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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
1st October 1875.

Municipal Proceedings.

No. 12. Read the following letter from L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 30th August 1875, G. No. 373:—

I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the Minutes of the Proceedings of a Special General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, held on the 4th and adjourned to the 5th instant.

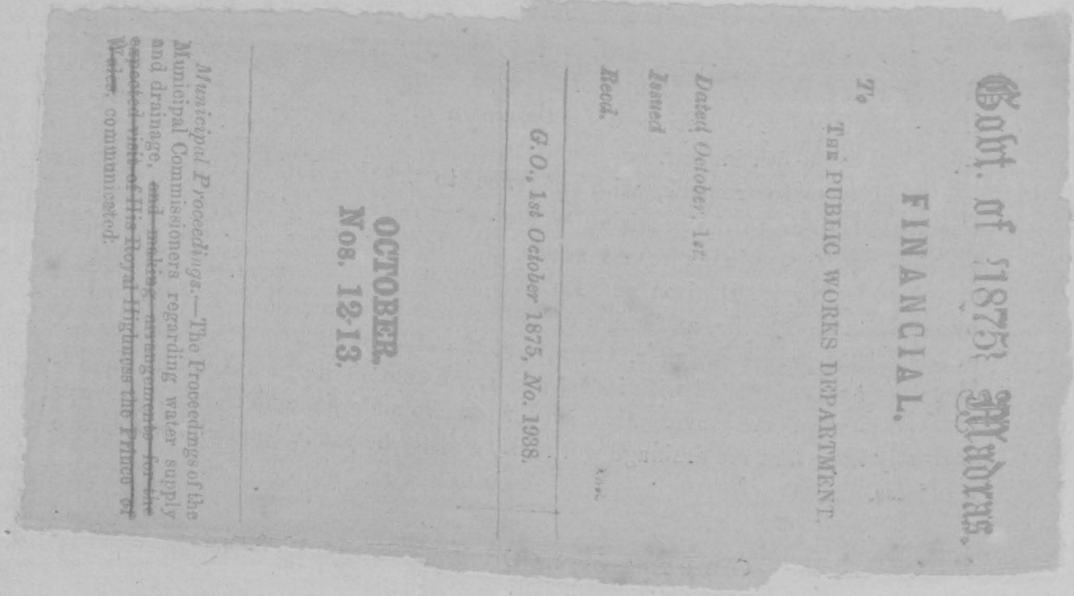
2. I have to remark, with reference to the Resolution adopted by the Commissioners as to the provision of the funds required for the drainage works, that the view therein expressed seems to accord precisely with that publicly expressed by Sir W. Denison and Lord Napier, former Governors of Madras, and by the Hon. R. S. Ellis, a Member of the present Government. In the adoption of the scheme proposed by Mr. Clark, and the election of that gentleman as the Engineer to be entrusted with its execution, the Commissioners are glad to observe that the views of the Government appear to have undergone no change, and they earnestly hope that the drainage works will shortly be put in hand and will prove a success.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 1st October 1875, No. 1938.
Communicated to the Public Works Department.
(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright.


Govt. of 1875 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Dated October 1st.

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G.O., 1st October 1875, No. 1938.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 12-13.

Municipal Proceedings.—The Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners regarding water supply and drainage, and notice, arrangements for expected visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, communicated.

PROCEEDINGS of a Special Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Wednesday the 4th August 1875, at noon, under the Madras Municipal Act IX. of 1867, to consider the following subjects:—

1*st.*—Proceedings of the Water Supply and Drainage Committees, dated 22nd July 1875,

and

Proceedings of the Water Supply Committee, dated 22nd July 1875.

2*nd.*—The Honorable J. G. COLEMAN, Commissioner of the 1st Division, has given notice under Section 20 of Act IX. of 1867, of his intention to move the following resolution at the Special General Meeting of the Commissioners to be held on the 4th proximo:—

That a Committee be formed to act in concert with other residents of the Town (whom they may invite), for the purpose of raising subscriptions, preparing an address, and making the necessary arrangements for its presentation to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his expected visit to Madras.

