

Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 819/m

DATED 10th May 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

Water-supply.

Recording the resolution of the Ootacamund Municipal Council and certain other papers in connection with the distribution and more efficient management of the water-supplies in the town, and stating that a proposition statement for the entertainment of the additional establishment referred to in the resolution should be submitted.

BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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No. 4199.

NOTICE

Is hereby given that in consequence of the water in the Marlimund and Dodabetta Reservoirs being very low, at present, it is proposed to shut off the supplies from these Reservoirs daily from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

GEO. HAMNETT,
Chairman, O. M. C.

Dated 21st Feb. 1895.

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NOTIFICATION.

No. 4578.

Under Section 147 (2) of Madras Act IV of 1884, the Municipal Council resolves to notify that, for the reasons set forth in the annexed extract, the South Water Supply will be limited to three days in a week, viz., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from and after the 24th March 1895.

Extract from Water Course Inspector's Diary,
dated 21st March 1895.

"I beg to bring to notice that the water in Dodabetta Reservoir is only 8½ feet; I therefore beg that the Chairman will be pleased to pass an order to supply water to the House owners (on that side) only 3 days in a week from 6 A.M. to 4 P.M. If continued to supply every day, the Reservoir will be empty within a week or so."—22-3-95.

OOTACAMUND,
22nd March 1895.

GEO. HAMNETT,
Chairman.

Dotacamund Municipality.

Notice No. 7, dated 6th April 1895.

With reference to the Notices* already issued regarding the scarcity of water in the Marlimund and Dodabetta reservoirs, the Municipal Council resolves to invite the special attention of all owners and occupiers of houses, livery and hack-stable keepers, and all tradesmen, to the following provisions of the Municipal Act No. IV of 1884, and the "Water Works." Bye-laws framed thereunder.

- Sec. 147 (1) The Municipal Council may, on application by the owner or occupier of any building, arrange with him for the supply of water free of cost to such building for domestic purposes in such quantities as they deem desirable.
- (2) The Municipal Council may at any time, for sufficient reason, limit the amount of water to be so supplied whenever they consider it necessary.
- (3) The Chairman may, subject to the approval of the Municipal Council, contract with any person to supply him, on payment, with water for other than domestic purposes in such quantities, on such terms, and subject to such conditions as to the limit of the supply as seem fit to the Chairman.
- (4) The works necessary for such supplies and all future repairs, extensions and alterations of such works shall in every case be conducted by the Municipal Council, or under their orders, and the expense thereof shall be defrayed by such owner or occupier.
- (5) A supply of water for domestic purposes shall not include a supply of water for horses or for washing vehicles,—where such horses or vehicles are kept for sale or hire, or a supply for any trade, manufacture or business, or for fountains or swimming baths, or for any ornamental or mechanical purpose, or for purposes of irrigation.

Sec. 149. The owner or occupier of any building or land, in which water supplied under this Act is wasted or misused from negligence or other circumstances under the control of the said owner or occupier, or use in excess of the quantity fixed by the Chairman under Section 147, or used for any purpose other than those agreed on, or in whose building or land the pipes, works and fittings for the supply of water are found to be out of repair to such an extent as to cause waste of water, and who, having knowledge thereof, omits to give reasonable notice thereof to the Chairman, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs. 20 for every such neglect, misuse, breach or omission, and shall also pay such costs of the prosecution as shall be rewarded.

Sec. 151. Whoever

- (i) unlawfully breaks, injures, or causes damage to any public channel, tank, reservoir, cistern, well, fountain, stand-pipe or other work, connected with the water-supply, or without due authority opens or removes any lock, cock or pipe belonging to or under the management or control of the Municipal Council, or
- (ii) unlawfully draws off, or takes water from any water-works belonging to the Municipal Council or under their management or control, shall, for every such offence, be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs. 20, and a further fine not exceeding Rs. 10 for each day during which the offence is continued after notice in that behalf.

Bye-Laws. Water Works, Sec. 7 (II), "Water Rates."

All water taken in excess of the quantity arranged under Section 147 (1) to be supplied for domestic purposes, and all water supplied for other than domestic purposes under Section, 147-(3) shall be paid for at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the Municipal Council.

III.—Meters.

8. The Municipal Council may fix a meter to any service-pipe whenever, and for such a length of time as it may consider such fixture necessary. The cost of fixing and removing such meter shall be paid by the occupier of the dwelling to which the service-pipe is attached; or, in the case of a service-pipe laid down for the supply of water for other than domestic purposes, by the person on whose application such pipe was laid.

ground & sub judge's fountain should I think be stopped.

I think that all the taps should be inspected. There was great waste yesterday throughout the day from a broken tap which had not been reported to the Water Course Inspector.

The Snowdon supply Channel is broken just where it empties into the lake. Mr. Walsh thinks no water is lost here, but that cement floor should be provided.

It is probable however that water may be lost somewhere in this channel and I would suggest its being examined up to its source. Repairs may also be necessary to enable it to stand a flood when rain comes.

It is stated by the Channel Inspector that the Snowdon supply was cut off last year. No information is available when it was cut off, for how long the supply was cut off or by what authority. Owing to the failure of rain, this source of supply has been of the utmost importance in the later months of last year and in this year.

