Sanitary Officer.

Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council of Galle held at the Municipal Office on February 22, 1896, at 3 p.m., pursuant to notice dated February 18, 1896.

Present:—The Chairman; Dr. P. D. Anthonisz, C.M.G.; Dr. J. Attygalle; F. W. Johnson, Esq.; W. Abeyasundera, Esq.; R. L. Symes, Esq.; C. P. Hayley, Esq.; D. G. Goonewardena, Esq.; N. Dias Abeyasinghe, Esq.; and C. L. M. Abdul Carim, Esq.

1. The Minutes of Meeting held on January 18, 1896, were read and confirmed.

2. Pursuant to notice Mr. C. P. Hayley asked what steps have been taken to fill the office of Superintendent of Public Works vacant by the dismissal of Mr. Amerasekara, and by whom the work is now being done.

The Chairman replied that he was not aware that Mr. Amerasekara has been dismissed from office, and that the work of Superintendent is still performed by him.

3. Pursuant to notice Dr. Anthonisz asked how many more months will be taken to complete the drive from Havelock place to the police station, a distance of 700 ft., a work sanctioned in November, 1894, and whether it would not be well to give the work over to a contractor, and not to entrust it any longer to the Municipal Road Officer.

The Chairman replied that he, and not the Superintendent, was responsible for any delay in the construction of the road, as with the approval of the Standing Committee all works not of a pressing nature were suspended in view of the extraordinary outlay connected with the epidemic of malarial fever. The work has however been proceeded with of late, and was completed except the gravelling of the surface, as it was under consideration to substitute metal.

4. Pursuant to notice Mr. Symes asked with reference to the Chairman's statement recorded in the Minutes of Meeting as to the sale of the old road on the west side of the Kepu-ela, to ask whether the amount of Rs. 3,375 said to have been "allowed by Government" was the amount paid by the Railway Department for the purchase of the Municipal road taken over by them, and if so, why the amount so paid was not credited to the Municipal Fund in terms of section 165 of the Municipal Councils' Ordinance; also what was the total cost incurred by the Government on account of the Municipality in acquiring the land on the east side of the Kepu-ela, as the account laid on the table at the Meeting of December 14 last does not show this.

The Chairman replied that he repeated the explanation already given in reply to a similar query at the Meeting of December 14 last, and produced to the Council the letter authorizing the Government Agent to acquire the full width. The Rs. 3,375 contributed from railway funds never came into the hands of the Municipal Council, and accordingly could not be entered in the Council's account, and the statement was compiled from that source. There was no objection, however, to annex the statement to show the total cost of the land, which was Rs. 12,475, of which Rs. 3,375 was charged to the railway and Rs. 9,099 provided by the Municipality. The Chairman further pointed out that the Municipality had made so far a sum of Rs. 2,420 over the transaction, including the estimated value of eight lots not yet disposed of.

5. Pursuant to notice Mr. Symes moved "that the Government be asked to furnish the Council with copies of all correspondence relating to the matter, and that an amended account be then made out and entered in the books of the Council, showing the whole transaction in detail, the gross receipts on the one side and the gross payments on the other."

Seconded by Mr. C. P. Hayley.

The Chairman explained that all the correspondence on the subject had been placed before the Council, except the letter to the Government Agent authorizing him to acquire the full width asked for by the Council, and this he laid on the table for information of Members. He also pointed out that the transaction took place in 1893, and the accounts of that year had been closed and passed audit.

The motion was then put to the vote, with the following result:—

Ayes.

Mr. Symes.
Mr. Hayley.
Mr. Johnson.

Noes.

Mr. Goonewardena.
Mr. Abdul Carim.
Mr. Abeyasundera.
Dr. Anthonisz.
Dr. Attygalle.
Mr. Dias Abeyasinghe.
The Chairman.

The motion was accordingly lost.

6. Pursuant to notice Mr. Hayley moved "that the time kept by the town clock be assimilated with that kept at the railway station."

Seconded by the Chairman.—Carried.

