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Government of Madras.

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No. 47. Read the following letter from the Officiating President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 20th December 1872, G. No. 286-C :—

I have the honour to forward, in accordance with Section 18 of the Madras Municipal Act, for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, a statement of receipts and disbursements for eight months ending 30th November 1872, together with the Minutes of the Proceedings of a General Meeting held this day.

2. Subject 1.—In asking the attention of Government to the discussion on Mr. Gantz's resolution to apply to Government for power to regulate the storage of water in the irrigation tanks and the opening and the closing of the Cooum bar, I need hardly say that the subject emanated from the apprehensions which arose as to the unsafe condition of the Red Hills Lake and other large reservoirs during the recent heavy rains. Government will observe from the resolution* adopted by the Commissioners that they ask for power to act only when danger is threatened and when in the interests of the public they cannot possibly remain inactive, but adopt and carry out such measures as may be considered advisable Hence it is hoped that Government will be pleased to sanction the request contained in the resolution.

* That the attention of Government be called to the bad condition of the tank bunds within municipal limits, whereby risk was incurred during the recent floods, and that permission be applied for to act on emergent cases when the Executive Officers of the Municipality consider that danger has arisen.

3. Subject 5.—The next (or 5th) subject was the submission of the Administration Report of this Municipality for the official year 1871-72, and I have to solicit the attention of His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor to the concluding portion of the accompanying proceedings having reference to that report, and to observe that, in using in the first paragraph of it, the words by "direction of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras" and "their proceedings," I followed the etiquette observed in the preparation of the previous year's report at the same time having regard to the requirements of the 32nd Section of the Act, I could not well have made it as my report following Colonel Denison's example in the case of the report for 1869, as I had not the honour of being connected with the Municipality during that period. In framing the report, I felt it my duty, as the responsible executive *pro tem.* of this office, to show the Government and the public what, in my opinion, appeared to be the cause for shortcomings and the remedial measures which suggested themselves to me which were submitted to a Committee for consideration, and which I still consider absolutely necessary for the better working of the taxes and of the Departments engaged in their assessment and collection. The facts of the matter are briefly as follow, viz., instead of letting the Assessment Department to assess, and the Collector's Department to collect, the various rates and taxes, which would be a proper division of labour between the two Departments, the Assessment Department, whose establishment is smaller than that of the Collector, is left to *assess all* the rates and taxes levied under the Municipal Act, and to collect all such rates and taxes, with the exception of the rates on houses, buildings, and lands, whilst the Collector is charged with the collection of the last-mentioned rates alone.

I was strongly of opinion, in the interests of the Municipality, that some portion of the work now devolving upon the Assessment Department should be made over to the Collector either by each of those Departments being made to do their legitimate duties of assessment and collection, respectively, or by the working of the wheel-tax, which had at one time been under the Collector, and was lately transferred to the Assessor, being re-transferred to the Collector, who was and is, I believe, willing to take it over, and who, in my opinion, as well as in the opinion of my predecessor, would be in a position to give it better attention. The Committee, to whom the question of the re-transfer was referred for consideration, having come to a conclusion different from mine on this point, as will be seen from the Proceedings of the Commissioners dated 30th October 1872, forwarded with my letter G. No. 286-B, of this day's date, the Commissioners have taken objection to the Administration Report being submitted as under their directions or as containing their proceedings, basing such objection, as will appear from the accompanying proceedings, chiefly upon the difference of opinion between the Committee and myself as regards the re-transfer of the working of the wheel-tax to the Collector, I have, therefore, been compelled to alter the first paragraph of the Administration Report as suggested by the Commissioners.

4. SUBJECT 8.—The bye-law* proposed by Mr. Hamnett requiring all shopkeepers and tradesmen to put up boards with their names in English and Vernaculars in front of their shops having been adopted by the Commissioners, I have to request that, if approved by Government, it may be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and finally confirmed as required by Sections 234 and 235 of the Municipal Act.

* That every shop-keeper, cloth merchant, bazaarman, or other tradesman shall put up a board with his name in English and in the Vernaculars in front of his house, shop, bazaar, or other places of business.

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1873, No. 182.

Ordered that the proceedings and statements be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and that the subject of paragraph 2 be referred to the Department of Public Works for consideration.

2. The proposed bye-law will be published as usual in *five* issues of the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.
,, Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS
Madras

&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 7th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 7th February 1873, No. 182.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 47-48.

Passing orders regarding the proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners, and the statement of receipts and disbursements for eight months ending 30th November 1872, submitted by the President.

G.N.° 286 C.

