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MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1302 M

DATED 5th August 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Drains.

Passing orders on the faulty construction of --- in the Vellore Municipality.

BACK PAPERS.

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No. 608

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

OFFICE OF SANITARY ENGINEER,

Fort St. George, 27 February 1896.

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CURRENT No. 746 M

From

J. A. JONES, ESQ., MEM. INST. C.E., F.R.S.E.,
SANITARY ENGINEER TO GOVERNMENT,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department

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~~Fort St. George,~~ 27 February 1896.

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J. A. JONES, Esq., MEM. INST. C.E., F.R.S.E.,
SANITARY ENGINEER TO GOVERNMENT,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department

SIR,

With reference to G. O No. 205 M., dated 5th February 189, I have the honor to send extracts from a report of the Assistant Sanitary Engineer to Government in reference to Vellore Drainage.

2. Dr. King in his inspection notes embodied in G. O No. 1987 M., dated 19th December 1894, reported that Mr. Oldham's scheme was in progress and the intention of the Municipality was to carry out that scheme piece meal; the Chairman in his letter embodied in G. O No. 205 M., dated 5th February 1896, however agrees with the Assistant Sanitary Engineer to Government that this is not the fact and the extracts from the report of the Assistant Sanitary Engineer to Government shew the exact facts of the case.

3. The fact of Mr Aldham's scheme having been criticised by this department did not absolve the Chairman from laying before the Sanitary Board all estimates for work exceeding Rs 200, especially as these, as it now turns out, were not part of Mr Aldham's scheme.

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Extracts from the Report of the Assistant Sanitary Engineer to Government dated 24th February 1896:—

Since 1893-94 the Municipality of Vellore has been spending certain sums of money every year in constructing drains in the town. In making provision for these drains in the Municipal Budget for 1894-95 the Chairman wrote:-

"The drains will be constructed in accordance with the scheme prepared for this Municipality by Mr Aldham. On no account will the Council incur expenditure in isolated drains". It was further stated that the drains will be "egg shaped in form". I regret to report that in the construction of the drains neither of the above conditions have been complied with.

2. First as regards the [illegible] being constructed in accordance with Mr Aldham's scheme, it must be stated that no attempt has been made to follow his scheme. The present overseer, who has been in the Municipal service for only a year, confessed that he never consulted Mr Aldham's plans in either framing estimates or constructing the drains and he had never read Mr Aldham's report on the scheme.

3. Mr Aldham's scheme is a combination of underground pipes and surface drains. In charact it pertains to more an underground scheme than a surface drainage scheme. The drains the Municipality is now constructing are all surface drains even in streets where Mr Aldham's scheme contemplates underground pipes. In fact the Municipality is not at all pursuing Mr Aldham's scheme, but is evolving a system or rather a mal-system of drains of its own.

4. The procedure adopted in constructing the drains seems to have been some what as follows. A Councillor reports that a certain street is badly in want of a drain. If the Councillors as a body concur in this, the overseer is ordered to prepare estimates. If i is a small street the overseer assumes tha

6" drain will be necessary. If it is a arge street he allows a 9" drain, and prepares an estimate accordingly. When the estimate as received the sanction of the Council the construction begins. The overseer takes levels of the street at top and bottom, and deducing a gradient from these he fixes the levels of the drain.

5. It will thus be seen that the sizes of the rains are not calculated with reference to their rainage areas and the drainage areas of such treets as enter it right and left; neither are he gradients fixed with reference to the levels f the adjoining streets. Thus much smaller rains than what necessity demands have been uilt in certain streets with the result that uch streets are flooded during rains, which is a state of things that was unusual before the onstruction of the drains.

6. As regards the second statement that no xpenditure would be incurred on isolated drains, reference to the plan shews that this intention as not been carried out.

7. Finally, as regards the drains being egg haped they are not so but are of

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an U shape, which is an antiquated and much less effective shape than the egg shape.

8. For these blunders no blame can be attached to the overseer. He must be an oversee of exceptionally superior professional abilities who could calculate the proper sizes of drains with reference to drainage area and fix the proper gradients. In fact it amounts to saying that he should be able to prepare a drainage scheme. A man of much higher professional abilities than an overseer is require for such work. The overseer has laid out the drain correctly to the gradients fixed by him, and ther masonry work is substantial and well done. More than this cannot be expected from a man with qualifications not superior to those of an overseer. The mistake was that any body should have thought an overseer capable of carrying out an underground drainage scheme. It is a work that requires for its execution an engineer of much experience and ability.

