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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
16th July 1873.

No. 95. Read the following letter from J. C. LOCH, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 23rd June 1873, S. No. 384:—

I have the honour, in forwarding the documents noted in the margin, to request that you will be good enough to move the Right Honourable the Governor in Council to sanction my giving notice, as provided in Section 121 of Act IX. of 1867, to the owner of the piece of land, referred to therein, to take the necessary steps to relieve the overcrowding of the persons living on it, which, in the opinion of the Sanitary Commissioner, is dangerous to the health of the community.

Petition from the inhabitants of John Pereiras.
Letter from Sanitary Commissioner, No. 997.
Statement giving number of huts, population, &c.

2. Before proceeding to give particulars of the steps taken by me on receipt of the petition, I think it right to mention, for the information of Government, that the description of the parcherry, as given by the petitioners, is, to say the least, very highly coloured. There is no doubt that the place is one which the more respectable inhabitants of the neighbouring streets may, with good reason, desire to see removed from their midst, but it compares favourably with other parcherries situated in equally-crowded parts of the town.

3. I am able to state of my own knowledge that no filth whatever has been allowed to accumulate within its boundaries for some years past, and its elevation is certainly in no degree owing to this cause, but to its being situated on the highest part of the ridge of land on which John Pereiras is built. From its favourable position in this respect the drainage is much better than that of most parts of the town, and the inhabitants have not suffered more from sickness than those living in the adjoining district. As proof of the correctness of this statement, I may mention that, since November last, only four persons have died in the parcherry of small-pox—the disease specially referred to by the petitioners.

4. On receipt of the petition I communicated with the Sanitary Commissioner, Mr. Cornish, and, having inspected the parcherry together, we came to the conclusion, as stated in his letter to me, forwarded herewith, that the remedies proposed by the petitioners were "hardly adapted to the necessities of the case;" and that the proper course to pursue, supposing the owner of the land to be unwilling to remove the occupants of the huts, and either put up a better class of houses, or sell the property for building purposes, would be to insist on his reducing the overcrowding of the persons now living on it.

5. I have had several interviews with the owner, Mr. C. Venkata Soobroy Chettiar, a respectable Hindoo merchant, and he informs me that he is quite willing either to sell his land, or to abate the overcrowding of buildings and persons upon it; but having failed in previous attempts to remove some of his tenants, he is not now disposed to take any active steps unless moved to do so by the Commissioners. As I know from experience what difficulties the owners of hutting grounds in Madras have frequently to encounter when they desire to eject a tenant, and how completely these are removed when proceedings can be taken in pursuance

of a notice issued under the provisions of Section 121, I trust that Government will be pleased to accord their sanction to my serving Mr. C. Vencata Soobroy Chettiar with such a notice.

From Surgeon W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to J. C. LOCH, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, dated Madras, 3rd June 1873, No. 997.

With reference to the memorial of certain inhabitants of Park Town, dated 5th May 1873, copy of which was forwarded direct to me, I beg to record that, when we jointly inspected the locality, we found the parcherry complained of to be 4 grounds and 749 square feet in area. Upon this area, according to the information furnished by your Sanitary Inspector, are located thirty-nine families of Pariahs, consisting of 179 persons. The average space to each person, including the areas occupied by the streets, paths, house walls, &c., is only 57 square feet, and I have no hesitation in stating that this amount of overcrowding is dangerous to the health of the community.

2. The remedies proposed of opening out a street, or converting the land into a tank or play ground, are hardly adapted to the necessities of the case.

3. The opening of the Railway Station in the neighbourhood is likely to increase the value of building sites, and I have no doubt the owner would find it commercially advantageous to build a better class of houses or to sell the land for building purposes. If he does not concur in this view, steps must be taken to relieve the overcrowding and to enforce greater cleanliness of the place.

No. 96. ORDER THEREON, 16th July 1873, No. 988.

Under Section 121, Act IX. of 1867 (Madras), the Governor in Council sanctions the proposed arrangements for abating the nuisance of overcrowding in the parcherry in question, and authorizes the President of the Madras Municipality to issue the prescribed notice to the owner of the site.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.
,, Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of India, 23rd June, 1873.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PRESIDENT of the
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Madras &c.

Dated Fort, 16th June, 1873.

Read.

