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G.O., No. 1349 M.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Water Supply

Requesting the Sanitary Engineer
to investigate the joint scheme for
the _____ of the towns of Palamcottah
& Dinnevelly & to submit the best cheap
scheme for the _____ of Duttacottam.

BACK PAPERS.

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

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The Sanitary Engineer is requested to investigate ~~into~~ the joint scheme for the water supply of the towns of Palamcottah and Tinnevely when his other duties permit him to do so.

2. He is also requested to submit, as soon as possible, the best cheap scheme he can devise, for the water supply of Tuticorin

(From orders)

Copy to be sent to the Sanitary Engineer for his report with the papers regarding the water supply of the Sanitary Engineer.

27/7/98

To The Sanitary Engineer. ✓
 " Chairman, M.C., Palamcottah. ✓
 " " " Tinnevely. ✓
 " " " Tuticorin. ✓
 " Collector of Tinnevely. ✓

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H.E. the Governor's tour

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H.E. The Govt. for
information.

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The matter of Roads in the Periyar
District and (2) Agricultural Farm
Madura have been dealt with
in a separate file, submitted
by Revenue. No further action
is needed here.

A.G.H.

This subject has also been
taken up in Rev.

14/7/98

FOR ORDERS.

The following are the points
requiring attention in the addresses pre-
sented to, and replies delivered by His Ex-
cellency the Governor during his fourth,
fifth and sixth tours.

Fourth Tour.

Roads in the Periyar-affected area.

In their address, the inhabitants
of the City and District of Madura stated
that the first and foremost of their re-
quests was that increased facilities of
communication might be given in the Peri-
yar affected area for transport of manure
and labour and of produce by opening up
roads and constructing bridges, and they
alluded to a remark made in 1876 by the
then Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement,
that this want should certainly be sup-
plied before irrigation was brought to the
villages. The inhabitants then said -
"Now irrigation has been brought, but, in
respect of roads, we are in no better posi-
tion now than in 1876. We humbly beg to
represent that the District Board, with its
limited resources, is unable to construct
these roads. All that the District Board
has been able to do is to maintain the
old roads originally formed by the Govern-
ment and to make insignificant additions
here and there. We further beg to submit
that the additional cess derivable from
the Periyar-affected lands will hardly
suffice to cover the cost of the upkeep
of the new roads when formed. We venture

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therefore to respectfully submit that the portion of the money realized by Government by the sale of the waste lands in the Periyar region may be properly and profitably expended in this behalf both in the interests of the Government and those of the ryots who have invested large sums of money in them".

In reply to this request, His Excellency said that he would undertake to make enquiry into the matter and take such action as may seem desirable.

In G.O.No.961 L, dated 3rd May 1893, the President of the District Board of Madura was requested to report how far the want of cross roads in the Madura and Melur Taluks, felt in 1876, still held good, and to submit a scheme for opening communications in the Periyar-affected parts of these taluks. In reply to this, he stated (vide his letter No.121 dated 10th October 1894) that since 1876, the road from Madura to the Trichinopoly frontier (38 miles), which had then been under construction, and the road from Madura to Alagarkovil (5 miles) were completed, while the remaining 5 miles of the latter road and the road from Madura to Nattam (22 miles) were newly commenced and completed. The Taluk Boards suggested the construction of certain new roads and the President of the Madura Taluk Board considered that the estimated value of the lands required for their formation should be met partly from the Periyar funds and partly from Local Funds, for the reasons respectively that some of the tracks, which were already in existence, had been rendered useless by the Periyar channels, and that 23

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required as much in connection with the Periyar channels as for the use of the public. In its order thereon No.2349 L, dated 14th November 1894, the Government directed that the Local Boards should take steps to acquire land for the construction of such of the roads referred to as appeared to be urgently required. If there were cases in which the Periyar channels had so cut up existing tracks as to require the formation of new ones, the Government observed that the cost of any acquisitions of land that might be necessary would be a legitimate charge upon the funds of the project, the cost of the remaining acquisitions being met from Local Funds. The Government also said that it would be prepared to hand over to the Local Boards, free of cost, such waste land as was required for the roads or might be granted in lieu of cultivated lands taken up for them.

It is submitted that the President of the District Board may now be requested to report the progress made in the formation of the roads alluded to in his letter recorded in G.O.No.2349 L, dated 14th November 1894.

Agricultural Farm Madura.

The inhabitants of the City and district of Madura also brought to His Excellency's notice that their District Board had taken the lead in starting a model farm, though on a small scale, with the help of a private endowment, and requested the Government

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scope of its usefulness by allotting lands to it for purposes of experiment demonstration.

It is submitted that the District Board be requested to offer its remarks on his proposal through the Director of Public Instruction.

Palamcottah.

