

Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 711 A.M.
DATED 29th April 1895.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Water-supply.

Recording certain papers relating to the removal of the
peat in the Marlimund lake at Ootacamund, pending the submission
of the estimates promised by the Chairman.

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FROM CIRCULATION
WITH REMARKS.

He
Please come this order
at once
24-11-95

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Extract from the Proceedings of a meeting of the
Ootacamund Municipal Council held on
Saturday the 6th April 1895 at 12-4 M.
Present.

1. The Chairman
2. J.D. Rees Esquire C.E.
3. M.R.R. P. Maruthachella Mudaliar avergal
4. M.R.R. C. Ahilanda aiyar avergal.
5. A.R. Haje Fakir Mahomed Sait Sahib
6. E. Haldwell Esquire
7. J. Browne Esquire
8. L.W. Schmidt Esquire
9. A.M. Jones Esquire
10. G.J. Nalek Esquire
11. Dr. H. Soltau.
12. M.R.R. M. Sankara Menon avergal

Note. Also present at the meeting

J. A. Jones Esquire C.E. Sanitary Engineer to
Government.

Read G.O. dated 23rd "The Council observes
March 1895 N^o 521 Dr. Mis. that it is not quite correct
drawing attention to an as stated in the article in
article in the Madras the Madras Mail that most
Mail dated 11 March 95 of the post which slipped
about a

about the scarcity of water" a few years back into
in Oatacamand and the Lake is now well above
requesting the Chairman the level of the water, but
to consider the advisability of this is true in regard to a
removing the peat which considerable portion
slipped into the Lake and there of which could easily
to take the best Engineering be removed. The Chairman
advice available as to had previously to the public
whether the removal of cation of this article made
the peat would be likely this suggestion to the Sanitary
to cause any further slips Engineer with Government
in the peat swamp above in his letter dated 15 February
it.

1895 Copy of which is attached.

In the opinion of Mr Jones,
Sanitary Engineer, and
Mr Walch, such removal
would not cause any
slips in the Swamp above,
provided that it be not
removed to a depth below
the level of ^{Sub. Cents.} 5.50 on the
reservoir gauge. Inas-
much as the reservoir
(has not surplused this year"
it

"it is clear that the presence
of the peat bog has not
affected the storage of this
year. Work will be set in hand
at once and application
made to Government for
the funds, which may be
debited to the grant for
Marlimund reservoir
improvement, or to a special
grant as Government
may decide."

(True Extract)

W. Hammett
Chairman.

Municipal Office,
Olathe, Kan.

4147.

15th February 1895.

To

J. A. Jones Esq. C.E.,
Sanitary Engineer to Government.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that in the years 1893 and 1894 there were frequent complaints from the owners and occupants of "Glenora", "Eckford" and "Cluny" on the South water supply system of the want of water at their respective houses.

2. The Municipal Engineer said on the 20th April 1893.

"Water to Cluny and Eckford will run short whenever draw off on the lower side is heavy. Water has never been wilfully "shut off" from Cluny but the result complained of is by natural automatic action of loss of head when draw off is heavy which is the case from 8 to 5" &c &c —

On the 3rd May 93 he reported
"When

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"When Consumption of water (during the day) is at its maximum head or pressure required at Cluny will be at its minimum, and water will not as a matter of course rise up to the house. Pressure due to head will be ever changing in the inverse ratio of the quantity of water drawn off and as it is quite possible that there may be some time of the day even when this Consumption becomes almost nil, there is nothing strange in the fact mentioned by Colonel Stevenson that on the 20th of last month water did reach the house during day time."

3. In May 1894 the failure of water was again complained of as follows by the occupant at Cluny.

"There is not a drop to be had this morning for baths or anything else and the supply in the barrels is exhausted. It is five days now since the tap has ceased to work."

On this I noted

"There must be something radically wrong somewhere for the Lady to complain."

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The Municipal Engineer replied on 4th May 1894

"This matter has often cropped up. there is nothing radically wrong with our main. Cluny's situation with heavy draw off from the Brewery are the sole causes of this short supply. Nothing better can be done besides fitting up a stand pipe on the main under Cluny."

4. An Estimate amounting to Rs 29. was sanctioned by the Municipal Council on the 24th May 1894 and the stand pipe was put up.

5. On the 4th October 1894 the water Course Inspector noted in his diary

"I beg to report that as now being dry season the tenants of the lower bungalows in Teru Hill side use all the water to their gardens &c, so the upper bungalows like Cluny Glenora &c scarcely get water. We closed the stop valve below Cluny and left opened the North side. Now the water goes freely."

The late Municipal Engineer added

"It is evident that Consumption of water during these dry days on the Sodabetta channel is very heavy, resulting in

in deficiency of water (as complained by Messrs. Dray and Caswell) supply to the high level houses. We have succeeded in remedying this defect by letting the South (Charlton) water supply run to the lower section (below Blumy) of the South water supply - shutting off the stop valve on this latter system just below Blumy.

By this arrangement both Blumy and Glenora are getting their full supply and without interfering to all other places. The promiscuous use of water for gardening and other purposes (other than actual domestic use) should I submit be put a stop to.

I remarked

"Report the circumstances in detail in view to notices being served and matters being fixed" 5-10-94.

But no report was ever made, and the matter escaped my attention.

