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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 2832 M

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Dindigul water works — stating that the Government see no reason to exempt the municipality of Dindigul from the payment of the water tax, requesting the Sanitary Engineer to report the quantity of water actually supplied to the town from the existing works & requesting the collector of madura to report on the alleged nuisance arising from the tanneries situated near the municipality.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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~~Current~~ No. 95. of 1897, dated 29th October 1897, from the Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor.

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ORDER. No. 2832 Misc 8/18.12.97

When His Excellency the Governor visited Dindigul in October last, the municipal council of the town represented that as the supply of water from the new water-works was very limited and insufficient for the requirements of the people, the imposition of the water tax was considered by the inhabitants to be a hardship and that it should therefore be suspended until a more reasonable supply should be ensured. The water works were undertaken after a careful preliminary investigation regarding the yield of the water, and if unfortunately the present supply has fallen short of expectations, this is not a reason for withholding the levy of the water-tax, the proceeds

lich were calculated upon in
ancing the scheme, and are ab
utely required for repaying the
in taken from Government for
arrying out the work and for meet-
ing the annual expenditure connect-
d with it. A scheme for the extension
f the works, in order to increase the
upply of water has however been
anctioned in G.O. No 14. M, dated
8th January 1897 and the work will
be undertaken shortly.

The memorialists state that
the present supply is only one-
third of that which was originally
expected; but according to paragraph
1. of the Sanitary Engineer's note, dated
2nd November 1896, embodied in G.O.
No 14. M, dated 8th January 1897, it
was four fifths of the estimate. The
Sanitary Engineer is therefore request
ed to report the quantity of water
actually supplied at present.

2. The provision of suitable
accommodation for the dispensary
for women and children, as requested
by the memorialists, is a matter for
the consideration of the Municipal
Council, which can raise sufficient
funds for carrying out such works,
by increasing taxation under the
Madras District Municipalities
Act IV of 1884, as amended by Act
III of 1897.

3. The Collector of Madura is
requested to report on the alleged
nuisance arising from the tannaries
situated near the municipality.

4. The questions of providing
the Government girls' school
with suitable accommodation
and of opening the Dindigul —
Palghat Railway, raised by the
memorialists, will be referred
to the Educational and Public
Works (Railway) Departments
respectively, for consideration.

(From Orders)

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To
The Municipal Councillors of Dindigul
through the Chairman Mr C. Dindigul
The Collector of Madura
.. Sanitary Engineer
.. Educational Departt.
.. Public Works Departt. (Railway)

(Dept 21/12/97)

Address presented to His Excellency the Governor by the Municipal Councillors of Dindigul.

D.O. no 95.

H.E. the Governor.

FOR ORDERS.

In their address to His Excellency the Governor, received with the D.O. from the Private Secretary read above, the Municipal Councillors of Dindigul make the following requests:-

(1) That as the supply of water from the new water works is very stinted and insufficient for the requirements of the people, being only about 5 gallons a head per diem, the imposition of the water-tax is considered by the people to be a hardship and that it should therefore be suspended until a more reasonable supply is ensured.

(2) That the dispensary for women and children should be provided with suitable accommodation.

(3) That as it is generally believed that the tanneries which are situated outside, but in close proximity to the municipal limits, vitiate the atmosphere and thus cause the outbreak of Epidemics in the town, the responsible officers of Government should be directed to investigate into the matter and to suggest practical measures for minimising, if not, annihilating the evil consequences arising there from.

(4) That the Government Girls' school should be provided with suitable accommodation.and

(5) That the question of opening the

Dindigul

Dindigul-Palghat Railway should be favourably considered, if not, immediately, at least, as soon as the present financial pressure is over.

2. With regard to the first request about the imposition of the water tax, it is observed that the water works were executed at a total cost of Rs.80,000, of which the Government contributed one-half and advanced the balance as a loan on favourable terms. The works were undertaken after a careful preliminary investigation regarding the yield of water, and if unfortunately the present supply has fallen short of expectations, this is not a reason for withholding the levy of the water tax, the proceeds of which were calculated upon in financing the scheme, and are absolutely required for repaying the loan from Government and for meeting the annual working expenses of the project. A scheme for the extension of the works in order to increase the supply of water has been sanctioned by Government in G.O.No.14 M, dated 8th January 1897 and the work will be undertaken shortly.

3. The provision of suitable accommodation for the dispensary for women and children (second request) is a matter for the consideration of the Municipal Council and under the District Municipalities Act IV of 1884 as recently amended, the council can raise sufficient funds by increasing taxation, in order to meet the cost of such works.

G.O. no 1942 m dy 14th Dec. 94. A.

Vide paras. 7 & 8 of the Sanitary Engineer's letter flagged C

1. To connect with this.

2. But, there is a difference of statement with regard to the extent of the deficiency of the rainfall. The Sanitary Engineer says the deficiency is only 1/5th of the Estimate; the Dindigul people say the deficiency is over 2/3rds. The actual facts must be ascertained.

A.S.H

The Dindigul people should be told of this.

B. A.S.H

Yes. But, I believe the result of a Conference, though useful, is otherwise.

A.S.H

Yes.

A.S.H

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4. The Collector of Madura may be requested to report on the alleged nuisance arising from the tanneries situated near the municipality.

