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To

The Chairman
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is how they could ever escape the danger of being burnt down at any moment. There is hardly 3 feet height between the hearth and the Kitchen roof. The council may recollect how strenuously it opposed any proposition that as regards new houses at least there ought to be laid down a rule that the house-floor ought to be not less than one foot above the road level, and no part of the roof shall be less than 6 feet in height from the ground floor. These houses or rather huts were built most recklessly and with little or no regard to public safety. The lanes in these parts are so very narrow that it is next to impossible to get out of the houses caught by fire. Some lanes are hardly 6 feet in width and most lanes are blind lanes. The eaves on both sides almost wreck each other. The scavenger cannot take his cart there. Free ventilation is out of question. The existence of groups of such thatched houses is a public danger and something must be done to prevent recurrences of such disastrous fires.

The most effective remedy is to lay out broad streets crossing each other at convenient distances. The present lanes at all events the most important of them may be widened by acquiring the necessary site at either or both sides of the lanes so as to convert them into spacious streets. I would strongly urge upon the Council not to lose the present opportunity. It would be very difficult to remove ready built houses and the amount of compensation is simply prohibitive. Now to acquire the necessary vacant site will not cost much.

I would request the Council to

to direct the Mandry to furnish it with a plan showing the configuration and the dimensions of the present lanes and marking out the site proposed to be acquired for widening them. I would have streets of not less than 20 feet width. I explained to the neighbours the advantages of having their houses by the side of broad open and airy streets but I cannot count upon their willingness or co-operation.

The houses in this part are occupied by fishermen and low caste people of dirty habits and no endeavours on the part of the Municipality can keep it in a sanitary condition without enlarging the present lanes. I know that this is an unforseen charge upon our finances but we must find our way to transfer some other item to this head. This is a matter concerning the welfare of 5000 inhabitants of our town.

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and we cannot refuse the request to give them light and air. The worst purifying agencies in the world. At present the place is nothing but a paradise with a few sprinkling of arrack and toddy shops.

I would make another proposal. The old market being very small and unsuitable for the present requirements. and the Sanitary Commissioners having urged upon us the necessity of filling up the washers tank close by. The council resolved to fill up the tank and remove the market on to the ground thus reclaimed and allotted Rs 1000/ for the purpose. The annexed sketch plan shows that there is a strip of site between the said tank and the present market road. The houses thereon having been lately burnt down I propose that the site between the tank and the road be taken up as far as possible for purposes of

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the market. So that the whole ground will form a spacious extent of land surrounded by roads on all sides whereon stalls can be erected and the market located.

From several points of view such a square block of ground in the midst of the town is very desirable.

If we cannot build a pucka market, we may grow there rows of trees under the shade of which shops can be placed in course of a short time.

As there are no houses there at present the compensation we will have to pay cannot but be comparatively small.

I would estimate the whole compensation at about Rs 2000/ but the attendant advantages are very attractive and indeed conducive to the permanent welfare of the people.

There is a general cry for permission to erect thatched houses and the monsoon is fast approaching and to save delay and consequent loss and inconvenience, a general permission may be given to replace the burnt houses, except as to rethatching or building on the sites marked in my plan as well as in the Maistry's plan and proposed to be acquired for purposes of the market and widening of the lanes. I shall be glad to go with the Maistry and guide him with reference to the above observations