9. The Municipality should be stopped from building any more surface drains. If it continues to build drains as it does at present the town will have an incongruous and ineffective

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ystem of surface drainage.

10. If Mr. Oldham's scheme is to be carried ut in Vellore, or for that matter if an underground drainage scheme is to be carried ut in any town, the modus operandi must e on the following lines. First funds should e provided so that the whole work may be ompleted in two or three years. Secondly the works should be in charge of a thoroughly ualified engineer officer. The first named principle was enunciated by Col. Pennycuick, ate Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, in his note No. 564 C of 13th February 1895 in connection with the Karur Drainage Scheme. With a purely surface drainage scheme it may in many cases be possible to build isolated drains (adhering to the scheme) even in the higher parts of the town; but where an underground scheme is to be introduced de novo it is quite essential that the works should be started from the outfall and systematically carried through its ramifications as from a central focus. If only Rs 2,000 to Rs 3,000 re available every year it will take ten or years to complete the outfall drain alone. All these

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No. 596/S

OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Fort St. George, 17th March 1896.

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 and Municipal Deptt

Enclosure.

Oc. 7464/96

SIR,

With reference to para 2 of the Sanitary Engineer's letter No. 608, date 27th February 1896, to Government, in which he maintains, supported by the present Chairman, that it was not the intention of the Municipali of Vellore to carry out Mr. Oldham's scheme, I have the honour to solici attention to page 9 of G.O. No. 1987 M dated 19th December 1894. It will be found under para 6 (b) that I state as follows:- "In certain parts of the "town Mr. Oldham's drainage scheme "is in progress. It is the intentio "of the Municipality to carry this out "piecemeal, by laying down first "the open street drains, and, subsequen "ly, the pipes into which these discharg In reference to this statement, the marginal ystem of surface drainage.

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4. I concur in the principles enunciated in para 10 of the report in question.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Sanitary Engineer to Govt.

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From
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The Sanitary Engineer
to Government

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Local & Municipal Dept.

No. 608

Dated 27 }
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CHIEF SECRETARY
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Forwarding extracts from a report of the Assistant Sanitary Engineer to Government bringing to notice that the Surface drains constructed by the Vellore Municipal Council are not in accordance with Mr. Oldham's scheme as stated by the Chairman.

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TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY

Order 509

Referred to the Municipal Council Vellore for very early remarks

(By order)

W. W. Phillips
Ag. Asst: Secretary

Fort St. George
4th May 1896

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To
The Chairman, M.C., Vellore.

No. 596/S

OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Fort St. George, 17 March 1896.

From
SURGEON LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,
SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

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Local and Municipal Dept.

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marginal note of the Municipal Council, which before being forwarded to Government was scrutinized by a sub-committee and was subsequently approved by the body of Councillors, runs as follows:- "The drains were hitherto constructed according to Mr. Oldham's scheme and with reference to the natural slope of the town, so that the water flowing through the drains may be carried away towards the river Palar." Further, although I cannot now recall what passed between myself and the Chairman or Councillors at that time in regard to this special matter, it is absolutely certain the Overseer in charge of the works, whom I took to task as to the method of procedure, informed me distinctly that he was acting under the orders of the Council in making the open drains as part of Mr. Oldham's scheme, and that streets had been selected by him accordingly — having regard to points of junction with the proposed sewers. This man is not now I believe in charge.

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Again, in his letter submitting the Budget Estimate of the Municipality for the year 1894-95, the Chairman makes the following statement:-

"18.(c) Drainage. Rs 1200 have been "provided in this year's budget for "the construction of new drains, egg-"shaped in form. For 1893-94, Rs 2500 "were provided, and it is under "contemplation to utilize the whole "of this amount during that year. "The drains will be constructed in "accordance with the scheme pre-"pared for the Municipality by "Mr. Oldham. On no account will "the Council incur expenditure in "isolated drains." (Vide C.O. No. 194 "dated 21st February 1894.)

W G King.

It is therefore both by evidence of the Municipality, as conveyed in the quotations I have given, and by evidence of the Overseer employed on this work that there was no mistake made on my part when reporting to Government on the question, as suggested by the Sanitary Engineer.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant,

W G King
Surgeon Lt Col
Sanitary Commissioner

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Local and Municipal DEPARTMENT.

From

SURN.-LT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.
SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE *Chief Secretary*
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ENCLOSURES.

Subject.

