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25th September 1866.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 279. From the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 29th August 1866.

We have the honor, in reference to paragraph 2 of Government Order, No. 1295, dated 21st instant, calling our attention to the condition of the main sewer opening into the Cooum river on the north bank near the Penitentiary, to state that the mouth of this sewer is on the *bank* of the river.

2. During the recent dry season the water of the river was so low that the bed to a considerable extent on each side was laid bare and thus the sewage waters, not of the drain objected to only, but also of two others on the opposite bank, appeared to be flowing in open drains before reaching the river ; the recent rains having supplied some water to the Cooum, the above objection is in a slight degree obviated, and care will be taken during the next dry season to cut the sewage channels so deep as to admit the Cooum water up to the mouth.

3. Any attempt to extend the covered channels beyond the banks into the bed of the river would probably fail, as in the time of the monsoon floods the force of the stream would undermine and wash away the part obstructing the then extended water-way.

4. In reference to these sewers, we would respectfully remind the Government that their construction was long prior to the erection of the Penitentiary, and unless the projected scheme of under-ground drainage be matured, we are unable to devise any measure for lessening the nuisance objected to.

5. The cess-pool referred to in the Principal Inspector General's letter was constructed at the request of the late Sanitary Commission, for the conduct of certain experiments, but has not yet ever been used, the water now therein being only percolations from the soil adjacent.

Referred to the Sanitary Commissioner for any remarks he may have to offer,
FORT SAINT GEORGE, (Signed) J. D. SIM,
1st September 1866. Secretary to Government.

No. 280. From the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 13th September 1866, No. 196.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Memorandum, dated September 1st, referring for such remarks

Enclosure one.
Letter dated 29th August 1866, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, from the Municipal Commissioners.

as I may have to offer, letter dated 29th August, from the Municipal Commissioners.

2. The cess-pit referred to in the 5th paragraph of the above letter was constructed by the Municipal Commission, at the recommendation of the late Sanitary Commission, for the purpose of testing the merits of a scheme (full information concerning which is contained at pages 49 and 50 of their Proceedings for 16th August 1864) suggested by Mr. Fraser, Civil Engineer, for the purification of the

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Coom river, the principal feature of which consisted in diverting the sewage from the river into a series of catch pits, where it was to be deodorized with dry earth and carted away.

3. In March last the cess-pit situated near the Chintadripettah bridge was reported complete by the Municipal Board, and was at once visited by the Sanitary Commission in company with Mr. Fraser; and at its first trial difficulties in the practical working of the scheme were discovered, which were not before apparent.

4. In order to enable the Engineer Member of the late Commission to report fully on the whole subject, the Municipal Board were called upon to furnish further information concerning the drainage of the locality, which, up to the present time, has not been supplied.

5. The attention of the Municipal Board was directed to this on the 25th. August, No. 178, and they have explained that they delayed furnishing the information called for in consequence of the leaky state of the cess-pit, attempts to repair which have been up to the present time unsuccessful.

6. I trust shortly to be in possession of the information which will enable me to submit a full report to Government on the merits of Mr. Fraser's scheme; but, in the meantime, I have suggested to the Municipal Commission that, pending the decision by competent authority on the details of Mr. Fraser's scheme, the cess-pit shall be closed and thereby rendered innocuous.

No. 281. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1866, No. 1513.

Ordered to be communicated to the Municipal Commissioners, with the request that they will take immediate steps for closing the cess-pit as suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner.

2. The Government hope shortly to receive the report promised in the concluding paragraph of the Sanitary Commissioner's letter.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To the Municipal Commissioners.

- " Sanitary Commissioner.
- " Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.
- " Commissioner of Police.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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25 Sept 1866 No. 1573.

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If the plan
is found to
be correct it
will be a great
benefit
to the Municipal Commissioners
concluding from
of the Sanitary Commissioner - 21/8/66
J. Tulloch