G. O., 23rd June, 1873, No. 893.

NOTE
No. 9793.

Madras Municipality.—The arrangements proposed for erecting the entrance of overseer's hut in a pathway at John Pereira, mentioned and a notice, under section 121 of Act IX. of 1867, ordered to be served on the owner of the site.

Lett. 384 Municipal Commrs Office
Madras 23rd June 1873.

From
The President
Municipal Commissioners
Madras
To
The Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to forward Petition from the Inhabitants of the Premises in the margin to request that Letter from Secy Comm.r No 9997. you will be good enough to Statement giving move the Right Honorable Nos of huts pois the Governor in Council to grant Valuation &c &c

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3. I am able to state of my own knowledge that no filth whatever has been allowed to accumulate within its boundaries for some years past, and the elevation is certainly in no degree owing to this cause, such to its being situated on the highest part of the ridge of land on which the town is built. In this favorable position in this respect the drainage is much better than that of most parts of the town, and the inhabitants have not

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4. On receipt of the Petition, I communicated with the Sanitary Commissioner, who proceeded and having inspected the Parcheery together we came to the conclusion, as stated in his letter to me forwarded herewith, that the remedies proposed by the Petitioners were hardly adapted to the necessities of the case; and that the proper course to pursue, supposing the owner of the land to be unwilling to remove the occupants of the huts, and erect such up a better class of houses or sell the property for building purposes, would be to enforce on his reducing the overcrowding of the persons now living on it.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt

Chas. Cloch.
President Municipal Commrs

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No. 997

OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,

Madras, 3rd June 1873.

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS 5 JUN 1873

From

The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

To

The President
Municipal Commissioners
Madras.

Sir,

Enclosures.

With reference to the memorials of certain inhabitants of Park Town dated 5th May 1873, Copy of which was forwarded direct to me, I beg to record that when we jointly inspected the locality we found the parties complained of to be 4 grounds and 4 sq. yards each in area. This area according to the information furnished by your Sanitary Inspector are occupied by families of Pariahs, consisting of 149 persons. The average space to each person including the areas occupied by the streets, paths, compound walls &c is only 5 sq. yards each, and I have no hesitation in stating that this amount of over-crowding is dangerous to the health of the community.

The remedies proposed of opening out passages or converting the land into Tanks or playgrounds are hardly adapted to the necessities of the case.

The opening of the railway station in the neighbourhood is likely to increase the value of building sites, and I have no doubt the owner would find it commercially advantageous to build a better class of houses or to sell the lands for building purposes. If he does not concur in this view, steps must be taken to relieve the overcrowding and

From

The Sanitary Commissioner

for Madras.

To

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Enclosures.

Submits certain suggestions for the withdrawal of unnecessary Cancers by the Executive of the Presidency town of Madras.

Referred to the Municipal Commissioner for Madras.

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And he requested to submit a report thereon for the consideration of Government with as little delay as possible.

Sanitary Commissioner's Office, Madras, 5th May 1859.

Hong 1873. Despatch

From
The Secretary of State
for War
London

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

No 2384
Dated 28th October
Rec'd 27th November 1873

Requesting that the
Right Honble the Governor
in Council may be moved
to sanction the payment
of the Pensions mentioned
in the Margin
Pensions as provided in Sec.
121 of the Act IX of 1861

Wk Wilson

1873

Enclosure

Despatch from the Secretary of State for War to the Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George

No. 2384 Dated 28th October Rec'd 27th November 1873

Requesting that the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council may be moved to sanction the payment of the Pensions mentioned in the Margin Pensions as provided in Sec. 121 of the Act IX of 1861

W. K. Wilson

Enclosure

Statement of Pensions granted under Act IX of 1861 to Officers of the Indian Army and their Families

Amount of Pension

Name and Rank of Officer

Name of Widow or Children

Remarks

Govt. of India, Madras.

Financial

To

The Revd. Munk. Commrs. Madras.

&c

Dated Feb 16

Recd. Read.

G. O. 16 Feb. 1873, No 285

Nos 25-28

Bandicoot Fever. - The arrange-
ments to be adopted for abating
the nuisance of overcrowding
in a graveyard & the selection
of a piece of land to be used as a
burial ground under Act XXI of 1863 ordered to be carried
out by the owners of the Site.