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### **History of Madras;**

#### **Madras in the Olden Time:**

Being a History of the Presidency from the First Foundation to  
the Governorship of Thomas Pitt, Grandfather of the Earl of Chatham  
1639-1702

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### **GOVERNORS OF THE MADRAS PRESIDENCY**

1661	Sir Edward Winter appointed Imprisoned Mr. Foxcroft 1665-1668, governed in his stead; subsequently recalled
1665	Mr. Foxcroft appointed Imprisoned 3 years, released, served 1 year; recalled
1670-1677	Sir William Langhorn; recalled
1677-1681	Mr. Streysham Master; recalled
1681-1687	Mr. William Gyfford; recalled
1687-1692	Mr. Elihu Yale
1692-1698	Mr. Nathaniel Higginson
1698-1702	Mr. Thomas Pitt

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## PEOPLE IN MADRAS

### from pages 53-54 of Chapter III:

The members of the Council were denominated "Merchants" and "Senior Merchants," a rank to which all the servants of the Company might aspire. Sometimes the young men came out as "Writers"; sometimes as "Apprentices" only. Every "Apprentice" seems to have served the customary period of seven years before he was promoted to a higher rank; a rule which was rigidly adhered to in all trades throughout Europe until a very recent period, and which seems to have had its origin in the mystic period during which Jacob served an enthusiastic apprenticeship to Laban, in order to gain the hand of the fair Rachel. During the first five years, the aspiring youths in the Company's service seem to have been allowed five pounds a year for the purchase of clothes. During the last two years of that time, whilst panting for the termination of apprenticeship, they were allowed Writer's salary of ten pounds a year. At the end of that period they were raised to the rank of "Writers," and after one year more, or eight years service in all, they became "Factors;" after which they rose in due time to the rank of "Merchants" and members of Council.

Besides these servants of the Company, there were others whose duties may be easily inferred from their names. There were the "Chaplain" who had a hundred year, and who must have had a hard time of it with daily prayers, and Sunday's preaching and expounding. There was the "Schoolmaster," at a salary of fifty pounds a year, who had been sent out to teach all the children of English parents to read, write, cypher, and hate the Roman Catholics. Any parents whatever, - Portuguese, Hindoo, or Mussulman, - might likewise send their children to be similarly taught; but only on the condition that they should also be instructed in the principles of the Protestant religion.

### from pages 252-258 of Chapter IV:

The close of the governorship of President Yale, offers a favourable opportunity for reviewing the progress of the Black-town of Madraspatanam, and the White-town of Fort St. George. It appears from a letter dated 12th December, 1687, that the population of the whole of the English Presidency, including the city of Madras, the town of Fort St. George, and the villages within the Company's bounds, amounted to three hundred thousand; and a more exact enumeration was then required to be made, for the information of James II, distinguishing the English, Portuguese, Moors, and Gentoos, both male and female, and their several professions, or occupations. Whether this more exact enumeration was ever made, we have not as yet been able to discover; but the statement of the aggregate population will be sufficient for all general purposes.

As regards the population at Fort St. George, or White-town, we have the most minute information. In a previous chapter it was shown how White Town was only half the size of the modern Fort. In the seventeenth century the river Coom ran much nearer the sea than at present. In fact it ran parallel [sic] with the Coast right through the centre of the site now occupied by the present Fort. In the last century, the channel of the river was diverted into its present course, and the Fort considerably enlarged.

The old Fort or White-town, only extended about 400 yards in length, from north to south parallel with the sea; and about 100 yards from east to west, that is from the sea to the old channel of the river. This little space was however divided into twelve streets and alleys, and included altogether one hundred and twenty-nine dwelling houses and godowns, producing altogether a yearly rental of only one one hundred and twenty-four Pagodas, and nine fanams. The streets were respectively named - Middle Street, Choultry Street, Choultry Alley, Gloucester Street, York Street, York Lane, Charles Street, James Street, James Alley, St. Thomas Street, St. Thomas Lane, and Church Street. As a matter of local curiosity we print the following Directory or Rent Roll, verbatim et literatim, of which the original may be found in the consultation book under the 2nd of August,

1688. Some of our readers may here find the names of their ancestors, probably spelt in a different manner to those of their descendants.

