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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper :—

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From M.R.Ry. T. S. SIVAS~~AWMY~~ ODAYAR Avargal, ~~Rao Bahadur,~~ Chairman, Municipal Council, Kumbakónam, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and the Collector of Tanjore), dated Kumbakónam, 15th October 1896, No. 490.

I

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of the Sanitary Commissioner's recommendations regarding arrangements to be made for the ensuing Mahamakham festival, a copy of the resolution of the council thereon and other connected papers.

2. The Sanitary Commissioner has sent in three different estimates. The council has resolved to adopt the second with slight modifications so as to bring down the cost to Rs. 20,000.

3. In the budget for the current year, this council provided Rs. 4,000 from its own revenues and took credit for Rs. 4,000 from the local boards to which application had been made. During the Mahamakham festival of 1885, the district board contributed a moiety of Rs. 3,500, the first estimated cost of the festival. This time, however, the local boards have refused to give anything to this council. The necessity for a larger expenditure on account of this festival than in previous years is explained at length in paragraph 41 of the report on the budget for the current year sanctioned in G.O., No. 330 M., dated 25th February 1896. The council is driven to the necessity of finding additional funds for meeting the extraordinary charges by transferring funds from other heads as shown hereunder :—

(*a*) Rs. 2,000 from the allotment of Rs. 6,000 for the branch dispensary building, as the full allotment is not expected to be spent during the current year.

(*b*) Rs. 1,000 — the allotment for a slaughter-house in Melakaveri to be taken up next year.

(*c*) Rs. 1,500 from an allotment of Rs. 2,000 for latrines.

(*d*) Rs. 1,500 — the allotment for the acquisition of certain lands since abandoned by the council.

These four items, which amount to Rs. 6,000, will, with the Rs. 4,000 already referred to, place Rs. 10,000 at the disposal of the council for purposes of the festival.

4. The second of the schemes costs, as already stated, Rs. 20,000. The council looks up to Government for Rs. 10,000, as it has gone to the utmost of its resources in setting apart such a large amount as Rs. 10,000 from its own revenues. I understand that the local boards have resolved to spend Rs. 15,000 in improving the sanitation of all the villages lying within a radius of seven miles from municipal limits, and that the special staff for the purpose would be maintained for a month-and-a-half. The local boards' scheme seems to have been drawn on the assumption that pilgrims for the festival are likely to halt for so long a time in the adjacent villages. The fact, however, is that even the residents of the villages which are to receive the benefit of increased sanitary improvements will for the most part go to Kumbakónam, not only on account of the peculiar sanctity attached to the locality, but also because the festivities are periods when private individuals open large choultries for feeding pilgrims sumptuously, not to mention sight-seeing which will have its share of devotees. The few pilgrims that may halt in the outlying villages will, in the majority of cases, be poor and may have their relations in them. They will spend most of their time within, rather than without, the town. The entire pilgrim population must, as a matter of course, centre in the town of Kumbakónam, and the council has before it the arduous task of finding accommodation and other sanitary comforts for them all. The Sanitary Commissioner's estimate is that nearly 500,000 of pilgrims would visit this shrine during the festival, and experience of previous festivals justifies his expectation.

5. I therefore request that Government will be pleased to contribute Rs. 10,000 towards the cost of the festival and sanction the transfer of funds for which an application is herewith sent.

I request also that Government will be pleased to move the local boards to reconsider their decision in regard to the matter of contribution to this council.

6. As the nature and extent of the arrangements to be made depends on the funds available and as the time for making arrangements is very short, I request that Government may be pleased to pass early orders on the matter.

Endt. on C. R. No. 4857 Rev.

Forwarded.

(Signed) W. B. AYLING,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

17th October 1896.

Endt. on Cur. No. 2124-Eng.

Submitted, with the recommendation that the allotments amounting to Rs. 6,000 be sanctioned.

2. The council also requests Government to make a special grant to it of Rs. 10,000 to meet the extraordinarily heavy expenses in connection with the Mahamakham festival, and I most strongly support that request. Heavy expenditure has to be incurred on account of arrangements to be made outside municipal limits, and the district and taluk boards have, in allotting Rs. 15,000 towards those objects, declined to allot funds for utilisation within municipal limits; and considering this liberal provision of Rs. 15,000, which will in effect relieve the municipality to an enormous extent, I think it would be unreasonable to expect them to help the municipality by way of direct contributions.

