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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Recording the Sanitary Council's
remarks with reference to the inspection
notes of the Sanitary Engineer on the Abou
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SUBJECT.

Submitting remarks with
reference to para 9 of the Ins-
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OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
Fort St. George, 8th April 1897.

From

SURGEON LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,

To

THE

Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Fort Saint George.

Enclosure.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No. 230. In dated 16th February 1897, para 2, I have the honour to respectfully invite the attention of Government to the fact that the statements made by the Sanitary Engineer and which gave rise to this Order are absolutely incorrect. In para 5 (b) of my Report embodied in G.O. No. 1769. In dated 17th October 1896, I have made the following remarks:—

5(b) "The Zinc roof is so arranged as to permit of light, and with it, dust entering ^{the} filtered water reservoir."

"The Zinc roof seems to me most undesirable in reference to maintenance of heat, and the consequent favoring of growth of micro-organisms. It is probable that the Municipality would lose little by selling the corrugated iron of the roof, or by utilizing it for latrines in the town. The ordinary form of arched masonry covering employed

employed for these reservoirs would be preferable. If, however, it be found that the cost of this improvement be heavy, the complete darkening of the reservoir should certainly be arranged for and the addition inside the roof of a sanddust or other lining as a non-conductor should be made." x x x

2. It will thus be seen that I did not make the ridiculous recommendation "to close up all the ventilation of the service reservoir." If, as a result of excluding light, there would result a stoppage of ventilation, I presume that is a matter with which the Sanitary Engineer could have dealt without assuming in an official report that I made recommendations that I certainly did not. Paras 6-10 of my letter No. $\frac{I}{11}$ dated 14th June 1895, to which G. O. No. 1457 M. mis dated 7th September 1895 refers, shows that the Sanitary Engineer was equally careless in interpreting my recommendations in this very town on another matter.

3. In regard to the suggestion that Chairmen are liable to be forced to effect improvements, I need hardly remind Government that my reports are

are addressed to it although latterly they have been sent for convenience of reference in the first place to Municipalities for remarks, and that anything they contain can by reason of the nature of my office be nothing but recommendations, and that the requirement of Government that any work costing over Rs 200 should be referred to the Sanitary Board has hitherto been a sufficient guard against any alteration being hastily undertaken by local bodies. How little disposed the Municipal Council was to be forced to carrying out my suggestion is evident from their absolutely ignoring (vide their reply to para 5(b) of my Inspection notes embodied in G. O. No. 1769 M. dated 17th October 1896) my recommendation as to the influence of light on the growth of microbes—offered to them for the second time. Indeed, they declare it is their intention to have glass shutters made—thereby arranging, against my advice, to admit light. The glass shutters were however to be inserted so as to keep ~~out~~ "squirrels and blood-suckers" ^{from} getting into a space of 3" throughout the whole length of both sides of the reservoir, where they declared in the preceding

preceding sentence it would be impossible,
in spite of my suggestion to the contrary, for
dust to enter. A clearer case of a Municipality
taking upon itself to absolutely ignore the
sanitary advice of this office could not
be found. The danger anticipated in
Mr Jones' Report did not therefore exist.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. King

Sanitary Commissioner for Madras.

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