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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1396 M

DATED 17th August 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Water-tax.

Passing orders on the proposal of the Chairman, Municipal Council, Cotacamund, regarding the enhancement of --- on some houses and the total exemption of others in the municipality; and requesting him to obtain and submit Mr. Walch's opinion regarding the necessity of placing a branch main along the Coonoor road, with an approximate cost of the work.

BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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Extract from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Ootacamund Municipal Council held on ~~Thurs~~Saturday the 4th July 1896

~~Subject No.~~

Present

1. The chairman
2. Colonel K. F. Stevenson
3. G. T. Walch Esqr.
4. E. Haldwell Esqr.
5. Sithic Bin Meeyjee Sait Sahib
6. L. W. Schmidt Esqr.
7. Abdul Rhyman Hajee
   Fakeer Mahomed Sait Sahib
8. M.R.Ry. P. Marutthachella moodr. avl.
9. A. M. Jones Esqr.
10. J. Browne Esqr.
11. W. E. Smith Esqr.

Subject No. XII.

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government No. 1041 M. M. dated 20th June 1896 stating that there is no objection to the existing water tax of one per cent being levied upon all houses but the enhanced rate of two per cent should only be levied on those houses which are actually supplied with water or near which water is brought &ca.

Resolution :—

"Proposed by Colonel Stevenson and seconded by Mr. Walch and carried.

That approval of the Government be asked to the enhanced water-tax of 2 per cent being imposed on all houses supplied with water from the pipe system whilst all houses that it is not possible to supply from that system be exempted from any payment of water-tax.

That the Municipal Council respectfully expresses its opinion that no unnecessary expenditure on opening up new roads &ca has been recently incurred"

Municipal Office,
Ootacamund, 4th July 1896.
To

(True Extract)
G. Hennett
Chairman.

Ootacamund

~~No. 12 42~~ 7 5th January 1895
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To,

The Honorable J. Grose,
Shedden Hall,
Ootacamund:

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 1st instant, I have the honor to inform you that the notice served by the Sanitary Inspector on your Butler was upon a complaint preferred by Mr. H. Wapshare of Gayton Park to the effect that the road to his house was covered with "human ordure", and that "Horse manure in bandy loads" was deposited "along side the road under Mr. Grose's Kitchen besides indiscribable filth of all sorts".

2. The road referred to, for some reason which I am unable to explain, had been entirely neglected by the Municipality. On my inspection of the road on Sunday the 30th ultimo, and again on Tuesday the 2nd instant, I discovered

discovered from the boundary stones and the marks cut thereon that the road was a public one, and I have had an Estimate made, for opening and clearing it of weeds and wattle, for the sanction of the Municipal Council.

3. When the road is opened up and Municipal servants have free access to it, it is not likely to be in the insanitary condition in which I found it immediately below Shedden House and Shedden Hall.

4. Your Butler met me on Tuesday and said that he would have the stable manure buried on a portion of the land belonging to Shedden Hall and have it properly covered over with earth, as the manure was required for use on the Shedden Hall property. Under Section 221 (1) of Madras Act IV of 1884 the manure ought to be removed, but as the place where it is to be buried is quite outside of the town, I do not think that I shall enforce the Section until the road is opened up and carts can be used to remove the rubbish accumulated in each house.

5. The private Scavenging fee does not include the removal of rubbish. Special arrangements have to be made for the removal of rubbish which is not deposited in a dust bin or other receptacle close to a road used by Municipal carts.

I have &c.

(Sd) Geo. Hammett

Chairman

Ootacamund

11th September 1895.

To,

The Chairman

Ootacamund Municipality.

Sir,

We the undersigned inhabitants of Kodappamund most respectfully beg to bring to your kind notice that we are suffering a very great inconvenience and endanger the lives of ourselves & cattle owing to the impassible and very dangerous state the right of way leading from Kodappamund to the top of Dodabet Saddle where the Snowdon and Kotagiri Roads meet.

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We humbly pray that you will be pleased to personally inspect the above path and confer on us this long felt boon, and make it an easy and passable path.

We are indebted to you for the advantages in numerous ways for the repairs of our village roads lighting & sanitation and are fully assured that you will not refuse to grant us our humble prayer in this instance.

For which act of kindness and generosity we and our children will ever pray for your long life and prosperity.

We beg &c.

(Sd) Horimmai Gowden &
32 others.

(True Copies)

W. Hemmett
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No. 1460

Ootacamund Municipal Office,
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Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 2041 M

FROM
THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
OOTACAMUND.

Enclosures two

To
The Honorable J. F. Price C.S.I.,
Chief Secretary to
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Fort St. George.

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4. Referring to para 3 of the vote, I am to submit that the owners of house property in the Reservoir Road between Charing Cross and the Aqueduct are extremely anxious that a branch main should be placed along the Reservoir Road, so as to admit of the respective premises being laid on to the main. They have approached the Municipal Council on the subject, and urge that the branch main should be put down, as soon as possible, irrespective of the contemplated large scheme of Water Supply.

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From CURRENT No. 2041 M

From

THE CHAIRMAN,
Municipal Council,
OOTACAMUND,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT,
Local and Municipal Department,
FORT SAINT GOERGE.

Thro' the Collector of Nilgiris.

No. 1460

Dated 4th
Despatched 10th } July 1896
Received

ENCLOSURE.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
13 JUL 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

SUBJECT.

Water Tax.

Requesting sanction of the Government for enhancing the ___ from 1 to 2 per cent on all houses supplied with water from the Municipal water works.

with order

Forwarded

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Cur. no 973
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Forwarded.

J. P. Rees.
Collector

Ootacamund
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H.M.
Misc. Order

The Municipal Council's proposal to raise the water-tax from 1 to 2 p.c. in the case of houses which benefit by the existing water-supply is sanctioned, but the proposed exemption of other houses from the payment of any water tax cannot be approved & they should be taxed at 1 per cent. as hitherto.

2. The Chairman will be requested to report the approximate cost of executing the work referred to in para. 4 of his letter.

P. R.
22/7/96

W.W.D.
24-7-96

8/8/96

We sh. also have Mr. Walch's opinion on this.

As to the charge of water tax at 1% to some houses & 2% to others, the Cl. should send up a notifn. distinguishing between the houses which pay the different rates, I think, or should furnish some criterion which can be applied such as distance from a stand pipe or vertical height above the nearest stand pipe — Just, choosing to say which houses will pay 1% & which 2%

The Chairman M.C. Ootacamund
10/8/96 through the Collector

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DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings :—

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ORDER. No. 1396 Mun. dy 17/8/96

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Before carrying out this enhancement, the Council should submit for approval a notification distinguishing between the two classes of houses, or else should furnish some criterion, such as distance from, or vertical height above, the nearest stand pipe which could be applied in all cases. ~~Otherwise a~~ If this is not done difficulties will in all probability ~~very arbitrary discretion will rest with the Council as to the class in which any~~ arise as to the class in which any particular house should be placed.

2. The chairman will be requested to ~~ask~~ obtain Mr. Walch's opinion of the

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the Sanitary Engineer
Engr. 21/8/96

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necessity or desirability of the work referred to in para. 4 of his letter, & submit it to Govt. with an approximate estimate of its cost.

(From orders)

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Water tax in Ootacamund

(From Orders.)

C. S.

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To
The Chairman M.C. Ootacamund.
thro' the Collr.

P.T.O.

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24-8-96

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READ AGAIN G.O., No. DATED
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