3. This festival is one of most exceptional importance and magnitude, occurring but once in eleven years. As many as half-a-million of people are expected. It is of the utmost importance, in the interests of the whole of this Presidency—not to go beyond it—that every effort should be made to lessen the danger of cholera and small-pox spreading from Kumbakónam in all directions and bringing in their train not only tremendous loss of life but also heavy expenditure to local fund and municipal bodies all over the Presidency, and possibly expenditure to Government.

4. Considering, therefore, all these circumstances, I think that the council is justified in asking Government to help it with a contribution from Provincial funds, and I beg to request that this contribution be fixed at Rs. 12,000 instead of Rupees 10,000, as I think that Rs. 20,000 will not cover all the expenses.

5. In 1885 sanitary arrangements were on a comparatively small scale, and the total expenses in connection with the festival amounted only to Rs. 5,340, towards which the district board contributed Rs. 1,750.

6. As all the arrangements will take time, I have requested the Chairman to frame his proposals on the supposition that he will have Rs. 20,000, and I beg that Government may be pleased to sanction Rs. 12,000 at a very early date. I have made this request after discussing the matter in all its bearings with the local officers and the Chairman.

(Signed) J. ANDREW,
Ag. Collector.

22nd October 1896.

ORDER—No. 1891 M., dated 7th November 1896.

The transfer of funds proposed by the municipal council is sanctioned and a contribution of Rs. 10,000 will be made from Provincial funds, this amount being met from the grant of Rs. 1,50,000 provided for the Cuddapah drainage works in the budget estimate of Provincial grants for 1896–97.

2. The President of the Tanjore District Board will be requested to report at a very early date how it is proposed to spend the allotment of Rs. 15,000 made by the district and taluk boards.

(True Extract.)

5/11/96

for

Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Kumbakónam.
„ Collector of Tanjore.
„ President, District Board, Tanjore.
„ Accountant-General.
„ Financial Department.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O. dated 189 , No.
Current No. of 189 , dated from the
Current No. 2880 M. of 1896, dated 15th October from the Chairman, M.C., Trichinopoly

H.M.

FOR ORDERS.

The municipal councils' request for a contribution of Rs. 10,000 from Provincial funds towards the expenses in connection with the Mahamakham festival appears to be reasonable and is strongly supported by the Collector, who recommends a contribution of Rs 12,000. If the Government decides to make a grant from Provincial funds the amount can be paid out of the grant provi for the Coonoor water supply scheme or the Cuddapah drainage works.

2. As regards the request of the council that the Local Boards should be asked to reconsid ~~the~~ their refusal to make any contribu towards expenditure within municipal limits, the Collector states that as the Boards have allotted the large sum of Rs. 15,000 for expenditu

A grant of Rs 10000 may be made — Before going further I should like to know how the L. Bds are going to spend the Rs 15000 which they have voted — So far as I can judge it will be much better for the health of the community generally that at least a part of this money be spent within Muncl. limits instead of entirely outside them

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expenditure outside municipal limits it would be unreasonable to expect ~~them~~ to make any direct contribution to the municipality.

3. The transfer of funds proposed by the municipal council may be sanctioned.

V.R.
30/10/96

The Santy. Commr. has drawn up three estimates of establishments to be ~~made~~ maintained & arrangements to be made for the festival. The first, he says, represents the minimum cost at wh: even an approach to satisfactory arrangements can be made. (48,881 Rs) The second wd. cost 26,000 Rs. & be less satisfactory than no. 1. The 3rd shows what can be done with the 10,000 Rs. wh: the Council can scrape together.

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The council proposes to adopt no 2. cutting it down to 20,000 Rs. It can provide 10,000 Rs. of this & now asks for a contribution of 10,000 Rs fr Provincial Funds to make up the remainder. The proposal is strongly supported by the Collr. who asks that the contribution may be 12,000 Rs. 500,000 visitors are expected to be present during the

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festival. Submitted that the ~~grant~~ contribution of 12,000 Rs. ~~asked~~ suggested for by the Collr. may be granted, the amt. being taken fr. the Coonoor water supply scheme; also that the ~~grant~~ transfer of funds proposed by the ~~B~~Council may be sanctioned.

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As regards the proposal that Govt. shd. move the Dt. & Tq. Bds. to reconsider their decision not to apply any part of the 15000 Rs. allotted by them to the municipality itself, it is submitted that it wd. be unadvisable to interfere with the Bds'. discretion in the matter.

