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No. 37. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 7th February 1873, No. 46 :—

I have the honour to submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a proposal for improving the sanitary condition of that portion of Royapooram situate close to the houses occupied by the Officers of the 7th Regiment Native Infantry.

2. The insanitary condition of this suburb has often been the subject of reference to Government in former years, and in 1861, when a most virulent outbreak of cholera occurred, it was traced by Dr. vanSomeren, the Surgeon of the District, to have originated in the huts of the fishermen which line the sea-front of Royapooram. Landed property had much depreciated in value, and the place had a very bad reputation until within a few years ago, when the Municipal Commissioners, under the sanction conveyed in G. O., No. 817, dated 14th July 1863, cleared the ground extending from the Railway Terminus up to the north of Mada Church Road, and sold it afterwards as building sites under certain regulations as to the character of the buildings, &c. This ground is coloured neutral tint on the enclosed plan, and the purposes to which it is now appropriated are also given.

3. The portions coloured yellow are still occupied by small houses and huts thickly clustered together, and so irregularly built as to prevent due ventilation and proper conservancy. Each little hut has an open privy which is very badly attended to, and, having no flooring, the soil is continually undergoing a process of impregnation by organic impurities that will, under certain peculiar conditions of the atmosphere, be the cause of some epidemic.

4. There is at present a very favourable opportunity for removing this evil without any expense to the Municipality, and I would, therefore, strongly urge on the Government the advisability of taking advantage of it.

5. Mr. Coleman, a Municipal Commissioner for the 3rd Division, has written tendering to pay the cost for removing houses standing on plots marked A on condition of the ground being given to him at the average rate realized by the plots already sold, or at the actual cost of removing huts.

6. The ground being the property of Government, though handed over to the Municipality under G. O., No. 817, dated 14th July 1863, I think it necessary to obtain sanction to the above arrangement before the work could be undertaken. I enclose copy of a letter on this subject from the Sanitary Commissioner who was consulted by me, and with the Inspector-General of Hospitals inspected the place with me on the morning of the 3rd instant.

From the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, dated Madras, 3rd February 1873, No. 327.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 1091, of 28th January 1873, and, after inspection of the locality referred to, I have to state that the proposed arrangement of utilizing the ground as building sites appears to be calculated to be beneficial to the neighbourhood in a sanitary point of view.

2. The occupation of the land in the manner proposed will drive the numerous squatters now upon it to seek accommodation elsewhere, and I have to suggest that the village site to the [illegible] of

the saw-mills be properly laid out, and that the residents be compelled to hut themselves in order, and that proper streets be marked out and kept free of encroachments. These people, I infer, will be entitled to some compensation for the destruction of their huts.

3. Government, in passing orders on a former proposition of this kind in No. 817 of 14th July 1863, directed that the proposed site of the fishermen village should be laid out to secure ventilation and prevent overcrowding, but the order seems to have been lost sight of. Experience has shown that the Madras boatmen and fishermen are, as a rule, uncleanly in their habits, and special attention should be given by the Sanitary Department of the Municipality to see that those residing within the limits should conform to the customs of civilized communities.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1873, No. 293.

The Governor in Council authorizes the Municipal Commissioners to dispose of the plots of land in question in the manner proposed.

2. Care must be taken that the new building sites are properly laid out, and the regulations enforced.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras,
with plan returned.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.

Asd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Madras,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 4th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 4th March 1873, *No.* 293.

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Office of Sanry Commissioners
Madras 3d February 1873

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Signed W. R. Cormick F.R.C.S.
Sanitary Comr for Madras

(True Copy)

Asst Engineer

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No 46

Munpl Comrs Office
Madras 7th February 1873.

From
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President Munpl Comrs
Madras

To
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Your most Obedt Servant

Charles Ellis

President Municipal Commissioners

Financial Statement
Year
Mr. President and Members
Board of Trustees
Mercer

Robert Stevens
Treasurer

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Sirs: I beg to submit herewith my annual report as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Mercer Academy for the year ending June 30th 1873.

Amount received from all sources during the year $ 2,243.

Amount paid out during the year $ 2,243.

Amount due from delinquent subscribers $ 1,200.

Amount due to sundry persons $ 1,200.

Respectfully submitted
Robert Stevens
Treasurer

Govt. of 1873 Madras.

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To
The Presd. Board. Commrs, Madras.
&c

March. 4

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