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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

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G.O., No. 15-83 M.

DATED 9-9-98.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Madras Drainage & the purification of the Cooum.

Requesting the Revenue Dept^t to state when its remarks may be expected on the request made by the Munl. Commrs of Madras to increase the amount of compensation now paid by Govt for withholding its sanction to the levy of the tax on places used for the sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquors & the P.W.D. to state in what stage the scheme for the purification of the Cooum is at present.

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Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. , dated 189 .

Current No. 2815 M. of 1898, dated 27th Aug. 1898 from the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Madras
Current No. 2839 M. of 1898, dated 2nd Sept. 1898 from the President, M. Com.
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Mis. Order. No. 1583 Revs
9-9-98

The Revenue Department is requested to state when its remarks may be expected on the request made by the Municipal Commissioner of Madras to increase the amount of compensation now paid by Government for withholding its sanction to the levy, under section 179 of Act I of 1884, of the tax on places used for the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors, which was referred to it on the 6th January 1898.

2. The Public Works (Irrigation) Department is requested to state in what stage the scheme for the

purification of the boourn referred to in G.O. No. 4151 dated 13th May 1896, is at present.

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To
The Revenue Department
" P.W. (Irrigation) Department.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 2815, 2839 & 2840 M. of '98.

SUBJECT.

Madras Drainage and the purification of the boourn

FOR ORDERS.

Among the various proposals made by the Municipal Commissioners of Madras for financing the drainage scheme for the town, was a request to increase to one lakh the contribution of Rs 13,600 paid by Government as a compensation for withholding its sanction to the levy, under section 179 of the City of Madras Municipal Act, of the tax on places used for the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors. This request was referred to the Revenue Department for remarks on the 6th January 1898, and

three reminders were sent. It may now be asked to state when its remarks may be expected.

2. In G.O. No. 415 I. dated 13th May 1896, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation was requested to work out in detail a scheme suggested by him for the purification of the Cooum, in connection with the reconstruction of the Napier bridge. The Public Works (Irrigation) Department may be asked to state in what stage the scheme is at present.

3. The accompanying draft order is submitted for approval:-

P.S.
5/11/98

Note - The question of permitting the Commissioner to raise a loan of 12 lakhs to carry out the works referred to of erecting the duty on timber & firewood may be considered when the papers regarding the drainage scheme have been received from the Revenue Department.

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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 2815 M

From Chairman,
Chamber of Commerce,
Madras

Order

No.

Dated 27-8-98

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SUBJECT.

Drawing attention to the unhealthy state of Madras at present and requesting Govt to take early steps to remove them.

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The Madras Chamber of Commerce,

Madras, 27th August 1898

SECRETARIAT TO GOVERNMENT
29 AUG 1898
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

From

S. R. Symbull Esqre

CHAIRMAN, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

MADRAS.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 2815 m

To

The Secretary to Government

Local & Municipal Department

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Sir,

The recent imposition of quarantine at Colombo against arrivals from this port by reason of Cholera having been declared epidemic in Madras has attracted the Chamber's attention to the abnormally unhealthy conditions at present prevailing in the City, conditions which the Chamber cannot but believe are due to grave sanitary defects, such as inefficient drainage and the consequent

pollution of the surface and sub-soil.

The published returns of the Municipality have been showing greatly increased death-rates during the past few weeks, and last week the rate was as much as 67.9 per mille per annum, being 16.3 per mille above the average for the ten previous years. The full extent of the present very serious state of affairs may best be seen by a reference to the sub-joined statement:

Date	Deaths by Cholera	Total Deaths	Rate per mille	average rate per mille
4th to 10th June 1898	1	331	38.0	33.7
11th to 17th —"—	"	317	36.4	33.5
18th to 24th —"—	"	354	40.6	32.4
25th June to 1st July	"	391	44.9	34.5
2nd July to 8th —"—	"	390	44.8	34.5
9th to 15th —"—	13	366	42.0	36.3
16th to 22nd —"—	30	458	52.6	36.2
23rd to 29th —"—	36	458	52.6	40.9
30th July to 5th August	38	461	52.9	45.0
6th to 12th —"—	71	575	66.0	51.3
13th to 19th —"—	91	592	67.9	61.6

From the above, it will be noticed that the death-rate has considerably exceeded the average ever since the beginning of June and that since the 16th July it has very greatly exceeded the average. The average itself, the Chamber need hardly point out, denotes a mortality that is far in excess of what it should be and of what it would be if the sanitation of the City were in a fairly efficient condition.