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A. J. M.
31/10/96

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FOR ORDERS.

No 1799/S.

Office of the Sanitary Commissioner
Fort St George. 28th September 1896.
Despatched 1st october 1896.

From.
Surgeon Lt Col. W. G. King. M.B. C.M. D.P.H.
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

To.
The Chairman, Municipal Council,
Kumbhakonam.

Enclosures (7).

(1) Memorandum of recommendations
(2) Statement of Cost.
(3) Diagram A. Section of proposed Potwells.
(4) Plan of Block No 8.
(5) Plan B. Rent paying huts.
(6) Plan. C.
(7) Plan. E. Latrines.

Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of the Municipality No -- dated 3rd July 1896, I have the honor to forward herewith an Estimate of Cost of Sanitary measures to be undertaken within the municipal limits of Kumbakonam.

2. The amount allotted in your Budget for the Mahamakham festival is Rs 8,000. I understand that this can be increased by exercise of economy on the part of the Municipality to the extent of Rs 2,000. This sum, in my opinion, is absolutely inadequate to meet the demands of a pilgrim population estimated at five lakhs that may bring with them Cholera and plague in the midst of the insanitary condition existing in the Municipality. Holding the fact of paucity of funds at disposal in mind, I have therefore prepared three Estimates. No I showing the minimum at which even an approach to satisfactory arrangements can be made. No II where the arrangements would be still less satisfactory; and No III where the small sum at disposal of the Municipality has been disposed of to the best benefit.

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The Mahamakham festival at Kumbakonam

Several of the recommendations hereafter stated have been already duly made in the rough note which the Chairman placed before the Council. These are of a sound and useful character. Whilst I have no doubt the Chairman personally interested himself in the drawing up of the memorandum in question, I am glad to be able to point to another illustration of the great sphere of utility which the new class of Certificated Sanitary Inspectors must fill, in the obvious fact that these proposals were due to theoritical and practical instruction given to two of the existing Sanitary Inspectors.

I. Water Supply.

River Arasilar.

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(c) The Railway Station front being
far too small, arrivals should be made
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to the town past the Sikkakulam, and
those reaching the station for departure
should arrive by the Ellachi Terrain—
the Railway Compound being altered so
as to embrace the increased breadth —
thus obtained.

III. Conservancy.

(a) The President District Board has
estimated that 250,000 persons will assemble
on the outskirts of the town within
a radius of 7 miles, and Conservancy
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At each Head quarters shall be a hospital assistant provided with medicines and medical comforts with a toty and two ward Coolies attached, a cart with Cartman and four stretcher bearers with stretchers.

(d) Divisional Head quarters shall be the office of the Divisional Sanitary officer, and the camp of the Range Sanitary Inspector and ~~the~~ menial staff.

Conservancy plant.

Vide estimate No I as to Conservancy plant.

It is understood that the Chairman (a) ~~he~~ who is an important Zamindar will supply gratis 200 Coolies, who will be at the disposal for various emergent works.

IV accommodation.

(b) It should be proclaimed throughout the town at once by "tom tom" that all persons intending to accommodate pilgrims should, to save themselves the subsequent trouble as to measurement of house space under sec [illegible] register their names in the Municipal office. All such places should be measured and a minimum of 300 cubic feet should be required for each pilgrim.

On each private house and Chatram should be painted in distinct characters the number of inhabitants permissible in each and it should

be the duty of the Police and the Sa staff to make sure at all times these numbers are not exceeded.

(c) Where private latrines exis in these houses, it should be seen they are of Correct patterns, arrang for separate collection of urine & f in each case, and it should be arr -ed to arrange that during the festi the private scavengering be in the of the Council – an adequate char being made.

(d) The Council should before Decem pursue a house-to-house inspectio and insist that all household precin are placed in a fully cleanly Conditi and that the inside and outside of a Choultries and private dwellings to used by pilgrims shall be caref whitewashed (see 186). Ruinous bui walls and noxious vegetation sh be rapidly removed, under sections 184 and 186.

(e) Camps of the structure as per p No B should be arranged on the Ope ground near the Ayeekulam for 400 persons. A room should not be inh -ed by more than one family not exceed 5 adults, and accompanying Childr For each adult or person over 12 year age a charge of four annas per day should be made.

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Water pandals.

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Magisterial and Police arrangements. These will ~~be~~ doubtless be made by the District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police. Where Sanitary matters are concerned, S.C. will place himself in Consultation with these officers.