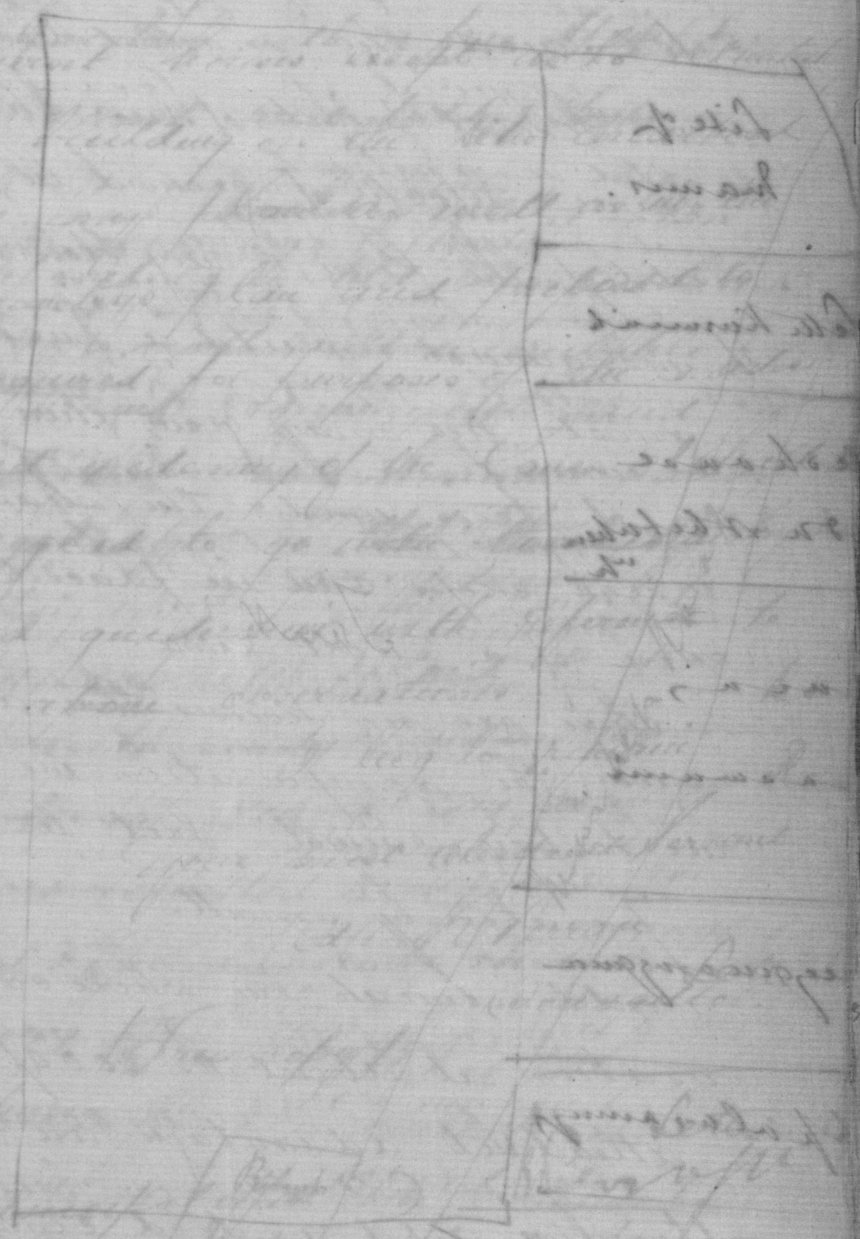
I beg to remain
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
/Sd/ K Seraji
Councillor.

/True copy/

Municipal office
Co Canada 13/7/96

K Seraji
Chairman
Delegate

H.C.



Extract from the Proceedings of the Councillors of the Cocanada Municipality, passed at their Meeting held on Saturday the 20th June 1896.

PRESENT:

1. Mahy N. Veeraju garu. Chairman delegate
2. Captain G. W. Wicks. Councillor
3. Rev. J. E. Stillwell. do.
4. G. H. White Esquire. do.
5. Mahy G. Venkataratnam garu. do.
6. do. M. S. Somayapulu garu. do.
7. do. P. Venkataratnam garu. do.
8. do. P. Annapurazu garu. do.
9. do. M. Sarvarayudu garu. do.
10. do. P. Venkatachalapati garu. do.
11. do. Ch. Venkataratnam Nayudu gar do.
12. do. K. Veeraraghavulu Nayudu garu. do.
13. do. Nakoda Dada Sahib garu. do.
14. do. N. Tirupatinayudu Nayudu garu. do.

1. Read Letter dated 11th June 1896 from W. J. M. Inkster Esquire protesting against the erection of thatched huts between the Company memorial school building and the Survey office building together with the remarks of the ward Councillors. Also remarks of the Collector dated 13th June 1896 Dis no C 848/Eng of 1896 and Proceedings of the Same Officer Dis no 1497/Ver dated 3rd June 1896.

Resolved that Messrs White, M. V. Somayajulu and the Chairman be requested to draw up a scheme and submit the same for the Council's consideration at the next meeting.

(Sd) K. Veeraju
Chairman Delegate.

(True extract)

Municipal office
Cocanada 13th July 1896

Veeraju
Chairman
Delegate.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Councillors of the Cocanada Municipality, passed at their Meeting held on Saturday the 27th June 1896.