I think the supply of water to Southern side from Marlborough by the Engineer without permission

Stopped
acrossing
I think

his thing
done.
I think

Being per:
visited.
I think

Examiners
has left off
water but
I think

permission has also seriously affected the Marlborough supply and the late Engineer should even now be called on to explain his action in this

His main:

: if the Committee
of the meeting
held on the
6th April did
not approve
of this suggestion:
him - I think

I think
no particular
action called upon
to do so - I think

On the 16th
Feb 95.
I think

matter and in not reporting the diversion of the Snowdon supply to Chairman. It seems he did report waste on gardening to the Chairman in November 94.

The defects in the South water supply should I think again be brought to the notice of the Sanitary Engineer and the request made in para 9 of Chairman's letter 4147 dated 15th February 95, be repeated & further attention called to the suggestion contained in its 10th para.

The Sanitary Engineer should be informed I think that the valve at the willow bund is shut but that this measure is by no means sufficient.

There has for 4 years been rain in April, but until this year there had for many years been rain in March.

I think we cannot count on rain & a very serious responsibility rests upon us. Mr. Every's errors will in no way excuse those placed above him viz the Council & just now the population is

is increasing and the Government and all its followers is coming up.

It is not clear from notice 4199 dated 21st February 95 on what date measures were taken. That notice notifies a proposal.

Mr. Walsh and I will inspect Dadabetta Reservoir tomorrow at 8-30 when the presence of the Channel Inspector will be acceptable if you can spare him and will order him to attend.

I think it will be necessary to have on record for the information of Government all steps taken in this matter and to send to Government Copy of letter now to go to Sanitary Engineer together with copy of previous letter from Chairman no. 4147 dated 15th February 95.

I have &c
(sd) J. D. Rees.

Collector & Municipal Councillor

(True Copy)

W. R. Rammell
Chairman

Nilgiri Collectors Office

C.No. 546/95

Dodacammund 26th March 1895.

From

J. D. Rees Esq. C.I.E.,

Collector of Nilgiris,

To

The Chairman,

Municipal Council,

Dodacammund.

Sir,

I visited the Dadabetta Reservoir this morning, in Company with Mr. Walsh.

The water Course Inspector states that two ^{This information from was supplied by him} feet of water were used yesterday and that ^{to his work} 1 ft 3 1/2 inches comes in per day. If that is the ^{the} case the amount received in ^{the} course of a week ^{is} 5 ft 2 inches, will not be much less than the amount used 1 1/2 feet. But Mr. Walsh and I observed that the Tiger Hill spring which does not fall into the Reservoir, but passes alongside the lower service Reservoir contains an ample supply of excellent water. Mr. Walsh roughly estimated perhaps 4000 gallons

a day. At present this stream serves one house only, Craigmore, in the occupation of Mr. Murray. It is breached at many points by Canarese gardeners, and in the short passage to Craigmore its volume is reduced to a small trickle. We interviewed Mr. Murray, who expressed his willingness to fall in with any arrangement — provided he continued to get a sufficient supply. We think, that the whole of this stream should be turned into the lower service reservoir, and made available for the public from nightfall to early morning, the stream being allowed to run as at present to Mr. Murray's throughout the day. I will take steps as Collector to prevent the breach of the stream by the Canarese gardeners. Mr. Walch informs me that very simple work will be of required to enable you to turn the stream into the lower service reservoir by day. It would seem advisable indeed, to provide the head of the stream with a pipe, so that a two inch flow may proceed to Craigmore and the balance be turned permanently into the Reservoir, a scheme to which Mr. Murray offers

This has been done.

A distance of more than a mile.

offers no objection.

It is being used now.

Mr. Walch thinks that the water in the Lower Service Reservoir might as well be used so that we may know how long it takes to replenish this by leakage from the Dadabetta Reservoir; and by the proposed diversion, at night, of the Tiger Hill Spring. It appears to us that there has been quite sufficient water in the Dadabetta Reservoir for all reasonable domestic requirements, but that the supply was never calculated to furnish sufficient water for other than domestic requirements; and that an appeal should now be made to the Public to abstain from waste of water for gardening and other purposes, and from affixing hoses to their taps, as is sometimes understood to be done. It seems clear that there never was any occasion for supplying the houses in the South with water from Marlimund, a most improper as well as unnecessary proceeding, on the part of the late Engineer Mr. Kery.

Complaints were made yesterday by Cottissa, Kaity, and Jeru Hill that no water reached

reached them; and for this reason as well as for those given in my letter of yesterday, it seems right that the Sanitary Engineer should inspect at the earliest possible date the South water supply scheme. Mr. Walsh thinks, I understand, that by shutting off certain branches a flow to the furthest houses might be ensured on the South side.

He visited the reservoir on the 6th April.

On the whole, we think, that the Condition of Dadabetta is better than that of Marlborough, unless the inspection of the Snowdon Channel, which was proposed in my letter of yesterday, has revealed any leaks in that Channel, the repair of which may increase the supply to Marlborough. Mr. Walsh and I think that pending his investigation into the Contours of Marlborough and the quantity of the remaining supply, the Municipal Council should at once reduce the period of supply and allow the water to run, say from 6 A.M. to 1 P.M. or some such time at your discretion.

