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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

No. 121. Letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Trichinopoly, 29th February 1872, No. 7.

At the last meeting of the Municipal Commissioners, the question was raised as to whether the open space round the town, formed by the reclamation of the moat and levelling of the old rampart of the Fort of Trichinopoly, should continue to be retained always for public purposes as a Boulevard, or the land sold for building sites.

2. The Commission, as at present constituted, is of opinion that it is highly advisable not to dispose of the land, or allow it to be built upon, but that it should be planted with trees, and reserved exclusively for public recreation as a Boulevard. Already this reclaimed land has assumed a very fine appearance, the trees planted over it are growing vigorously, and there is a very fine road eighty feet wide which will form a splendid drive round the town before very long.

3. There can be no question but that this open ground, which enables a fresh current of air to pass into every street of this densely-populated Municipality, has contributed materially to the surprising improvement in the public health that of late years has been noted in the town of Trichinopoly, and the Commissioners are of opinion that to allow this valuable space to be covered with buildings, and the town once more to be shut in by a belt of houses and their enclosures, would be a reconstruction of the evil from which the town has, with so much labour, and at so vast an outlay of capital, been so lately delivered.

4. I am, therefore, desired to request that the Government will be pleased to express their views on this important question in such manner as will set it definitely at rest.

5. I may add that the revenue of the Municipality is increasing steadily and most satisfactorily. It is expected that this year there will be an increase of upwards of Rs. 10,000 beyond that of last year, and the Commissioners have reason to believe that it will continue to prosper in like manner, so that there is no cause for anticipating the necessity of raising funds by sale of the Boulevard for building sites.

No. 122. ORDER THEREON—No. 458, Financial, dated 6th April 1872.

The land included in the moat and walls was made over to the Commissioners by G.O., 21st August 1867, No. 1099, Public, for the purpose of a Boulevard, and large sums have since been expended from Municipal funds in the reclamation.

2. It was originally intended that a portion of the cost should be covered by the sale of suitable building lots on each side of the circular road; but, as the Commissioners desire that the whole of the reclaimed land should be reserved for purposes of recreation, the Government direct accordingly that none of it be assigned for building purposes without the sanction of Government.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

Government {1872} of Madras.

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Nos. 121-122.

Trichinopoly Municipality

No portion of the land at Trichinopoly set apart for the purpose of a Boulevard directed to be assigned for building purposes without the sanction of Government.

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From W. S. Whatcoate Esqre
President
Municipal Commissioners
Trichinopoly

To
H. Forbes Esqre
Offg Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort St George
Madras

Sir

At the last Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners the question was raised as to whether the ground reclaimed by the proclamation of the Moat and tearing up the Old Rampart of the Fort of Trichinopoly should continue to be retained always for public purposes as a Boulevard, or the land sold for building sites.

2 The Commissioners as at present constituted is of opinion that this land should not be disposed of for building purposes but should be planted with trees, and reserved exclusively for public recreation as a Boulevard. Already this reclaimed land has assumed a very fine appearance, the trees planted over it are growing vigorously, and there is a very fine road 50 feet

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wide which will form a Splendid drive round the Town before very long.

There can be no question but that this open space which enables a fresh Current of Air to pass into every street of this densely populated Municipality has contributed materially to the surprising improvement in the public health that of late years has been noted in the Town of Pietermaritzburg, and the Commissioners are of opinion that to allow this valuable land to be covered with buildings, and the Town once more to be shut in by a belt of houses and their inhabitants would be a reconstruction of the sort from which the Town has, with so much labor and at so great an outlay of Capital, been so lately delivered.

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I am therefore desired to request that the Government will be pleased to express their views on this important question in such manner as will enable it definitely at rest.

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I may add that the Revenue of the Municipality is increasing steadily, and most satisfactorily. It is expected that this year there will be an excess of revenue over Expenditure exceeding

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have pleasure to be able to state that the Council is prepared to enter into negotiations with Government for the purchase of the Land in question for the purpose of Public Gardens, Cricket Ground &c &c.

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant
[illegible]
President

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Municipal Commissioners Proceedings dated 29th February 1872. No 7.

Order 6th April 1872 No 658

The land included in the above order was made over to the Commissioners for the A. and Improvement of Madras by G.O. No 1033. Public. for the purpose of a Boulevard and large drains have since been constructed from Municipal funds in the reclamation.

It was originally intended that a portion of the cost should be covered by the sale of suitable building lots on each side of the Circular road, but

Return order
No 658 dated 6th April 1872

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To

The Revd. Mount. Comm.
Tuticorin

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Directing that no portion of the Land at Tuticorin set apart for the purpose of a Boulevard, be assigned for building purposes without the Sanction of Govt.