5. The questions of providing the Government Girls' school with suitable accommodation and of opening the Dindigul-Palghat railway may be referred to the Educational and Public Works (Railway) Departments respectively, for consideration.

P.R
22/11/97

Yes. A.S.H

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

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From The Private Secretary
to H. E. the Governor
Camp Madura

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Forwarding for disposal the address presented to H. E. the Governor by the members of the Dindigul Municipal Council.

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To

His Excellency Sir Arthur Elibank
Havelock G.C.M.G. G.C.I.E.
Governor of Fort Saint George
Madras.

May it please Your Excellency.

On behalf of the inhabitants of Dindigul we, the members of the Dindigul Municipal Council, most heartily welcome your Excellency and Her Excellency Lady Havelock to this town of historic and increasing importance.

Your Excellency's visit is greatly appreciated by us and will be specially held in remembrance as it is paid in the memorable year of Her most gracious Majesty's Diamond jubilee

This town is situated about 40 miles North-West of Madura in a valley enclosed by the Palni Hills on the west and by the Sirumalais on the East. Being situated at a Considerable height above the Sea-level, it has a cool and pleasant climate

When

When compared with neighbouring towns.

The fortress of Dindigul was the Key of the Madura Kingdom on the West in the days of the Nayak Kings; and the famous Rock, 280 feet above the surrounding country, has fortifications in the modern Style erected onit by Haider Ali of Mysore and improved by the British Government. The fort and the country round it were taken by the British in 1790; and since then the town of Dindigul was, for a long time, the headquarters of a District.

In 1866, this town was constituted a Municipality, and from that time it has been growing in extent, population and Commerce, though it is to be regretted that one of the chief industries of the town - the tanning of skins - has of late received a Severe blow owing to a fall in the prices obtainable in the European markets. The other main of the town are the manufac-

manufacture of cigars and work in metal

We now beg most respectfully to make known to your Excellency's benign Consideration, Some of the immediate needs of the town, though we are aware that there is at present an immense drain upon the resources of the country in Connection with the Suppression of plague and pestilence, the relief of the famine Stricken and the restoration of peace and order on the frontier

However much favoured by Nature the town still lacked a Supply of good drinking water. So, after various trials and experiments the water works to the East of the Railway Station were Constructed and rather more than a year ago came into use. Unfortunately however the supply has fallen far short of the expectation of the Sanitary Engineer's department; and this Source of disappointment appears to us to be due to a miscalculation of the probable supply owing to incorrect or insufficient data. Your Excellency's

Government has, however, ordered the extension of the waterworks and is willing to help us with a liberal Contribution now, even as it did when the Scheme was undertaken originally. We are extremely grateful for the readiness with which your Excellency's Government comes forward to assist us in our endeavours to improve the condition of the town. At the same time, we would most respectfully submit for your Excellency's consideration that the supply of water which we receive is less than one third of that which was expected and which would itself be insufficient, namely, 80,000 gallons for a population of 16,000 — at the rate of 5 gallons per head, — not counting a population of four thousand and odd living in some parts of the town not included in the water supply Scheme. With this stinted supply the imposition of the water tax is felt by the people as a hardship, and

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though, it may not be strictly illegal to levy the said tax, it is expedient that it should be suspended until a more reasonable supply has been ensured.

(1)

The Women and Children's Dispensary which we opened in 1893 is conferring immense benefit on thousands and it is very necessary that it should be provided with a suitable and permanent habitation. We most respectfully pray that your Excellency will be pleased to extend your Sympathy and Support to our efforts in this direction

(2)

The town of Dindigul favoured though it is with a genial climate has of late been subject to the visitation of epidemics which were for years past unknown. We share in the popular belief that, among other Causes, the tanneries which are situate outside but in close proximity to the Municipal limits, Contribute to a large extent in vitiating the . While we are far

discouraging the growth of this industry, to the importance of which we are fully alive, we pray that your Excellency will be pleased to direct the responsible offices of Government to hold an investigation into the matter and suggest practical measures for minimising, if not for annihilating, the evil consequences arising therefrom.

(3)

Though female Education in this town, is still in its infant stage, the School maintained by your Excellency's Government for the Education of girls, has been doing useful work for the last 5 or 6 years. It stands much in need of suitable accomodation to which we most respectfully solicit your Excellency's attention

(4)

Lastly we have to lay before your Excellency the importance of the opening of the Dindigul-Palghat Railway, the necessity for which has been characterisedly represented by responsible bodies and

associations; and we respectfully hope that in this matter we shall receive your Excellency's support, if not immediately, at least as soon as the present financial pressure is over.

Before concluding, we gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity to express our gratitude to Her Excellency Lady Havelock who, as President of the Madras Branch of the institution called after that illustrious lady, the marchioness of Dufferin, finds her work a labour of love.

In conclusion, we wish to express our appreciation of the Sympathy and the loving care with which your Excellency watches our interests. The various proofs in this direction that your Excellency has shewn in the short term of your administration, have laid us under a deep obligation and lead us to expect that your Excellency's future administration will be characterised by the same sympathetic and

and impartial spirit.

Praying to God that he may spare our Queen-mother, Empress of India, long to reign over us, and give your Excellency and Lady Havelock long life and strength to carry on your arduous and earnest labours for our amelioration and advancement, and bless them with success,

We Subscribe ourselves as
your Excellency's most humble
and dutiful servants

Dindigul Munsif

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