PRESENT.

L. R. Burrows Esq., *Acting President.*
The Honorable J. G. Coleman.
Cyrus Grant, Esq.
Hyder Jung Bahadoor, Esq.
V. Kristnama Charriar, Esq.
B. Lovery, Esq.
Honorary Surgeon Moideen Sheriff.
J. P. Nicholas, Esq.
P. Somasoondrum Chettiar, Esq.
Dr. W. J. vanSomeren.
Y. Vencataramiah Garu, Esq.

There not being a sufficient number of Commissioners present to form a quorum, the Acting President adjourned the Meeting to Thursday, the 5th August 1875, at 4 o'clock P.M., as provided in Section 23 of the Madras Municipal Act IX. of 1867.

Proceedings of an Adjourned Sepcial Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Thursday, the 5th August 1875, at 4 o'clock P.M., under the Madras Act IX. of 1867.

PRESENT.

L. R. Burrows Esq., *Acting President.*
The Honorable J. G. Coleman.
Cyrus Grant, Esq.
C. Kalyanasoondrum Chettiar, Esq.
V. Kristnama Charriar, Esq.
B. Lovery, Esq.
Meer Hoossain Ally Khan, Esq.
Honorary Surgeon Moideen Sheriff.
J. P. Nicholas, Esq.
The Honorable V. Ramiengar, C.S.I.
P. Somasoondrum Chettiar, Esq.
V. Vanoogopala Charriar, Esq.
Dr. W. J. vanSomeren.
Y. Vencataramiah Garu, Esq.
P. Vijiarunga Moodelliar, Esq.

Before the regular business set down for the meeting was proceeded with, the Acting President said that, since the last General Meeting of the Commissioners one of their number had died. It was only right that the Minutes of the Board should contain an expression of regret for the loss sustained by his death, aud as one of the Commissioners was prepared with a resolution on the subject, he called upon him to propose it.

Mr. B. Lovery then addressed the meeting. He called upon the Commissioners to join him in paying a tribute of respect to the memory of one who had been amongst their number but a few weeks ago, whose familiar form had been seldom missed at the meetings of the Board, and whose utterances had always been listened to with respect and attention. It was hardly necessary for him to say that he alluded to the late Mr. J. W. Gantz, whose death had deprived the Commissioners of a useful and zealous colleague. Mr. Gantz had been connected with the Municipality from its very commencement, had sat on almost every Sub-Committee and continued almost to the last day of his life to take an active part in the Office of the Municipality, possessed of a cultivated mind, and having a wide experience, his counsel was much valued and his opinions on all matters were received with great attention. With these observations, Mr. Lovery proposed:—The Commissioners record their deep regret for the death of the late Mr. J. W. Gantz, for many years a member of this Board, and their high sense of the value of his services to the Municipality.

Resolution 1.

Mr. Kristnama Charriar said:—I heartily second the resolution just moved. I for one am thankful that an early opportunity has been offered to the Commissioners before proceeding to the business of the day to express their sorrow for the loss which they have sustained in the lamented death of their esteemed colleague, the late Mr. J. W. Gantz. It was only a fortnight ago that I had the pleasure of meeting him here on duty, and I was seated just next to him engaged in an interesting discussion on the questions which we have met here to-day finally to consider and settle. I then had no idea that a sad accident was to occur to our old friend on the following day or so, which was so speedily to cut short his earthly career, terminating an active life full of years and distinguished justly, I think, by the esteem of all who had the pleasure to know him and to enjoy his friendship. He was much esteemed, not because fickle fortune smiled upon him, but because he was a thorough gentleman in every sense of the word. He was respected as a man of sterling worth, for his wide experience and his keen intelligence, coupled with a generous disposition and a readiness to befriend the poor. But it is as a member of this Commission we are now more concerned about our much lamented colleague. His services were most valuable to us as a member of the Water Supply Committee in particular; his utterances at our Board Meetings were always listened to with respect because they were always straight to the point, and in all he said and did, he was actuated by a strong sense of duty and a just appreciation of the interests of the rate-payers; and one peculiar and satisfactory feature in his career and character as Commissioner was that he knew how to do his duty without leaving a sting behind. I will not detain you longer, as I think you are all ready to pay a due tribute of respect to the memory of our late lamented colleague.

