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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 90 M

DATED 17th January 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Administration report

Recording, with remarks, the explanation of points noticed in the --- of the Ootacamund Municipal Council for 1894-95.

BACK PAPERS.

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No.

Extract from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Ootacamund Municipa
Council held on ~~Thursday~~ Saturday the 21st December 1895.

~~Subject No.~~

Present.

The Chairman,
E. P. Rawson Esqre. Ag: Collector
A. K. Haji Fakir Mahomed Sait Sahib
MRRy. P. Manonthachella Moodelyar Avl.
L. W. Schmidt Esqre.
G. T. Walch Esqre.
Surgn. Lt. Col. H. D. Cook
W. E. Smith Esqre.
J. Browne Esqre.
Sethic Bin Meamjee Sait Sahib.

Subject No. I.

Read Proceedings of Government No. 1760 M. dated 25th October 1895, reviewing the Administration Report of the Ootacamund Municipal Council for 1894-95, with draft of letter in reply to the points noted in the order.

Resolution :—

The draft is approved

Municipal Office,
Ootacamund, 21st December 1895.

To

(True Extract)

Chairman.

G. O. dated 23rd May

OOTACAMUND MUNICIPALITY

PRIVATE SCAVENGING.

MEMO.

Reference—Requisition Note of

dated

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Extract from G. O. date
Local and Municipal.

23. Registration of Births and Deaths:- Notices directing attendance at the office for registration have been freely circulated by the Municipality. In addition the Sanitary Inspectors are bound to note in their diaries, furnished to the Chairman daily, all events which come to their notice. There ha been a total of 12 cases prosecuted for neglect. The following is an abstract of results obtaine

	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893 to 6 Oct
Deaths from Cholera	1	"	8	"	
Smallpox	2	17	1	4	2
Fevers	77	85	64	85	7
Bowel-Complaints	44	40	35	49	3
All other causes	136	281	190	206	15
Total	260	422	298	344	2
Death rate per mille	21.1	34.2	24.1	22.8	2
Births	361	442	441	454	
Birth rate per mille	29.2	35.8	35.0	30.1	

(Sd.) W. G. King M.B. C.M. D.P.H. Surg
Acting Sanitary Commr. for M

Mayavaram
26th Nov. 93

(True Extract)

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Audit Notes on the Accts

Extract from the ~~Proceedings of a Meeting~~ of the Ootacamund Municipal ~~Council held on Thursday the~~ ~~1895.~~ 5

SUBJECT NO. | RESOLUTION :—

Chairman's remarks. | Auditor's notes

1893 – 94.

" People will not pay in advance although every effort has been made to induce them to do so. This year a Notice has been issued to each house holder intimating that if the fees are not paid in advance the Conservancy work will be stopped. Even this has not had much effect. It would not pay Municipality to employ Counsel to recover petty sums "in advance"!"

3.(VI)

Private scavenging fees continue to be collected in arrear which is against the repeated orders of Government."

1894 – 95.

he reply to the last audit
3 (VI) fully meets this
mark. Copies of the
ces issued are attached
he Government has been
d to legislate for the
llection of Conservancy
s without resorting to the
il Court."

Delay in the Collection of dues.

1. Private scavenging fees
"Continued to be collected in
"arrear. See also para 3(VI)
"of last year's Audit notes.
" Government has suggested
"in the Case of other Municipal
"that the Council on the one
"hand refuse to undertake
"private Sc [illegible] work
[illegible] less

Extract from G. O. dated 8th April 1895 No 634
L & M.

12. Registration:- One Registrar on Rs 20 is kept. The Sanitary Inspectors note in their daily diaries all births and deaths discovered by them and thus a check is kept up.

-	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894 u the end o Octo
Deaths from					
Chorera - - - -	..	8	..	..	1
Small pox - - -	17	1	4	2	..
Fevers - - -	85	64	85	90	96
Dysentry and Diarrhœa - -	40	35	49	45	35
Other Causes - -	280	190	206	191	193
Total	422	298	344	328	32
Deathrate per mille	34·2	24·1	22·8	21·8	27
Births	442	441	454	461	4
Birth rate per mille	35·8	35·0	30·1	30·6	33

Fort St George }
6th December 94 }

(Signed) W. B. Bannerman
Surg
Insp of Vaccination
Dy Sanitary Comm

(True Extract)

Chairman.

Municipal Office,
MUND, ... 1895. }

Chairman.

Municipal Office
Ootacamund, 21st December 1895

No. 3860.

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 3879 M.

From,

The Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Ootacamund.