(S) W. G. King
M. B. C. M. D. P. H
Surgeon Lieut Col.
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras

(True copy)

L. S. Siwasawmy Ayr
Chairman

Scheme No. III .. 10,000

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Proceedings of the Special Meeting of the Muni-
cipal Council Kumbakonam held on the
1st October 1896.

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Present

M.R.Ry. T. S. Sivasamy Odayar Avergal Rao Ba-
dur, Chairman

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1. Read Memorandum of proposals of the Sanitary Commissioner regarding arrange-ments to be made for the ensuing Mahamak

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Festival.

The Council is of opinion that the Second scheme of the three propounded by Dr King with certain modifications may be adopted. The Council is prepared to increase its allotment for the Festival arrangements to Rs 10000 by savings from the undermentioned heads; but as this is the utmost that the Council can afford it requests that Government will be pleased to sanction the remaining amount from Provincial Funds.

(a) Branch Dispensary Building	Rs 2000
(b) Melakaveri Slaughter house	Rs 1000
(c) Construction of Latrines	Rs 1500
(d) Acquisition of Lands	Rs 1500
	Rs 6000

Carried.

(s) T. S. Sivasamy Aiyar
Chairman

(True Copy)

T. S. Sivasamy Aiyar
Chairman

Extract from the Proceedings of the District Bo
Tanjore dated 26th September 1896.

19. Read letter from the Collector of Tanjore Lr $\frac{1183}{31.8.96}$ requesting to provide Rs 9000 out of Rs 15000 required for the arrangements to be made in connection with the ensuing Kum bakonam Mahamakham Festival.

Sanctioned with the remark that the Board is not prepared to make any allot- ment for utilization within Municipal limits. The Taluk Board will be requeste to vote for Rs 6000 subject to a like Condition

(s) J. Andrew
President

Current No 172 of 96.

(True Extract)

Forwarded to the Chairman, Municipa Council Kumbakonam for informati

(s) T. S. Venkatasamy
for President

Tanjore }
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(True Copy)

T. S. Sivasamy Aiyar
Chairman

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arrangements

Extract from the Proceedings of the Taluk Board Kumbakonam dated 28th September 1896.

Read letter from the Collector of Tanjore No 1183 Eng Current dated 31st August 1896 requesting to obtain the sanction of the Taluk Board for paying a contribution of Rs 6000 for the arrangements to be made in the villages situated within a radius of 7 miles from Kumbakonam during the ensuing Mahamakham Festival.

The sum of Rs 6000 is allotted from balance for utilization outside Municipal limits. The Board is not prepared to make any allotment for utilization within the Municipality.

(S) W. B. Ayling
President.

Current No $\frac{226}{T.B.}$ of 1896. (True Extract)

Communicated to the Chairman, Municipal Council Kumbakonam for information.

(S) W. B. Ayling
President

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T. S. Sivasamy Aiyar
Chairman

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Chairman's Memorandum of arrangements to be made at the ensuing Mahamakham festival

1. Division of Town into blocks:-

For purposes of Sanitation and Conservancy the town will be divided into 15 blocks according to population.

2. Camp Sheds for pilgrims:-

Each of the blocks mentioned in para 1 will have a Camp Shed attached to it.

3. Latrine accommodation:-

(a) The 15 Camp Sheds will be provided with 30 latrines — 15 for males and 15 for females.

(b) 100 additional latrines will be built in various parts of the town. Some of these will be located in paddy fields & will be moveable.

In all there will be 130 additional latrines.

4. Temporary Hospitals:-

Seven temporary hospitals will be opened in suitable places, each under a Hospital Assis

5. Cholera Sheds:-

Four sheds will be erected — two in Komalavetti kettai and two in Darasaram. Both these places are outside municipal limits and at a convenient distance. Each shed will be looked after by a hospital Assistant.

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9. Drainage:–

The Side Channels will be properly cut so as to allow of an easy flow of storm waters into the branch and main Drainage Channels. The Cesspools will be cleansed & disinfected.

10. Accommodation within the Town:–

As it is likely that people will lodge large number of visitors in their houses without regard to Sanitation, it is proposed to issue notices to prevent overcrowding. Owners of houses within the town will be required to lime-wash them. Special attention will be paid to (a) Choultries and (b) Mess houses & (c) Temples.

