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Read the following Papers.

No. 45. From C. W. READE, Esq., President, and G. F. FISCHER, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Sanatory Association of Salem; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 18th March 1857.

SIR,

We have the honor to inform the Government, that an Association has been formed by the inhabitants of Salem, Native, East Indian, and European, primarily for Sanatory purposes, but with the ultimate view to devise and carry out all measures of local reform and improvements which the present condition of this large town so urgently calls for.

The inhabitants feel themselves fully competent to undertake the management of their own affairs, and confident of the co-operation and aid of all classes of the community, they are most anxious to set an example by showing to others what may be done on the voluntary principle by combined efforts and under energetic and well directed agency.

The more immediate object of their organization is to adopt measures which will permanently secure the future cleanliness and healthy condition of their town so far as it is within their power to meet the ordinary provocative causes of disease, for the character Salem possesses owing to the annual visitation of cholera so especially fatal to travellers and to strangers, including Europeans, has almost passed into a proverb.

The beginning of the present year was not an exceptional one, and the mortality in the Jail and amongst those attending the Courts amply attest the fact, while it is difficult to estimate the number of deaths in the town itself. Many of the inhabitants had long been desirous of doing something, and the occasion seemed an opportune one for urging on the rest their duties and responsibilities in the matter.

The Association has commenced under such good auspices and its proceedings since have been marked with so much vigour and perseverance, that all doubt is dispelled as to its permanent success.

Throughout Salem the interest in the objects in view is daily increasing, and this interest has already been substantially evidenced by the wealthy few in the donations proffered to enable the Association to commence their labours. The town is being subdivided into Districts, every street is being named, and every house will be numbered and marked, and divisions, streets and houses will all be registered in the books of the Association. Tenders for the primary cleansing of the entire town under close supervision have been accepted, and an adequate establishment is in course of formation, and we hope to commence so soon as the present enormous amount of filth and rubbish, the accumulation of years, has been removed.

We do not like to tire the Government with further details illustrative of what has been done, what is doing, and what will be done through the means of the Association, but while we are thus sanguine of achieving great and important results, and these not merely of an ephemeral character, it is obvious that with all the liberality of the community, Native, East Indian, and European, there will yet be much to be accomplished that will involve expenditure far beyond our own resources. We estimate that a sum of 4 or 5000 Rupees a year will be the aggregate collections of the proposed rates, which are fixed on a scale that will be felt by no one, but this amount will suffice for little more than to carry out those measures which so immediately suggested our organization; but like other native towns, Salem is capable of such vast improvements, and it is so desirable to introduce these, that although at first we only propose to direct our main energies to the one object of Sanatory reform; we are not the less anxious to extend our sphere of operations by simultaneously directing our attention to a variety of other objects which properly fall within the cognizance and superintendence of every Municipality.

We learn by the correspondence noted in the margin† and which has been furnished to us by the Acting Collector, that the Government are deeply interested in the very work we have undertaken, and it is singular that in perfect ignorance of the Government views, we should find them so closely to assimilate with our own. This is great strength and encouragement to us, and while we have felt it incumbent to offer the foregoing preliminary remarks, we now come to the

† Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 9th February 1856.
Do. Do. 15th April 1856.

main object we had in bringing the Association thus officially to the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor.

We wish for the extension of no law or of any authority in furtherance of our projects, we do not need either; but adverting to the liberal sentiments expressed in the Minutes of Consultation referred to in the foregoing para: we feel that we may reasonably seek of Government such pecuniary aid as will enable us to give a character and stability to our undertaking, and ensure Salem becoming a model town in all respects. We do not ask for grants of money, but we simply apply for the funds arising from local taxation, on trades and houses within the town itself and which we gather the Government are prepared to give. These are of trifling amount to the State, but will be a very valuable addition to our resources, and such appropriation of local taxes would only seem a legitimate mode of disposing of them, and so long as the Moturpha tax is continued we would respectfully pray the Government on behalf of those whom we represent, that these monies should be made over to us.

We also learn from Mr. Brett's letter, already alluded to, that there is a large balance of Pagoda Funds in the Public Treasury, and the Government have already recognized the propriety and expediency of applying this money to purposes of general good, and we are assured that there is not an object to which this large sum could be better and more satisfactorily applied than to that which is represented by our Association, and we do not hesitate to say that this arrangement would meet with the fullest approval of the great majority of the population, should Government think proper to canvass public opinion on the subject.

