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LOCAL BOARD NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting will be held at 12 noon on January 31, 1898, at the Batticaloa Kachcheri, to elect three Unofficial Members of the Local Board of Health and Improvement, Batticaloa, for the years 1898 and 1899, under the provisions of Ordinances Nos. 7 of 1876 and 27 of 1890.

Batticaloa Kachcheri,
December 31, 1897.

C. A. MURRAY,
Acting Government Agent.

of Duwa, on or before the 28th day of February, 1898, after that date the payment will be Rs. 4 and Rs. 3 respectively per head.

GEORGE M. FOWLER,
Chairman.

Local Board Office,
Negombo, January 5, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given to persons residing within the limits of the Local Board, Negombo, that the Board, acting under the provisions of section 3 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1887, has imposed an annual tax, payable in six days' labour, upon all persons residing within the limits of the Local Board who would have been liable, under the provisions of the Ordinance No. 10 of 1861, to the performance of labour for the maintenance of the roads or other public means of communication by land or by water, if the Ordinance No. 7 of 1876 had not been passed. Such labour may be commuted by a money payment of Rs. 2 in the town of Negombo and the islands of Pitipana and Munnakkara, and Re. 1.50 in the island

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IT is hereby notified that the Local Board of Health of the town of Badulla has, in terms of section 27 of "The Local Board of Health and Improvement Ordinance, 1876," made and assessed for the year 1898, over and above the sum necessary for the maintenance of the police for the said town, a rate of two and one-half per centum on the annual value of all houses and buildings of every description, and all lands and tenements whatsoever within the said town of Badulla.

G. A. BAUMGARTNER,
Chairman.

Local Board Office,
Badulla, December 18, 1897.

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LOCAL BOARD OF KURUNEGALA.

Estimate of the Probable Revenue and Expenditure of the Local Board of Health and Improvement, Kurunegala, 1898.

REVENUE.

	Amount. Rs. c.	Total. Rs. c.		Amount. Rs. c.	Total. Rs. c.
Balance on December 31, 1897 ...	—	6,715 10			
<i>Fines.</i>			<i>Rents.</i>		
By Police Magistrate ...	200 0		Of gardens, Town Hall, &c. ...	150 0	
Departmental ...	20 0		Slaughter-house fees ...	1,000 0	1,150 0
On road defaulters ...	50 0	270 0	<i>Taxes.</i>		
			Assessment ...	2,300 0	
<i>Licenses.</i>			Road tax ...	3,000 0	
Butchers ...	30 0		Dog tax ...	100 0	
Hackeries, carts, carriages ...	5,010 0		Grazing fees ...	50 0	5,450 0
Firearms ...	100 0		<i>Miscellaneous.</i>		
Liquor ...	1,000 0		Poundage by seizure of stray cattle ...	250 0	
Notaries ...	80 0		Latrine service... ..	700 0	
Proctors ...	180 0		Incidental charges ...	50 0	1,000 0
Opium license ...	6,250 0	12,650 0			27,235 10

EXPENDITURE.

