No. 104. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Erode, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Erode, 31st July 1872, No. 37 :—

With reference to paragraphs 3 and 6, Government Order, No. 900, in Government Proceedings, 18th July 1872, No. 68, I have the honour to state, for the information of Government, that a very considerable improvement is visible in Erode since the introduction of the Municipal Act. I find the streets much improved, drained, and effectually cleaned ; the new buildings, consisting of two double commodious latrines and a slaughter-house, well constructed ; and steps taken to establish a much needed hospital, for which a liberal subscription has been raised and measures adopted to entertain a medical practitioner.

2. Further, the Vice-President has set apart suitable building sites for the extension of the town, and laid out new, and improved former, roads.

3. As regards the balance at the disposal of the Commissioners, which appears to have attracted the unfavourable remarks of Government, it appears to be partly due to economy in the construction of new works and increased receipts, and seems likely to be all required.

4. With regard to vaccination, it does not appear to the Commissioners, that with a population under 8000, yielding a birth-rate at three per cent., or 240 per annum, the services of a "Staff of Vaccinators" can be required. One Vaccinator, properly supervised, is found sufficient at Coimbatore, with a population more than four-fold that of Erode, and the Caroor Taluq Vaccinator now vaccinates about 450 persons a month.

5. The Perandoray Taluq Vaccinator appears to have performed operations in the Municipality, and it is considered, with this aid and that of a resident Medical Officer, vaccination requirements will be sufficiently met.

6. The Commissioners were of opinion that in a growing Municipality, which will shortly be the head-quarters of a taluq, they should not be dependent on the fortuitous services of a Railway Apothecary, and considered that an hospital and Medical Officer were essential requirements at Erode. A subscription, amounting to Rupees 2,300, has been raised for the hospital, and a site is being selected, and plan of construction being prepared. Under this explanation, I hope Government will be pleased to modify the unfavourable remarks as to the want of enterprise on the part of the Commissioners, who seem to me to have efficiently and economically administered their funds.

7. As regards further requirements, I think that the Municipality have carried out their share of sanitation ; but, with a view to improve the health of the place as a junction station, I would ask Government to press on the Railway Authorities to remove an unsightly aloe hedge, raised on an earthen bank on the north of the station, which checks ventilation and affords a shelter for nuisances ; a wire fence or a wooden palisade would be a manifest improvement. I believe that the subject is before Government in the Military Department.

8. In this, as in other railway stations, the difficulty of conservancy is enhanced by the want of provision made for the residence of the native menial servants of the Company's employés, who squat on private land outside the station

fence, and who are the chief offenders against sanitation in the immediate neighbourhood of the station.

9. The accounts of the Municipality have been audited by Mr. Shepherd of Coimbatore, and found correct.

No. 105. ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1872, No. 1083.

The Governor in Council is glad to receive so favourable a report on the operations of the Erode Municipality.

2. Paragraphs 7 and 8 of the President's letter will be communicated to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway, with a view to steps being taken to remove the nuisances complained of.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
,, President of the Municipal Commission, Erode.
,, Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Gobt of [1872] Madras.

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To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 14th,

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 14th August 1872, No. 1083.

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Directing that paragraphs 7 and 8 of a letter from the President of the Erode Municipality be communicated to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway, with a view to steps being taken to remove certain nuisances therein complained of.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

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