Offering certain remarks with reference to para 2 of Sanitary Engineers letter No 608 dated 27. 2. 96 to Government re Mr. Oldhams drainage scheme in Vellore.

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Municipal Councillors' Office,

Vellore, 17th May 1896.
Despatched on the 18th May 1896

No. 569 M From

MUHAMMAD HABIBULLAH SAHEB,
CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
VELLORE.

Local & Municipal Dept
CURRENT No. 1478 M

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS,
FORT ST. GEORGE.

Enclosures. Two ~~(Through the Divisional Officer.)~~

Sir,

With reference to your Endorsement No 509 dated 4th May 1896 referring to the municipal Council, Vellore, for very early remarks, extracts from a report of the Assistant Sanitary Engineer to Government with reference to the working of Mr Oldham's scheme in the Vellore municipality I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of the resolution of the municipal Council, Vellore, No 1 dated 15th May 1896 thereon.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant

Chairman

No. 5

Extract from Proceedings at a GENERAL ~~SPECIAL~~ Meeting of the Municipal Council for the Town of Vellore, dated 15th May 1896.

PRESENT.

1. Muhammad Habibullah Sahib Chairman
2. MRRy P. Camoo Chettiar avergul
3. " Batcha Mudelliar alias Gopalakrishna Mudelliar avergul
4. " Varadaraju Mudelliar avergul
5. " T. Poonnakoty Mudelliar avergul
6. Zakir Haji Azizulla Sahib
7. MRRy R. Rajagopaul Naidu Garu
8. Subadar Major Syed Suliman Sahib

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1. (a) Read footnote No 509 dated 4th May 1896, of Assistant Secretary to Government forwarding for very early remarks of the Council extracts from a report of the Assistant Sanitary Engineer to Government bringing to notice that the surface drains constructed by the Vellore Municipal Council are not in accordance with Mr. Oldham's Scheme as stated by the Chairman –

The Council endorse the valuable suggestions of the Assistant Sanitary Engineer contained in para 10 of his letter to the Sanitary Engineer, but regret that taking into consideration their financial

financial condition, it will not be possible for them to set apart the funds required therefor in a lump sum without resorting to borrowing the required amount. The Council are further of opinion that no drainage system could be beneficial before arrangements are made for introducing the water scheme into the town. The present defective supply of water has been often commented upon and the question of introducing the water system which was mooted some years ago had to fall through owing to paucity of funds. The Council would now respectfully request the sanction of Government for the introduction of the water scheme and Drainage scheme simultaneously, the necessary funds therefor being raised by Debenture Loans which, it is hoped Government will be pleased to give to the Council on such terms as may be determined upon in future. If Government is pleased to view this application favorably, the Council will communicate the total amount which will be required for carrying out both the Schemes.

(Signed) Muhammad Habibullah
Chairman

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From

THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
Vellore.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS,
Fort St. George.

(~~Through the Divisional Officer.~~)

No. 569 W

Dated 17th May 1896.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding remarks of the Municipal Council Vellore on extracts from a report of the Assistant Sanitary Engineer to Government with reference to the Vellore Municipal Drainage Scheme.

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Municipal Councillors' Office,
Vellore, 25th June 1896.

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No. 1820

MUHAMMAD HABIBULLAH SAHEB,
CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
VELLORE.

To

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
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Local and Municipal Departments.

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY
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No. 636

Returned to the municipal council, Vellore, with the request that it will submit its remarks on paragraph 3 of the Sanitary Engineer's letter, and paras. 1 to 7 of the Assistant Sanitary Engineer's report

(By order)

W. W. Phillips
Ag Assistant Secretary

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Fort St George }
6th June 1896 }

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To

The Chairman, M.C., Vellore.

Municipal Councillors' Office,

Vellore, 25th June 1896.

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No. 648 M From

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CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
VELLORE.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS,
FORT ST. GEORGE.

~~(Through the Divisional Officer.)~~

Enclosures. 3
Three

Sir,

With reference to your footnote No. 636 dated 6th June 1896, returning to the Municipal Council, Vellore, the report of the Sanitary Engineer to Government with the request that it will submit its remarks on paragraph 3 of the Sanitary Engineer's letter and paras 1 to 7 of the Assistant Sanitary Engineer's report, I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of the resolution of the Municipal Council thereon No 1 dated 25th June 1896.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed't Servant,

Chairman

No. 10

Extract from Proceedings at a ~~GENERAL~~ SPECIAL Meeting of the Municipal Council for the Town of Vellore,

dated 25th June 1896.