12. Lighting:–

30	Lanterns for	15	Camp Sheds.
130	do	130	Latrines.
7	do	7	Hospitals
7	do	7	Police Sheds
8	do	4	Cholera Sheds.
68	do	for the Town.	

In all 250 lights will be provided in addition to the 590 in existence.

13. Special Staff:–

(a) A chief Sanitary Inspector who will be a Medical Officer. He will be assisted by

the two Sanitary Inspectors already in the servi

of the Council

(b) Eight additional Nuisance Inspectors will be appointed for the 8 new divisions. These with the seven already in existence will give 15 for the 15 blocks.

(c) Each Nuisance Inspector will be assisted by 3 Conservancy peons. 38 additional peons will have to be appointed.

(d) Ninety additional sweepers will be appointed. These with the 40 permanent sweepers will give a total of 130 for service.

(e) Sixty five additional street toties will be engaged. These with the 25 already in existence will give a total of 90.

(f) (i) One hundred and thirty latrine toties for the 130 new latrines.

(ii) Eight toties for the four Cholera Sheds.

(iii) Thirty for cleaning waste places, cesspools and drains.

(g) (i) The rivers Cauvery and Arasalar will have six additional watchmen to prevent pollution.

(ii) The Mahamakha and Pottamarai Tanks will

will have to watchmen. The Police are expected to render material help in keeping these two tanks in good order.

(b) Ten additional masalchies will be appointed to look after the 250 additional lanterns.

(c) Eleven Hospital Assistants, 11 Compounders and 11 lascars will be engaged for the hospitals and Cholera Sheds.

14. (a) Accommodation for the additional staffs of sweepers & toties will have to be provided.

(b) Places for keeping the rubbish and latrine carts will likewise have to be selected.

15. Provision has to be made for the purchase or the making of the following articles:—

(1) one hundred and fifty mammuties.
(2) 250 baskets for sweepers and toties.
(3) Ninety hats for the watersheds.
(4) 120 Tin vessels for distributing water.
(5) 130 male and female figures for latrines.
(6) Sixty iron buckets for wells.
(7) Sixty Ropes.
(8) 40 Flags for the hospitals, Police & Cholera Sheds.
(9) 38 belts and badges for peons.
(10) Tin marks for (a) Tank and river watchmen
(b) Toties and Sweepers.
11. Marks for the Sanitary Police.

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(12) 250 wooden lamp posts.
(13) 250 Lanterns.
(14) 63 Small Lanterns for
(a) The Nuisance Inspectors.
(b) The Sanitary Inspectors.
(c) Conservancy peons.
(15) 30 Stretchers for carrying the sick to the hospitals.
(16) Medicines for the hospitals & Cholera Sheds.

16. (a) The District Magistrate will be addressed on the following points:—

(1) Additional Police Force.
(2) Additional Magistrates.
(3) The issue of notices in connection with the regulation of traffic &c.

(b) The District Medical & Sanitary Officer will be addressed for:

(1) Securing the services of the additional staffs of hospital Assistants and Compounders.
(2) Advising the Council in the matter of supplying the temporary hospitals with medicines and in making general Sanitary regulations.

(c) The Railway authorities will be requested (1) to open the necessary number of booking stations for the convenience of the public.

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(2) To have a "way in" and "way out" in their Compound.

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(3) To open a temporary Station at Darasuram to prevent rush at the main Railway Station. &

(4) To make arrangements for examination of passengers suffering from infectious and contagious diseases at Tiruvadamarudur & Sundaraperumal Koil Stations.

The financial aspect of the whole question will have to be finally settled only after the scheme is approved. Roughly the cost will be Rs 10000.

(S) T. S. Sivasamy Odayar

Chairman

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II.

Application for transfer of Funds required by the Municipal Council of Kumbakonam

From				To					
Particular work or purpose, with the major and minor heads of the budget specified.	Amount provided for the work or purpose in the budget, and subsequently allotted or transferred.	Amount already expended.	Amount available for transfer after providing for probable outlay up to the end of the year.	Particular work or purpose, with the major and minor heads of the budget specified.	Amount provided for the work or purpose in the budget.	Amount subsequently allotted or transferred.	Amount now required to be transferred.	Necessity for the transfer.	Reference to previous correspondence.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
Branch Dispensary	6000	"	2000						
Slaughterhouse in Melacaveri	1000	"	1000						
Latrines	2000	"	1500						
Acquisition of lands for the extension of the Brahmin Ward and construction of Kerosine oil storeshed &c Grant I. 1. New Works (a) Buildings	1500	"	1500	Grant III. 5. Conservancy &c (e) Mahamakham festival				Vide Letter accompanying.	"
	10500	"	6000		× 4000	"	6000		

× N.B. Rs 4000 less than the Budget figure owing to the refusal of the Local Boards to contribute a moiety.

