

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1685M

DATED 28-7-97

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Kumbakonam Water Supply Scheme

He has with remarks that under the amended Act the M.L. Council of Kumbakonam is bound so far as funds permit to provide a sufficient water supply for the use of the rate-payers in the mull. & that it will therefore take the necessary steps to allot the amount required by the Sanitary Engⁿ for a preliminary investigation of a scheme without delay.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

Current No. 2269 of 1897, dated 10th June 1897 from the Chairman, Mr. C. Kumbakonam.

Current No. of 189 , dated

from the

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No. 1685 M. mis. dt 28.7.97.

The Government cannot agree with the municipal council in considering that it is unnecessary to allot funds for the investigation of the water supply scheme, nor is the Council statement that there is ^{a sufficient} ~~adequate~~ supply of good water for the greater part of the town at all consistent with the opinions expressed from time to time by the Sanitary Officers of Government. The existing water supply having been characterized by these ^{authorities} ~~as~~ impure and unsatisfactory, the municipal council is bound under section 143 of Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act III of 1897, ^{is bound} ~~to~~ provide, so far as the funds at the disposal of it admit, ^{to provide} a sufficient supply.

who are the recognized authorities on the subject.

See para. 3 of the Sanitary Commission's Report. Noted in G.O. no. 1633 M. - Also page 4 of

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V.S.
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I agree with the Sec. that
 should be may require the M.C.
 to provide the funds for the
 preparation of a proper water
 supply scheme. The same Sup.
 Mr. [unclear] how much will be
 required & when he will
 want the money

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Let it be put as civilly as possible
 The Municipal Council is unwilling to
 undertake a water supply scheme. There
 seems to be no use in trying to force it to
 do so. In this connection, please see also
 the papers in G.O. No. 1244 dated 24th July
 1896, from which it will be seen that the
 Municipal Council cancelled a previous re-
 solution to the effect that a water supply
 scheme should be undertaken. Further
 Government has no power to interfere
 with this resolution of the Council.
 The only course open to Government

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water fit for the domestic use of
 the inhabitants of the municipality
~~But from the resolution submitted~~
~~with the Chairman's letter read~~
~~above it appears that the Council~~
~~is unwilling to perform this duty.~~
~~His Excellency the Governor in~~
~~Council cannot however permit~~
~~the wellbeing of the ratepayers~~
~~of this important town to be~~
~~disregarded by the local body~~
~~to which the care of the ratepayers~~
~~is entrusted. Under clause (1) of~~
~~section 37 of Act IV of 1884, as amended~~
~~by Act III of 1897, a period of three~~
~~months from the date of the receipt~~
~~of this order, will accordingly be~~
~~fixed within which the Council~~
~~should provide sufficient funds~~
~~for the investigation of the water~~
~~supply scheme.~~

2. The Sanitary Engineer is
 requested to state what will be the
 cost of the proposed investigation of
 the scheme, and when the money
 will be wanted by him.
 (From orders)

The Council have ample
 funds for the preliminary
 investigation of a scheme.
 But such an investigation
 is made & an estimate framed
 of the cost of introducing &
 maintaining ~~separate~~ a satis-
 factory system of waterworks it
 is impossible for them to repudiate
 on financial grounds their legal
 duty towards the ratepayers in
 this respect. The Govt does not
 deem it necessary at the
 present stage to take into consideration
 the question of initiating action under
 Sec. 37 of the ~~Public~~ Dist. M.C. Act as
 recently amended inasmuch as the
 M.C. is confident that when their
 responsibility in the matter is rightly
 apprehended, the Council will at once take
 the necessary steps to allot the small

Please [unclear] see the San. Engineer's
 letter [unclear] 8/7/97 [unclear]
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To the Chairman, M.C. Kumbakonam
 thro' the Collector of Tanjore
 Sanitary Board.
 Commissioner,
 Engineer

Amount required by the San. Sup.
 for the investigation. The matter shd
 receive their very early attention

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Drpd 3/8/97
 [Signature]

Government is to provide the required amount in the budget for the ensuing year - Vide Section 251 of the District Municipalities Act.

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That is one course which may be adopted.

Further under Sec. 143 "the M.C. shall so far as the funds at their disposal may admit, provide a sufficient supply of water fit for the domestic use of the inhabitants of the City."

According to the Secretary's letter the City has not discharged this statutory duty.

Under Sec. 37 (1) "If at any time it appears to the Govt. that a M.C. has made default in performing any duty imposed by or under this Act the Govt. may, by order in writing, fix a period for the performance of such duty." (2) "If such duty is not performed within the period so fixed the Govt. may appoint some person to perform it and direct that the expense of the same shall be paid to such person by the M.C." Finally if this is not done the cost becomes a prior charge on the Mun. Fund.

The annual income of the City is about Rs 90000 and under the recent Act this can be easily enhanced. Of course we cannot say what the cost of a proper scheme would be. But at any rate the subject should be investigated and the Govt. should direct that this be done. When the approximate cost is thus ascertained it will be for Govt. to decide whether it should go farther & direct the execution of the scheme.

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 2269m

From The Chairman, Municipal
Council, Kumbakonam

Order

No. 975 977.
Eng.

Dated 10-6-97

Received 16-6-97

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Enclosures 1

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding letter from the
Chairman M. C. Kumbakonam
Submitting for the information
of Govt. copy of the Council's
Resolution in the ^{matter of the} Water-
Supply Scheme

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Proceedings of the Special Meeting of the
Municipal Council Kumbakonam held
on the 5th May 1897.

