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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
31st October 1865.*

No. 222. Read the following letter from C. G. WALKER, Esq., Madras Civil Service, to the Chief Secretary to Government; Fort Saint George, dated 17th October 1865.

It has come to my knowledge that the project of reclaiming the shallow portion of the Coimbatore tank has been again brought up, after being abandoned; and, in connection therewith, I think it right that I should state, for the information of Government, a circumstance which is, perhaps, known to myself alone among those likely to be able to bring it to notice. At the time when the formation of a Municipal Commission was mooted in Coimbatore, I was Acting Head Assistant Magistrate, and in charge of the town. My name was entered by Government as one of the Commissioners, and, in the deliberations as to the rules, I was the only European present (the Civil Surgeon being present at one sitting only); the other members present were all Natives.

2. The question of applying to Government for a grant in aid of the Municipal expenditure (similar assistance having been given in other cases) was raised, but it was unanimously abandoned, the Commissioners resolving that, as soon as the progress of the assessment justified them in so doing, they would respectfully address Government, and represent the great injury which the town sustained by the near proximity of so offensive a swamp as the upper part of the tank always becomes, and, stating that they had been induced to abstain from asking pecuniary aid by their intention of making such a request, beg that Government would take immediate measures for reclaiming, as had been long proposed, the upper portion of the water-spread of the tank. It was, I believe, the unanimous feeling of the meeting that such a measure would be a far greater boon to the town than any direct grant in money, and that, without it, sanitary measures would be all but futile.

3. The Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury, the District Moonsiff, Huzoor and Court Sheristadars, and the leading inhabitants of the town composed the meeting, and I feel little doubt that no idea of possible diminution of the water supply from the tank ever occurred to them to be likely, or they would have brought it forward.

No. 223. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1865, No. 1549.

The foregoing letter will be considered on the receipt of the information called for in the Proceedings of Government, under date the 27th ultimo, No. 1388.

(True Extract).

Acting Secretary to Government.

To C. G. Walker, Esq.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

From

L. G. Walker Esquire

To

The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir

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Fort Saint George
17th October 1865

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant.

Walker

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order thereon. 31st October 1865 R=1549.

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