This has been done.

I have cc
(cc) J. D. Rees

Collector & Municipal Councillor
(True Copy)

W. Hammett
Chairman, M.C.

Extract from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Ootacamund Municipal Council held on Saturday the 6th April 1895 at 12 Noon.

Present

1. The Chairman
2. J. D. Rees Esquire C. I. E.
3. Mr. P. Maruthachella Mudaliar avergal
4. Mr. C. Akilanda aiyar avergal
5. A. R. Hajee Fakir Mahomed Saib Sahib
6. E. H. Aldwell Esquire
7. J. Browne Esquire
8. L. W. Schmidt Esquire
9. A. M. Jones Esquire
10. G. J. Walsh Esquire
11. Dr. H. Soltan
12. Mr. M. Sankara Menon. avergal

Note Also present at the meeting

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

Read draft of notification. "Resolved that the measures proposed to be taken by the Chairman issued inviting the attention for economizing the water of the residents to the supply be approved and that provisions

provision of the Municipal Act and Bye-laws. He has drawn up one relating to the water supply. Circulated to all householders with an intimation that during the present scarcity the law must be strictly enforced. All persons requiring water for other than domestic purposes or for trades, shall apply to the Chairman as required by the act when such arrangements as are ~~possible~~ ^{possible} will be made.

Resolved further that the Council is of opinion

(i) that the Marhamund Supply should be brought under greater control and furnished with more stop-cocks and valves.

(ii) that all non-self-closing taps should be gradually abolished. none of the existing

existing taps of the ~~class~~ ^{class} being renewed.

(iii) that meters should be attached whenever necessary to service pipes in order that water may be paid for according to the quantity used in excess of domestic supply.

(iv) that two Channel inspectors and a Supervisor ^{should} be entertained for the regulation of the water supply.

(v) that the Sanitary Engineer with Government (who, with Mr Welch late Chief Engineer for irrigation has advised the Council in this behalf) be asked to supply the Council with estimates for (i) (ii) (iii) when further action will be taken.

(vi) that two more temporary extra water course inspectors be engaged.

engaged at once one for
Marlimund and one exclu-
sively for the South Water
Supply, each such inspector
to have Rs 25 a month. The
cost for the present temporary
staff may be met from
savings.

At present it is calculated
that a sufficient supply of
water for domestic purposes
only exists in Marlimund
for one month and that the
Dodabetta supply will suffice
probably for a longer period,
provided ^{supply} is made under present
restrictions. On the South
Supply System efforts will be
made to supply the houses farthest
from the reservoir on three days
in the week, during which supply
to the nearer houses will be shut
off."

Incl Extract

W. Barnett
Chairman

No. 104

urgent

Ootacamund Municipal Office,

6 April 1895.

Local & Municipal Dept.

CURRENT No. 1275 M

FROM

THE CHAIRMAN,

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

OOTACAMUND,

To

Enclosures 3

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

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit
for the information of the Government
Copy of a Resolution (III) passed
by the Municipal Council at the
meetings held this day in connection
with the distribution and more
efficient management of the water
supply in this town.

2. I also enclose for information
Copies of letters addressed by Mr. Rao
as Municipal Councillor, of the results
of his inspections with Mr. Walch of
the Marlimund and Dodabetta Reservoirs.
The suggestions contained in these
letters have been complied with

as

* dated 25 March 95
and - 26 - do -

as far as practicable. The letters were
placed before Mr. Jones, on his visiting the
Municipal Office.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt,

Wm. A. Russell
Chairman.

W.A.

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Cotacuman

The Chief Secretary to Council
Municipal Council
Cotacuman

Respectfully
for the Chairman of the
Municipal Council to
the Municipal Council
Cotacuman

Sept 21 1892

Having supplied in Cotacuman
Transmitting Copy of
minutes on the 20th of August
Copy of Council's paper
for the information of Council
present in Cotacuman

Local Municipal Dept.
From CURRENT No. 1275

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Colacavund
To
The Chief Secretary to Govern-
ment,
Local Municipal Department
Fort St. George

Dated 6th
Despatch 8th
Received
April 1895.
CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Enclosures. Seven

Water Supplies in Colacavund.
Transmitting Copy of
resolution No XII passed with
Copies of Connected papers
for the information of Govern-
ment in Connection with
the distribution & more
efficient management
of the

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N. M.
misc.

Order.

Recorded. 6/5/95

2. A proposition statement
for the entertainment of the addi-
tional establishment referred to
in the Municipal Council's Re-
solution should be submitted.

V. R. C. S.
23/7/95 26-IV.

4/5/95

Note for C.S.

It is not ascertainable here whether a copy of the
Chairman's no 447 of 16-2-95 has been received.
It will be called for if it has not.

C.S.
26-IV.

To The Chairman, M. C. Colacavund

Per 23/5/95

When given for copying
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When examined
When signed

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READ AGAIN G.O., No.
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DATED

CURRENT No.

ENCLOSURES TO C. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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