	Amount. Rs. c.	Total. Rs. c.		Amount. Rs. c.	Total. Rs. c.
<i>Salary.</i>			<i>Public Works.</i>		
Of secretary, inspector, cattle-pound keeper, and messenger ...	—	2,518 0	Cost of lighting street lamps and repairs to lamps, and value of 10 oil wells ...	1,610 0	
<i>Office Contingencies.</i>			Tools ...	100 0	
Cost of printed forms ...	50 0		Repairs to Local Board buildings ...	50 0	
Stationery ...	100 0		Repairs and maintenance to road and bridges ...	2,300 0	
Petty expenses ...	20 0		Horse allowance to inspector ...	300 0	
Repairs to office furniture ...	10 0		Wages of esplanade gardener ...	120 0	
Railway fare and cart hire ...	30 0		Wages of Town Hall-keeper ...	150 0	
Subscription to <i>Government Gazette</i> ...	12 0		Wages of three lamplighters ...	250 0	
Advertisement charges ...	60 0		Wages of smallpox hospital watcher ...	60 0	
Cost of postage stamps ...	20 0	302 0	Wages of watcher, Rajapihilla, and ground rent ...	48 0	
<i>Revenue Service.</i>			Cleaning Rajapihilla well ...	15 0	
Assessment tax on Local Board buildings ...	40 0		Removing night-soil and salaries of latrine coolies ...	1,100 0	
Commission to collector of assessment tax ...	150 0		Winding, repairing, town clock ...	80 0	
Commission to collector of road tax ...	350 0		Town drainage ...	3,000 0	
Cost of tin plates to carts ...	160 0		Clearing public grounds ...	250 0	
Marking and affixing tin plates to carts ...	100 0		Clearing bathing ghauts ...	15 0	
Remuneration to assessors for assessing houses, &c. ...	45 0		Painting and repairing seven garden seats ...	75 0	
Petty expenses ...	20 0	865 0	Planting and fencing ornamental trees ...	50 0	
<i>Law Expenses.</i>			Clearing path to rock ...	50 0	
Stamps in Police Court cases ...	—	150 0	Improvements to roads and culverts ...	100 0	
<i>Police Charges.</i>			Clearing smallpox hospital grounds ...	50 0	
Cost of dog collars ...	20 0		Value of four garden seats ...	115 0	
Seizing and destroying dogs ...	30 0	50 0	Caretaker of park ...	120 0	
<i>Sanitary Charges.</i>			Caretaker, magazine grounds ...	120 0	
Cost of disinfectant and coal tar ...	100 0		Removing peat from tank ...	500 0	
Hire of carts and coolies scavenging town ...	3,000 0		Petty expenses ...	150 0	
Pumping water into reservoir ...	300 0		Wire fencing round Military cemetery, Kandy road ...	200 0	
Petty expenses ...	20 0	3,420 0	Wire netting over Rajapihilla well ...	75 0	
<i>Audit Charges.</i>			Cost of three street lamps ...	275 0	
For auditing Local Board accounts ...	220 0		Cost of three dozen latrine buckets ...	60 0	
Refunds ...	10 0	230 0	Blasting rock for drain, Circular road south ...	50 0	
			Improvement to esplanade ...	100 0	
			Reserve for latrines ...	1,500 0	13,038 0
			Probable balance available on December 31, 1898 ...	—	20,573 0
					6,662 10
					27,235 10

Local Board Office,
Kurunegala, January 17, 1898.

ÆLIAN A. KING, Chairman.
T. B. L. MOONEMALE, Member.

LOCAL BOARD OF RATNAPURA.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure of the Local Board of Ratnapura for the year 1897.

		REVENUE.			
	Amount.	Total.		Amount.	Total.
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.		Rs. c.	Rs. c.
Balance on January 1, 1897	—	565 23			
<i>Fines.</i>					
By Police Magistrate	190 0				
Departmental	42 0				
		232 0			
<i>Licenses.</i>					
Butchers	23 75				
Gunpowder	9 50				
Carts	826 50				
Boats	151 5				
Firearms	13 9				
Notaries	28 50				
Proctors	85 50				
Coaches and hackeries	88 35				
Liquor	505 35				
Opium	1,765 0				
		3,496 59			
<i>Taxes.</i>					
Commutation under Road Ordinance	1,668 0				
Assessment tax	1,599 75				
Dog tax	38 50				
		3,306 25			
<i>Rents.</i>					
Grazing fees	23 0				
Sale of produce from Local Board lands	24 0				
		47 0			
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>					
Fees for use of slaughter-house and cattle-pound	316 75				
Special license fees to slaughter cattle	7 0				
Fees from stray cattle seized	196 75				
Costs on assessment tax	19 46				
Amount realized by sale of un-serviceable articles	1 20				
Surplus amount realized by sale of property for default of assessment tax	4 46				
Refund of amounts overpaid	10 4				
Amount recovered for a bull's-eye lantern lost	3 26				
					558 92
					8,205 99

