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From

SURGEON LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE

Chief Secretary

to Government,

Local & Municipal Department.

Enclosure.

SIR,

* Enclosures therewith
herewith returned:-
C, Nos 1128 M and 1536 M.

With reference to G.O. N^o 943 M. M. dated 12 June 1895, Local and Municipal, I have the honor to state that, since the year 1891 when a committee of eminent experts gave an opinion as to the safety of fishing in the Coorn, circumstances have changed in that, as remarked in G.O. dated 21 April 1891, N^o 592 M. M. the condition of the Coorn has "materially deteriorated." Hence, I consider this opinion must be put aside, and matters be regarded in respect to the existing state of affairs.

2. The so-called river is now represented by a mass of diluted sewage, which undergoes at certain seasons considerable concentration as a result of evaporation and cessation of additions of surface and sea

sea water. Under these circum-
stances, the fish being deprived of a
due supply of oxygen can no more
than human beings inhabiting ill-
ventilated houses be in a really
healthy condition, and experience
shows that fish taken from such
situations are "flabby" in flesh and
prone to rapid decomposition; this
tendency to decomposition may be
aided by the adherence of microbes
derived from the sewage having the
property of bringing this about.

Further, to the persons of the
fishers, the fish, and nets, patho-
genic microbes might be attached,
which might thus be transported to
various parts of the town. In regard
to the proteid products of decompo-
sition and the pathogenic microbes
in the case of the fish, if in the
process of cooking a certain tempera-
ture be maintained for a sufficient
length of time, the chances are that
these would be destroyed and
innocuousness would result.
But, whilst it would not be safe
to neglect the custody of gunpowder
in the hope of its not being exposed

to chances of exploding, neither is it
to trust that in cooking in ordinary
persons' hands the required duration
or degree of temperature may be
maintained. It is certainly a popular,
and, I believe, a well-founded
opinion that Cornish fish is unsafe,
and I consider that such belief
is derived from experience in the
rare cases where the temperature
of cooking and cleanliness have
been insufficient, or decomposi-
tion has set in with a rapidity
not calculated upon. Recent in-
vestigations in Europe have pointed
to the consumption of uncooked
molluscs, which form part of the
Cornish products, as a medium
for conveyance of both typhoid fever
and cholera microbes. If the
consumption of Cornish fish were
conducted under the superinten-
dence of a special Inspector
provided with apparatus showing
that the requisite temperature for
destruction of disease germs had
been acquired, the fish might be
eaten

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eaten with impunity, but so long
as such measures are inapplicable,
there can be no manner of doubt
as to the nature of the risk run
by a free population.

3. Under the above circumstances,
so long as the Coram is the recipient
of sewage to the remarkable degree
at present apparent, I coincide
with the President of the Commu-
nality of Madras in considering
that fishing therein should be
absolutely prohibited.

4. I may add that it is remarka-
ble commentary on the oft-repeated
tale of the yearly increasing filthy
state of the Coram, that the Commu-
nality of Madras should itself
consider it to be so largely contami-
nated with sewage as to require
special legislation or "sanitary
grounds" to prevent fishing within
it. Such a state of affairs certainly
points to the necessity of its early
attention ^{the latter part of} para 4 of G.O. dated
10 May 1895 N^o 8184, Local and Commu-
nity.

Have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedt servant

W. H. Jones

Surgeon-Lieut
Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 2133 m

Local & Municipal DEPARTMENT.

From

W. G. King
SURGEON LIEUT.-COL. J. A. LAING,
SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE Chief Secretary to
Government
Local & Municipal Dept.

No.

Dated 22nd June
Despatched 3rd July 1895.
Received 3 JUL 95

ENCLOSURES

(2) C. Nos 1128
& 1536 m
with

Subject.

Giving his opinion on the
suggestion of the President
Municipal Commission, Madras
that the prohibition of fishing
in Coorum should be absolute.

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9,000-5

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Prof. of the
file in the
no. substituted
From

From

The Sanitary Commission, Madras.

FOR ORDERS.

The Pres. may now be
authorized to proceed
under the Act - Reasonable
notice had been given to the
fishermen & care taken
that it actually reaches
them before any prosecution
is instituted.

18/7/95
18/7

It is proposed that a new Canal sh^d
be constructed shortly - & as soon as
it is made, I suppose fishing in the
Coorum will be allowed again. If so -
is it worth while to break up the
poor fishermen's trade for possibly
only a short period? I should like
to be certain about this, before agreeing
to the action agreed upon supra.

W

21 July

There is force in the suggestion.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 2133 m.