PRESENT.

1. Muhammad Habibullah Saheb Chairman
2. E L Vaughan Esquire I C S Sub Collector
3. Reverend W. I Chamberlain
4. M.R.Ry V. Nadamuni Mudelliar avergal
5. " V. Palany Chettiar avergal
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introduced. Government while communicating the same to the Municipal Council observed that as they had instructed the Sanitary Engineer to prepare the necessary Plans &c for a water scheme in preference to the Drainage Scheme, the Council should provide in the meanwhile, only for the efficiency of the drains then existing being unimpaired. In 1893 when the Sanitary Commissioner visited the town again, he reiterated his remarks and in reply thereto the Council promised to carry out Mr. Oldham's Scheme as far as practicable, the water-scheme having by that time been abandoned. As Government did not disapprove of this intention, the Council were under the impression that they had their permission to do so. Further in the Budget Estimate for 1893-94, the Council made a provision of Rs 2500 for carrying out the aforesaid suggestions & Government were pleased to pass the same as also provisions made in the subsequent Budgets. Under these circumstances the Council were under the bona fide belief that as Mr. Oldham's Scheme had thus met with the approval of Government as a whole, the submission of Estimates exceeding Rs 200 in value for the approval of the Sanitary Engineer was not considered necessary.

As regards paras 1 to 7 of the letter of the Assistant Sanitary Engineer the Council beg respectfully to submit that the defects pointed out therein have been brought to their notice for the first time now. It is an admitted fact that the Councillors do not possess

possess any qualifications in the art of Engineering and as such they have to rely mostly on the actions & advice of their Overseer who is invariably a professional man. The fact that the Council have been repeatedly expressing their intention in writing of carrying out Mr. Oldham's Scheme conclusively proves that they did not harbour any intention to the contrary, and the fulfilment of their intention lay in the hands of the Overseer whose duty it was to faithfully carry out all works in perfect conformity with such intentions. That the Councillors should have been unable to detect the Overseer's acts of omissions and commissions in this direction is explicable by their want of the requisite professional knowledge. The Council would assure Government that they did not wantonly or wilfully set at naught Mr. Oldham's Scheme. They would further submit that when Dr. King visited the town in 1894, he did not condemn the construction of the drains as being opposed to Mr. Oldham's Scheme.

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(Signed) Muhammad Habibullah
Chairman

(True Extract)
Chairman

possess any qualifications in the art of Engineering and as such they have to rely mostly on the notions & advice of their Overseer who is invariably a professional man. The fact that the Council have been repeatedly expressing their intention in writing of carrying out Mr. Oldham's scheme conclusively proves that they did not harbour any intention to the contrary, and the fulfilment of their intention lay in the hands of the Overseer whose duty [illegible] to faithfully carry out all works in perfect conformity with such intentions. That the Council should have been unable to detect the Overseer's acts of omissions and commissions in this direction is explicable by their want of the requisite professional knowledge. [illegible] Government that they did not knowingly or wilfully set at naught Mr. Oldham's scheme. They [illegible] that when [illegible] 1890, he did not [illegible] of the drains as being [illegible] Mr. Oldham's scheme.

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(Signed) [illegible]
Chairman

(True Extract)

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Local and Municipal Departments.

CURRENT No. 1820 M

From

THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
Vellore.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS,
Fort St. George.

(~~Through the Divisional Officer.~~)

No. 648 G.L.

Dated 25th June 1896.

Encl 1 & C. Nos 746 & 1478 [illegible]

Received 26 JUN. 96 189 .

SUBJECT.

Forwarding the remarks of the Municipal Council, Vellore, on paragraph 3 of the Sanitary Engineer's letter & paras 1 to 7 of the Assistant Sanitary Engineer's report – called for in ~~foot note~~ of Memo: No. 636 dated 6th June 1896.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Current Nos. 746, 941, 1478 and 1820 M.

From

The Sanitary Engineer, Sanitary Commissioner and Chairman,
Municipal Council, Vellore.

FOR ORDERS.