		EXPENDITURE.			
	Amount.	Total.		Amount.	Total.
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.		Rs. c.	Rs. c.
<i>Salaries.</i>					
Secretary and inspector	1,200 0				
Cattle-pound keeper, bookbinder, and peon	240 0				
		1,440 0			
<i>Police.</i>					
Four constables	567 89				
Allowance for extra constables	49 60				
Cost of oil to station and constables	26 0				
Uniform of constables	33 66				
		677 15			
<i>Office Contingencies.</i>					
Cost of printed forms and Government Gazette	18 25				
Cost of stationery	27 14				
		45 39			
<i>Sanitary Charges.</i>					
Scavenging contractor	540 0				
Five latrine coolies	840 0				
Cost of oil to latrine	21 90				
Cost of disinfectants	31 56				
		1,433 46			
<i>Revenue Service.</i>					
Commission to division officers	149 43				
Do. assessment collector	84 72				
Do. dog tax collector	1 92				
Remuneration to assessors	90 0				
Cost of seizing stray cattle	88 50				
		414 57			
<i>Public Works.</i>					
Upkeep of roads and bridges	891 7				
Upkeep of bathing-place, latrine, cattle-pound	24 78				
Upkeep of waterworks	22 84				
Upkeep of esplanade	46 0				
<i>Cementing latrine floor, &c. (special vote)</i>					
Sinking fund and interest on account loan for Waterworks	641 67				
Ground rent of cattle-pound and latrine	36 0				
Building drain along Local Board and Post Office grounds	465 0				
Pay of overseer	180 0				
Repairs to Angamma and Warakatota roads	60 0				
Building cattle-pound and store-room	80 0				
					2,557 36
<i>Lighting.</i>					
Pay of lamplighter	72 0				
Cost of oil and wicks	206 93				
Cost of repairs to lamps and cost of chimneys	39 60				
					318 53
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>					
Purchase of stores and tools	74 36				
Cost of advertisements	8 62				
Destruction of stray dogs	12 50				
Cost of postage stamps	8 70				
Cost of jubilee celebration	164 26				
Refunds on account commutation and assessment taxes	5 46				
Petty payments	12 12				
					286 2
Balance December 31, 1897	—				1,033 51
					8,205 99

I, Henry Luttrell Moysey, do swear that the above is a true and faithful account of all moneys received and paid on account of the Local Board, Ratnapura.

Sworn to before me this 10th day of January, 1898.

So help me God,

J. C. MOLAMURE,
Justice of the Peace.

H. L. MOYSEY, Chairman.
DAN. J. JAYETILLEKE, Member.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Local Board of Health of Ratnapura.

ASSETS.	Total. Rs. c.	LIABILITIES.	Total. Rs. c.
Balance on December 31, 1897 ...	1,033 51		
Assessment tax on account third and fourth quarters, 1897 ...	627 34		
	<u>1,660 85</u>	Loan from Government for improvement of Waterworks ...	4,124 97

I, Henry Luttrell Moysey, do hereby swear that to the best of my knowledge the above is a true and correct statement of the assets and liabilities of the Local Board of Ratnapura on December 31, 1897.

Sworn to before me at Ratnapura this 10th day of January, 1898.

J. C. MOLAMURE,
Justice of the Peace.

H. L. MOYSEY,
Chairman.

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditure of the Local Board of Ratnapura for the year 1898.

REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE.	
Amount. Rs. c.	Total. Rs. c.	Amount. Rs. c.	Total. Rs. c.
Balance December 31, 1897 ...	1,033 51		
<i>Fines.</i>			
By Police Magistrate, &c. ...	200 0		
<i>Licenses.</i>			
Butchers ...	25 0		
Gunpowder ...	10 0		
Carts ...	750 0		
Boats ...	125 0		
Firearms ...	5 0		
Notaries ...	30 0		
Proctors ...	110 0		
Coaches and hackeries ...	85 0		
Liquor ...	600 0		
Opium ...	1,200 0		
	<u>2,940 0</u>		
		<i>Taxes.</i>	
		Commutation of labour on roads ...	1,600 0
		Assessment tax under Local Board Ordinance ...	1,700 0
		Dog tax ...	50 0
			<u>3,350 0</u>
		<i>Rents, &c.</i>	
		Grazing fees, &c. ...	50 0
		<i>Miscellaneous.</i>	
		Payment for use of slaughter-house ...	300 0
		Payment for special license for slaughter of cattle ...	10 0
		Payment for cattle trespass and stray cattle ...	200 0
		Other receipts ...	50 0
			<u>560 0</u>
			<u>8,133 51</u>
		<i>Public Works.</i>	
		Upkeep of roads and bridges ...	700 0
		Upkeep of cattle-pound, bathing-place, and latrine ...	50 0
		Upkeep of esplanade ...	60 0
		Repairs and improvements to slaughter-house ...	100 0
		Upkeep of Waterworks ...	50 0
		Sinking fund and interest on account loan on Waterworks ...	623 33
		Cost of renewing bridge over Katugas-ela and converting it into a single span bridge of 38 ft. ...	1,460 0
		Ground rent of cattle-pound and Irawanuketiya latrine ...	48 0
		Pay of overseer ...	180 0
		Lighting, lamplighter, oil, and repairs to lamps ...	375 0
			<u>3,646 33</u>
		<i>Miscellaneous.</i>	
		Purchase of stores and tools and repairs to hand cart ...	80 0
		Cost of advertisements ...	15 0
		Destruction of stray dogs ...	15 0
		Refund and petty payments ...	50 0
		Cost of plate for jubilee memorial tree ...	25 0
			<u>185 0</u>
		Estimated balance ...	109 35
			<u>8,133 51</u>
			<u>560 83</u>

Local Board Office,
Ratnapura, January 10, 1898.

H. L. MOYSEY, Chairman.
DAN. J. JAYETILLEKE, Member.

LOCAL BOARD OF CHILAW.

Statement showing the Revenue and Expenditure of the Local Board of Chilaw for 1897.

REVENUE.	Amount.		Total.	EXPENDITURE.	Amount.		Total.
	Rs.	c.			Rs.	c.	
<i>Fines.</i>				<i>Law Expenses.</i>			
By Police Magistrates ...	—		119 0	Charges under clause 19 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1876 ...	—		70 20
<i>Licenses.</i>				<i>Office Contingencies.</i>			
Boats and carts ...	5,192	25		Stationery and books ...	55	42	
Firearms ...	10	69		Petty expenses ...	129	83	185 25
Notaries and proctors ...	228	0		<i>Police Charges.</i>			
Retail of spirits other than arrack	427	50	5,858 44	Killing dogs ...	8	0	
<i>Markets.</i>				Petty expenses ...	21	92	29 92
Fees ...	—		16 3	<i>Public Works.</i>			
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>				Construction of works ...	1,204	98	
Petty and incidental collections ...	—		65 65	Repairs, additions, &c., to roads, streets, bridges, and buildings ...	2,595	52	
<i>Rent.</i>				Watering and planting ...	154	68	
Rent of lands ...	—		355 60	Petty expenses ...	511	83	
<i>Tax.</i>				Purchase of tools ...	332	57	4,799 58
Commutation tax ...	1,882	0		<i>Revenue Services.</i>			
Dog tax ...	36	50	1,918 50	Commission for collecting taxes ...	184	79	
<i>Advance.</i>				Cost of tin plates ...	176	75	
Advance on account of public works, &c. ...	—		184 34	Petty expenses ...	189	50	551 4
			8,517 56	<i>Refund.</i>			
				Refund of cash security ...	—		100 0
				<i>Salaries.</i>			
				Pay of establishment ...	1,008	0	
				Pay of auditing clerk ...	83	33	1,091 33
				<i>Sanitary Charges.</i>			
				Cost of scavenging ...	1,313	41	
				Petty expenses ...	580	14	1,893 55
				<i>Advance.</i>			
				Refund of advance ...	—		394 27
							9,115 14
Balance of January 1, 1897 ...	—		1,615 73	Balance on December 31, 1897 ...	—		1,018 15
			10,133 29				10,133 29

I, Charles Russell Cumberland, do hereby swear that the above is a true and faithful account of all moneys received and paid by me on account of the Local Board of Health and Improvement, Chilaw, for the year 1897.