Please see the
notes and orders in G.O. dated,
12th June 1895, No. 973 m. The
Sanitary Commission agrees with
the President in considering that
the prohibition of fishing in the
Coorum should be absolute. His

grounds for this opinion, which is at
variance with that of his predecessor,
D^r Cornish, are that the Coorum has become
more poisonous of late years & that the
fish cannot be considered safe unless they have
been subjected to a certain degree of heat,
which cannot be insisted on. On the contrary,
it is believed that in many cases they are
simply dried in the sun. In the face of this
opinion there seems to be nothing for it but
to accept the President's

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Govt. has fortified itself all round
and ~~is~~ backed by the Mun &
Council, the S. Comm. and
public opinion. The only persons
who will differ will be the fishermen
It will probably be necessary to
supply them not only on the Corn
but on the Junction Canal and
the Buckingham Canal for some
distance beyond the Horsham
Bridge. These two bits of the
Canal are almost as bad as
the Corn itself

RS
16/7/95

* I am afraid, though, that
it will be a long time before
the new canal ~~can~~ be opened
through to the sea, as this
work cannot be completed
until the block making
found is available, which
will not be until the
new work in the inside
of the harbour is finished.
Should say it would be
at least 3 years before
though communication
is established - Mr Col.
Penywick would be able
to give a better opinion than
I can. He might be asked.

RS

25/7/95

I think Mr Penywick had to
ask

RS 26/7

Prohibition of fishing in the Coomun
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 FOR ORDERS.
 2133 m.

H. M. Scire:
H. M. Scire

Resubmitted to H. M. Scire with refer-
 to the Coomun note within.
 (No fresh copies of the G.O. at
 the bottom of the file, referred to
 by Hon. W. Bliss, are available here
 but one has been sent for.)
 M 22795 L.O.
 24/7/95

[G.]
 25.
 1900-7-5-95.

Local - Municipal DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 2133 m.
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FOR ORDERS.

Better let the matter alone,
 I think.
 M. 11/11/95
 J. 14/11/95
 W
 16 Nov

Please see notes & orders on C. No. 2133 m.
 Hon. Col. Pringnick has
 stated that the canal to the
 Coomun will not be completed
 for at least two years. This
 seems a long time to allow a
 nuisance to continue for the
 sake of the fishermen, for they
 will recover their privileges as soon
 as the waters of the Coomun are
 sweetened.
 W.D.
 4/11/95

Granting that Col. D. in Council is
 seems hardly worth while to be kept
 it will take something like a couple
 of years from start to finish before
 the Coomun fisherman is suppressed;
 for he will die hard, and at the
 end of that time - ~~perhaps~~ ~~perhaps~~ ~~perhaps~~
 is apparently to be allowed to

after having been the cause of
a great waste of time & trouble paper
& ink.

LD
8/11/95

Read again 4.0973m 8.12.6.95

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Read again C. No. 1856 M. 2133 M.

Order No. 1925 mins. 21-11-95

As a new canal is about to be
constructed in the
Harbour to the Crown,
which will divert the waters of the
harbour, the water of that river
the Govt. considers it inexpedient to interfere
consider it expedient to prohibit
in the matter of fishing in
the Crown.

(from orders) LD
20/11/95

WHD
18/11/95

To the Pres. Munt. Comm. 100
.. Sand. Comm. 100
Oupl. 2/11/95

Read from C. at 3. PM 9/11/95

Prohibition of fishing in the Crown

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FOR ORDERS.

H. M.

C. S.

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Chief Secretary's Office



9th October 1895.

My dear Pennington,

Please expedite
your reply to my D.C. of the 2nd
August 1895, calling for ~~certain~~ infor-
mation as to when the Levee can
may be expected to be opened.

Yours sincerely,

W. S. 7095

W. S. 7095

To the Hon'ble Col. J. Pennington.

Dated 9/10/95

14.8.14

21-3-11

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the new canal from the Harbor
to the Coom, which is expected
to under the river water ^{shades}
again, has already been ^{agreed to}

The answer to the question
depends upon the length of time
that must elapse before the
Canal is finished, and I am
to ask that you will give
your opinion as to the
approximate date when it may
be expected to be completed

Mrs. 255

LD (Pamondan)
31/7/95

To
The Hon. Mr. C. J. Peary

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the end of the month,
into the Harbor Pond some
months to come to any
conclusion -

In any case it will take
at least two years to any
but the work, and if
filing in the Coom is
considered objectionable in
front of ponds I do not think

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its jurisdiction should be
delegated on account of the
proposed construction of
the Canal -

I can hardly believe that
any serious evil can arise from
the stirring up of the bed
of the river; it may make
a local bad smell, but
I should doubt its doing
any permanent harm -

5-3-04

14-8-14

21-3-11

D. O.



no reply recd
on 11th 11/10/05
10/11/05

OOTACAMUND,

2nd July 1895

My dear Pennecook

Govt. has had before it the question of the advisability of prohibiting fishing in the Cooum owing to the unhealthy condition of the water of the river, but the doubt has arisen whether it is worth while to do this & break up the fishermen's trade now that

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Public Works Department,

Chennai, Madras,

UNDER SECRETARY
23 OCT 95
PUBLIC WORKS

1895

for, since
Pennecook

My dear Sir

I have examined my claims submitted to you & am sorry to hear about the fishing in the Cooum in my.

I am sending the estimate is almost ready and I expect to receive it officially about