Present

Subby J. S. Sivasamy, Mayor & Emergent, Chairman
" N. Krishnasamy, Engineer " B.A.B.L.
" Ch. C. Narayanasamy, Esq. "
" S. Sivasubramanian Chettiar " B.A.B.L.
" Ch. Rangasamy Chettiar "
" J. V. S. Sundar Chettiar "
" Ch. C. Sivasamy Chettiar "
" J. V. S. Sivasamy Chettiar "

1. Read G. O. No. 828 (dated 17.2.97) and G. O. No. 4. 97

252 regarding the investigation of a
scheme of water supply for this town.

The Council is of opinion that for
the greater part of the town there is ample
supply of good water and that as only
a very small portion of the town is
likely to be benefitted by any system of water
supply, it thinks it unnecessary to allocate
any sum for investigating a scheme for
the supply of water — The Chairman alone

dissenting

St. J. S. Linsbury & Sons

Chairman

(True Copy)

St. J. S. Linsbury & Sons

Chairman

Chas

R.N.

In a letter

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

Tanjore

To

THE Secretary & Govt
Local & Municipal Department

Dated 10th June 1897.

Encl. in C. No. $\frac{975}{\text{Engl}}$ 897

Subject.

Copy of Proceedings of the
Municipal Council Kumbakonam held on the 5th
May 1897.

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No. 370. TANJORE.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILORS' OFFICE

KUMBAKONAM 18th May 1897.

FROM

J. S. Sivasamy Adayar Chergal

CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
KUMBAKONAM.

To

The Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Department
This is the Subcollector & the Collector
Tanjore.

SIR,

Referring to G. O. No. 828 (Encl. 1) dated 7th April 1897, I have the honor to inform you that the Council has decided to allow a sum for investigating a water supply scheme for this town for reasons stated in the resolution copy of which is enclosed for the information of Government.

2. In December 1895, the Sanitary Commission was set up and urged on the Council the necessity there was for an unpolluted water supply for this town and the Council sanctioned the investigation of the same. The circumstances

(a) it protected water supply considered

in which this resolution of the Council was brought into effect to and fully set forth in this office letter No 167 dated 16th June 1876 (vide also G. O. No 1244 in this dated 24.7.76 thereon).

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3. In connection with the Brahama Kham festival a meeting of the Council was held on 2nd July 1876 at which the Hon. Mr. C. Stokes, the Collector of the District, the Sanitary Commissioners, and the Sanitary Engineers were present. The Council resolved to sanction the investigation of a scheme of water supply for this town. The Sanitary Board in its Proceedings No. 1655, 24.10.76 suggested several courses and all these were placed before a Sub-committee which sent in its report on 24.11.76 whereon the following resolution was recorded at the meeting held on the 3rd December 1876:—
"6. Read Proceedings of the Sanitary Board regarding water supply and also report of the Sub-committee thereon.

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The Council regrets that the scheme propounded is both within its present financial limits and it is therefore unable to undertake it."

This resolution was duly communicated to the Sanitary Board in this office letter No. 621 8.12.76.

6. I still adhere to my opinion that a water supply scheme for this town is absolutely necessary for the following among other reasons:—

(1) It is the opinion of experts that the supply of water in the two rivers is both free from pollution.

(2) The wells in the town do not afford a supply of pure water in as much as most of them are polluted by percolation of sewage and other matter as at present there is no proper outlet in some places for sewage and other dirty matter.

(3) It is the duty of the Council to be guided by the opinion of experts.

(4) It is a matter of water supply consideration.

diminishes the chances of an outbreak of cholera and other diseases.

(5) Though at first the heaviness of the taxation on account of the introduction of a water supply may induce people to think otherwise, yet before many years shall have elapsed, people will see the advantages of the scheme and would be prompt.

(6) Kumbhakonam is an important centre of Commerce and Pilgrimage. Large numbers of people resort to this town for purposes of trade and for religious purposes.

The existence of a pure water supply would be of great service to them in ordinary times, and also during the Brahmashukla Festival at which time expenditure could greatly be economised if a water supply scheme existed.

(7) I am aware of the fact that the opening of water works both in Tanjore and Trichinopoly has resulted in increasing

The Comforts of the people of these parts. I have no doubt that a similar provision for this town would be necessary in the interests of public health.

I have the honor to be

Sir
your most obedt Servt

L. S. Sivasamy Aiyar

Chairman

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I am in the room & the chairman.

From The Chairman Municipal Council Kumbakonam



Dated 18 May 1897.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for their information of Govt. Coly. of Resolution of the Council on the water supply scheme.

Forwarded.

2. The opinion of the Council that the greater part of the town has an ample supply of good water is opposed to that of every sanitary authority who has ever visited Kumbakonam.

3. At the same time, I feel bound to remark that in Kumbakonam more than in most municipalities, furnishing good water and persuading people to use it are two very different things. If the best water in the world were introduced into the town by means of a water supply scheme, I believe that its purity would not counterbalance the attractions of the sacred Gange; and that nearly all who live within measurable distance of the latter (a large proportion of the total population) would continue to get their drinking water from it direct, just as they do now.

Tanjore Collector's office }
10 June 1897 }
For Acting Collector

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