Of course, this money would be made over to us under due guarantees, and in the names of ourselves, and two or more Officers of the Association who are wealthy and influential Native gentlemen of this town, and we do earnestly hope that Government will give to our requests which we make at the express desire of the people themselves, that favorable consideration to which we can but believe it is entitled.

We shall of course continue to go on heartily with our voluntary labours, and independent of the assistance we now respectfully ask of the Government we hope to accomplish results no less important to our own selves than they will prove to other large and wealthy Native communities who may be prompted to follow our example when they learn what can be done by the united efforts of those, who in pursuit of a common object for the common weal, are able to sink individual differences, and to come forward and vie with each other in carrying out schemes and plans for the general good at the sacrifice of personal convenience, time, and money.

We have intimated to the Acting Collector and Magistrate of the District the formation of our Assosiation, for although we entirely eschew all idea of seeking either the aid or interference of the law weare not the less sensible of the advantage of having the good will and tacit countenance of the local authorities, and we have requested the Collector to give his support to our application and assistance in the manner proposed.

(Signed) C. W. READE,
President.

(,,) G. F. FISCHER,
Vice-President.

No. 46. From J. W. CHERRY, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 28th March 1857, No. 33.

SIR,

I do myself the honor to forward copies of a correspondence that has just passed between myself and the President of a Municipal Association organized for Sanatory and other improvements in the town of Salem.

2. With my reply to Mr. Reade's letter of the 3rd March, I furnished him with the correspondence that had taken place between Mr. Brett and the Government regarding this very subject, and of the existence of which, the gentlemen of the Association appeared to have been ignorant.

3. I feel assured from the opinion already expressed in the Minutes of Consultation, dated 10th May 1856, that the organization of such an Association will be gratifying to the Government, the people having themselves thus taken the initiative, it would seem only in accordance Para. 2. with the views of Government therein expressed, that aid should be afforded from the Public Treasury.

4. Mr. Brett's letter of the 15th April will have apprized the Government that the sum of Rupees 39,468-3-11 remains from the surplus Pagoda Funds in the District. The proposal now made to appropriate this sum under due guarantees, together with the local taxes realized in the town of Salem, to the objects of the Association, would seem a most proper and legitimate mode of disposing of these monies.

5. Accompanying is a Statement of the annual amount of the taxes collected on trades and houses in Salem and its Suburbs for the last 3 years, averaging about 12,000 Rupees per annum.

6. The Government are so well aware of the proverbial unhealthiness of the town of Salem and so much has been written on the subject, that it is only necessary for me to add that considerations for the general good, have at last aroused the energies of the inhabitants, and they are now engaged in carrying out with vigour and efficiency, the immediate objects contemplated, by the Association.

7. Mr. Reade has explained that the people's contributions will amply suffice to complete the Sanatory measures about to be at once adopted. There are a variety of other improvements in the town urgently called for, connected with the drainage, &c., &c., but involving an outlay of expenditure far exceeding the means of the Association. These improvements would seem strictly to fall within their cognizance and supervision.

8. It is to carry out all these works and to render Salem what it is capable of becoming that I would, with all deference, urge on Government, the desirableness of acceding to this requisition of the Salem Municipal Association.

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2. The Association was declared duly organized on Friday the 27th February, and donations to the amount of upwards of Rupees 2,000 are in course of collection, offering evidence of the interest felt in the object. Our purpose in raising this fund is at once to cleanse the town of Salem, &c., throughout, and to purchase carts and materials preparatory to the daily cleaning the streets, houses, gutters and drains, and this work will commence so soon as the present filth and rubbish, the accumulation of years, has been entirely removed.

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the Association the necessity of placing itself in communication with the local authorities, and I have been requested to address you in order to ascertain what assistance the Government are prepared to render towards giving effect to our designs.

5. I enclose you a list of the working Committee of the Association, of which I have been elected President, and Mr. Fischer, the Moottadar of Salem, Vice-President, and I believe this list will be a sufficient guarantee for the faithful appropriation of any funds that may be entrusted to our keeping.

