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Extract from Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council Conjeeveram, passed at its General Meeting held on 22nd June 1896 at 4-30 P.M.

Present.

M. R. Ry. N. Venkatapathi Nayudu Garu. Chairman.

Councillors.

1 M. R. Ry. A. Desikachariar Avargal. B. A.
2 " C. T. M. Apparao Mudaliar "
3 " C. Sambamurti Aiyar "
4 " M. K. Ramanada Sarmah "
5 " Venkataramana Aiyar "
6 " E Kambaraj Garukal "
7 " Tirumal Row "
8 " Seetaram Sah "
9 " V. Damodara Mudaliar "
10 " Kumaravenkatachariar "

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Chairman's minute for the entertainment of a temporary clerk on Rs 20 per mensem on account of heavy work in connection with encroachments.

The Council also finds the necessity to entertain a clerk on a salary of Rs 20 as a temporary measure for six months. The Government shall be addressed on the point.

(Sig). N. Venkatapathi.
Chairman.

/True Extract/

Chairman
Chairman.

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SUB COLLECTOR
10-JUL-1896
CHINGLEPUT

Ref. on No. 863 Tu 4-96
G.O

Office of the Municipal Council
CONJEEVERAM 8th July 1896.
CURRENT No.

FROM

M. R. Ry. N. Venkatapathy Naidu Garu
CHAIRMAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
CONJEEVERAM.

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government
Madras

SIR,

With reference to G. O. No 863, Tu. dated 21 May 96 directing me to deal with all the encroachments in the Municipality of not more than 12 years standing in the manner suggested by the Sub-Collector of Chingleput in paras 3 and 9 of his letter therein enclosed, I respectfully solicit sanction of Government to my entertaining a clerk on a salary of Rs 20 a month as a tentative measure. This application has the support of the Council and a copy of its resolution is herewith submitted.

2. At present, I only solicit sanction for the entertainment of a clerk for a period of six months and should it be found expedient to continue with his services for a longer period an application will be made again

3. The necessity which has induced me to make

make the application is shown below. The
Sub. Collector and the Probationary Deputy
Collector who were engaged in inspecting the
encroachments appear to have gone through
all the streets wherein the Council has granted
passes for different kinds of Constructions since
28th February 1889, measured many of the en-
croachments and passed remarks as to the
old and new encroachments that came to
light during their inspection leaving aside
all those which were permitted by the Council
previous to the year 1889 and those that
were encroached upon without any Sanction
whatever from the Council.

4. I beg further to add that there are
in all 7560 houses within the municipality
of which the encroachments attached to
2936 houses were inspected and measured by
the Sub. Collector and the Deputy Collector and
remarks passed upon them and that similar
inspection and measurements will have to
be made in the matter of the remaining houses
to find out the encroachments attached
to them.

5. As under para 2 of the Government
order, I am directed to deal with all en-
croachments of less than 12 years standing it
appears to me necessary (a) to distinguish which
of the encroachments in the Sub Collector and
Deputy Collectors lists are older than 12 years and
separate them and prepare new lists for those of 12 years standing (b) to prepare lists for other en-
croachments of less than 12 years standing made
under the pretext of passes granted between the
years 1884 and 1889 and which are not included
in the lists referred to above (c) and to prepare
lists for all other encroachments which had
not the sanction of Council and which were
made clandestinely.

6. To get through this work enquiry and re-
ference to records in the office appear to be
necessary. The assistance of a clerk is especially
needed to help me in tracing out the records in the
office; to issue notices to parties either to remove the
encroachments when they are deemed objectionable
or to pay rent for non objectionable encroachments
and to maintain registers for all encroachments.
All of these will fully occupy the time of a clerk. The
regular establishment of the office being already
overburdened with work they could hardly spare their
time for this additional work. I have tried my best
to manage the work without extra cost to the Munici-
pality but finding it impracticable without in-
terfering with the regular work of the office, I make
this application in the hope that the Government will favour-
ably view the matter and grant the application.

I beg to remain,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Chairman

Cl

Secretariat Dept.

FROM

THE CHAIRMAN,

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

CONJEEVERAM.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

Thro: The Sub-Collector and
Collector of Chingleput

863 k 21-5-96.
Circular No. 62 dated 4-7-96
439 k 16-3-96

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT OFFICE
14 JUL 1896
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Forwarded to the
Collector.

Dated 8th July 1896

Received 17 JUL 96

Ag. Sub. Collector
11.6
11.7.96.

Ref.ce No. 863 dt 27-6-96
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ENCLOSURE. 1

SUBJECT.

Applying for the sanction for a temporary clerk on Rs 20 for entertaining encroachment cases.

Forwarded to Spl.
S. Purkeet
17/7/96

Said apet
15 July 1896

Cl. Mise Order No. 1376 dated 15/8/96

The entertainment of the temporary clerk referred to, for which a proposition Statement in the prescribed form should have been submitted is sanctioned.

2. an application in the prescribed form for the required allotment of funds should be submitted.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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G.O., No. 1378 M., 17th August 1896.

Sanitation and water-supply.

Communicating to the Municipal Council, Erode, with remarks, letter from the Sanitary Commissioner regarding the insanitary condition of the land adjoining the chief drinking ghât, and requesting the Sanitary Engineer to state whether it will be possible for him to undertake the preparation of a scheme of water-supply for the town at an early date.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers :—

I

G.O., No. 319 M., dated 24th February 1896.

Abstract—Recording, with remarks, the Sanitary Commissioner's inspection notes on the Erode Municipality.