T. S. Sivasamy Odyr

Chairman, Municipal Council.

15th October 1896

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DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

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Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. 2685 M of 1896, dated 15th October from the Chairman, M.C., Kumbakonam

Current No. of 189 , dated from the

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Order. No. 1891 M dated 7-11-96

The transfer of funds proposed by the municipal council ~~will be~~ is sanctioned and a contribution of Rs. 10,000 will be made from Provincial Funds, this amount being met from the grant of Rs. 1,50,000 provided for the Cuddapah drainage works in the budget estimate of Provincial grants for 1896-97.

2. The President of the Tanjore district board will be requested to report at a very early date how it is proposed to spend the allotment of Rs. 15,000 made by the district and taluk boards.

(from orders).

To The Chairman, M.C., Kumbakonam. S/ P.R. 5/11/96
" Collector of Tanjore
" President, district Board, Tanjore
" Accountant General.
" Financial Department

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS CHIEF SECRETARY 26-OCT. 1896

From The Chairman
Municipal Council
Kumbakonam

No. 490.

Dated 15th October 1896.

Received

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SUBJECT.

Requesting that a Contribution of Rs 10000 from Provincial funds may be sanctioned towards the expenses of the Mahamakham Festival

Current No. 2124 / ENG of 1896

Sent on

Submitted with the recommendation that the allotment amounting to

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BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

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Rs6000 be sanctioned.

2. The Council also requests Government to make a special grant too of Rs10,000 to meet the extraordinarily heavy expenses in connection with the Mahamagam festival, & I most strongly support that request. Heavy expenditure has to be incurred on account of arrangements to be made outside Municipal limits, & the District & Taluk Boards have, in allotting Rs15000 towards those objects, declined to allot funds for utilisation within Municipal limits; & considering this liberal provision of Rs15000, which will in effect relieve the Municipality to an enormous extent, I think it w^d be unreasonable to expect them to help the Municipality by way of direct contributions.

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4. Considering therefore all these circumstances, I think that the Council is justified in asking Government to help it with a contribution from Provincial Funds, & I beg to request that this contribution be fixed at Rs12000 instead of Rs10000, as I think that Rs20000 will not cover all the expenses.

4. In 1885 Sanitary arrangements were on a comparatively small scale, & the total expenses in connection with the festival amounted only to Rs5340, towards which the District Board contributed Rs1750.

5. As all the arrangements will take time, I have requested the Chairman to frame his proposals on the supposition that he will have ~~the~~ Rs20,000, & I beg that Govt. may be pleased to sanction Rs12000 at a very early date. I have ~~written~~ made this request after discussing the matter in all its bearings with the local officers & the Chairman.

Ag. Collector.

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No. 490.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILORS' OFFICE
KUMBAKONAM 15th October 1896.

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FROM
T. S. Sivasamy Odayar Avergal Rao Bahadur
CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
KUMBAKONAM.

TO
The Chief Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Department
Thro' the Sub Collector & the Collector of
Tanjore

SIR,

I have the honor to submit herewith a copy of the Sanitary Commissioner's recommendation regarding arrangements to be made for the ensuing Mahamakham Festival, a copy of the resolution of the Council thereon and other connected papers.

The Sanitary Commissioner has sent in three different estimates. The Council has resolved to adopt the second with slight modifications so as to bring down the cost to Rs20,000.

In the budget for the current year, the Council provided Rs4000 from its own revenues and took credit for Rs6000 from the Local Boards to which application had been made.

During the Mahamakham festival of 1885,

the District Board contributed a moiety of Rs 3500, the first estimated cost of the festival. This time however the Local Boards have refused to give anything to this Council.

The necessity for a larger expenditure on account of this festival than in previous years is explained at length in para 41 of the report on the budget for the current year sanctioned in G.O. No 330 Mn / 25. 2. 96. The Council is driven to the necessity of finding additional funds for meeting the extraordinary charges by transferring funds from other heads as shown hereunder:

(a) Rs2000 from the allotment of Rs6000 for the Branch Dispensary building as the full allotment is not expected to be spent during the current year.