6. I understand there are a variety of local taxes in this town collected both directly from the people and indirectly through the Moottadar, which now find their way into the Public Treasury, but of which no portion has as yet ever been allotted for Municipal purposes. The Government will admit, I think, that these funds may legitimately be expended on the objects for which the community of Salem have organized themselves into a public association, since it would seem only equitable that taxes levied on houses, on persons and on trades within a large town, should be given up for improving that town, and making it all that it is capable of becoming under proper and active management, and as the people have themselves now come forward with hearty co-operation to promote and carry out the contemplated objects as far as lies within their ability, it is hoped that Government will not hesitate to meet their views and desires in the way pointed out.

7. It is also understood that there are very large balances in deposit on account of the Devastanum funds, amounting to nearly 40,000 Rupees, and it is the common report that the Government have already expressed themselves desirous of appropriating this money for the general improvement of the town of Salem. If it be so, I am authorized to say, that the object meets with the concurrence of the people, and I would propose on their behalf, that this sum be made over to the Association for Municipal purposes, to be invested in the public funds, in the names of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association, for the time being. This proposal will, I trust, have your support as well as the final approval of Government, because it would appear to be the obviously correct and fitting mode of disposing of monies belonging to the people, for they clearly may claim the right to manage their own affairs, and it was this very principle of independent action I have exerted my best energies and efforts to press on their acceptance, and thus prove to them that they should not leave to Government, what in every other country is done by the united efforts of the people themselves.

(Signed) C. W. READE,
President.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. CHERRY,
Acting Collector.

From J. W. CHERRY, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem; to C. W. READE, Esq., President of the Municipal Sanatory Association of Salem, dated 10th March 1857, No. 65.

SIR,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 3rd Instant, and from its tenor, it strikes me that you do not seem to be aware of the interest the Government have already taken on the subject, so I beg to send you the accompanying correspondence, for the information of the Salem Association.

2. I have only to add, that I shall be most happy to further the views of the Association, and from the liberal spirit in which the Government have expressed themselves as regards the disposal of the Pagoda Funds, alluded to by you, I should think that there would be no objection on their part to appropriate that money in the way you propose.

3. I will shortly forward a copy of your letter with my best support.

(Signed) J. W. CHERRY,
Acting Collector.

(True Copy.)

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Acting Collector.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 28th April 1857.

From C. W. READE, Esq., President of the Municipal Sanatory Association of Salem; to J. W. CHERRY, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem, dated 26th March 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant, forwarding copies of certain correspondence between the Collector and the Government.

The Association feels much encouraged in their schemes and efforts by the expression of liberality which the Minutes of Government so unmistakeably contain, and it is with no little pleasure and satisfaction they observe the singular coincidence of their own views and plans with those which the Government have so emphatically declared themselves ready to aid and support, of the fact, however the Association was in perfect ignorance until the receipt of your letter, and while it will doubtless go far to strengthen their own hands, they also feel that it will not be without its weight in influencing yourself and your successors in the degree and measure of support due to the proposal made in my former communication, as well as to the general objects of the Association.

I beg to thank you in the name of the Association, for the expression of your own ready and willing co-operation in the efforts we are making for the amelioration of the town itself, as well as of its inhabitants.

(Signed) C. W. READE.
President.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. CHERRY,
Acting Collector.

Statement shewing the Moturpha Collections in the Salem Town and Suburbs in Fusly 1263-64 and 1265.

Names of the Suburbs of Salem.	Ain Moturpha.					Loom Tax.					Bandy Tax.					Manure contract at the bandy halting place at Shevapett.				
	Fusly 1263.	Fusly 1264.	Fusly 1265.	Total.	Average.	Fusly 1263.	Fusly 1264.	Fusly 1265.	Total.	Average.	Fusly 1263.	Fusly 1264.	Fusly 1265.	Total.	Average,	Fusly 1263.	Fusly 1264.	Fusly 1265.	Total.	Average.
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1 Salem	2024	2008	1,958	5,990	...	6,781	7,021	7,042	20,844	...	336	314	256	906	...	47	50	60	157	...
2 Marananairy	1	1	1	3	...	15	26	21	62	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3 Comarasamyputty	72	53	56	181	...	10	10	10	30	...	44	35	44	123	...	...	...	...	...	...
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9 Periayary	7	12	8	27	...	613	672	685	1,970	...	17	15	15	47	...	...	...	...	...	...
10 Odiaputty	12	12	11	35	...	1	1	1	3	...	50	50	50	150	...	...	...	...	...	...
11 Adekaraputty	8	8	7	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	6	5	25	...	...	...	...	...	...
12 Ummapettay	157	154	140	457	...	1,659	1,672	1,707	5,038	...	18	16	15	49	...	...	...	...	...	...
13 Mauchenaikenputty	5	5	4	14	...	3	3	3	9	...	66	65	68	199	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	2,300	2,263	2,199	6,762	2,254	9,093	9,421	9,480	27,994	9,331	566	518	499	1,583	528	47	50	60	157	52

Salem, Collector's Office
on Circuit,
Husthumputty, 28th March 1857.