Under these circumstances, the Chamber sincerely hopes that Government may see its way to pass orders without delay on the schemes of drainage improvement submitted by the Municipality, and that it will, at the same time, put in hand its own scheme for improving the

Cooum river, which, at present, is in a condition so filthy as to be a serious danger to the city.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your most obed^t Servant.

Henry Beauchamp

Secy. for Chairman.

Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 2839 Mle

From

THE PRESIDENT,

Municipal Commission,

Madras.

Order

G. No. 266

Dated 2nd September 1898

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding an extract from the proceedings of a General meeting of the Commissioners held on 29th August 1898 requesting Government to carry out the Scheme for the removal of the insanitary State of the Cooum at an early date.

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Extract referred to

M.R.Ry. V.Varadappa Naidu Garu moved the resolution of which he had given notice splitting the same into two portions with the consent of the meeting.

The first portion Viz:-

" That, considering the increasing mortality that is prevalent in Madras, the Government be requested to carry out the scheme for the removal of the insanitary state of the Cooum at an early date."

was seconded by M.R.Ry. M.K.Lakshmana Charriar Avergal and carried.

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G. No. 266

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS,
General Department,
Madras, 2 September 1898.

From R.E.Ellis,Esq,M.Inst.C.E.
~~Lieut.-Col. SIR GEORGE MOORE, Kt., C. I. E.,~~
Ag: President Municipal Commissioner.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL
CURRENT No. 2839 of 16

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

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith an extract from the Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Commissioners held on 29" August 1898, for the information of Government.

Enclosure.
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
R.E.Ellis
Ag:President, M. M. C.

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Extract referred to.

M.R.Ry.R.N.Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal moved the following resolution of which he had given notice-

" That, considering the urgency for the carrying out of the new drainage scheme, the Commissioners respectfully submit that Government may be pleased to pass early orders on the proposals suggested by them in their Proceedings, dated 1st November 1897, as regards the means for financing the said scheme".

M.R.Ry.W.S.Venkataramanjulu Naidu Garu seconded.

As an amendment M.R.Ry.P.Theagoroya Chetty Garu proposed and M.R.Ry.Salla Gurusawmy Chetty Garu seconded-

" That the following be added to the original resolution and to permit the Commissioners to raise a loan of Rs.12 lacs to carry out the High Level Main and extend the Black Town Sewage farm thereby to keep the Cooum perfectly free from Town Sewage and to remove the sewage farms from their present objectionable localities as early as possible and to sanction the raising of the duty on Timber and Firewood to the maximum provided in Section 341 of the Municipal Act which will give an additional revenue of Rs.70,000 a year to meet the interest and sinking fund on the loan raised and the working charges".

M.R.Ry.P.Subramania Iyer Avergal proposed and Mr.J.D'Caster seconded-

" That the meeting be adjourned".

Lost.

The amendment became the original proposition with the ap--proval of the mover and the seconder, which was then put to the --meeting and carried.

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Genl. Dept.
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G. No. 267

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS,
General Department,
Madras, 2nd September 1898.

From

R.E.Ellis, Esq, M.Inst.C.E.
~~Lieut. Col. SIR GEORGE MOORE, Kt., C. I. E.,~~
Ag: President, Municipal Commission.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL
CURRENT No. 2840 of 98

To

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

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of Government an extract from the Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Commissioners held on 26th August 1898.

Enclosure.
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I Have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R.E.Ellis.

Ag: President, M. M. C.

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