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G.O., No. 542 M

DATED 26th March 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Local & Municipal Dept.

CURRENT No. 797. m

From

The Judicial Dept.

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Order No 542 memo
326.3-96

Communicated to the
Municipal Council, Palni, with
the request that early steps
may be taken to construct
more public latrines in suitable
localities, the existing number
being quite inadequate for the
requirements of the town.

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Order No. 506

Dated 6th March 96.

Received ————

Enclosures (..)

2. The reports of the Supt.
of Police have been submitted
to the District.

J. R. 27/3/96

SUBJECT.

Transferring letter from the
Inspector-General of Police, regarding
Police work in the Palni muni-
cipality, with reference to G.O.
No 9 Judicial, dated 7th January
1896.

(The proper reference should have
been to the D.M. not to the C.S.
Police. The D.M. is the responsible
officer. The I.G. has no local
responsibility.)

To the Inspector-General of Police
(through the Judicial Dept.)

" Chairman, M.C. Palni.
" District Officer 27/3/96

(with order)

Despatch No. 102 of 1896-
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Office of the Superintendent of Police,
Madras, Dated 29 January 1896.

Enclosure No.
To letter No. 492 of 1896-97
From Inspector-General of Police.

From

L. E. Baudry Elguise
Superintendent of Police,

To

The Inspector General of Police,
Madras.

Sir,

In returning the Inspection Notes of the
Inspector of Vaccination and Deputy Sanitary
Commissioner on the Palni Municipality bearing
the Assistant Inspector General's endorsement
dated 16 Instant, I have the honor to
remark as follows:—

The Chairman of the Municipality in his
remarks against para headed Roads, Drainage
&c., implied want of exertion, or co-operation
on the part of the Police. The strength of the Palni
Taluk Station, which is a rural one, consists of

1 Grade Head Constable. 4 Grade Head Constables.

The force is distributed as follows:—
Treasury Guard— 1 Head Constable. 20 Constables. 22
Process Serving— 1 Head Constable. 6 Constables. 7
Beats— 1 Head Constable. 3 Constables. 3

leaving 5 Constables to meet escort duty investigation of Crime etc., Casualties and not allowed for, and notwithstanding the small Contingent left available for purely Municipal duties, I submit that the Palni Police have shown fair results in the prosecution of Nuisance Cases.

In 1894, 110 Convictions were obtained out of 130 Cases charged at an average of 10.8 per month. Last year 152 Cases or 12.6 per month were charged and of these 109 were brought to Conviction. In the years 1890 to 1893 inclusive the Monthly average of Cases charged was 9.90, 8.00, 6.25, 6.62 respectively.

As regards, Keeping the bed of the tank free from pollution it is a physical impossibility to do so unless the Police establishment is raised out of all proportion to the benefits which would accrue, so long as the present order of things prevail.

The tank in question, it is admitted, receives the whole of the Town Drainage so

so that it appears to my lay mind that even, if it were possible, by employing a Special Establishment, effectively, to stop the bed of the tank being used as a latrine the water would still be highly contaminated. The people, instead of resorting to the bed of the tank, for purposes of Nature, would use their back yards the drainage of which finds its way into the tank. Again, close to the Taluk Cutcherry there is a plot of ground which is freely used for purposes of Nature and the right soil gets washed into the tank with every shower.

I think the first duty of the Municipality is to provide a sufficient number of latrines or other devices easily accessible to the inhabitants. As matters stand at present, certainly, more than half the Palni population would have to be run in daily for committing Nuisances for the simple reason that they have nowhere to go to obey a law of Nature. Premising that the Police Establishment were of such dimensions as to render

render it possible to prosecute such a large number of persons daily such a procedure would savour of prosecution -

We run in as many persons as possible who offend decency, and render themselves obnoxious, by soiling public streets, and we do our best to save the bed of the tank from pollution -

But, until latrines are provided - and as long as the Municipality allow the bed of the tank to be used by Dhokies, turned into a handy pettah, grading ground and into an encamping ground for travellers, and until the drainage of the Town is diverted into another Channel it would be waste of money to have a large and expensive establishment to prosecute a few offenders at night, a very expensive system of lighting would be required.

To come to a right understanding of the difficulties which exist in saving this tank from pollution it must be borne in mind that Palni is a place containing a large -
floating

floating population, especially, at the time of festivals, which are of frequent occurrence, and that at times the bed of the tank, when dry, is crowded with people. Its size, a little over two miles round, renders it impossible with the present establishment to check nuisances to any extent during the day, and quite so at night.

I know the tank well and all the facts I bring forward are within my personal knowledge.

This is not the first time that the Palni Municipal Council has tried to shift its shortcomings on the shoulders of the Police. Vide my letter A. No. 1308, dated 9 September 1893 and Colonel Porteous' letter, A. No. 34, dated 9 September 1890 and connected correspondence.

In 1894, the number of Cales charged was nearly double the number charged in 1893.

I think it most objectionable, that the Chairman of the Palni Municipality or any other body should be allowed to cast unmerited slurs on the action of the Police.

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The problem to be solved by the Municipality is a very difficult one. But why does the Chairman not say so at once instead of making an excuse, which is contrary to fact.

Yours &c.

(Signed) G. E. Baudry
Superintendent of Police.

(True Copy)

J. C. A. C.
ag. Asst. Supt General of Police

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CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
Madras, 20th February 1896.

FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras,

TO

THE Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George.

SIR,

Enclosures
One.

With reference to G.O. No. 9, Judicial, dated 4th January 1896, regarding Police work in the Palni Municipality, I have the honor to submit a copy of the Superintendent's report on the subject. I would also draw attention to Colonel Porteous' letter, dated 11 October 1893, No. 5894, on the same subject.

2. The Police have done fairly in the Town and unless the Government is prepared to increase the force there very considerably I do not think much more can be done. I agree very much with Colonel Porteous in the views he expressed in the last paragraph of his letter referred to above.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt. servant,

M. Hammick

Inspector General of Police.

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Judicial (1896) DEPARTMENT.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT NO. 797 M

FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
Madras,

TO

THE Chief Secretary
to Government,
Fort Saint George

Endorsement No. 506.

Transferred to the Local and Municipal Department.

Dated 20 February 1896.
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For St. George
6th March 1896

SUBJECT.

Submitting a Copy of the Report
from the Superintendent of Police
Madras, regarding Police work
in the Palni Municipality with
reference to G.O. No. 9 Judicial,
dated 7th January 1896.

To The L & M. Dept.

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