Mr. Lovery's resolution was carried unanimously.

The business for which the Meeting had been convened was then proceeded with by the Acting President introducing the Proceedings of the Water Supply and Drainage Committees, dated 22nd July 1875.

At a Meeting of the Water Supply and Drainage Committees held at the Municipal Office on Thursday, the 22nd July 1875, *at* 4 P.M.

PRESENT.

The Honorable V. Ramiengar, *Chairman.*
The Honorable J. G. Coleman.
Dr. W. J. vanSomeren.
J. P. Nicholas, Esq.

Y. Vencataramiah Garu, Esq.
V. Kristnamah Charriar, Esq.
J. W. Gantz, Esq.
L. R. Burrows, Esq., *Acting President.*

Resolved that this Committee is of opinion that the cost of the maintenance and extension of the Water Works should be met from the proceeds of the water-rate which it is in contemplation to levy on houses and lands.

That, considering that the proposed Drainage Works are more of an imperial than of a local character, the Committee assume that the Government will be disposed to incur the greater portion of the cost of the scheme. Any share of the burden which the Municipality may be called upon to defray should be met from the ordinary revenues, if that becomes possible by the expenditure being spread over a number of years, or by raising, if necessary, a loan, the interest on which should be payable from those revenues.

V. RAMIENGAR,
Chairman.

The Acting President observed that the combined report of the Committees which had been printed and circulated was in fulfilment of the duty committed to them at the last General Meeting. Government had had Mr. Clarke's Drainage Scheme before them, and having determined to carry it out, had asked the Commissioners to state how the money was to be provided. Agreeing with the Committees in their decision, he moved that the

Resolution 2. Report of the Water Supply and Drainage Committees be approved and confirmed.

The Honorable Mr. Ramiengar would not occupy the Meeting with any lengthy observations, but would simply ask their attention to the following portions of the discussions in the Legislative Council on the introduction of the Bills of Acts IX. of 1865 and IX. of 1867.

The Committee* who framed the Bill which afterwards became Law as Act IX of 1865 stated with reference to the Water Supply and Drainage Schemes then in contemplation :—

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The Honorable Mr. W. Robinson.
The Honorable Mr. Ellis.
Colonels Temple and Wilson.
Mr. J. B. Norton.

"The great works which have been planned to secure a thorough system of drainage and a supply of water for Madras cannot, from their magnitude and cost, be defrayed from Municipal rates, although, when once completed, they may be maintained from these sources.

All that can at present be done is to secure the careful and economical expenditure of the current Municipal income in road-making, conservancy, lighting, and minor works of drainage, such as can be usefully made, until the much required works above described can be completed by grants from the Imperial Revenues. See Abstract of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council, page 37 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 9th May 1865.

Referring to the same project the Honorable Mr. R. S. Ellis spoke as follows :—

Sir, I am speaking literally, when I say that we believe, that in the taxes we have proposed, we have gone to the extreme limits of taxation which will stop short of being absolutely oppressive ; and that, nevertheless, in consequence of the local peculiarities of this city, the funds thus provided will only barely suffice to meet the current and most necessary annual expenditure for Municipal purposes. There will be no means of raising funds by the mortgage of rates for the construction of such great works as a complete drainage and a water supply for the Town.

I am aware, Sir, that these wants have already occupied your attention, and that the public feel confidence in your decision as to the best plan to be adopted for these works.