E. E. per
(Signed) J. W. CHERRY,
Acting Collector.

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, No. 480; dated 27th April 1857.

1. The above letters announce the formation at Salem of an Association of the inhabitants Native, East Indian and European for sanatory purposes.

2. The Association is a voluntary one and its objects are intended to be carried out by the spontaneous efforts of those who have become parties to it, without the aid of authority. They refer however to the encouragement held out to such attempts at Salem in Extract Minutes Consultation 10th May 1856, and prefer two requests, viz: the first that they may have the local rates and cesses *i. e.* the Moturpha realizable for the Town of Salem which from the report of the Acting Collector would seem to average Rupees 12,165 per annum, and 2dly that the surplus Salem Pagoda Funds Rupees 39,468, may be made over to them in furtherance of the purposes that they have in view.

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council highly approves the public spirit evinced by the Association and is anxious to assist them to the best of his power towards the accomplishment of the important duty that they have undertaken.

4. With regard to their more immediate requests the Governor in Council is unable to place the Moturpha taxes of the Town of Salem at the disposal of the Association, but as respects the surplus Pagoda Funds, it is observed that in Extract Minutes Consultation Revenue Department, 16th August last, No. 869, the Government fully recognized the propriety of applying this sum towards the sanatory improvement of the Town of Salem, and the subject was referred through the Board of Revenue for the report of the Committee created under the orders of Government, Judicial Department, 10th May 1856, No. 493, or the order quoted by the Association. The Vice President of the Association it is remarked was to have been a Member of that Committee.

5. The Committee will now be again called upon through the Revenue Department, for their report and will be requested to consider it in communication with the leading Members of the Association. On receipt of the report further orders will be passed. Meanwhile much as he admires the liberal spirit shown by the Association the Governor in Council would wish them to reflect whether the purpose that they have in view would not be more certainly secured, without any undue interference with their freedom of action, if the community of Salem could be brought to consent to the provisions of Act XXVI of 1850, being put in force within the Town. The Government much fear that the permanence of such voluntary efforts as the present cannot be depended on, that their continuance must be much affected by the personal influence of those at the head of the movement and would languish, should they at any time be withdrawn, and that the only sure way of rendering them permanent is by giving them legal sanction and obligation in the manner contemplated by the Act.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
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From the President and Vice President of the Municipal Sanatory Association of Salem — 18 March 1857

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and the second
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3 Mr Ellis explained to the Committee the object of the Government in requesting this to be done and that

orders of the Court of Directors have ordered the discontinuance of the Registration of its abolition being left to the Superintendent

Mr Ellis explained that the Pagoda funds should be directed to be paid back as the July 1856 that those funds for Salem and for the other Districts should remain where the accumulations had considerable should be disbursed on any work or works of public benefit most acceptable & valuable to the native Community generally

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Trichinopoly	40,000
Bellary	12872
South Arcot	26,687
Coimbatore	38,835

See orders on this
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that no pecuniary
grant with the sanction
under any such
mark compulsory

and it which appears
pd on a legislative
footing in the town
being longest under the
provisions of the XXX
1850.

Any encouragement
shd be given to this at-
tempt - at the same
time it would be well
to express the opinion
that it is doubtful
whether any permanent
benefit can be counted
from voluntary efforts
however commendable may
the motives which induce them
or however energetic the hands
who set them in motion.

I wd give the motto
for the present - letting them however - that
it cannot be depended on - & the Overseers

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be applied to such purposes as may
be considered best by the Committee
in connection with the Collector.

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I fully concur in the above, but as the
Motion is still Revenue can we legislate
without sanction?

Do. also give back of the Poor Funds
as belong to the town of Salem proper - but
how hardly before it give them appertaining
to other parts of the district - likewise.

