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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Finance **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 7-1- 1873.

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No. 33. Read the following letter from the Committee appointed under G. O., No. 1162, dated 18th October 1872, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 30th November 1872 :—

With reference to G. O., dated 18th October 1872, No. 1162, passed on the correspondence noted in the margin, and by which we were appointed to form a Committee to report on the feasibility and advantage of uniting the duties of Health Officer under the Contagious Diseases' Act and of Sanitary Inspector to the Municipal Commission, we have the honour to submit, for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, that having carefully considered—

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1*st*.—The nature and extent of the duties of the Municipal Sanitary Inspector ;

2*ndly*.—The duties of the Health Officer ;

3*rdly*.—The bearing of the amalgamation proposed on the finances of the Municipality ; and

4*thly*.—The immediate requirements of this city.

We have come to the unanimous conclusion that the amalgamation of the offices of Health and Sanitary Officer, as proposed by Dr. Cunningham, Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, is a measure not likely to be either useful or economical.

2. The Municipal Commissioners are desirous of saving to the Municipality five-sixths of the salary* of their Chief Sanitary Officer by making the Assistant, Mr. Ross, their sole Sanitary Officer with an increase of Rupees 100 to his pay, as proposed by the President in his letter to Government, dated 25th September 1872. The duties of the Municipal Sanitary Officer are so extensive, and comprise so many details, that the services of the Assistant with the increased pay would be absolutely necessary, even if the Health Officer is made the Sanitary Officer, as he can devote but a portion of his time to the work ; and no material reduction can be effected by the amalgamation of the two establishments, the duties of the one being quite dissimilar to those of the other. Thus the amalgamation would be more expensive to the Municipality, and the Commissioners are, therefore, opposed to it ; and we do not feel justified in recommending additional expense to them for relieving the State of the heavy cost attending the working of the Contagious Diseases' Act, which, it may be observed, was intended mainly in connexion with measures of Imperial Administration for the health of troops and sailors.

* Rupees 600 per mensem.

3. We fully admit the principle that the Sanitary Officer of the Municipality should be one professionally trained for the work, and practically conversant with all branches of modern hygiene, such as the analysis of water, food, drugs, &c., the application of modern science to sewage, conservancy, and the means of combating the spread of epidemic diseases ; but we are compelled to admit that the Madras

Municipality wants many other things more urgently than it needs the special services of a scientific and skilled Sanitary Officer. It needs improved house conservancy, many new and decent public latrines and urinals, improved parcheries and cart-stands, and more vigilant inspection of nuisances. It urgently cries out for better drainage and a more liberal distribution of water than at present provided. While all these wants are pressing, the Municipality has the benefit, without special payment, of the skilled advice of the Inspector-General of Hospitals, the District Surgeons, and the Sanitary Commissioner, on all matters of a scientific nature; and, although we fully recognise that one man giving the whole of his time to the work would do it better than many men giving only a portion of their time and interest to it, yet, considering the general poverty of the community, and the narrow income of the Municipality, we have no hesitation in saying that the appointment of a specially skilled Sanitary Officer may be deferred with advantage until some, at least, of the more urgent practical works needed for the health of the town have been completed.

4. In conclusion, we beg permission to observe that, without making the amalgamation proposed, the Contagious Diseases' Act may be worked more economically than at present, and a saving effected both to the Government and the Municipality. We shall not, however, enter more into details at present regarding it, but simply note that the present cost of working the Act is enormous. The cost of each woman on the Register of the Health Officer, according to Dr. Cunningham, is Rupees 40, while in Calcutta it is only Rupees 9. Dr. Cunningham, in arriving at these figures, took it for granted that about 1500 women were under the supervision of the Health Officer, but recent investigation shows that, instead of 1500 women, there are not more than 300 to 400 who attend the Health Offices with that regularity which is essential to the successful working of the Act. The cost, therefore, instead of being reckoned at 40 Rupees a head, must be estimated at nearly five times that amount, or Rupees 200.

5. We beg to append memoranda showing the nature of the duties of the offices proposed to be amalgamated, and copies of minutes of the Municipal Commissioners who have expressed their views on the subject of the proposed amalgamation.

(Signed) A. RITHERDON, *President.*
(,,) W. R. CORNISH, Surgeon, F.R.C.S.
(,,) P. CHENTSAL RAO.

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, 7th January 1873, No. 23.

Under the opinion expressed by the Committee, the Governor in Council does not consider it to be feasible to amalgamate the offices of Health Officer and Sanitary Inspector of the Madras Municipality.

2. The appointment of a Sanitary Inspector on the pay of Rupees 600 will, as proposed by the Committee, be deferred, and the arrangements made by the Municipal Commissioners for the supervision of the Conservancy Department will be allowed for the present to remain undisturbed.

3. Under the provisions of Section 6, Act V. of 1871, Madras, the Governor in Council appoints Mr. G. H. Ross to be Sanitary Inspector for the Municipality of Madras on the salary of Rupees 400 monthly, which he is now drawing.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Officiating President of the Municipal Commission, Madras,
with three enclosures returned.

Sanitary Commissioner

Exd. J. Wright.

Madras 30th November 1872

To

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To

The OFFICIATING PRESIDENT
of the MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Madras.

Dated January, 7th.

Read.

G. O., 7th January 1873, No 23.

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We beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants,

Alex^r Ritchie President

W. R. Morrish F.R.C.I.

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The Committee appointed under G.O. No. 1162 dated 18th October 1872

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The Chief Secretary to Govt.

Dated 30th November 1872
Rece'd 5th December 1872.

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For order

Submit report on the proposed amalgamation of the duties of the Health Officer of the Town of Madras and the Sanitary Inspector of the Municipality.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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To,

The Offg. Secretary of the Madras
Municipal Commissioners
with 3 Encls. Ret'd
Sanitary Commissioner

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

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To

The Offg. President of the
Madras Municl. Commn.,

Dated 7th January 73 } 1873, No. 23.
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Nos. 33 - 34.

Considering the amalgamation of the offices of Health officer & Sanitary Inspector of Madras Municipality not to be feasible at present Mr. G. H. Ross appointed to be Sanitary Inspector for the Municipality on the salary of Rs: 400 monthly which he is now drawing

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