PRESENT:

1 Mr. K. Veeraju garu Chairman Delegate
2 Capt. H. Wiche Esquire Councillor
3 Rev. A. E. Stillwell do.
4 Doctor E. L. Chalk M.D. do.
5 Nakoda Dada Saibigaru do.
6 Capt. A. White Esquire do.
7 Mr. M. V. Somayajulu garu do.
8 do. M. Sarvarayudu garu do.
9 do. P. Venkataratnam garu do.
10 do. P. Annapparaju garu do.
11 do. P. Chettiah garu do.
12 do. N. Tirupatirayudu Nayudugaru do.

1. Read endorsement of the Head Quarters Deputy Collector dated 19th June 1896 on Collector's remarks about the recent fire.

12. Read again resolution No 1 dated 20th June 1896.

13. Read list of applications for repairing and rethatching the houses recently burnt.

14. Read list of petitions protesting against

against the erection of thatched houses near the tiled buildings.

15. Read list of petitions requesting permission to rethatch the houses which are within 30 yards of tiled houses.

The council is of opinion that the Collector's suggestion that thatched houses should not be permitted within 30 yards of tiled houses, will be carried out as far as possible and permission should be refused in all cases where detached thatched exist in the midst of tiled houses as also in cases where the owners circumstances permit the construction of tiled houses. The proposal for widening the lanes as shown in the plan is sanctioned and the site and portions of houses necessary for the purpose will be acquired under the Land acquisition act, and provision must be made for payment of compensation to be awarded for the purpose. Permission to rebuild or rethatch houses falling within the line of the portion required for widening the lanes will be refused.

Please see houses para. 47 & 50 1069.96 26.6.96 1138 aug 8. 796

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The proposal to take up the site between the washermens tank and the market road as per plan No 2 is sanctioned and it will be acquired under the Act.

(Sd) K Seraji
Chairman Delegate.

(True extract)

Municipal office
Cocanada 13/7/1896

K Seraji
Chairman
Delegate.

H.C.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Councillors of the Cocanada Municipality, passed at their Meeting held on the 189 .

PRESENT:

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No. 481/81 Eng.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
Cocanada 13th July 1896.
INWARD No.

From M. D. Ry K. Veeraja Garu
~~Th~~ Chairman, Delegate
Municipal Council,
Cocanada.

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Department
Madras.

Sir,

In reference to G.O. No 969 dated 6th June 1896, I have the honour to submit herewith copies of my letter to the Council upon the subject, and its resolutions thereon. The enclosed plan shows the lanes proposed to be widened, and as Government observe the opportunity ought not to be lost. I paid special attention to that part of the town, and most lanes are so narrow, that in the interests of public safety, they certainly require to be widened as pointed out in my letter to the Council.

2. Application was made to the Divisional officer to acquire under the Act, the sites necessary for widening the lanes.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Most obedt Servant
K. Veeraja
Chairman Delegate

1053 M
22-6-96

* under book post.

Dt
H.C. 18/7

Salary

From

The CHAIRMAN, Delegate.
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
COCANADA.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government Madras

Dated 13th July 1896

Despatched 15th July 1896

Received 20 JUL 96

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Eng.

SUBJECT

Submitting copies of Council's Resolutions dated 20th and 27th June 1896 together with a copy of letter received from Mr Ky K Serraju Garu and a sketch showing the lines required for the purpose of widening the lanes in those parts of Jagannaikpoor which took fire lately.

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Jd. tell them that apparently they might with advantage go further. in which case the possibility of a grant to assist them will be considered. Cocanada is rather hard up, I believe. Suppose we could find them Rs 10,000 etc. An estimate of the cost of acquiring land to widen the lanes might shortly be asked for.

HS
6/8/96

To
The Chairman, Mc Cocanada (with a/sketch)
To the Judicial Department.
Dupr 1/9/96
C.S.

Order. No. 1359 mmi d 14/8/96

The Govt is of opinion that the proposals in the Council's resolutions now submitted do not adequately deal with the case of the opportunity that full advantage should be taken to improve the town. The Chairman will therefore be requested to submit an estimate of the cost of acquiring the land required for widening the streets & lanes referred to (from orders)

Jd. 7/7 ar 8/7 Jd 12/8/96

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