Enclosures Sent

To,

The Honorable J. F. Price C.S.I.,
Chief Secretary to the Government,
Fort St. George.
(through the Collector of Nilgiris)

Sir,

With reference to para: 3(1) of G. O. No. 1760. M. dated the 25th October, received on the 5th December 1895, relating to the general revision of assessment in the Ootacamund Municipality, I have the honor to request attention to my letter No 3049 dated the 19th November 1894, disposed of in G. O dated 1st December 1894 No 1845 M. Mis. The matter was brought up again before the Municipal Council, and, on the 20th April 1895, it passed the following resolution.

"Recorded"

"The Chairman will undertake the revision of assessments and the result will be reported to the Council and Government in due course."

OTACAMUND,

"In regard to the bazaar question a Sub Committee is now sitting and the result of its labours will × also be reported."

2. I distinctly explained at the meeting at which this resolution was passed that although I revised the assessments in individual cases, it was impossible for me to undertake, with my other duties, a general revision without the assistance of the Councillors as contemplated in the Council's resolution embodied in my letter of the 19th November 94. The result of what I did in 1895-96 was as follows.

Demand.

	House Tax.	Water Tax
In 1894-95	Rs 27076	Rs 3611
In 1895-96	Rs 28193	Rs 3741
Increase	Rs 1117	Rs 130

3. The Sub ×Committee appointed on the 25th October 1894 to look into the matter of the bazaars which compete with the market has not yet submitted its report. Mr Dene is not now on the Council, and M.R.Ry. Sankara Menon has been asked to expedite the submission of the report.

× M.R.Ry. M. Sankara Menon avergal
Sithie Bin Meeraji Sait Sahib and
Mr. F. A. Dene.

3. (2) As regards arrears × I am to explain that the amount outstanding on the 31st March 1895, was, as compared with what it was in 1892-93 × and 1893-94, less by Rs 1,873 and Rs 2,470 respectively. In the former year Rs 231; in the latter year Rs 695 and in 1894-95 Rs 472 were written off as irrecoverable. The arrears relating to 1890-91 and 1891-92 do not exceed Rs 50-13-" and Rs 64-1-" respectively. These small sums were not written off, as there was some prospect of their recovery in 1894-95 and prosecutions were instituted in the Special Sub Magistrate's Court. The Court threw out the cases, as it held that the persons in possession of the properties should pay. These persons, however, contend that they purchased the properties free of encumbrances while the original owners are unable to pay. The arrears will be written off now.

G. O dated 7th August 1891 No. 1232 M. L and M. Receipts.

(2) "The collection of the arrears should be proceeded with, and care taken not to write off sums, as irrecoverable without careful scrutiny."

Out standings.

×. 31st March	1893	Rs 5,505
31st "	1894	Rs 6,102
31st "	1895	Rs 3,632

3. (3) Income from the sale of rubbish - It was brought to the notice of the Government in para: 45 of the annual report for 1891-92 that

"The sweepings and rubbish were conveyed to a piece of ground attached to the mill house below Lochend there being no demand for either

See also para 4 (7) of G. O dated 22nd August 1889 No 1068 M. L & M.

"either sweepings or rubbish as in other towns"

That – "an attempt was made at the beginning of the year to sell the sweepings and rubbish, but there was no bid." – The rubbish since then is, as shown in Dr. Bannerman's Inspection notes, recorded in the Proceedings of Government dated the 8th April 1895 No 634 M. L and M, buried in trenches with the night soil at the Titical Depôt. These trenches, or pits, are being sold at a rupee a pit, as stated× in my letter No 2492 para 5 dated 29th December 1893 recorded in Proceedings of the Government dated 12th March 1894 No 298 M. L. and M. The Municipal Council is unable to account for the decline in fines which are levied by the Magistracy. The Council has refrained from pressing the rigid execution of Coercive processes, as it believes that such pressure only tends to make Municipal administration unpopular among the poorer classes of the people who are generally the defaulters.

× Under Conservancy receipts there has been for the first time during the last few years an income of Rs 1020 by the sale of sweepings &c, in the cart stand Rs 20 and of Rs 1000 by sale of 1000 of the old night soil pits at the Titical Depôt to a Planter in Ochterlony Valley.

