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Municipal—Sanitary.

Read the following papers:—

No. 51. From L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 23rd June 1875, No. 432 S.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of G.O., dated 5th June, No. 1232, communicating, for report, a letter from the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, complaining of the process pursued by the Madras Municipality of filling up hollows and pits in the vicinity of houses with street-sweepings.

2. The hollows to which the Surgeon-General particularly alludes were contiguous to the north side of the Cooum river road in the village of Comaleeswarar Covil. There are many houses of a poor description in close proximity to these places, which have now been completely filled up. A great improvement has undoubtedly been effected by this operation, which was carefully conducted, the sweepings being covered with earth every day as they were being deposited. No complaints were received from the inhabitants, and it is not known that the public health was affected injuriously.

3. At the time when the Surgeon-General's second letter (dated 28th ultimo) was received, the municipal carts were being employed to fill up the holes in the open plain bounded on the north by Poodoopett village, on the east by Comaleeswarar Covil, on the south by the Cooum river road, and on the west by Marshall's road. Although the places there being filled were remote from human habitations, and a great and much-desired improvement was being effected without complaints of any nuisance being caused thereby, the work was immediately stopped by Mr. Coleman in deference to the Surgeon-General's opinion.

4. It is hoped that, unless the injurious consequences of this process are clearly ascertained, the Commissioners will not be called upon to discontinue it entirely. Its advantages, which I need not give in detail, are very obvious. My own opinion is that street-sweepings may safely be deposited near houses, provided they are simultaneously covered with earth. Such deposits cannot affect the water-supply in those portions of the Municipality which are supplied with water from the Red Hills.

5. In conclusion, I beg to be pardoned for taking this opportunity of bringing to the notice of Government that, according to the present practice, the Surgeon-General and the Sanitary Commissioner are two distinct and independent advisers of the Municipality on sanitary questions. In consequence of this arrangement, the Commissioners have, I am informed, occasionally felt the embarrassment implied in the old proverb "When Doctors disagree, &c." I request, therefore, that the Government will be pleased to decide which of the two authorities above mentioned is to be considered by the Commissioners as their proper adviser in sanitary matters.

No. 52. From Surgeon-Major H. KING, Acting Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 1st July 1875, No. 812.

With reference to G.O., No. 1232, of the 5th June 1875 (*Financial Department*), paragraph 2, I have the honor to state that I have visited the ground indicated by the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, in his letter of the 18th December 1874 to the President of the Madras Municipal Commission, and that I do not think that either danger or inconvenience is likely to ensue from filling up with street-sweepings the unsightly and unwholesome pits which disfigure the open space in question.

2. The street-sweepings consist chiefly of earth and ashes, with leaves, straw, paper, a few rags and broken earthenware; no doubt excreta to a small extent may be surreptitiously introduced, but I could find no trace of them in the heaps which I examined. Such materials as these may, in my opinion, be used, under certain conditions, for filling cavities and raising ground in towns.

3. The conditions which I should suggest are these. The ground so made or levelled should be open, with no dwellings in the immediate neighbourhood; no buildings for men or cattle should ever be erected on it; there should be no possibility of percolation through such ground into wells or other sources of water-supply; and two or three feet of clean earth should overlie the sweepings. The space in question fulfils some of these conditions, and can be made to fulfil all.

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1875, No. 1440.

These letters will be communicated to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

2. The Governor in Council sees no objection to "unsightly and unwholesome pits" being filled up with street-sweepings divested of night soil, on the conditions suggested by the Acting Sanitary Commissioner.

3. While the Sanitary Commissioner is the recognised adviser on all matters pertaining to sanitation in Municipalities, the Governor in Council sees no objection to either the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, or other Medical Officer bringing to the notice of Government any arrangement in a Municipality which may seem to him prejudicial to the health of the residents.

(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
,, President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.
,, Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras.

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To

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
INDIAN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 8th.

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G.O., 8th July 1875, No. 1440.

JULY.
Nos. 51—53.

Municipal—Sanitary.—No objections made to pits and hollows in the Presidency town being filled up by street-sweepings under the conditions suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner, who is the adviser of the Madras Municipality.

5. 6. 1875. Municipal Commrs. Office
Madras 23rd June 1875.