7. Pursuant to notice Dr. Anthonisz moved "that this Council respectfully offer to His Excellency the Governor and Lady and Miss Ridgeway, a cordial welcome, and congratulate them on their safe arrival in this Colony. The Council also desire to express its hope that they will enjoy good health during their sojourn among us, and that His Excellency's rule will be a prosperous one, and promote the material and moral progress of its inhabitants."

Seconded by Mr. N. Dias Abeyasinghe.—Carried unanimously.

8. Pursuant to notice Mr. Symes moved "that the unsightly encroachment under the tank opposite Mahinda College be at once removed."

The Chairman stated that the encroachment had already been removed, when Mr. Symes withdrew his motion.

9. Pursuant to notice Mr. Symes moved "that the footpaths immediately outside the new Fort entrance being in a dangerous state be repaired without delay, and the posts and rails both within and without the archway be re-fixed, the upper rail with spikes to prevent persons sitting on them, which is often the cause of their getting broken or displaced."

Seconded by Mr. F. W. Johnson.—Carried.

10. Pursuant to notice Mr. Symes moved "that the footbridge on the Kepu-ela recently put up at considerable expense being again in need of repairs, the repairs needed be put in hand before more of the bridge is removed."

Seconded by Mr. Abeyasundera.—Carried.

The Chairman explained the damage done was slight, and that he had ordered the necessary repairs.

11. Pursuant to notice Mr. Symes moved "That a Sanitary Sub-Committee for the current year be appointed."

Seconded by Mr. Goonewardena.—Carried.

Resolved,—That the Sanitary Committee be composed of the Ward Members.

12. The next motion in Mr. Symes' name was withdrawn by him.

13. Read letter from the Colonial Secretary, No. 6 of February 13, 1896, referring back to the Council for re-consideration the recommendation made for full rate of pension to the Superintendent of Works.

The Chairman moved that the Council do proceed to consider the letter, and resolve on the terms of the reply to be sent to the second paragraph thereof.

Dr. Attygalle moved "that whilst the Council is of opinion that the Superintendent should be granted the usual pension, in deference to the opinion expressed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the Council now proposes that the Superintendent be granted a reduced pension of 90 per cent. of the ordinary pension he would be eligible for." Seconded by Mr. Abdul Carim.

The Chairman then withdrew his motion.

Dr. Anthonisz moved as an amendment "that as the full rate of pension for twenty years' service is $\frac{25}{100}$ or $\frac{5}{20}$, the authority of the Governor be obtained to grant the Superintendent of Works a reduced pension of $\frac{20}{100}$ or $\frac{4}{10}$ on his salary of Rs. 2,500." Seconded by Mr. W. Abeyasundera.

Hereupon Dr. Attygalle withdrew his motion.

Dr. Anthonisz's amendment—now a substantive motion—was put to the vote, with the following result :—

<i>Ayes.</i>	<i>Noes.</i>
Mr. Abdul Carim.	Mr. R. L. Symes.
Mr. W. Abeyasundera.	Mr. C. P. Hayley.
Dr. Anthonisz.	Mr. D. G. Goonewardena.
Dr. Attygalle.	Mr. N. Dias Abeyasinghe.
Mr. F. W. Johnson.	
The Chairman.	

The Member for the Fort Ward gave verbal notice that he protested in the same terms as he had done on a former occasion against the grant of a pension to the Municipal Superintendent.

The motion was declared carried.

14. Pursuant to notice Mr. Hayley moved "that Government be requested to build no more barracks for the police within the Fort Ward." Seconded by Dr. Anthonisz.

Mr. Symes moved as an amendment "that the Fort being overcrowded already, the Government be requested not to quarter any greater number of police within the Fort than are already quartered there."

Seconded by Mr. W. Abeyasundera.

Mr. Goonewardena moved the following amendment on Mr. Symes' amendment "that Government be requested that the proposed police barracks be not erected on ramparts between the Swartz Bastion and the Master Attendant's Office." Seconded by Mr. Abdul Carim.

This amendment was put to the vote, when there voted—

<i>For the Motion.</i>	<i>Against the Motion.</i>
Mr. D. G. Goonewardena.	Mr. Symes.
Mr. Abdul Carim.	Mr. C. P. Hayley.
Dr. Anthonisz.	Mr. W. Abeyasundera.
Dr. Attygalle.	
Mr. N. Dias Abeyasinghe.	
Mr. F. W. Johnson.	
The Chairman.	