These works are absolutely necessary. The health and the lives of thousands depend on their speedy construction. It is equally certain that they cannot be provided by local taxation, and it is to your intercession that the inhabitants of Madras trust for the recognition by the Secretary of State, that these are works of great public necessity and importance, and are of such a magnitude and cost as renders it necessary that they should be met from the Imperial Revenues.

Sir, I believe that the taxation, heavy as it is, which will be imposed under this Bill, will be cheerfully borne if the inhabitants of the town receive at the hands of the Government the great boon of good water and good drainage, and that they will be willing to raise such funds as may be required for the maintenance of these works when they are completed. See Abstract of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council, page 42 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 9th May 1865.

The President of the Council, Sir William Denison, said—

With respect to the appeal which had been made to him by the Honorable Mr. Ellis on the subject of providing for the water supply and drainage of the Town of Madras out of the general revenues, it appeared to him, that as conveniences and facilities would be afforded to the inhabitants by bringing good water almost to their doors, a charge in the shape of a water-rate might be fairly levied to an extent which would, in all probability, very nearly defray the charge for the interest of the capital expended, but such capital would have, in the first instance, to be supplied by Government. As regarded the drainage of the Town, he did not see how any portion of the capital required for the purpose could be furnished by the Municipality, or how it could pay the interest. The Government would have to provide the whole of the means required.

During the debate which took place on the Bill, which afterwards became Act IX. of 1867, the President of the Council, Lord Napier, observed :—

I entirely agree with the Honorable Member who introduces the present measure in thinking that the Municipality is justified in claiming the right of raising additional taxes and of contracting loans for sanitary works, but I think that the example of Calcutta in this respect should operate more as a warning to us than as a pattern. The conservancy of the native town at Calcutta appeared to me rather worse than that of Madras, and the prevailing sentiment seemed to be that there had been a lavish expenditure with no commensurate result. The loan system ought to be exercised with the greatest moderation. I do not say that public works, such as the contemplated market, may not properly be undertaken by means of a loan. I only affirm that we should do more in this path with precaution.

I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to state emphatically my personal opinion that the sanitation of the city of Madras and of the other great towns of the Presidency is not exclusively a Municipal question, and that the great engineering works necessary to correct existing evils and involving a vast expenditure cannot be undertaken from Municipal means alone. The evils of which I speak are the accumulated legacy of past ages and past Governments, and they have not only a local but also a general influence. The existing state of Madras does not only affect the health of the citizens—it affects the Government, the general body of public functionaries, and the garrison. The maladies engendered here may extend to the neighbouring districts, to remoter parts, to Europe itself. There is a common necessity for the correction of these ancient neglects and abuses, and I think that the work may be properly undertaken both here and elsewhere by a prudent combination of Municipal and imperial resources.

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Such were the opinions held by two successive heads of Government. It was true the Municipality had been relieved of the heavy charge of contributing towards the maintenance of the Police ; but, in lieu of it, it had to pay for the diffusion of education, for hospitals and dispensaries, for vaccination, and for the Contagious Diseases Act ; he did not, therefore, consider the position of the Municipality in a financial point of view in any way better, and was decidedly of opinion that it was unable to bear any portion of the cost of the Drainage project, and had no hesitation in seconding the resolution which was unanimously carried.

Proceedings of the Water Supply Committee, dated 22nd July 1875.

The Acting President next introduced the following Report of the Water Supply Committee, observing that the subject therein treated had also been referred at the last General Meeting to that Committee for report. Government had requested information regarding the immediate and ultimate demands of the Municipality for water, and the Commissioners would observe that the Committee had gone very carefully into the question, and recommended that "Government should be asked to recognize a prior claim of the Municipality to 21½ millions of cubic yards of water annually, instead of to 32 millions of cubic yards as hitherto, the Municipality being required as hitherto to pay only for such quantity of water as may be supplied to them at the rate of 1 Rupee per 1,000 cubic yards." He would, therefore,

Resolution 3. move that the Report of the Water Supply Committee be approved and confirmed.