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Municipal Commissioners' Office
Madras 20th December 1872

From

Colonel A. Ritherdon
Offg. President Municipal Commrs.
Madras

To

The Honble W. Hudleston
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward (in accordance with Section 18 of the Madras Municipal Act) for publication in the Fort St George Gazette a Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for eight months ending 30th November 1872 together with the Minutes of the Proceedings of a General Meeting held this day.

2- Subject- In asking the attention of Government to the discussions on Mr. Gantz's Resolution to apply to Government for power to regulate the Storage of water in the Irrigation Tanks and the opening and the closing of the Coomn Bar, I need hardly say that the subject emanated from the apprehensions

apprehensions which arose as to the unsafe condition of the Red Hills Lake and other large Reservoirs during the recent heavy rains. Government will observe from the Resolution[x] adopted by the Commissioners that they ask for power to act only when danger is threatened and when in the interests of the Public they cannot possibly remain inactive, but adopt and carry out such measures as may be considered advisable. Hence it is hoped that Government will be pleased to sanction the request contained in the resolution.

[x] That the attention of Government be called to the bad condition of the tanks bunds within Municipal limits whereby risks was incurred during the recent floods and that permission be solicited for to act on emergent Cases when the Executive Officer of the Municipality consider that danger has arisen.

3- Subject 5- The next (or 5th) subject was the submission of the Administration Report of this Municipality for the official year 1871-72; and I have to solicit the attention of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor to the concluding portion of the accompanying Proceedings having reference to that Report, and to observe that in using in the First Para of it the words by "direction of the Municipal Commissioners "for the Town of Madras" and "their Proceedings" I followed the Etiquette observed in the preparation of the previous year's Report at

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the Municipal Act and to collect all such Rates and Taxes, with the exception of the Rates on Houses, Buildings, and Lands, whilst the Collector is charged with the Collection of the last mentioned Rates alone.

I was strongly of opinion, in the interests of the Municipality, that some portion of the work now devolving upon the Assessment Department should be remade over to the Collector either by each of those departments being made to do their legitimate duties of Assessment and Collection respectively or by the working of the Wheel Tax, which had at one time been under the Collector, and was lately transferred to the Assessor, being re-transferred to the Collector who was and is, I believe, willing to take it over and, who, in my opinion as well as in the opinion of my Predecessor would be in a position to give it better attention. The Committee, to whom the question of the re-transfer was referred for consideration having come to a conclusion different from mine on this point, as will be seen from the Proceedings of the Commissioners, dated 30th October 1872 forwarded with my letter Gen. 286 of this days date, the Commissioners have taken objection to the Administration Report being submitted as under their directions or as containing their Proceedings, basing such objection, as will appear from the accompanying Proceedings, chiefly upon the difference of opinion between the Committee and myself as regards the re-transfer of the working of the Wheel Tax to the Collector, I have therefore been compelled to alter the First Para of the Administration Report as suggested by the Commissioners.

4- Subject 8. The Bye-Law* proposed by Mr. J. Cammett requiring all Shop-Keepers and Tradesmen to put up boards with their names in English and Vernaculars in front of their Shops, having been adopted by the Commissioners, I have to request that if approved by Government, it may be published in the Port St. George Gazette and finally confirmed as required by Section 234 and 235 of the Municipal Act.

* That every Shop keeper, cloth merchant, bazaarman or other tradesman shall put up a board with his name in English and in the Vernaculars in front of his house, shop, bazaar or other places of business.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
Ally. Patterson
Offg. President Municipal Commission

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Ag. President Municipal
Commissioners Madras
dated 20th December 1872
No. 286C.

Order thereon. 7th Feby. 1873 No. 182.

Ordered that the
Proceedings and Statements
be published in the Fort
Saint George Gazette, and
that the subject of para
2 be referred to the Dept. of
Public Works for consi-
deration

2. The proposed Byelaw
will be published as usual
in five issues of the
Fort Saint George Gazette.

To Agt. M.C. Madras — 2 Judgt 13/2
The Public Works Department.
Gazette Proc. & Statement. 18/2
Gazette Byelaws 13/2-25/2-4/3-11/3 & 18/3.
Memo & Translation. 27/2/73.

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Madras.
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Forwarded for publi-
cation in the Fort St. Geo.
Gazette a draft of proceed-
and Notification regarding
the Sanitary Cess for 1872.
together with the Minutes
of the Proceedings of the
General Meeting held on
the 20th Decr 1872.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

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To
The Presd. Famil. Commr.
Madras
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Dated Febr 7. }
Recd. } 1873, No. 182.

Nos. 47. 48.

Passing orders regarding the Accts. of the Commrs. & the Statement of Receipts & Disbursements for Eight months ending 30th Novr. 72 submitted by the Presd.