The amendment was declared carried.

15. On a motion by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Abdul Carim, it was resolved that Mr. H. F. Jansz be recommended for re-appointment as Auditor of the Municipality.

16. Read a letter from the Colonial Secretary, No. 5 of February 13, 1896, in reply to the application made by the Council for an authoritative decision as to the interpretation of sections 63 and 65 of the Municipal Councils' Ordinance.

17. The following documents were laid on the table :—

- (1) Auditor's Report for 1896.
- (2) Sanitary Officer's Report for fourth quarter of 1895.
- (3) Accounts for the year 1895 and January, 1896.
- (4) Progress Reports brought up to December 31, 1895, and January 31, 1896.

Confirmed :

E. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Municipal Fund from January 1 to February 29, 1896.

No. 1.—GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	Estimated		DISBURSEMENTS.	Estimated	
	Amount.	Receipts.		Amount.	Disbursements.
	Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.
Balance on December 31, 1895 ...	9,787	66	Salaries ...	11,192	22
Taxes ...	14,167	0	General office expenses ...	800	0
Tolls ...	12,496	24	Revenue services ...	1,430	0
Stamp duties and fees ...	17,092	50	Lighting ...	5,008	0
Market licenses ...	4,793	0	Sanitary charges ...	7,800	0
Slaughter-house licenses ...	938	0	Market charges ...	670	0
Miscellaneous licenses ...	392	0	Slaughter-house charges ...	525	0
Judicial fines ...	1,000	0	Miscellaneous ...	10,011	10
Rents ...	2,529	50	Public works ...	22,300	0
Miscellaneous ...	2,355	50			
			Balance ...		6,418
					86
					11,536
					86
					17,955
					52

No. 2.—ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	Estimated Amount.		Receipts.	DISBURSEMENTS.	Estimated Disbursements.				
	Rs.	c.			Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	
Balance on December 31, 1895 ...	34	0	637	37	Salaries of constable arachchies ...	960	0	40	0
Assessment tax arrears for 1894-95	1,687	0	1,099	27	Stationery and printing ...	150	0	71	50
Do. 1896 ...	9,893	0	272	33	Commission to collectors ...	600	0	182	95
					Assessment clerk ...	540	0	90	0
					House numbers ...	10	0	6	60
								391	5
					Balance ...			1,617	92
			2,008	97				2,008	97

No. 3.—WATER-RATE ACCOUNT.

REVENUE.	Amount.		Total.	EXPENDITURE.	Amount.		Total.		
	Rs.	c.			Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.
Balance on December 31, 1895 ...	59	46	49	12	Pay of overseer, watcher, and coolies ...	600	0	49	84
Advance from General Fund ...	1,000	0	1,000	0	Cost of repairs ...	100	0	9	15
					Contingencies ...	100	0	30	0
								88	99
					Balance ...			960	13
			1,049	12				1,049	12

J. E. ANTHONISZ,
Secretary.

Progress Report of Work done brought up to February 29, 1896.

Description of Work.	Amount of Vote.		Expenditure in February, 1896.	Expenditure up to February 29, 1896.	Balance.			
	Rs.	c.				Rs.	c.	Rs.
Permanent repair of roads ...	9,500	0	997	90	1,686	0 ^a	7,814	0
General upkeep of roads ...	2,700	0	299	35	468	14 ^b	2,231	86
Do. bridges ...	750	0	49	52	51	82 ^c	698	18
Repair of Municipal buildings ...	750	0	166	85	186	85 ^d	563	15
Clearing canal and reclaiming swamps ...	800	0	48	0	113	50	686	50
Improving drainage and sanitation, Fort ...	500	0	191	20	191	20 ^e	308	80
Do. do. suburbs ...	2,300	0	17	2	57	2 ^f	2,242	98
Minor works and improvements ...	1,500	0	—	—	7	60	1,492	40
Clearing rampart walls ...	150	0	—	—	68	0	82	0
Victoria park and planting trees ...	700	0	49	0	104	40 ^g	595	60
Additional latrines ...	500	0	—	—	159	50	340	50
Repair of carts ...	600	0	15	0	65	0	535	0
Watering streets ...	80	0	—	—	39	75	40	25

(a) Metalled 73 lines of road; used 90 cubes of metal; gravelled 50-lines of road.

