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No. 98. Read the following letter from J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly, to the Honourable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Trichinopoly, 27th April 1874, No. 90:—

With reference to paragraph 8 of G.O., No. 367, dated 6th March 1874, I venture to solicit a contribution from Provincial Funds on account of the great sanitary work undertaken by this Municipality—the Reclamation of the Fort ditch.

2. This work, as the Government are aware, was first taken in hand many years ago by Government, and a beginning was made by means of convict labour.

3. The convicts, however, were soon withdrawn, and since that time (1867) the Municipality has borne the whole charges of the work, the only compensation granted being the land when reclaimed. This will no doubt be a very valuable acquisition, but sanitary Considerations preclude the Commissioners from disposing of it (except the small portion referred to in my letter, No. 89, dated 27th April 1874), to the best *pecuniary* advantage; and it is obvious that in its present *quasi* ornamental form, it will never pay anything like reasonable interest on the money sunk in it.

4. Now, considering what an important cantonment Trichinopoly is, and what an important centre of trade it is likely to become, I think it may be very fairly said that the sanitation of the old fort (once a very hot-bed of cholera and small-pox) is a subject of imperial importance.

5. It will be remembered that the last years in which there has been any serious outbreak of cholera coincided almost exactly with the introduction of the Towns Improvement Act; and since that time the Municipal Commissioners of this town have devoted no less a sum than 45,000 Rupees to the great work of removing this really imperial nuisance—the Fort wall and ditch.

6. Practical people who argue from facts and from what they have noticed, and scientific people who argue from theory, are all unanimous in ascribing the marvellous change that has taken place in the sanitary condition of Trichinoply to the filling up of that seething river of filth—the old Fort ditch—in conjunction of course with other sanitary measures; but it is not completely filled up even yet, and it is to be feared that the small portion that remains will become ten times more abominable than before now that the space for filth has been so much contracted.

7. It is, therefore, in my opinion, a matter of the utmost importance in a sanitary point of view—apart from all considerations of the asthetic fitness of things—that the great work which has progressed so far should be completed without delay.

8. It is equally clear that the Municipality can do absolutely nothing this year unless they are assisted. In fact there were so many calls for emergent works last year, and such strenuous efforts were made to push on the Reclamation scheme that funds will scarcely be available this year for finishing works in hand, and the half-finished work on the mast must remain a nuisance and an eyesore probably for many years to come, instead of being a health-giving promenade.

9. For the last two years the Municipality has spent rather more than the proceeds of the professional tax (about 10,000 Rupees) on the Moat Reclamation

scheme alone; and, in my opinion, the continuance of that tax for *one year more* would have enabled them to complete the work. I do not, however, advocate the reimposition of the Profession-tax, for I think it will be admitted that the people of Trichinopoly have paid more than enough towards a work which, as I have said, is strictly speaking of an imperial character, and on these grounds I venture to hope that Government will be pleased to make a special grant of Rupees 10,000 for the completion of the work.

10. The utmost the Commissioners can ever hope to obtain in the way of pecuniary returns is about 1,000 Rupees a-year, or, say, about two per cent. on their present outlay.

11. It will probably be observed that in the budget just sent in Rupees 2,000 has been provided for two of the boulevards; but on a careful consideration of our present financial condition, I am satisfied this amount will never be available.

12. I have taken the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to the Sanitary Commissioner, and have requested him to be so good as to give his opinion on the subject as he is personally acquainted with the town and the nature of improvements which have been and which remains to be carried out.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1874, No. 805.

Under the circumstances reported, the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction a grant of Rupees (5,000) from Provincial Funds, for the reclamation of the Fort ditch at Trichinopoly.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Trichinopoly
,, Public Works Department.
,, Accountant-General.

Financial Department.

No. 961.

From The Presidt. Municipal Commr. Trichinopoly

Dated 27 April 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

I submit the petition of Trichinopoly praying for a claim here - and hold pie Rs 5000.

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Soliciting a Contribution on account of the Fort Ditch Reclamation Scheme

9th May 1874 No. 805-V

Under the circumstances reported the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction a grant of Rs 5000 from Provincial funds for the reclamation of the Fort Ditch at Trichinopoly.

The P. M. Commr Trichy
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Trichinopoly Municipality.

A grant of Rs. 5700 from Provincial Funds for the reclamation of the Fort Ditch at Trichinopoly sanctioned.