6. On the 13th instant Mr. Edward Clarke of Belmont Estate complained that there was frequently no water at the fountain at Belmont. I went over on the morning of the 15th idem with the Water Course Inspector and

and, at 8 A.M., found that there was a supply of water at the fountain, but was informed that as the day advanced it fell off. From Belmont I went across to Blumy and inspected the Stand-pipe put up in May 1894, and on enquiry why when there was such a strong flow at this pipe it was so feeble at Belmont I was informed of the arrangement that had been made in October 1894.

7. I cannot find among the records of this office your report on the South water supply scheme, but from your memorandum dated 22nd May 1891, I gather that you estimated "a saving of about 5,000,000 gallons representing the Consumption for 83 days" so that there will be this margin against failure of supply under present conditions" and - "If to this we add the fact that ordinarily the supply will be drawn from the lower tank which receives the surplus of the upper, and that we have the contents of the lower tank as a further reserve, there does not seem any reason for supposing that Dadahetha reservoir

reservoir will fail to yield a sufficient supply throughout the year under ^{future} conditions.

I further gather from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council dated 25th June 1891 that

"The (South water supply) scheme is important no doubt and its execution is desirable though it is not vital to the Sanitation of the town as the proposed system will serve one village only - Thalayatimmund - and about 19 European houses"

8. It appears from these extracts that it was understood that the Dadabetta Reservoir would supply the village and houses referred to without indenting on the Marlimund supply, but, it will be seen from the extracts I have given, that this has not been the case, at all events since October 1894, and that the result now is - that the water in the Marlimund Reservoir has fallen very considerably and it is apprehended that if rain does not fall next month there may be scarcity of the water for the houses and villages on the North.

9. It seems to me of great importance that some officer of your department should immediately inspect the North and South water-supplies, and ascertain precisely why the Marlimund supply was utilized so long for supplying the houses on the South.

10. The peat bog at Marlimund is now high and dry and could be cleared away to a great extent before the rains.

11. I am sending this letter through the Collector so that he may be aware of the exact state of the water supplies.

I have &c.
(Sd) Geo. Hammett
Chairman.

("True Copy")
Geo. Hammett
Chairman.

No. 105

Ootacamund Municipal Office,

6 April 1895

Local & Municipal Dept.

CURRENT No. 1263

FROM

THE CHAIRMAN,

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

OOTACAMUND.

TO

Enclosures 2

The Honorable J. F. Price C.S.I.
Chief Secretary to the Government,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. dated the 25 March 1895, no 521 M. Mis. para. 2, I have the honor to enclose for the Consideration and Orders of the Government Copy of a Resolution (X) passed by the Municipal Council at the meeting held this day relating to the removal of a portion of the Peat which slipped into the Marlbind Reservoir in the year 1887.

2. In addition to the removal of the peat it is found necessary to remove and relay a small portion of the stone pavement which has been slightly displaced on the inner face of the bund. Mr. Jones, the Sanitary Engineer, who

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who inspected the reservoir on Friday, the 5th Instant, considers that the repair of the reservoir should be taken in hand at once.

He also considers it necessary that the silt which has accumulated in the bed of the lower reservoir, at Dodabatta should be removed, without disturbing the water, and deposited on the Outer side of the Embankment.

These works will be taken up at once, and the necessary Estimates will be got out, as soon as possible, and submitted to the Government through the Sanitary Engineer. Meanwhile the funds required will be defrayed from the allotment in the Budget Estimate for 1895-96. of Rs 44,000- for the improvement of the Masimund Water Supply.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Yours most obedt. St.,

E. Rammatt
Chairman.

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The Chairman
Municipal Council
Ootacamund

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government
Local & Municipal Department
Fort Saint George

No. 105
10 APR. 1895
APR 6 1895

Dated 6th
Despatch 3rd
Received

Enclosures Two

Improvement of Water Supply
of Ootacamund

Forwarding Copy of a Resolution
No. 11 passed by the Municipal
Council at its meeting on the
6th April 1895 with Copies of con-
nected papers relating to the
removal of the peat bog & executing
certain urgent work to affec-

19/4 1895

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 1263.m.

From

The Chairman, Municipal Council, Ootacamund.

I would simply say for
the present

Recorded, pending the
Submission of the promised
Estimate, which should be
expedited

RS
28/4/95

FOR ORDERS.

Please see the notes
and orders in J.C. dated, 23rd March
1895, No. 521.m.

2. The provincial grant
of Rs. 14,000, from which it is
proposed to meet the cost of the
improvements to the water supply
was originally made for the pur-
pose of filling in the upper
Lake, (vide. J.C., dated, 10th March
1893, No. 325 M. para. 3) and
subsequently transferred to the
Marlimum water supply scheme
(vide

Under the consideration of Govern-
-ment, a report on the subject
called for from the Sanitary Board
being awaited.

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22/4/96 Submitted that sanction
may be accorded for meeting
the cost of mending the boat
and repairing the rostrum at
Marthandam and of clearing silt at
Dodaletta out of the allotment pro-
vided for the Marthandam improve-
ment scheme and that the Chairman
may be asked to expedite the estimate.

Order 29th April 1895, No 711 A

Recorded, pending submission
of the promised estimates,
which should be expedited.

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Best
29/4/19

To the Chairman, Mumb Council (Dtd)
29/4/19

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Postmaster's Water Supply

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FOR ORDERS.

S. M. 8/11/95

*There was a copy of the
last order for paper
sent to the printer
last week. I have
been told that the
order was not sent
and I have not
received it yet.*

*And now it is sent up
to the house at a time when
the Clerk knew that
it should not be there, but at the
Post office!!*

8/11/95

*Hand Clerk and Circulation Clerk
inserted personally
29/11/95*

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READ AGAIN G.O., No.
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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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