(b) Repaired superficially 244 squares of road; trimmed sides 29 lines; cleared side drains 12 lines; used 12 cubes of metal.

(c) Repaired bridge on Wakwella road; used two planks; re-fixed six planks of Bope bridge; paid for ten mendora planks; repaired footbridge over the Kepu-ela.

(d) Re-thatched refuse meat market; repairing Talbot town latrine; repaired sea-bathing place and fish auction shed and betel shed near District Court.

(e) Repairing side drains, Lighthouse street.

(f) Paid compensation for land taken up for a drain; prepared kitul spout.

(g) Cost of materials to screen trees from the wind; cost of labour.

J. E. ANTHONISZ,
Secretary.

ROAD COMMITTEE NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given that under the 35th clause of the Ordinance No. 10 of 1861, all persons intending to offer themselves as candidates for the office of European Member of the District Committee of Negombo, rendered vacant by the departure of Mr. B. B. M. Olivera from the Island, are hereby required to signify their intention in writing to the Chairman of the Provincial Road Committee for the Western Province, at least ten days before the day of election.

The election will be held on May 29, 1896, at 3 P.M., at the resthouse, Negombo.

W. E. THORPE,
Secretary.

Provincial Road Committee,
Colombo, April 10, 1896.

I HEREBY give notice, in terms of "The Branch Roads Ordinance, 1874," of my intention to hold a general meeting of the proprietors or resident managers of estates interested in the Kumbalwela-Namunakula road, within the district of Passara, for the purpose of electing a Local Committee to perform the duties imposed upon such Committee by the said Ordinance.

The meeting will be held at Passara resthouse on May 11, 1896, at 2 P.M.

C. A. MURRAY,
Chairman.

Provincial Road Committee,
Badulla, April 13, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, having agreed to grant the under-mentioned sum for the construction of the under-mentioned road, the Provincial Road Committee, acting under the provisions of "The Branch Roads Ordinance, 1874," have assessed the proportion due by each estate in the district interested in the construction of the said road, as follows:—

DENIYAYA-ANNINGKANDA ROAD.

Government moiety Rs. 15,938
Private contributions, moiety of cost Rs. 15,938

Number of Section in Half Miles.	Cost per Section.	Number of Acres liable.	Sectional Rate per Acre.	Cumulative Rate.
	Cents.		Cents.	Cents.
1	38-342	} 5,477	59-691	59-691
2	21-349			
3	26-451			
4	26-833			
5	24-660	} 5,305	73-096	159-238
6	21-603			
7	29-382			
8	27-227	} 5,103	56-609	215-847
9	58-154			
10	45-953	} 4,303	104-107	359-954

Section for which liable.	Names of Estates liable to Contribution to construction of proposed Road.	Names of Agents or Proprietors.	Acreage.	Rate of Contribution.	The sums at which Assessed.
				Cents.	Rs. c.
1 & 2	Deniyaya	D. M. Rajapakse	100	59-691	59 69
1, 2, & 3	Kekunahena	Don Gregoris Wijesekere	72	86-142	62 2
1 to 6	Downside	D. Church	202	159-238	321 66
1 to 8	Brook's Land	A. Brooke	800	215-847	1,726 83
1 to 10	Anningkanda	Heirs of George Wall	783	319-954	2,505 32
	Panilkanda	R. Wade Jenkins	802	"	2,566 3
	Hean's Land	Unknown	264	"	844 73
	Hayes	Union Estates Company of Ceylon, Limited	1,193	"	3,817 5
	Longford	R. J. d'Esterre	256	"	819 8
	Valleyfield	Charles Cowan	432	"	1,382 20
	Gongalla	Union Estates Company of Ceylon, Limited	573	"	1,833 39
					15,938 0

The above contributions are to be paid into the General Treasury on or before May 18, 1896.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Galle, April 15, 1896.

E. ELLIOTT,
Chairman.