[ According to the totals, 36 Fanams = 1 British Madras Pagoda ]  
 [ In later years 42, or 46 Fanams = 1 Pagoda ]

*2nd August 1688*  
*Rent Rowle of Dwelling Houses, Goedowns, etc.*  
*within the Garrison or Christian Town,*  
*with the names of their several Owners, Tenants, and Yearly Rents*

**Owner.                      Tenant.                      Rent.**

### MIDDLE STREET

		Pags.	Fans.
The Honorable President Yale's House		3	-
Captain James Betts house		1	18
Martad Consason:	William Dixon	-	27
Paul Cardozo		-	27
Padre Ephraim's		-	28
Martin Lope's		1	-
Mr. John Afflack		2	-
Richard Monk	John Strangway	1	-
Widow Heathfield		2	-
Mr. Peter Large		1	18
Mrs. Ursula O'Neal		1	-
Mr. Afflack:	Mrs. Ursula O'Neal	1	18
Mr. Afflack:	Mr. Troughton	1	-
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		Pags.	17    28

### CHOWLTRY STREET

		Pags.	Fans.
Richard Monk's house		2	-
John Coventry		1	18
Como Lorenzo		1	18
Emmanuel Morley	Widow Haddock	1	18
Emmanuel Morley		-	27
Padre Theodosia		-	27
Mr. John Nicks	Sir John Biggs	2	-
	John Hill	2	-
Thomas Greenhill		1	18

John Parera		1	-
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	Pags.	14	18

## CHOWLTRY ALLEY

		Pags.	Fans.
Joan Lopus		1	-
Ditto	Ana: d'Andrada	1	-
Nath: Bonus	Gab: Roberts	1	18
Ditto	John Voter	-	27
Ditto		-	18
Charles Metcalf		2	-
John Callender		1	-
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	Pags.	8	18

## GLOUCESTER STREET

		Pags.	Fans.
Pancheu Viera	Mrs. Field	-	27
Mr. Henry Alford		2	-
Arthur Tilbury		-	27
Madame Pavia	Mr. Alford	1	-
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	Pags.	4	18

## YORK STREET

		Pags.	Fans.
Mr. Miller	Pancheu Viera	-	27
Pancheu Viera	Padre Lopus	-	27
Ditto	Andre Garmast	1	-
Ditto	Frans Tessera	-	18
Ditto	Marmad Consasou	-	18
John Inch		1	-
Renou Perera		-	27
Tilman Holt		1	-
John de Soza		-	27
Domingoes Mendes		1	-
Mr. Mead	John Meverell	-	27
Mr. Mead		1	18
Monsieur Chardin		2	-

Martha de Consason	-	18
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	Pags.	12 27

## YORK LANE

		Pags.	Fans.
William Dixon	Mr. Glover	2	-
Domingo Joan		-	18
Emmanuel Rosaira		-	27
Mary Ware		-	18
Emmanuel Rosaira		-	18
Mr. Miller	Amu Dunkly	-	27
Jane Taylor		-	27
Widow Ryley		-	27
Mr. Freeman's Godown		1	-
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	Pags.	7	18

## CHARLES STREET

		Pags.	Fans.
Mr. William Jearsey		2	18
Mr. Jearsey's several Godowns		1	-
Mr. Bridger		1	18
Mr. Bridger	Mr. Mose	1	18
Mr. Bridger	Mr. Constable	1	18
Mr. John Davis	Mr. Styleman	1	18
Mr. Bridger's Godown		-	18
Mr. Bridger		-	18
Mr. Bridger	Mr. Parkers Childn.	-	18
Robert Bulfield, a Godown		-	18
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	Pags.	11	18

## JAMES STREET

		Pags.	Fans.
Gimar Peniora		-	18
Joseph Perera		-	18
Mr. Gray Smith's Godown		-	18
Robert Ray Mr.	Mr. Pitt	1	18
Robert Ray		-	27