At a Meeting of the Water Supply Committee held at the Municipal Office on Thursday, the 22nd July 1875, *at* 4 P.M.

PRESENT.

The Honorable V. Ramiengar, *Chairman.*
The Honorable J. G. Coleman.
Dr. W. J. vanSomeren.
Y. Vencataramiah Garu, Esq.
V. Kristnama Charriar, Esq.
J. W. Gantz, Esq.
L. R. Burrows, Esq., *Acting President.*

Read Resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Commissioners held on the 30th June 1875, referring to this Committee the Order of Government requesting information regarding the immediate and ultimate demands of the Municipality for water, and the accounts of water actually taken up to the 31st March last.

Read also the following Orders of Government in the Public Works Department :—

G. O. 7th April 1875, No. 919.
G. O. 1st July 1875, No. 24.

Resolved that, with reference to the inquiry of Government as to the ultimate demand of the Municipality for water, the following statement of the views of this Committee be laid before the Commissioners for their consideration :—

area 40½
Pop 60

1. The Committee find that the area over which water is distributed contains 9 square miles and a popoulation of 280,000, leaving an area of about 14·16 square miles, and a population of 117,552 unprovided.

2. The area at present supplied includes Black Town, Vepery, Choolay, Pareamettoo, Pursewalkum, Chintadrepettah, Narasingapoorum, Triplicane, and St. Thome which are the Districts originally selected vide para. 28 of the Report of the Water Supply Committee, dated 13th August 1868), for receiving the first supply.

3. The Committee find from the reports of Mr. Lee, their Executive Engineer, now on furlough to Europe, that the distribution works are constructed on a scale capable of delivering a supply at the rate of 40 gallons per day per head of the entire population.

4. Although the Committee do not advocate an immediate expansion of the pipe-laying system so as to embrace the whole area of the Municipality, they are agreed that in forming an estimate of the ultimate demands of the Municipality for water, no portion of the Municipal area or population should be excluded from the calculation.

5. The Committee adhere to the views expressed in para. 28 of their report above quoted which are as follow :—

"The districts that we contemplate supplying "first are, in general terms, Black Town, Choolay, "Vepery, Pareamettoo, Pursewalkum, Chinta- "drepettah, Narasingapooram, Triplicane, and "St. Thome, where human beings are closely "huddled together, and where the existing water "supply is both impure and imperfect ; but our "scheme is capable of expansion, and may be "extended to other districts, should their require- "ments hereafter demand it, and Municipal funds "allow of the increased expenditure."

6. The Committee find that twenty gallons per day per head of the population with 20 per cent. added for public purposes, was the quanity adopted by them in the report above mentioned as a fair basis for calculating the total quantity of water required annually (para. 50). They observe, moreover, that Mr. Clarke has taken this quantity (which he calls the "usual" quantity) as the basis of his calculations in elaborating his Drainage Scheme.

7. The Committee are of opinion that this quantity is sufficient for domestic purposes as defined in Section 208 of the Act.

8. They have no means of determining what additional quantity could be disposed of for other purposes. They are of opinion that it is not the duty of the Commissioners to supply water for purposes other than domestic, except where the supply can be afforded without stinting the supply for domestic purposes, and at a profit in a pecuniary sense.

9. The Committee have taken steps for procuring detailed information as to the additional number of public fountains and house connections for which there is a demand at the present time. But they are not of opinion that any accurate deductions as to the possible demand of the Municipality for water in the future can be made from these data.

10. They recognize that it is due to the Government who supply the water, and who may have other customers ready to take what the Municipality do not require, to give some idea of the extent of the possible demands of the Municipality in the future.

11. After anxious deliberation they are not inclined to alter materially the views expressed in para. 50 of the report above quoted respecting the quantity to be supplied. Taking the population of the Municipality to be in round numbers 400,000, at the rate of 20 gallons per head per day with 25 per cent. added for contingencies, they find that 21½ millions of cubic yards of water is about the quantity which the Municipality may require in the future and which the Government should be asked to be prepared to supply.