From The Acting President
Municipal Commission
Madras

To The Offg Chief Secretary to Govt
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Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of G.O. dated 5th June No. 1232 communicating for report a letter from the Surgeon General Indian Medical Department, complaining of the process pursued by the Madras Municipality of filling up hollows and pits in the vicinity of houses with Street Sweepings

2. The hollows to which the Surgeon General particularly alludes were contiguous to the north side of the Cooum river road in the village of Comaleeswarar Covil. There are many houses of a poor description in close proximity to these places, which have now been completely filled up. A great improvement has undoubtedly been effected by this operation, which was carefully conducted, the Sweepings

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being covered with earth every day as they were being deposited No complaints were received from the inhabitants and it is not known that the public health was affected injuriously

3. At the time when the Surgeon Generals second letter (dated 28th Ultimo) was received the Municipal Carts were being employed to fill up the holes in the open plain bounded on the north by Podoopitt Village, on the east by Kondaliswaram Coil, on the south by the Coomm River road and on the west by Marshalls road. Although the places there being filled were remote from human habitations, & a great and much desired improvement was being effected without Complaints of any nuisance being caused thereby the work was immediately stopped by Mr Solomon in deference to the Surgeon Generals opinion

4. It is hoped that unless the injurious consequences of this process are clearly ascertained the Commissioners will not be called upon

to discontinue it entirely. Its advantages which I need not give in detail are very obvious. My own opinion is that Street Sweepings may safely be deposited in Warehouses provided they are simultaneously covered with earth. Such deposits cannot affect the water supply in those portions of the Municipality which are supplied with water from the Red Hills.

5. In conclusion I beg to be pardoned for taking this opportunity of bringing to the notice of Government that according to the present practice the Surgeon General and the Sanitary Commissioner are two distinct and independent advisers of the Municipality on sanitary questions. In consequence of this arrangement, the Commissioners have been informed, occasionally felt the embarrassment implied in the old proverb "When Doctors disagree". I request, therefore, that the Government will be pleased to decide which of the two authorities above mentioned is to be considered by the Commissioners as their proper Adviser in sanitary matters

I have the honor to be, Sir
Your most Obedt Servt

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[illegible] R. Brown
acting President Municipal Comm

Finance 1875 Department

No. 1044 Madras, 23rd June 1875.

From

The Acting Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith, for the orders of Government, a petition addressed to Government by the President and Commissioners of the Madras Municipality, praying that the Municipality may be allowed to obtain from the Government Gardens and Saidapet Cooperage Road, Nandanam, the sweepings of the streets and roads in the Fort and Black Town.

2. I have the honor to request that the Order of Government may be communicated to this office, as the Municipality are anxious to obtain the sweepings as soon as possible.

No. 1522. Dated 25th June 1875.

Referred to the Collector of Madras for report.

By order, etc.

(Signed) W. Robertson
Secretary.

No. 812.

Madras, 1st July 1875.

From

Acting
The Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department.

Sir,

Enclosures.

With reference to G.O. No. 1232 of 5th June 1875 (Financial Department) para 2, I have the honor to state that I have visited the ground indicated by the Surgeon Genl. I. M. D. in his letter of 18th December 1874 to the President of the Madras Municipal Commrs., and that I do not think that either danger or inconvenience is likely to ensue from filling up with street-sweepings the unsightly and unwholesome pits which disfigure the open space in question.

2. The street-sweepings consist chiefly of earth and ashes, with leaves, straw, paper, a few rags and broken earthenware: no doubt excreta to a small extent may be surreptitiously introduced but I could find no trace of them in the heaps which I examined. Such materials as these may in my opinion, be used, under certain conditions, for filling cavities and raising ground in towns.

3. The conditions which I should suggest are these: the ground so made or levelled should be

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following letter from the President Munpl Commission Madras dated 23 June 1875 No 432 also letter from Sy Sanitary Commissioner for Madras dated 1st July 1875 No 812.

Order thereon. Ordered 8 July 1875. No. 1440.

These letters will be communicated to the Surgeon General Indian Medical Department.

2. The Governor in Council sees no objection to "unsightly and unwholesome pits" being filled up with street sweepings

From The Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

To The Chief Secy to Govt

Dated 1st July 1875

Despatched 1st July 1875

Received 5th July 1875

No. 812

Enclosures. No. 1588

States his opinion that no danger is likely to arise from use of above mentioned sweepings under certain conditions - to fill up cavities in towns.

Have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt. servt

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

sweepings divested of night soil, on the conditions suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner

3. While the Sanitary Commissioner is the recognized adviser on all matters pertaining to Sanitation in Municipalities, the Governor in Council sees no objection to either the Surgeon General, Indian Medical Department,

or other medical officers bringing to the notice of Government any arrangement in a Municipality which ~~to him~~ to him may seem prejudicial to the health of the residents.

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To The Surg. Gal. I. M. dept. b
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— " Sanitary Commissioner Madras b
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To

Dated 8 July
Recd. 1875, No. 1460

Nos. 51-3

Financial. Sanitary

No objections made to huts and hollows in the Residency town being filled up by Street Sweepings under the conditions suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner in view to the extinction of the hundred Guinea calamity.

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