II

Letter—from Surgeon Lieut.-Colonel W. G. King, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.
To—the Chief Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department.
Dated—the 4th July 1896.
No.—1296-S.

With reference to G.O., No. 319 M., dated 24th February 1896, paragraph 1 (2), I have the honour to state that on the 24th instant I visited the town of Erode, with the object of ascertaining what results had been achieved by the Municipal Council in remedying the condition of affairs therein alluded to. I found that, since my last inspection, the ground had been enclosed with a hedge of thorns, but a gateway was left on the side adjoining the public road without being guarded by a gate. As might be conceived with so imperfect a method of enclosing so favourite a public resort, there were other gaps available for ingress by the public made by forcing through the hedge. The ground was found to have been used for the accommodation of a native theatre, but this had not been employed for over one month. The condition of affairs ascertained, therefore, as hereafter stated, cannot be ascribed to the incidental result of permitting crowds to resort thither on this account.

2 Having made an inspection of the ground, I requested the Chairman to have the kindness to examine it also in my company, lest there should be room for any difference of opinion subsequently. I had no trouble in convincing him that it was in a most insanitary state, by reason of the existence of large amounts of human fœcal matter both of remote and recent date. The portions of the land close to the drinking water channel were in the condition of a very badly kept latrine, and not only did the slope of the ground permit storm water to carry human fœcal matter directly above and in the immediate proximity of the chief drinking water ghât of the town, but this was found at the edge of the water itself.

3. It will therefore be seen that, in spite of the fact that attention of the Erode Municipal Council was called to the importance of this subject in the marginally-noted references, they have failed to secure any improvement.

G.O., No. 1944 M., dated 14th December 1894.
G.O., No. 319 M., dated 24th February 1896.

4. In this connection, I may also state that in paragraph 3 (*b*) of my notes (G.O., No. 319 M., dated 24th February 1896) I pointed out the desirability of the Council providing a catch drain across the road that would prevent the contents of street drains passing into the channel at the drinking ghât. This was a proposal that cannot be said to have been impossible on account of financial reasons, as it is improbable that the total cost would have exceeded Rs. 70. This has not been attended to, notwithstanding the promise of the Council conveyed in their remarks upon these notes and that in the current year's budget there is a sum provided. That this catch

drain is a necessity I was able to demonstrate to the Chairman, by exhibiting to him both rubbish and human fœcal matter within the street drain. The inexpensive and simple alternatives of running the water from the drains across the channel by special pipes, or of even diminishing the access of filth by the use of catch pits were also proposed with reference to the Brahmin ghât higher up the stream. Not only have not these simple suggestions been attended to, but I find all pretence towards preserving purity of the water has been abandoned. The board formerly placed at the Brahmin ghât intimating that it was reserved for drinking purposes has been duly removed, and by the withdrawal of watchmen complete freedom as to insanitary treatment of the water is now allowed. As a result, at this ghât where only high caste persons resort, fœcal matter was found thickly in the drain leading to the water, and within three yards of the edge of the channel whence the first rain would wash it direct into the water.

5. I may also state that the rubbish depot close to habitations mentioned in my notes dated 7th September 1894 (G.O., No. 1944 M., dated 14th December 1894) still exists, notwithstanding the promises of the Council to remove it; whilst the filthy condition of the lands referred to in my notes dated 10th October 1895 (G.O., No. 319 M., dated 24th February 1896) was in no way abated.

6. The above facts prove, as already suggested by me, that the existence of Municipal law in this town has been, so far as rudimentary efforts towards common decency and cleanliness are concerned, of exceedingly little utility to the inhabitants.

7. Under the above circumstances I would advise that the Municipality be required to purchase the private land in question under the Land Acquisition Act and in future see as to other parts that the whole bank is kept in correct order (section 155 of Act No. IV of 1884). Watchmen ought to be placed upon duty at once. Special arrangements should be made near the Brahmin ghât to allow of high caste persons washing their clothing without defiling the drinking water, and at the ghât near the jungle stream special marks should be put up beyond which persons should not wash clothing (section 154 of Act No. IV of 1884). Whilst these precautions, if really enforced under the observation of the Divisional officer, would be of temporary utility, I consider in a place where the inhabitants show so little regard to common cleanliness, that it would be advisable to require that the Council should accept a protected water-supply scheme for the town with as little delay as feasible. Until this is accomplished, the insanitary habits of the inhabitants will prove a danger both to themselves as well as to the surrounding districts. The following statistics show to what extent this town has suffered in the past from cholera, and it is impossible not to connect the neglect of conservancy of night-soil and the number of chances of specific contamination of water likely to be thus brought about with these results :—

Years.	Deaths from cholera and ratio per mille of population.	
1886	..	..
1887	18	1·8
1888	62	6·3
1889	64	6·4
1890	39	3·9
1891	96	7·8
1892	30	2·4
1893	138	11·2
1894	38	3·1
1895	..	..

Order—No. 1378 M., dated 17th August 1896.

Communicated to the Municipal Council, Erode, with the request that the suggestions made by the Sanitary Commissioner in paragraph 7 of his letter may be carried out without any further delay. The action taken by the Council in this matter should be reported to Government within three months from the date of receipt of this order.

No. 1378 M., 17TH AUGUST 1896.

2. The Sanitary Engineer will be requested to state whether it will be possible for him to undertake the preparation of a scheme of water-supply for the town at an early date.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Erode
(through the Collector of Coimbatore).
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" " Engineer.