Sworn to before me this 14th day of January, 1898.

THOMAS COOKE,
Justice of the Peace.

C. R. CUMBERLAND, Chairman.
A. PERIES, Member.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Local Board of Chilaw on December 31, 1897.

ASSETS.	Total.		LIABILITIES.	Total.	
	Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.
<i>Fines.</i>			<i>Office Contingencies.</i>		
Police Magistrates	54 0	Remuneration to clockkeeper	15 0
<i>Rent.</i>			Balance	1,110 15
Rent of lands, &c.	53 0			
		107 0			
Balance on January 1, 1898...	...	1,018 15			
		1,125 15			1,125 15

I, Charles Russel Cumberland, do hereby swear that the above is a true and correct account of the assets and liabilities of the Local Board of Chilaw on December 31, 1897.

Sworn to before me this 14th day of January, 1898 :

THOMAS COOKE,
Justice of the Peace.

C. R. CUMBERLAND, Chairman.
A. PERIES, Member.

Estimate of Probable Revenue and Expenditure of the Local Board, Chilaw, for the Year 1898.

REVENUE.					
	Amount.	Total.		Amount.	Total.
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.		Rs. c.	Rs. c.
<i>Fines.</i>					
By Police Magistrates ...	—	120 0	<i>Miscellaneous.</i>		
<i>Licenses.</i>					
Boats and carts ...	3,500 0		Petty and incidental collections ...	—	375 0
Butchers ...	28 50		<i>Rent.</i>		
Firearms ...	10 0		Rent of land ...	—	350 0
Notaries and proctors ...	228 0		<i>Tax.</i>		
Retail of opium ...	1,250 0		Commutation tax ...	1,900 0	
Retail of spirits other than arrack	427 50		Dog tax ...	50 0	1,950 0
		5,444 0			8,254 0
<i>Market.</i>					
Fees ...	—	15 0	Balance on December 31, 1897 ...	—	1,018 15
					9,272 15
EXPENDITURE.					
	Amount.	Total.		Amount.	Total.
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.		Rs. c.	Rs. c.
<i>Law Expenses.</i>					
Charges under clause 19 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1876 ...	—	70 0	<i>Revenue Services.</i>		
<i>Office Contingencies.</i>					
Stationery and printed forms ...	40 0		Commission for collecting taxes ...	200 0	
Petty expenses ...	120 0	160 0	Cost of tin plates ...	175 0	
<i>Police Charges.</i>					
Killing dogs ...	15 0		Petty expenses ...	120 0	495 0
Petty expenses ...	25 0	40 0	<i>Salaries.</i>		
<i>Public Works.</i>					
Construction of works, &c. ...	2,415 0		Pay of establishment ...	1,128 0	
Repairs to roads, &c. ...	1,800 0		Auditing clerk ...	82 50	1,210 50
Planting and watering ...	150 0		<i>Sanitary Charges.</i>		
Purchase of tools ...	200 0		Cost of scavenging ...	1,420 0	
Petty expenses ...	600 0	5,165 0	Burying carcases ...	10 0	
			Reclamation ...	600 0	
			Petty expenses ...	100 0	2,130 0
			Balance on December 31, 1898 ...	—	9,270 50
					1 65
					9,272 15

Office of the Local Board,
Chilaw, January 14, 1898.

C. R. CUMBERLAND, Chairman.
A. PERIES, Member.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

MUNICIPALITY OF GALLE.

THE Municipal Council, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by section 14 of Ordinance No. 26 of 1890, hereby have set apart the following public places for the purpose of bathing and for washing animals and clothes, and the Chairman of the Council hereby prohibits bathing or washing animals and clothes in any public place not set forth in this notice:—

Public Bathing-places for Men, Women, and Children.

