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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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W. B. BANNERMAN, M.D., Surgn.-Captn.,
Inspector of Vaccn. and Dy. Sany. Commr.

No. 11-S.

Forwarded to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Máyaṭram, through the Collector.

2. The favour of attention is requested to paragraph 2 of G.O., dated 23rd December 1893, No. 1765-M., Local and Municipal.

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(Signed) W. G. KING, Surgn.-Lt.-Col.,
Ag. Sany. Commr. for Madras.

Endorsement on Current No. 20, Municipal.

Forwarded.

2. I desire the Sub-Collector to give his personal attention to this municipality and endeavour to bring it to some degree of efficiency. Left to themselves the council are unlikely to deal so with the executive as that reforms can be carried out.

TANJORE,
10th February 1895.

(Signed) J. THOMSON,
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Forwarded to the Chairman for favour of remarks as noted in the margin.

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REMARKS and explanations on the inspection notes of the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner, Madras, on his inspection of the Mayavaram Municipality.

Paragraph 1 of the inspection note.—Where the rubbish happens to be collected in the backyards of houses, the owners thereof are land-holders who occasionally remove it to their fields, and it will be a real hardship to deprive such people of the benefit of manure to their fields.

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As regards the suggestion of filling in the useless tanks with sand or clean earth, it will entail expense too heavy to be borne by this municipality whose finance is low. To procure earth would be impossible as, near such tanks, no place is available whereupon earth could be taken, and if any is available at all, it will be creating a new tank. Again, to fill in these tanks with sand which can be had only from the Cauvery, it would be much more costly, as they are away from the river. As to the suggestion of draining them, it is highly impracticable, as, during the rainy season, they become quite full and overflow their banks. The necessity to fill in the one within the hospital compound has been engaging the attention of the council from the year 1893, and the matter is being put off under financial consideration, the estimated cost being Rs. 405.

4. Disposal of sewage.—The suggestion to provide this municipality with "a proper air-tight iron cart with suction pump and hose," as well as the other suggestion, will be attended to.

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6. Water-supply.—The council awaits the action of bigger municipalities in the district to adopt the suggestion of sinking Norton's tube wells, and begs to draw the Chairman's remarks on the inspection notes of 1893, which state that a necessity for a fresh water project does not exist in this town, since almost all the houses are provided with wells which supply excellent drinking-water. However, the Chairman has written to the Mannargudi Municipality to ascertain if they would be willing to go in shares with this municipality in the purchase of the apparatus for driving Norton's tube wells and a reply is awaited to consider the question further. For the present, there are 22 public wells constructed by the municipality in places selected by the local medical officer and about half a dozen more will be constructed before the end of March next, for which spots have been already chosen in consultation with the medical officer. Two of these wells will be sunk close to two of the tanks as suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner in paragraph 4 of his report embodied in G.O., No. 1150 M., dated the 24th August 1894. In this connection it may not be out of place to mention that there are numerous other wells constructed by private men of generous disposition for the use of the public in important localities of the division.

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EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Mayavaram, at its meeting held on the 21st February 1895, P.M.

Resolution I.

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Endorsement No. 183-Revenue.

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Endorsement on Current No. 226, Municipal.

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Order of 26.4.95 No 7036

Recorded.

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Birth-rate per mille	30.1	35.8	30.7	36.8	29.6

FORT ST. GEORGE, (Signed) W. B. BANNERMAN, M.D., Surgn.-Captn.,
6th December 1894. Inspector of Vaccn. and Dy. Sany. Commr.

No. 11-S.

Forwarded to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Máyavaram, through the Collector.

2. The favour of attention is requested to paragraph 2 of G.O., dated 23rd December 1893, No. 1765 M., Local and Municipal.

FORT ST GEORGE, (Signed) W. G. KING, Surgn.-Lt.-Col.,
8th January 1895. Ag. Sany. Commr. for Madras.

Endorsement on Current No. 20, Municipal.

Forwarded.

2. I desire the Sub-Collector to give his personal attention to this municipality and endeavour to bring it to some degree of efficiency. Left to themselves the council are unlikely to deal so with the executive as that reforms can be carried out.

TANJORE,
10th January 1895.

(Signed) J. THOMSON,
Acting Collector.

Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

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G.O., No. 704 M

DATED 26th April 1895.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Municipal Budget.

Approving the alterations proposed by the Chicacole Municipal Council in the budget estimate sanctioned in G.O., dated 22nd January 1895, No. 102 M., and sanctioning, with remarks, the entertainment of certain cart-stand and toll establishments in the municipality.

Resolved that the inspection notes be submitted to Government with the remarks and explanations contained in the draft memorandum prepared by the Chairman in regard to the points noted.

MÁYAVARAM,
8th March 1895.

(Signed) T. KOTHANDARAMA IYER,
Chairman.

Endorsement No. 183-Revenue.

Forwarded with the following remarks:—

Paragraph 1.—It is no hardship to make the people keep their backyards clean, and the Chairman should insist on prosecuting in flagrant instances.

Paragraph 2.—I think on account of cost Tanjore gravel will have to continue to be used. The roads were abominable during the rainy season, owing chiefly to want of a proper thickness of metal and their being insufficiently sloped to allow of the rain-water draining off them.

Paragraph 3.—Funds are wanting.

Paragraph 5.—There is no injustice in dispensing with three useless sanitary inspectors and employing a proper trained man in the interests of the public and for the public benefit. This would go a long way towards an improvement in the defective sanitary administration and should be done. To train the present staff is impossible.

16th March 1895.

(Signed) R. B. CLEGG,
Acting Sub-Collector.

Endorsement on Current No. 226, Municipal.

Forwarded.

21st March 1895.

(Signed) J. THOMSON,
Acting Collector.

ORDER—dated 26th April 1895, No. 703 M., Local and Municipal.

Recorded.

2. The attention of the municipal council will be drawn to the Sub-Collector's remarks on paragraphs 1 and 5 of the inspection notes, in which the Government concurs.

3. The sanitary condition of the town appears to be anything but satisfactory.

4. The proposals of the council regarding the provision of suitable burial-grounds, promised in the Chairman's letter of the 24th December 1894, No. 816, should be expedited.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Máyavaram.

„ Collector of Tanjore.
„ Sanitary Commissioner.
„ Sanitary Engineer.

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Recording, with remarks, the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner's — on the Mávavaram Municipality.

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