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No. 74. Read the following letter from Surgeon-General E. G. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 28th May 1875, No. 297:—

I have the honor to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Governor in Council that the sweepings of the streets are being utilized by the Madras Municipality to fill up hollows in instances near habitations.

2. I beg to subjoin copies of two letters* that I have addressed to this Municipality, to the first of which no acknowledgment even has been made.

*No. 8396, of 18th December 1874.
,, 4385, of 28th May 1875.

From Surgeon-General E. G. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to J. C. LOCH, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, dated Fort St. George, 18th December 1874, No. 8396.

I regret to observe that the Municipality is throwing down street sweepings to fill up a great hollow.

2. The place is on the north-west side of the river road leading from the Commander-in-Chief's Bridge to the Harris Bridge, and the municipal carts seem to have been employed in that task for some time past.

3. It is a process most perilous to the health of the community, and such sweepings should never be thrown down near human habitations.

From Surgeon-General E. G. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Hon. J. G. COLEMAN, Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, dated Fort St. George, 28th May 1875, No. 4385.

In my letter, No. 8396, of the 18th December last, I brought to your predecessor's notice the perilous character of the process being followed by the Municipality of filling up hollows and pits in the town by means of street sweepings.

2. As I regret to observe that the practice is being continued, I again beg to represent that it is one perilous to the health, not only of those living in the vicinity, but of the entire community, and I urge on you the advisability of its immediate and permanent discontinuance. I am not unaware that thirty and forty years ago the practice now being pursued was then the usual mode of gaining the twofold object of disposing of the rubbish and of filling up inequalities, and the late Mr. Edward Elliot told me that the island was brought to its present elevation in that way, but your Commission is aware that objection has been taken to every recent attempt made to deposit such street sweepings in the midst of the community, and I place before you my opinion that so to deposit them is altogether unjustifiable.

No. 75. ORDER THEREON, 5th June 1875, No. 1232.

Communicated to the President of the Madras Municipality for report.

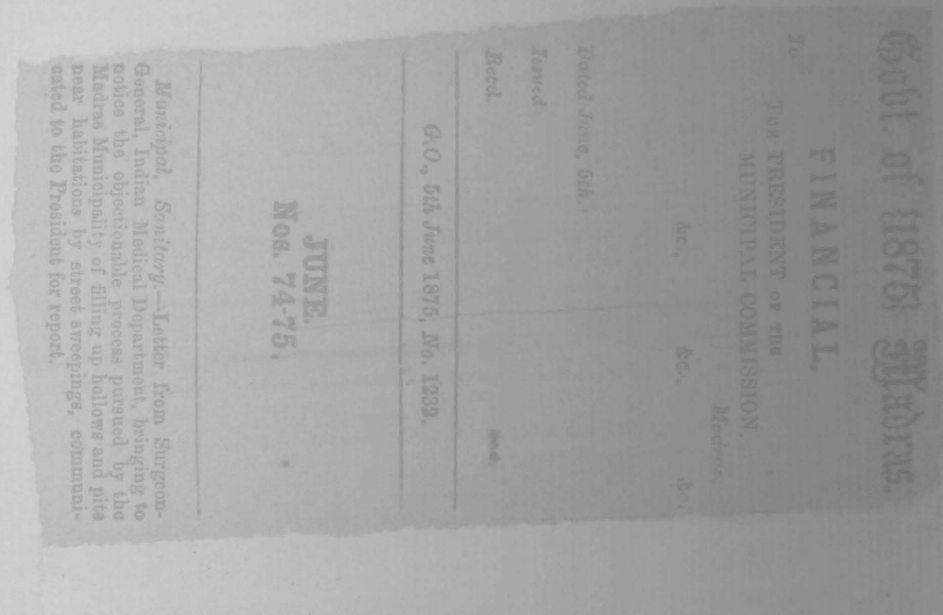
2. Copy will also be furnished to the Acting Sanitary Commissioner for his opinion.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.
,, Acting Sanitary Commissioner.

Exd. J. Wright.



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To

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

Dated June, 5th.

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No. 297

OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL, I. M. D.,
Fort Saint George, 28 May 1875.

From

SURGEON-GENERAL EDWARD BALFOUR,
Surgeon-General,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that the sweepings of the streets are being utilized by the Madras Municipality to fill up hollows, in pastures near habitations.

2. I beg to subjoin copies of two letters that I have addressed to this Municipality, to the first of which no acknowledgement even has been made.

x No. 8396 of 18 December 1874
" 4385 of 28 May 1875

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Edward Balfour Surgeon Genl
Surgeon-General
Indian Medical Dept.

No 8396

Office of Surgeon General Ind.
Fort Saint George, 18 Dec. 1795.

From Surgeon General Edward Balfour
Surgeon General Ind.
Fort St. George.

To J. C. Lock Esqre
President, Municipal Commission
Madras.

Sir,

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2. The place is on the northwest side of the river road leading from the Commander-in-Chief bridge to the Harris bridge, and the Municipal Carts seem to have been employed in that task for some time past.

3. It is a process most perilous to the health of the Community, and such sweepings should never be thrown down near human habitations.

I have &c
Sd/ E. Balfour Surgn
Surgeon General
Ind. Med. Dept.

Office of Surgeon General Ind.
Fort Saint George, 28 May 1795.

No 4385

From Surgeon General Edward Balfour
Surgeon General Ind.
Fort St. George.

To The Hon. President, Municipal Commission,
Madras.

Sir,

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2. As I regret to observe that the practice is being continued, I again beg to represent that it is pernicious to the health not only of those living in the vicinity, but of the entire community, and I urge on you the advisability of its immediate and permanent discontinuance. I am not unaware that three and forty years ago, the practice now being pursued, was then the usual mode of gaining the twofold object of disposing of the rubbish and of filling up inequalities, and the late Mr Edward Elliot has told me that the island was brought to its present elevation in that way, but your Commission is aware that objection has been taken to every recent attempt made to deposit such street sweepings in the midst of the Community, and I place before you my opinion that so to deposit them is altogether unjustifiable.

I have &c
Sd/ E. Balfour Surgn
Surgeon General
Ind. Med. Dept.

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True Copies

Alex Hart Surgn
Surgeon General
Indian Medical Dept.

Acknowledged. 5 June 1875. No 1232.

Communicated to the President of the Madras Municipality for report.
Copy with also be furnished to the Advocate General for his opinion.

To the President of the Madras Municipality
" " Advocate General

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From

Surgeon-General E. Balfour.
Surgeon-General,
Indian Medical Department,
Fort Saint George,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Fort St. George.

Dated 28 May
Despatched
Received 1 June 1875
No. 2197

Subject.

Brings to notice the necessity of
Arrow fences by the Municipality
of Nuisances & Strict Sanitary
Measures with reference to
the Drainage & Water supply
of Madras.
Recommends Lieut. Duncan Lahtham
as Municipal Engineer.

Street Sweeping &c,
Communicated to the
President for report.

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Letter from Surgeon Genl. Indian Medical Dept. bringing to notice the objectionable process pursued by the Madras Municipality of filling up hollows and pits near habitations, by Street