- Kepu-ela.—Upper side of Hume road bridge.
- Do. Near Nakanda bridge, Kandewatta road.
- Moragoda-ela.—At Hirimbure road bridge.
- Do. At Hirimbure cross road bridge.
- Do. At Attoya bridge.
- Do. At railway bridge.
- Do. Near Gangarama pansala.
- Do. At Kachchiwatta bridge.
- Mahamodara lake.—Upper side of bridge.

Public Places for Washing Animals.

- Kepu-ela.—Below Pattiya bridge, near railway station.
- Mahamodara lake.—Lower side of bridge.
- Moragoda-ela.—At the lower side of Kachchiwatta bridge.

Public Places for washing Clothes.

- Kepu-ela.—Between bathing-place near anicut, Kandewatta road, and railway bridge, Colombo line.
- Moragoda-ela.—Between Milidowo bridge and the edanda over Moragoda-ela at Kanampitiya.
- Municipal well, Kaluwella.—Below the Roman Catholic church grounds.

Any person who bathes, washes animals or clothes contrary to the aforesaid prohibition shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding Rs. 50.

Municipal Office,
Galle, December 29, 1897.

H. WACE,
Chairman.

UNOFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Nuwara Eliya Hotels Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the office of this Company will be removed from 4, Prince street, Colombo, to the Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya.

By order of the Board of Directors,
ALBERT ROMANO,
 Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya, Secretary.
 January 15, 1898.

The Nuwara Eliya Hotels Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the absence of a quorum the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of this Company, which was to be held on the 8th instant, has been postponed to Saturday, January 29, 1898, at the Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya, at 1 P.M.

By order of the Board of Directors,
ALBERT ROMANO,
 Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya, Secretary.
 January 15, 1898.

Agra Ouvah Estates Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of this Company will be held at the registered office of the Company, No. 7, Queen street, Fort, Colombo, on Saturday, February 5, 1898, at 12 noon.

Business.

To receive the report of the Directors and accounts for the past year.
 To declare a dividend.
 To transact any other business that may duly be brought before the meeting.

By order of the Directors,
WHITTALL & Co.,
 Colombo, January 20, 1898. Agents and Secretaries.

The Maha Uva Estate Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of this Company will be held at the registered office of the Company, No. 7, Queen street, Fort, Colombo, on Saturday, February 5, 1898, at 12.30 P.M.

Business.

To receive the report of the Directors and accounts for the past year.
 To declare a dividend.
 To transact any other business that may duly be brought before the meeting.

By order of the Directors,
WHITTALL & Co.,
 Colombo, January 20, 1898. Agents and Secretaries.

The Glasgow Estate Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of this Company will be held at the registered office of the Company, No. 7, Queen street, Fort, Colombo, on Saturday, February 5, 1898, at 11.30 A.M.

Business.

To receive the report of the Directors and accounts for the past year.
 To declare a dividend.
 To transact any other business that may duly be brought before the meeting.

By order of the Directors,
WHITTALL & Co.,
 Colombo, January 20, 1898. Agents and Secretaries.

The Nahavilla Estates Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the registered office, No. 14, Queen street, Colombo, at 3 P.M. on Saturday, the 29th January, 1898, to receive the report of the Directors and statement of accounts for the season ended September 30, 1897, to appoint an Auditor, to elect a Director, and to transact any other business that may be brought before the meeting.

GEORGE STEUART & Co.,
 Agents and Secretaries.

Colombo, January 19, 1898.

Auction Sale of a Valuable Coccoanut Estate.

I AM instructed by the Assignee of the Insolvent Estate of V. G. Perera (V. P. Perera & Son) to offer for sale at my rooms on Friday, 25th February, 1898, at 4 P.M., that valuable coccoanut estate called Monrovia, situated at Alawwa, about a mile from the railway station, in extent 296 acres. First class plumbago has been found on this estate, and coffee, tea, and cacao have been planted with successful results.

For particulars apply to Messrs. P. D. and T. D. Mack, Proctors and Notaries, Colombo.

A. Y. DANIEL.