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Municipal.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 69. Order thereon, 4th June 1875, No. 1228.

The Governor in Council would wish to know more of the conditions of Ramnad. The Census accounts will show of what classes the population consists and how many there are of each class.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of [1875] Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated June, 4th.

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G.O., 4th June 1875, No. 1228.

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Nos. 68-69.

Municipal.—Further information respecting conditions of the town of Ramnad called for before sanctioning the extension of the Municipal Act thereto.

No. 488.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 23rd March 1872.

Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ramnad, 17th February 1872, No. 48:—

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th November 1871, No. 4,728, I have the honour to state that the extreme poverty of Ramnad has hitherto prevented the submission of proposals for the introduction of the Towns' Improvement Act there. The town is straggling and dilapidated, and covers a considerable area, so that the preparations of any scheme of improvement, not involving large expenditure, is a task of great difficulty. I cannot see that the conservancy and sanitary condition of the town are peculiarly bad. There has been no cholera since October 1870, and the description given by the Deputy Inspector-General, Medical Department, does not convey a very just idea of the state of the streets. The Sub-Magistrate could put a stop to the choking up of streets by numerous dung heaps, if such nuisances existed, but I cannot find them at present.

2. The population consists of 12,220 persons, living in 2,414 houses, two-thirds of which are the ordinary thatched hovels of Indian villages. There is no trade or industry of importance. Of the inhabitants, 1,788 are agriculturists, and the remainder are chiefly labourers, or small shop-keepers and artizans, depending in great measure for their subsistence on the different branches of the Zemindar's family. Tolls which form an important source of income in most Municipalities, cannot be levied here, because there are no roads. The Municipality at Dindigul obtains Rupees 3,300 from tolls and Rupees 805 from the registration for carts and vehicles out of a total revenue of Rupees 5,072; and I believe that a similar proportion of the total income is derived from tolls in most small Municipalities.

3. House rent is very low, and it is estimated that the House-tax at the maximum rates would not produce more than Rupees 1,000. The tax on professions and callings would produce about Rupees 500, and the taxation of vehicles and animals would produce about the same sum; but after discussion and consideration, I cannot propose a Municipality at present with a larger income than Rupees 2,000.

4. I am much inclined to doubt the advantage of such feeble Municipal action as is possible with an income so limited, but in case the Board consider it advisable to introduce the Act at once, I enclose a rough Estimate of Receipts and Expenditures, with a Draft Notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Draft Notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Estimates of receipts and expenditure.

THE Board are of opinion that the cleanliness of the village or town of Ramnad can be sufficiently secured by the application of the law to any existing nuisances. It is clear from the facts stated by the Collector that Ramnad is by no means an unhealthy place, this being the third year since any cholera appeared there, and as the majority of the dwellings are mere thatched huts, and the population

chiefly agricultural and in poor circumstances, it is not advisable to introduce the Towns' Improvement Act in Ramnad.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Madura.
,, the Sanitary Commissioner for the town of Madras.
,, the Inspector-General, Indian Medical Department.

Trd. G. A. Turton.

1872.
Board of Revenue
MADRAS.

Proceedings, 23rd March 1872, No. 488.

Received

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MARCH.
No. 488.

Towns' Improvement Act.—Opinion expressed that it is not advisable to introduce this Act in Ramnad, in Madura District.

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Draft Notification

The Government of Fort Saint George in Council having resolved to extend the provisions of the Towns Improvement Act No III of 1871 in manner hereinafter set forth doth hereby declare in accordance with provisions of Section 5 of the said Act that Custabe Ramnad in the District of Madura in the Presidency of Fort Saint George together with the several villages and hamlets which heretofore have been & now are called and known by the names of

1. Custabe Ramnad
2. Lakshmipuram
3. Sivagnyanapuram

& lying within the boundaries hereinafter specified - that is to say.

North - The corner Road South at the North west part in the bank of Seeta= =canta Ammen Oorani - North of Kungia Natko tomb - The north bank of Kondu Oorani - The south bank of Perrucoor tank - Road South to the culvert for taking the water of the tank to the fields - The north east corner of Thamugody Natko Oorani.

South - The Southwest corner of Chitambaram Pillais Pond - The southern boundary hedge of the Mission Banga =low - The north side of Vannan Oorani

at Swaginparapparam Chettiram

East The northeast corner of Pummy-gody Aaikes Veram Thence in a line of Aeyen Veram - The eastern side of Pantaram The eastern wall of Subramaniaswamy Pagoda.

West Corner of Pond belonging to Aeelacarate Ammian Coil Veram leading south east to Vayanamuttu Pillai Veram thence due south to east bank of Pachaimal Veram and along the bridge of Pachaimal garden from which point it takes straight cut across the Madura Road to the South west Corner of Chitambaram Pillai pond.

Shall be united for the purpose of the said Act and shall be known & designated for the purposes of the said Act by the name of the "Town of Ramnad" and that all persons residing within the said boundaries shall be deemed to be inhabitants within the meaning of the said Act of the said Town of Ramnad, as so declared to be united as aforesaid. The Governor in Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the said Act, do hereby extend the said Act to the said Town of Ramnad as so declared to be united as aforesaid.