This we can see when the information
regarding these funds is obtained from the D. P. W.

The people wd be wise to get Act XXVI 1850
made applicable to their town, but the application
must depend on themselves. Each however
is entitled to demand some guarantee for
the right appropriation of any funds obtained
thro' this its intervention.

I would give every encouragement to the Institution who have
endeavoured to promote the
welfare of the Poor - the
Guardians of Salem Mr. Fisher

is a most hot
moon in this matter
and his influence
will do much. The
Most Hon: our
worthy Member has
moved & he
seconded by the Committee
without question, but
this does not commit him
fully in aid equal
to it — I would also
join all the Native
Inhabitants of Salem
town but of the Suburbs
& the neighbourhood
for the permanent im-
provements of the Custom
House & its adjuncts all within
two miles of it
20/4/57 — Wheeler

cb Supt.
SP 15 —

Judicial Departt.

No. 480

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Dated 27th April 1857.
Read the following papers

From the President and Vice President of the Municipal Sanatory Association of Salem.— } (Here enter 18th March 1857) No. 512.—

From the Acting Collector of Salem.— } —— " 28th " —— " —— No. ——

1.— The above letters announce the formation at Salem of an association of the inhabitants Native, East Indian and European for Sanatory purposes.—

2.— The Association is a voluntary one and its objects are intended to be carried out by the spontaneous efforts of those

those who have become parties to it without the aid of authority - They prefer however to the encouragement held out to such attempts at Salem in E. M. C. 10th May 1856, and prefer two requests - viz: the first that they may have the local rates and Cesses i e the Motur-pha realizable for the Town of Salem which from the report of the Acting Collector would seem to average Rs. 12165 per annum -

and 2dly that the surplus Salem Pagoda Funds Rs. 39468 - may be made over to them in furtherance of the purposes that they have in view -

3 - The Rt. Hon. the Govr.

Govr in C. highly approves the public spirit evinced by the Association and is anxious to assist them to the best of his power towards the accomplishment of the important duty that they have undertaken -

4 - With regard to their more immediate requests the Govr in C. is unable to place the Motur-pha taxes of the Town of Salem at the disposal of the association - but as respects the surplus Pagoda Funds it is observed that in E. M. C. Revenue Dept. 16th August last. No. 869 the Govt fully recognized the propriety of applying this sum towards the Sanatory

Sanatary improvement of the Town of Salem - and the subject was referred through the Board of Revenue for the report of the Committee created under the orders of Govt. Judicial Dept. 10th May 1856 No. 493 or the order quoted by the Association - The Vice President of the Association it is remarked was to have been a member of that Committee. -

5. The Committee will now be again called upon + for their report and will be requested to consider it in communication with the leading members of the Association - On receipt of the report further

+ thro' H. Rev Dept.

further orders will be passed - Meanwhile much as he admires the liberal spirit shown by the Association the Govt. in C. would wish them to reflect whether the purpose that they have in view would not be more certainly secured, without any undue interference with their freedom of action - if the Community of Salem could be brought to consent to the provisions of Act XXVI 1850 being put in force within the Town - The Govt. much fear that the permanence of such voluntary efforts as the present cannot be depended on - that their continuance must be much affected.

affected by the personal
influence of those at
the head of the move-
ment and would lan-
guish should they
at any time be with-
drawn - and that the
only sure way of ren-
dering them perma-
nent is by giving
them legal sanction
and obligation in the
manner contemplated
by the Act.-

The President & Fellows
President of the
Municipal Sanatory
Association of Salem
Coll of Salem
Women Dep[t]

Dispd 30th

H. G. Toll

C/43 Bengal 1856-37

Sud. Lr. L. Engr. 20 Oct. No. 26
of 1857 Paras 2 & 3.
Reptd. to in No. 5 of 1858.
P.H.

In 84 Dems: 28 April

Judicial 1857 Dept.

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Extract from the
Minutes of Consultation

Dated 27th April 1857.

Fr. No. 869 of 8th June 57
Paras 2 & 3

1869/58.

Highly approves the public spirit evinced by the Establishment at Salem of an association of the inhabitants Native East Indian and European for Sanatory purposes with regard to their request that the Pagoda Funds be made over to them observe that the Committee Created under the orders of Govt. 10th May 1856. will be again called upon for their report on

on receipt of which further orders will be passed.

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