(b) Rs1000 – the allotment for a slaughterhouse in Melakaveri to be taken up next year.

(c) Rs1500 from an allotment of Rs2000 for latrines.

(d) Rs1500 – the allotment for the acquisition of certain lands since abandoned by the Council.

These four items which amount to Rs6000 will, with the Rs4000 already referred to, place Rs10,000 at the disposal of the Council for purposes of the festival.

The second of the schemes costs, as already stated, Rs20,000. The Council looks up to Government for Rs10,000, as it has gone to the utmost of its resources in setting apart such a large amount as Rs10,000 from its own revenues. I understand that the Local Boards have resolved to spend Rs15,000 in improving the sanitation of all the villages lying within a radius of seven miles from Municipal limits and that the special staff for the purpose would be maintained for a month and a half. The Local Boards' Scheme seems to have been drawn on the assumption that pilgrims for the festival are likely to halt for so long a time in the adjacent villages. The fact however is that even the residents of the villages which are to receive the benefit of increased sanitary improvements, will for the most part, go to Kumbakonam not only on account of the peculiar sanctity attached to the locality, but also because the festivities are periods when private individuals open large cha tries for feeding pilgrims sumptuously.

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The Sanitary Commissioner's estimate is that nearly 500,000 of pilgrims would visit this place during the festival and experience of previous festivals justifies his expectation.

I therefore request that Government will be pleased to Contribute Rs10,000 towards the Cost of the festival and Sanction the transfer of funds for which an application is herewith sent.

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G.O., No. 1891 M., 7th November 1896.

NOVEMBER.

Mahamakham Festival, Kumbakonam.

Sanctioning the transfer of funds proposed by the municipal council and a grant of Rs. 10,000 from Provincial funds towards the expenditure in connection with the —, and requesting the Tanjore District Board to report how it is proposed to spend the allotment of Rs. 15,000 made by the district and taluk boards.

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(Signed) W. B. AYLING,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

17th October 1896.

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Submitted, with the recommendation that the allotments amounting to Rs. 6,000 be sanctioned.

2. The council also requests Government to make a special grant to it of Rs. 10,000 to meet the extraordinarily heavy expenses in connection with the Mahamakham festival, and I most strongly support that request. Heavy expenditure has to be incurred on account of arrangements to be made outside municipal limits, and the district and taluk boards have, in allotting Rs. 15,000 towards those objects, declined to allot funds for utilisation within municipal limits; and considering this liberal provision of Rs. 15,000, which will in effect relieve the municipality to an enormous extent, I think it would be unreasonable to expect them to help the municipality by way of direct contributions.

3. This festival is one of most exceptional importance and magnitude, occurring but once in eleven years. As many as half-a-million of people are expected. It is of the utmost importance, in the interests of the whole of this Presidency—not to go beyond it—that every effort should be made to lessen the danger of cholera and small-pox spreading from Kumbakónam in all directions and bringing in their train not only tremendous loss of life but also heavy expenditure to local fund and municipal bodies all over the Presidency, and possibly expenditure to Government.

4. Considering, therefore, all these circumstances, I think that the council is justified in asking Government to help it with a contribution from Provincial funds, and I beg to request that this contribution be fixed at Rs. 12,000 instead of Rupees 10,000, as I think that Rs. 20,000 will not cover all the expenses.

5. In 1885 sanitary arrangements were on a comparatively small scale, and the total expenses in connection with the festival amounted only to Rs. 5,340, towards which the district board contributed Rs. 1,750.

6. As all the arrangements will take time, I have requested the Chairman to frame his proposals on the supposition that he will have Rs. 20,000, and I beg that Government may be pleased to sanction Rs. 12,000 at a very early date. I have made this request after discussing the matter in all its bearings with the local officers and the Chairman.

22nd October 1896. (Signed) J. ANDREW,
Ag. Collector.

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The transfer of funds proposed by the municipal council is sanctioned and a contribution of Rs. 10,000 will be made from Provincial funds, this amount being met from the grant of Rs. 1,50,000 provided for the Cuddapah drainage works in the budget estimate of Provincial grants for 1896-97.

2. The President of the Tanjore District Board will be requested to report at a very early date how it is proposed to spend the allotment of Rs. 15,000 made by the district and taluk boards.

(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

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To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Kumbakónam.
" Collector of Tanjore.
" President, District Board, Tanjore.
" Accountant-General.
" Financial Department.

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