12. In making this recommendation the Committee deem it advisable, with especial reference to a recent Memorandum of Colonel Walker, the Chief Engineer, D. P. W., which appears to them to be not only incorrect as to facts, but also unfair to the Municipality, to remind the Commissioners of the understanding now existing between the Govern-

ment and the Commissioners as to the terms on which water is supplied from the Red Hills Reservoirs.

13. In G. O., 30th October 1868, No. 3409, the Government, in passing orders on the report of the Water Supply Committee above alluded to, approve of the Project submitted, and in laying it before the Government of India, recommend the advance of a loan, for the repayment of which with interest the Municipality were to make provision, in addition to defraying "a charge for the quantity of water they may appropriate at the rate of Rupees 7 per 7,000 cubic yards, the Government recognizing a prior claim on the part of the Municipality to thirty-two millions of cubic yards per annum."

14. In the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, dated 24th March 1869, are printed the observations of the Government of India on this proposal. The Government of India observe that the Madras Government propose that the Municipality should be charged at the rate of 1 Rupee per 1,000 cubic yards for the supply of water it receives from the reservoirs.

15. This proposal appearing fair to the State, the Governor-General in Council was of opinion that no objection should be made to its being carried out. "But having regard to the purposes to which the water is to be applied, and to the apparent careful attention to economy which has characterized the action of the Madras Municipality, the Governor-General in Council would not be disinclined to assent to somewhat more favorable terms, should they be preferred by the Government of Madras."

(8.) "The Governor-General in Council is disposed to think that the fairest way of treating with the Municipality would be to consider them in the light of joint proprietors of the reservoir with Government, to make them responsible for the share of the capital required for the provision of their water supply, and not to treat them as customers from whom the Government would take a profit. The whole additional supply of water stored is 138 millions of cubic yards, less 38 millions, or 100 millions of cubic yards. Of this, 53 millions are to be used by Government, and 32 millions by the Municipality, besides the 15 millions which it is not possible to use. In all, the Municipality has 47 millions cubic yards stored for its purposes. If the 8 lakhs be divided in the proportion of 53 to 47, it gives 4¼ lakhs for Government, and 3¾ lakhs for the Municipality."

(9.) "It might be arranged, therefore, that this 3¾ lakhs should be treated in the same way as the sum required for the distributing works, and that a certain rate of interest should be charged on the whole for a fixed term of years, by the end of which the Sinking Fund would have extinguished the debt. This will be more favorable to the Municipality, and probably fairer also, as there is no desire on the part of the Government of India to make any profit out of the water supplied to the town of Madras."

(10.) "This arrangement would, however, involve the payment by the Municipality of a proportional share of the maintenance charges of the reservoirs and their supply works. The whole quantity of water, as stated before, being 138 millions, the Government uses 38 plus 53 millions, or 91 millions; and the Municipality 47 millions. The Municipal share is thus, as nearly as possible, one-third of the whole. When it is known what the ordinary charges are likely to be, a fixed sum might be settled which would cover the Municipal contribution on this score."

(11.) "The Municipality would then be entitled to use the whole of the 32 millions cubic yards above their outlet, and 15 millions below it without further liability. But if they took any water in excess of this, they should pay for it at the rate of 1 Rupee per 1,000 cubic yards."

(14.) "The proposal of the Madras Government is that the Municipality should permanently pay Rupees 32,000 yearly, besides the six per cent., on the sum borrowed for the distributing works. The alternative proposal that has been explained would make them liable to pay Rupees 22,500 yearly for twenty-six years (six per cent on 3¾ lakhs), and one-third of the actual cost of maintenance of the reservoirs permanently, besides the interest on the capital for the distribution."