In G.O. No. 1984 M. dated 20th. December 1890, the Sanitary Engineer was requested to prepare a scheme for the water supply of the town of Vellore, as the Government agreed with him and the Municipal Council in considering that this should have precedence of a drainage scheme, which was prepared by Mr. Oldham in 1889 and estimated to cost Rs.2,10,610. A scheme of water supply was accordingly prepared by the Sanitary Engineer, but as its estimated cost (Rs. 3,13,000) was found to be much beyond the means of the Municipal Council, the Government decided to abandon it, (Vide G.O. No. 832 M. dated 28" June 1893). Subsequently, however, the Municipal Council constructed drains in different parts of the town in 1893-94 and 1894-95, expressly stating

that

that the drains were to be egg-shaped and to be constructed as parts of the scheme prepared by Mr. Oldham, and that no expenditure would be incurred on isolated drains. But it is now clear from the Sanitary Engineer's letter read above that the drains made up to date are not egg-shaped, but U-shaped, and ~~that no attempt whatever has been made to adopt~~ are not in accordance with Mr. Oldham's scheme. There is also no reason why the estimates for these works, exceeding Rs.200 each, ~~were~~ should not have been submitted to the Sanitary Board for approval, as required by No. 7 of the rules issued in G.O.No.79 L. dated 16" January 1891. This omission is highly reprehensible, the waste of money being due entirely to the negligence ~~and indifference~~ of the Municipal Council. The Assistant Sanitary Engineer, who inspected the town lately, states that the Municipal Council should be prevented from building any more surface drains, and that if Mr. Oldham's scheme is to be carried out, funds should be provided so that the whole work may be completed in two or three years, and that the works should be placed in charge of a thoroughly qualified Engineer. The Sanitary Engineer concurs in these remarks.

2. The Municipal Council for whose remarks the Sanitary Engineer's report was referred, states ~~that as it believed~~ that as the Government did not disapprove of its proposal to construct drains according to Mr. Oldham's scheme

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(Vide G.O.No.739 M., dated 9" June 1893) and passed the allotments provided for such works in the budgets for 1893-94 and the following years, it was under the impression that Mr. Oldham's scheme as a whole met with the approval of Government and therefore considered it unnecessary to submit for the approval of the Sanitary Engineer estimates for the drainage works exceeding Rs.200 in value. As regards the faulty construction of the works the Council says that it had to rely entirely on the Municipal Overseer whose work it was not able to check. The Council now approves the suggestions of the Assistant Sanitary Engineer and requests that Government will be pleased to sanction the introduction of the water supply and drainage schemes simultaneously and the grant of the required funds as a loan. from Provl funds

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3. The Council's fault seems to lie in the fact that it did not submit the estimates, which exceeded Rs 200, for the approval of the San. Board. The Councillors have not sufficient professional knowledge to supervise the work, but still some of them might have seen, if they had taken a little trouble that Mr. Oldham's scheme was not being carried out, for open drains were built in places where pipes shd be according to the scheme (vide para. 3 of Asst San Engr's Report)

& this anyone could with a little trouble have ascertained from the plans.

4. In the first resolution of the Council (C 1478 [illegible]) the question of water-supply & drainage scheme is put forward & a loan is requested. The water-supply scheme has been dropped for the present, & the drainage scheme was, it was supposed, being carried out piecemeal. Submitted that the question of loan for these ~~schemes~~ project cannot be considered now, as the ~~scheme~~ programme for the year is complete. In that case the only question for orders is as whether the Council is to be censured for wasting money, & what form the censure shd. take. The expenditure up to date on these drains has been about Rs ~~[illegible]~~ 10,600. Further provision was omitted from the budget for 96-97 owing to this report from the San. Engr.

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The Council points out that in 1894 when [illegible] having inspected the Town he took no exception to the form of the drains. This appears to be true vide page 9 of the [illegible] of G O No 1987 dated 19th Decr. 1894.

The overseer has apparently not been looked after: he has been left to himself and the result has been blundering and waste of money.

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Surface-drains - Vellore Muni-cipality

FOR ORDERS.

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~~The conduct of the Council in carrying out these drainage works has been very careless~~, ~~for~~ The overseer, to whom the execution of the work of constructing drains was entrusted, was clearly not supervised in any way, but left entirely to his own devices. Although the municl. councillors may not have sufficient professional knowledge to adequately supervise such works, yet the Govt. considers that if they had taken ~~any~~ due ~~little~~ interest in the matter ~~trouble~~ some of them ~~might~~ would have noticed while the work was in progress that Mr Oldham's scheme was not being carried out. The result of ~~[illegible]~~ the want of attention [illegible] on the part of the Council to what was going on has been gross blundering & waste of public money, which the Govt. trusts will not be allowed to recur.

(from orders)

3/8/96

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To
The Chairman M.C. Vellore
" Sanitary Engineer
" Sanitary Commissioner

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