The Governor in Council in accordance with the provisions of

Section 7 of the said Act, hereby appoints the undermentioned persons, being inhabitants of the said Town of Ramnad as so declared to be united as aforesaid to be Town Commissioners, in addition to the Collector of the District of Madura and the Revenue Officer in charge of the Division of the District in which the said Town of Ramnad, as so declared to be united as aforesaid, is situated who are Ex-Officio Commissioners under Section 8 of the said Act for carrying out in such Town the purposes of the said Act - that is to say

Officials

1 Assistant Superintendent of Police
2. Special Asst Collector & Manager of the Estates of Ramnad
3 Dy Collector Salt Dept
4 Medical Officer in charge of the Dispensary

Non-Officials

1. Srinivasa murthy Iyengar Guardian of the Minor Zemindar -
2. Chithambaram Pillai
3 Ramanuja Iyengar
4 Kolundaiswamy Saver
5 Silvanayagum Pillai
6 Syed Sumsheedeen Sahib.

B. Mc Rae

Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No. 8272.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
Dated 27th November 1874

Read the following:-

No 7595

From

Surgeon General
Indian Medical Department

To

The Secretary
Board of Revenue.

Subject

Paras 8 & 9 of the Report on Rammad are forwarded for submission to the Board.

(Signed) E. Balfour Surgeon & Inspector Surgeon General. I. M. D.

dated 18th November 1874

Extract from Annual Inspection Report of the Civil Dispensary at Rammad by Deputy Surgeon General R. Johnston M. D.
Dated 23rd October 1874.

Para 8. The Annual Inspection Report submitted on the 13th December 1870

2nd October 1871, 1st & 2nd October 1872
& 24th September 1873 give impressions
in language in no way colored to the
many removable sources of disease
which are concentrated within the
Area of this neglected Town. An interval
of nearly five years has elapsed and
nothing positively, nothing has been
done. No, I am wrong, something has
been done and the native Surgeon
reports as follows.

"Conservancy same as last year
except that two carts employed last year
for the removal of sweepings & rubbish
from the streets to some distance out-
side the Town are now discontinued
for want of Funds. The Police keep
the streets clean, but there is no check
upon accumulation of rubbish in the
backyards of the houses. The ditches
surrounding the town are the receptacles
into which the water of the Town is
drained — no improvement in drainage
since last report." Were access to
this Town less difficult than it is
it is scarcely likely, that the evil

Condition

condition, which it has been my duty
from time to time to record, would have
remained, so long, unchecked, but
so it is, the roads communicating
with the outside world are like the
town itself in respect of sanitation
at least the opprobrium of the District
and one is as I have often been
in evil plight in passing to and
fro. The population of the Town of
Ramnad is over 16,000. The poverty
of other towns with a smaller
population — Erode for example
has not been considered a bar
against their being endowed with
Municipal Institution blessings.
Besides I greatly mistrust the
applicability of such a plea as poverty
to Ramnad. And now when I have made
my fifth and last inspection of this
town I desire to record my opinion that
no time should be lost in applying the
Municipal Act to the Town of Ramnad
and thus to rescue its inhabitants from
the blight of being left to their own
untaught devices and to the environment

of

of the many removable insanitary conditions which press so heavily on the public health. It may be added that from very credible sources I am informed that many of the most influential inhabitants of the Town are desirous of having the Act applied to it.

Para 9. The work of the Dispensary still continues to be carried on in the building so often described in the inspection reports at Lupra. Another structure is now being raised, one in my opinion wholly unsuited to dispensary purposes. Two parallel bomb-proof structures in the close proximity of each other, once a prison, till its unfitness led to its abandonment form the centre of this new Hospital. Those two bomb-proof buildings with a ventilation unspeakably foul are added fantastically ill-adapted to the objects of a Hospital and with all the other known evils attaching to such structures - contagion even like heat have been confined into these wards. Several small masonry huts for cases sick are about to be raised.

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with organic matter in its worst form of decay

(True Extract)

(Signed) E. Balfour, Surgeon General
Surgeon General Indian Medical Dept.

Communicated to the President of the Madras Local Fund Board

(True Copy & Extract)

(Signed) Jr. Gross
Secretary

To
The President Local Fund Board
Madras Dist.

(True copy)

H Elmes
Ag Secretary

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Copy to the President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura District.
,, to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

Financial Department,

No. 1136.

From The Board of Revenue.

Dated 26th April 187[illegible].

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No 1136

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For Orders

APRIL.

No. 1,034.

Municipal Act.—Letter from Collector of Madura District, recommending the extension of — to the town of Ramnad to improve its sanitary condition submitted for orders of Government with copy of certain papers on the subject. Remarks passed with reference to the means to be adopted for raising the requiste funds.

I should like to know
more about Rammad - the
extent of land held by the
inhabitants - agriculturists
& the trades exercised
by the non agriculturists
we may perhaps be defeating
our purposes - by introducing
a Municipality ——
I think attention ought to
be called - tho' I fear too
late, to what has been
said about the dispensary
building —

BH

1st June 75.

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Under sec. 3 Act 6 of 71.
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J. B.

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Municipal - Further information respecting Conditions of the town of Ramnad called for before sanctioning the extension of the Municipal Act thereto.