16. The proposal of the Government of India was discussed at a Special Meeting of the Commissioners on the 21st of April 1869. The President, in giving his opinion against the Municipality becoming Joint Proprietors with Government, expressly alluded to the statement of the case as put in the 14th para. of the observations of the Government of India, and he distinctly stated that the proposal of the Commissioners to the Government of Madras was to pay for what they consumed and for no more, the Government recognizing a prior claim on the part of the Municipality to 32 millions of cubic yards per annum. After remarks from Colonel Silver and Captain Edgcome the following resolution was put and carried.

"The Municipal Commissioners having had under consideration the proposition of the Supreme Government with regard to the Madras Water Distribution Project, while thanking Government for the liberal terms they offer, are, nevertheless, of opinion that looking to the interests of the rate-payers, it is not desirable that they should become joint Proprietors of the Reservoirs with Government, and also bear their proportionate share of the maintenance of these and all other works connected therewith, but considering the very limited means at the disposal of the Municipality and the probability of further calls upon them for works of an equally important nature such as drainage, they are of opinion that as the Supreme Government have been pleased to express themselves to the effect that they do not desire to make a profit on the water supplied to the Municipality, they prefer accepting this offer and to pay at prime cost for the water consumed by them.

17. In the Proceedings of the Madras Government, P. W. D., dated 17th July 1869 is printed a Resolution of the Government of India in continuation of the subject which, so far as it relates to the terms on which the water was to be supplied to the Municipality, is to the following effect: "The Municipality is required to pay 1 Rupee per 1,000 cubic yards for the supply of water it may receive from the reservoirs now being constructed at the cost of Government." Again it is remarked "the Governor-General in Council desires, therefore, that it may be quite clearly understood by all parties concerned that the price to be paid is as stated above, Rupee 1 per 1,000 cubic yards supplied."

18. In communicating this Resolution to the President, the Madras Government in their Order dated 17th July 1869, No. 2327, desire it to be distinctly understood that the price to be paid by the Municipality for the water which may be supplied to them from the Government Reservoirs will be at the rate of 1 Rupee per 1,000 cubic yards.

19. The Committee deduce from this correspondence that the proposal originally made by the Government of Madras in submitting the project for the consideration of the Supreme Government remains in force with this slight modification, *viz.*, that the Municipality is to pay at the rate of 1 Rupee per 1,000 cubic yards instead of at the rate of 7 Rupees per 7,000 cubic yards, the Government recognizing the prior claim of the

Municipality to 32 millions of cubic yards annually. The Committee would strongly deprecate any change being made in the terms of this arrangement except as to the quantity of water to which their prior claim should be recognized.

20. They observe that this quantity was originally settled by Mr. Lee in his report to the Water Supply Committee, dated the 13th of August 1868, and accepted by the Water Supply Committee as sufficient to supply the population then supposed to be over 700,000.

21. The Census having subsequently shown that the population is somewhat less than 400,000, it is clear that so large a quantity as 32,000,000 cubic yards of water is not required.

22. In conclusion the recommendations of the Committee may be summed up briefly as follows:—

The Government should be asked to recognize a prior claim of the Municipality to 21½ millions of cubic yards of water annually, instead of to 32 millions of cubic yards as hitherto, the Municipality being required as hitherto to pay only for such quantity of water as may be supplied to them at the rate of 1 Rupee per 1,000 cubic yards.

V. RAMIENGAR,

Chairman.

The Honorable Mr. Coleman having seconded the resolution, it was carried unanimously.

The Honorable J. G. Coleman, Commissioner of the 1st Division, has given notice under Section 20 of Act IX. of 1867, of his intention to move the following resolution at the Special General Meeting of the Commissioners to be held on the 4th proximo.

That a Committee be formed to act in concert with other residents of the Town (whom they may invite), for the purpose of raising subscriptions, preparing an address, and making the necessary arrangements for its presentation to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his expected visit to Madras.