Water supply:- In their address to

His Excellency the Governor, the inhabitants of Palamcottah represented that their one great want was that of a supply of good drinking water and requested that the Government should take the matter into consideration and order the early execution of the joint scheme for the supply of water to the towns of Palamcottah and Tinnevely. His Excellency stated in reply that he would enquire into the matter and do his best to push it on. Surveys and levels for a joint scheme for the water supply of these two towns have been completed and it is sub-

mitted that the Sanitary Engineer may be asked to investigate into, and ~~draw up~~ the Scheme, when his other duties permit him to do so.

Tuticorin.

Water supply:- The Municipal Council-

lors of Tuticorin requested that the scheme for the water supply of the town, which was drawn up by the Sanitary Engineer and which was then before Government, might be sanctioned as early as

possible, that Government might contribute a liberal share of its cost, that the District Board might be directed to pay a portion of the cost in consideration of the water used by the floating population of the town, and

that the port funds might also be required to pay less by the Periyar channels, and that

I do not see any harm in the District Bd. being asked its opinion but the subject of Agricultural Farms is a Rev. subject: and the subject Bd. probably issue

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that he could not hold out any hopes of more than the usual assistance of 50 per cent being granted from Provincial Funds that, in consideration of the exceptional circumstances of Tuticorin, consequent upon its being a port of emigration for the coolies migrating to Ceylon, it might be possible to ask the District Board to consider whether it would not bear some portion of the cost of the proposed work, and that the port funds could not be required to contribute for the water-supply unless it ^{was} clearly shown that it is used for some purposes immediately connected with the services of the port, for example, for a hospital which is used by the sailors frequenting the port, and accordingly advised them to repeat their request on the point from that aspect.

As the adoption of any particular scheme of water supply will depend mainly on the amount of contribution or aid which the Government may afford to give to the Municipal Council, and as the Government will be unable to do anything in this direction until its financial position is cleared, the question of carrying out the scheme has been postponed sine die. The Municipal Council may, however, be now requested to apply to the District Board for a contribution and have the matter settled before the question of carrying out the scheme is again taken up for consideration.

Vote. go. no. 1031 m. E. 8-6-98

No doubt they may apply. They can do that on their own initiative. But I don't see the use of that telling them to apply, especially as the D.B. are practically certain to answer in the negative, and, I think, rightly so. The D.B. do not seem to be in any way called into a suit Tuticorin, which is a flourishing place & should supply its own wants. From the existing law enough funds cannot be raised to finance the W.W. Drainage Scheme & hence, the town should obtain a special Act to enable

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Macura.
Drainage Scheme

Madura stated that the proposals regarding the drainage of the town would ere long come before His Excellency in Council, and requested their favourable disposal in consideration of their vital importance to the sanitation of the town. His Excellency replied as follows:-

"If the scheme which you now suggest comes before the Government in a well-digested form I promise you it shall ^{have} our best attention and every encouragement and assistance if we can properly give it."

In May last, the Municipal Council enquired what portion of the cost of a drainage scheme, which they stated was roughly estimated by the Sanitary Engineer at ~~nine to~~ twelve lakhs, would be contributed by Government, and stated that this enquiry was made as the Sanitary Engineer wanted to know whether the Municipality was financially able to carry out the scheme before he could proceed to work it out. The Council also submitted certain proposals for financing the scheme on the assumption that Government would contribute a moiety of the estimated cost and lend the balance at a favourable rate of interest. The Government however stated that, in the existing state of its finances, it could not hold out any promise of a grant or loan from Provincial Funds and that the required funds should be raised by a loan in the open market and accordingly requested the Council to revise its proposals in the light of these remarks.

Appointment of Secretary.

The inhabitants of the City and the

(4). The Tution water supply is an important and urgent matter. It seems to me that until we know what the scheme will cost, it is premature to seek for means for providing the funds. The Sanitary Engineer should be desired to submit, as soon as may be, the best cheap scheme he can devise. A.H.

G. O. no 1096.m. G.
17-6-98

No action being called for on this paper. 4/7/98. B.A.

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District Board of Madura stated that, to the important post of paid Secretary to the Municipal Council, it was highly necessary, under existing circumstances, to appoint a Government Officer, not inferior in rank and pay to a Tahsildar, and requested that His Excellency might approve only of such a nomination. In G.O. No. 1833 M dated 21st August 1897 the Government vetoed the nomination, by the Municipal Council, of one Venkatasalu Naydu, as he was not considered competent for the place, and directed the Municipal Council to nominate an independent person. In reply to this, the Municipal Council has requested Government to appoint a competent person, but this communication has been returned to the Chairman for resubmission through the Collector

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No action is required on this and all Dept. H. on addresses presented during fifth and sixth terms.

1/7/98 No action being called for on this letter which is better of a H. Secretary is better to them that it has been considered.

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