4. The defect in the present Municipal Act in respect of the recovery of the tax on vehicles or animals was brought to the notice of the Government in February 1894. Vide Proceedings of the Government dated 3rd March 1894 No 43 Legislative; and it was suggested that the law should be amended on the lines of the Calcutta Act. Under Madras Act IV of 1884 Sec: 80 "a printed table in the form contained in Schedule C" has to be sent to every person to be filled up with the necessary information for the assessment of tax, and unless such person returns the form (Sec 82) duly filled in, there is great difficulty in preparing and issuing a bill "for the amount of tax to which such person is believed to be liable." Under the Calcutta Act the tax is payable in advance. The owner or other person liable to a tax is obliged to take out a license "before the 1st day of May and the first day of November in each year," and any person becoming owner between the 1st day of ~~October~~ April and the first day of October or between the 1st day of October and the first day of April, shall, within a week of his becoming owner, send a statement in writing duly signed with the amount payable. And whoever owns a carriage or animal without the required license is liable to a fine. The Commissioners at Calcutta have also the power to inspect any stable or Coach-house. In Madras the Municipal Councillors have not that power, and owners can, and do, successfully prevent such inspections.

5. The late Ag Collector's remarks regarding private Scavenging, and his Conclusion that

that "Considering the number of houses on the Municipal registers viz: 2,573, there is room for a considerable extension of the system," were apparently made without a knowledge of the actual condition of the town and of the efforts already made since 1892 to extend the system.

× Kandal	460
Mettucherry	149
Bandyshola	28
Vannarpet	44
Kodappamund	98
Old ooty	97
Malayattimund	64
Manjanakorai	29
Muyakalmund	20
Titical	11
Pudumund	37
	1037

Of the 2,573 houses, 1037 are situated in the villages× marginally noted and have no latrines attached to them. There are also, in the main bazaar portion of the town, a large number of dwellings without latrines. In the annual report for 1891-92 para 47, it was shown that "the number "of houses on the register attend"-"ed to under the head of "private" "Scavenging" on the last day of the year was 137." "The total number of private latrines in the town" "being about 520." "In the report for 1893-94 it" "was shown that the number of houses conserved" "by Municipal agency increased from 151 to 259," "during the year. This increase is due chiefly to" "the inquiries instituted last year regarding the" "work done privately by Municipal servants". The percentage of increase in the number of private latrines between 1891-92 and 1893-94 was 23.5, while the latrine accommodation provided in the town was 1 for every 300 of the population. The explanations (appended) given to the Auditor of Municipal Accounts in

vehicles or animals was brought to the notice of

in 1893-94 and 1894-95 will also show that steps have been taken to induce people to pay the Conservancy fees in advance: Municipal scavengers have also been withdrawn from the houses of those who decline to pay before-hand, but the arrangement has invariably ended in the discontinuance of the Municipal Agency and loss of fees. In September 1894 the Municipal Council brought to the notice of the Government that section 209 of Madras Act IV of 1884 "private scavenging, should legalize the levy" "of a certain percentage on the rental value of" "all houses, as there is at present very" "considerable difficulty in Collecting the" "Conservancy fees and many persons escape" "paying the fees."

Vide Letter to Government No 2096 dated 7th Septr 94

Cw 2154 M/94 transferred to the Legal [illegible] Deptt

6. Adverting to better accommodation for Schools the Municipal Council is unable from want of funds to take any action.

7. With reference to the decline in the numbers of births and deaths, both the Sanitary Commissioner and the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner during their inspections in 1893 and 1894 carefully examined the process by which the Statistics of births and deaths were obtained, and were satisfied that all that could be done was done in ensuring accuracy. Extracts from their reports are appended. and the Municipal Council

is unable to understand what "increased attention" is required on its part.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

W. Hamnett
Chairman

C No. 17/95

Local and Municipal Dept.

1895.

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N.S.

From

THE CHAIRMAN,

Municipal Council,

Ootacamund,

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department
Fort Saint George

Thro' the Collector of Nilgiris

No. 3860

Dated 21st
Despatched 21 } December 1895.
Received

ENCLOSURE.

SUBJECT.

Administration Report for 94-95

Submitting with resolution of the Council dated the 21st December 1895, explanation on the points noted by the Government in the ______ of the Ootacamund Municipality.

(with an order)

N Disposal on C No. 1735/95

Forwarded

Ag Collector

UNDER SECRETARY
26 DEC 95
PUBLIC ETC. DEPTS.

D 23/12

R/Mis.

Order No. 90 Mis d/17-1-96

Recorded with the following remarks:—

(1). The general revision of assessments should be completed without further delay & the result of this and the final decision of the Council on the bazaar question referred to in para. 1 of the Chairman's letter should be reported.

(2). The means by which vital statistics are obtained & the steps taken to ensure their accuracy should also be reported.

V. R.
16/1/96

WWP
16.1.96

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To The Chairman, M.C. Ootacamund.

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