The Honorable J. G. Coleman then addressed the Meeting as follows:—I feel highly gratified and honored this day in moving a resolution concerning the nature of which you must all be fully cognizant; it is that a Committee be formed to act in concert with other residents of the town for the purpose of raising subscriptions, preparing an address, and making the necessary arrangements for its presentation to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his expected visit to this city. I am sure it does not require any stimulus from me to awaken the feelings of loyalty for which you and all the people of Madras are always characteristic; neither is it imperative on my part to desire you to evince the same, for I rest perfectly satisfied that Madras, so far as its means will allow, will not be eclipsed in the extent and grandeur of her preparations, and in the hearty and enthusiastic welcome she will accord to the royal visitor, by any of the cities in India through which His Royal Highness may pass. Our sister Presidencies have already commenced to make preparations on a most extensive scale for the reception and entertainment of India's royal guest. It behoves us, therefore, as loyal subjects of the British crown to follow their commendable example. Let us of Madras, once again, demonstrate on so memorable and felicitous an occasion as that of the forthcoming visit of the Prince of Wales, that we still continue to be right, true, and loyal subjects of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, the Empress of India, by making every possible arrangement in our power to render the reception of His Royal Highness to this city as munificent and welcome, and his stay as pleasant and enjoyable as befits the dignity of his exalted position as heir-apparent to the British crown and our guest. Let us accord him such princely hospitality that he may go away impressed with the most favorable ideas of Madras and its peoples.

With these remarks Mr. Coleman moved the following resolution:—That a Committee be formed of the following gentlemen for the purpose of inviting the residents of the Town of Madras to co-operate with the Municipality in all measures deemed necessary for the reception of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his intended visit to Madras:—

Resolution 4.

The Honorable V. Ramiengar, C.S.I.
M. Vencatasawmy Naidoo Garu, Esq.
P. Somasoondrum Chettiar, Esq.
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V. Kristnama Charriar, Esq.
L. R. Burrows, Esq., *Acting President.*
The Honorable J. G. Coleman.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Vijiarungum Moodelliar and unanimously carried.

The Meeting then dispersed.

L. R. Burrows.

Ag. President, Municipal Commission.

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Municipal Commissioner's Office,
Madras, 30th August 1875

From

L. R. BURROWS Esq.,
Acting President Municipal Commission.

To *The Hon'ble D. F. Carmichael*
Acting Chief Secretary to Government
Ootacamund.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the minutes of the Proceedings of a Special General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, held on the 4th and adjourned to the 5th instant.

2. I have to remark with reference to the Resolution adopted by the Commissioners as to the provision of the funds required for the drainage works that the views therein expressed seems to accord precisely with that publicly expressed by Sir Wm. Denison and Lord Napier former Governors of Madras and by the Honorable R. S. Ellis a Member of the present Government. In the adoption of the scheme proposed by Mr. Clark, and the election of that Gentleman as the Engineer to be entrusted with its execution the

Commissioners

Commissioners are glad to observe that the views of the Government appear to have undergone no change, and they earnestly hope that the drainage works will shortly be put in hand, and will prove a success.

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

L R Burnes.
Acting President
Municipal Commission

Third 1875 Department
(Municipal Proceedings)

From
The Actg President
Municipal Commission
Madras.

To
The Actg Chief Secretary
to Government
Ootacamund.

Dated 30th August
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I have the honor &c
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Sd Paul Wallace Lobb M. Secy

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Order:- Bord. 1st Oct. 1875: No 1938.
Communicate to the P.W. Department.
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15th Oct. 1875

Note:- The Proceedings called for no orders of Government in any Department as the granting of the Order noticed is under consideration in the P.W. Department, the Chief Engineer & Surveyor being absent on tour. Revised Estimate for the Bridge will be submitted by the 1st Nov. & survey over the Bridge Scheme form Imperial Revenue.

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Govt. of Madras.

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Mund. Pros. The Pros. of the Mund. Commrs. regarding water supply & Drainage & making arrangements for the expected visit of H. R. H. Prince of Wales ~~recorded~~.

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