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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

21st May 1881, No. 908.

Municipal—Buildings.

Read the following paper :—

From the Hon. C. GRANT, C.S., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home, Revenue, and Agricultural Department (Municipalities), to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Simla, 30th April 1881, No. 3—58 [Current No. 1124].

On various occasions the attention of the Government of India has been drawn to the want of storage for agricultural produce near railway stations. This want cannot always conveniently be supplied by Railway Companies, and there are undoubtedly some objections to any admixture of their legitimate functions as carriers with the duties which would fall upon them as warehousemen. Further, works of this description, which require no extensive outlay, and whose first purpose is to serve local interests, do not appear to the Government of India to be ordinarily legitimate objects for State expenditure.

2. On the other hand, it seems both advantageous and proper that Municipalities and other local bodies should interest themselves in these undertakings, and should further them by every means in their power. In making this suggestion, the Governor-General in Council does not overlook the numerous calls upon the resources of Municipalities; and admits that they cannot properly be required to take measures for the facilitation of local trade, except when they have spare funds, after providing for the more necessary calls upon them. But warehouses of the kind in question, if economically constructed and judiciously located, can hardly ever be a source of loss, as has been proved by past experience in various instances. Thus at Nagpur in 1877, owing to large consignments of grain having accumulated at the railway station for transport to the famine-stricken districts of Madras and Bombay, the Municipality constructed ranges of warehouses, which not only protected from destruction during the monsoon large quantities of grain at a time when food was scarce, and were a great convenience to the trade, but fully repaid the outlay incurred on them. A similar experiment was successfully undertaken by the Public Works Department at Ludhiana in 1878; and the advantages of the system may now be considered to be established.

3. I am therefore to request that the subject may be taken into consideration by the Government of Madras, and that effect may, as far as possible, be given to the suggestions above conveyed.

ORDER THEREON, 21st May 1881, No. 908.

Communicated to all Presidents of Municipalities on lines of Rail for consideration by the Municipal Boards.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Cuddapah.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE
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THE HONOURABLE C. GRANT, C.S.,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

*The Secretary to the
Govt. of Madras.*

SIMLA, the 27 April 1881.

Honab. Rev. and Agri. Dept.
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SIR,

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Grant

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

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