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(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
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To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Erode
(through the Collector of Coimbatore).
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
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Re

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OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,

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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 fecal 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 waters to carry human fecal matter directly above and in the immediate proximity of the

the chief drinking water ghat 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 Mu dated 14.12.94.
G.O. No. 319 Mu dated 24.2.96.

4. In this connection, I may also state that in para 3(b) of my Notes (G.O No 319 Mu 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 ghat. 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-

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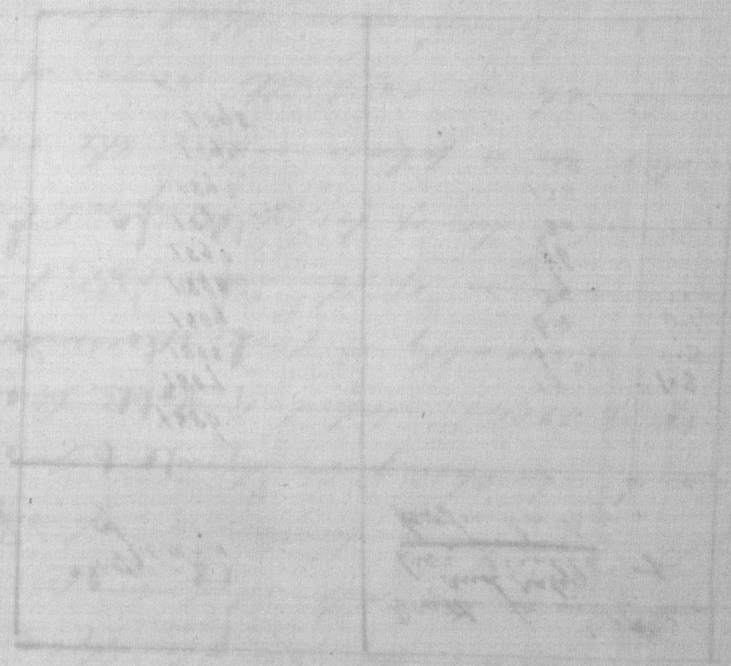
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under the Land Requisition Act, and in future see as to other parts that the whole bank is kept in correct order (Section 155 of Act No IV of 1884). Watchmen ought to be placed upon duty at once. Special arrangements should be made near the Brahmin ghat to allow of high caste persons washing their clothing without defiling the drinking water, and at the ghat 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 possible. 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 :-

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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	"	"

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt. Servant,

Surgn Lieut Col,
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CURRENT No. 1946

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THE Chief Secretary to Government Local and Municipal

No. 1296 S.

Dated 4th
Despatched 4th } July 1896.
Received

ENCLOSURES.

Subject.

Submitting report called for th reference to G.O. No 319 Ju dated 4.2.96 para 1(2) regarding the insanitary condition of the land adjoining the Chief drinking-shed in Erode Municipality.

[600—18-4-96.]

(with orders)

C.S.
Misc.

Order No: 1378 Municipal

Re communicated to the municipal council, Erode, with the request that the suggestions made by the Sanitary Commissioner in para. 7 of his letter may be carried out without 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.

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.

VR 21/7/96 WHS 27.7.96 hd 13/8/96

To The chairman, M.C. Erode
(thro' the Collector of Coimbatore)
" Sanitary Commissioner
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