Pois		1	-
Alexander Woodall		-	18
Mr. Bridger's Godown	Prt. Gyfford	-	18
Phillipa		-	18
Thatcher		-	18
Black Franck	Padre Bastian	-	18
Robert Bulfield		-	27
Maria de Sure		-	18
Company's Merchants Godowns		3	-
Nicholas Westborough		-	18
Pois	new Hospital	-	27
Pois		-	18
Forrow		-	18
Padre Lorenz Parera		-	18
Sicillia Mendes		-	18
Maria Madera		-	18
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	Pags.	15	9

## JAMES ALLEY

		Pags.	Fans.
Antony Caldera		-	18
Thomas de Clara		-	18
Lisu de Cuni		-	18
Antonio Rosada		-	18
Alexander Woodall	John Moor	-	18
Bastian Severa		-	18
Attesa Reposa		-	18
Theodosius Gregory		-	27
John Parera		-	18
Matthias de Silva		-	18

## ST. THOMAS STREET

		Pags.	Fans.
John Stevenson	Mr. Liddell	1	18
Nichola de Silva		1	-
Tarnantony		-	27
Mrs. Griffiths	Mr. Cheney	1	18
Senora Alvada		-	27
Emmanuel de Silva	Jas. Meelenen	-	27
Ditto		-	27

President Yale, a Godown		1	-
Maria Zebo		-	11
Pasquall Gallon		-	18
President Yale		1	-
Emtanuel [sic] Navis		1	-
Romber Ray		-	27
John Baptista		1	-
Bernardo Medows	Mr. Barron	1	-
Antonio Qualis		1	-
Clara Botalia		-	18
Gaspar de Monte	Mr. Betsworth	2	-
Mr. Gray, a Godown		1	-
Padre Salvadore	Mr. Ivory	1	-
Joan de Coasta		1	-
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	Pags.	20	0

## ST. THOMAS LANE

		Pags.	Fans.
Donna Issabella		-	18
Pois	Elizabeth Poulter	-	27
Emmanuel Vass		-	27
Duarty Figarado		-	18
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	Pags.	2	18

## CHURCH STREET

		Pags.	Fans.
Antony Gonsalis		-	27
Donna Phillippa		-	27
Catherena Passania		-	27
John Stevenson		1	-
Mr. Rodrigues	Mr. Burton	1	-
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	Pags.	4	9

The sanitary condition of this crowded little settlement may be inferred from the following startling announcement for the year 1688.

Christenings this year	11
Marriages this year	13

"... POPULATION, AT THE END OF THE YEAR 1699"

from pages 356-357 of Chapter XV

*List of persons in the service of the Right Hon'ble Company  
in Fort St. George  
and other places on the coast of Coromandel*

**GENTLEMEN**

Company's Servants at Fort St. George	30
Company's Servants at Fort St. David	13
Company's Servants at Vizagapatam	3
Freemen	35
Seafaring men not constant inhabitants	38
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Total ...	119

**LADIES**

English wives of Company's servants at Fort St. George	4
Castees wives at ditto	2
English wives at Fort St. David	3
Castees wives at ditto	1
English at Vizagapatam	1
Castees at ditto	-
Wives of Freemen, English	4
Do. French	1
Do. Mustees	2
Do. Castees	4
Do. Georgian	1
Wives of seafaring men, English	14
Do. French	1
Do. Mustees	2
Do. Castees	7
Widows, English	14
Single English young women	10
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Thus out of one hundred and nineteen Englishmen, only twenty-six were married to English wives, fourteen were married to Castees, four to Mustees, two to French women, and one to a Georgian. It will be seen that only forty-seven were married at all, and that the remaining seventy-two were bachelors. The English ladies were fifty in number, viz. twenty-six wives, fourteen widows, and ten young unmarried ladies. It seems a great pity that ten young ladies should have been unable to find husbands amongst so large a community of unmarried gentlemen.

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