

allowance for the old lamps was 36 gills per day ; for the new it is 22 gills ; the price of oil of course varies, but the average annual expense may be estimated as under—

For the Old Lamps :

	To 1844.	For 1845.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
411 gallons of oil, at 1 s. 4 d.	27 8 -	27 8 -
4 lbs. cotton for wicks, at 8 d.	- 2 8	- 2 8
Lamplighter, at 7 s. 6 d. per month	4 10 -	at 11 s. 3 d. 6 15 -
	<u>£. 32 - 8</u>	<u>£. 34 5 8</u>

For the New Lamps :

	£. s. d.
251 gallons of oil, at 1 s. 4 d.	16 14 8
Lamplighter, at 11 s. 3 d. per month	6 15 -
	<u>£. 23 9 8</u>

Exclusively of wick, which was sent from Madras, and is of a peculiar kind, wove to the size of the burner, two inches used nightly.

The lamplighter has also to attend to four lamps in the streets near the flag-staff.

I have, &c.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,  
Colombo.

(signed) *T. H. Twynam,*  
Master Attendant.

No. 12.)

Master Attendant's Office, Trincomalee,  
10 October 1846.

Sir,

In answer to Mr. Gibson's letter dated the 7th instant, I have the honour to enclose such information as I am able to do with respect to the Light at this station.

The only annual expense attending it hitherto has been for oil, the account of which I have received from the Commissariat Department.

The Light is in charge, and under the direction of the staff officer.

I have, &c.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,  
Colombo.

(signed) *Joseph Higgs,*  
Master Attendant.

TRINCOMALEE LIGHT.

When first Erected.	Original Expense.	How paid, and from what Source.	Annual Expense.	Amount levied.
Light first shown on the 1st Oct. 1845.	-- not known ; the lantern brought from Madras in Her Majesty's ship " Fox," in September 1845. Expense of erecting, £. 3. 5. 11½.	- - not known ; defrayed from the Master Attendant's contingent account, voted by the Legislative Council.	- - the only expense hitherto has been 19 l. per ann for oil supplied from the Commissariat.	nil.

Master Attendant's Office, Trincomalee,  
10 October 1846.

(signed) *Joseph Higgs, M. A.*

(True copies.)  
(signed) *J. Emerson Tennent.*