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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

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G.O., No. 202 P

DATED 14-3-98

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Bubonic Plague Requesting the Collector of Coimbatore to settle what share of the cost of the plague arrangements at Podanur the municipal council of Coimbatore should be asked to pay.

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Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 149

UNDER SECY. TO GOVT.
28 FEB 98
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C.Nos. 4337R/97
64 R/98
149 R/98.

Order No 202 P. mis. d/ 14.3.98

The Collector is requested to settle what share of the cost the municipal Council of Coimbatore should be asked to pay, and to communicate his decision to the Council and the Dt Board. If these bodies do not accept his view, the matter may then be referred to Government for orders under the last sentence of para 2 of G.O. 20900 M. d/ 13-4-97.

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From

The Collector of
Coimbatore

Cur **No.** 393/Ref of 98

Dated 24th February 1898.

Received 28th February 1898

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding, with remarks, letter from the Coimbatore municipal Chairman expressing the inability of the Council to contribute any portion of the expenditure incurred by the Local Fund Board towards the plague arrangements at Podanur.

To

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To

The Collector of Coimbatore
Copy to the Chairman Municipal Council, Coimbatore
" President, Dt Bd Coimbatore

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[illegible] 15/3/98

Again G.O., No. , dated 189 .
Current No. 4337 M of 1897, dated 10-12-97 from the Dt Board, Coimbatore
Current No. 64 M of 1898, dated 31-12-97 from the - do -
" 149 P of 1898 d/ 17-2-98 " Municipal Council Coimbatore, thro' Collector.

SUBJECT

Liability of the Coimbatore municipality to pay a portion of the cost of the plague inspection station at Podanur.

FOR ORDERS.

Ask the Coll. what he proposes, & ~~tell~~ tell him to lay it before both bodies for remarks.

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11/3/98

The District Board of Coimbatore has spent a sum of Rs 3,442 for the plague inspection station at Podanur and anticipates an expenditure of Rs 5,700 on this account during 1898-99. Under G.O. No 900 M d/ 13-4-97, it applied to the Municipal Council to defray a portion of the expenditure but the Council declined to do so on the ground that Coimbatore is not adjacent to Podanur and that the Council had made its own arrangements for preventing the importation of plague. The Dt Board thereupon resolved to ask the Government "to direct the "Municipal Council to pay a "contribution of one-fourth". In forwarding this Resolution to Govt, I

the President, Dt Board remarks—
"I think it not improbable that
"the Dt Board will finally decide
"to demand from the Municipality
"less than one-fourth, but the Board
"wishes Govt to declare its right to
"demand this portion of the cost from
"the Municipality, should it see fit
"to do so, and I have the honour to
"request that Govt may be moved to
"make this ~~[illegible]~~ declaration."

2. The papers were referred to the Municipal Council Coimbatore for remarks. It has again passed a Resolution repeating its inability to make any contribution, and the Chairman gives the following reasons— J

(a) The direction in G.O. $\frac{900}{13\text{-}4\text{-}97}$ that Municipalities should share the cost of plague inspection stations seems to apply only to those municipalities which have made no arrangements of their own. H

(b) The Council has erected huts at a cost of Rs 400 & incurs a monthly expenditure of Rs 32 on the following staff—

1 Inspector
1 Cook
1 male ward attendant
1 female ward attendant.

(c) The Council has already spent Rs 3151-0-0 on account of plague & cholera while the budget allotment is only Rs 1,800. and The closing balance for the year (1897-98) is estimated at only Rs ~~[illegible]~~ 1850 & is not considered sufficient to meet the ordinary demands of the first two months of 1898-99.

(d) The Municipal Council was not consulted before the Dt Board incurred expenditure at Podanur.

(e) The arrangements made at Podanur benefit other municipalities in the district as well as other Dts but they have not been asked to contribute.

3. With regard to (a), there is no qualification in the G.O. as stated by the Collector in his endorsement & in regard to (d), he points out that as Collr he has extensive powers over municipalities in plague matters & that it was under his supervision the expenditure at Podanur was incurred by the Dt Board. He states that there is no special reason why the Coimbatore Municipal Council should be exempted from its responsibilities, but he does not say what proportion, if any, the

Council should be required to pay in this case. He should have done so with reference to the last sentence of G.O. No. 900 M. dt 13-4-97.

4. It does not appear from the letter of the President Dt Board that it has ~~[illegible]~~ finally decided what proportion ~~it~~ should be demanded from the Council. It seems therefore unnecessary for Govt to pass any orders at this stage. The principle that adjoining municipalities should bear a portion of the cost of inspection stations maintained by Dt Boards has been already laid down.

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 4337/M

From
The President, District Board
Coimbatore

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
17. DEC. 1897
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Reference on current **No.** 195/D.B of 97.

~~**Order.**~~ Reference 1331/20/12/97

The President is requested to report the expenditure already incurred from Local Funds on plague arrangements at Podanur as this information has been omitted in para 3 of his letter.

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V.R. 18/12/97

Dated 10th December 1897.

Received 17-12-1897

Registered 17-12-1897

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SUBJECT.

Subimitting a Copy of the District Board's Resolution No 105/30-11-97 and requesting that the Coimbatore Municipal Council may be directed to bear one-fourth of the expenses incurred on account of the Plague arrangement at [illegible]

To
The President, Dt: Board, Coimbatore.

Oyv 20/12/97 P+Ref

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Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 4337 M

TO BE RETURNED
WITH REPLY.

C. No. 4337 M., of 1897 &
64 M., of 1898

From The President Dt Board,
Coimbatore

No. ~~Order~~ 45 d/ 14-1-98

Referred to the Municipal Council of Coimbatore for early remarks, which should be submitted through the Collector

H. Tremenheere
Ag. Secretary to Government.

V.R
11/1/98

Ref. on No. $\frac{195}{D.B}$ of 1897

Dated 10th December 1897
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SUBJECT.

Submitting a copy of the Dt Board resolution No 105/30th Nov. 1897, and requesting that the Coimbatore Municipal Council may be directed to bear one-fourth of the expenses incurred on account of the plague arrangements at Podanur.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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Proceedings of the District Board Coimbatore at a meeting held at 3 P.M on Tuesday the 30th November 1897.–

Present.

A. Butterworth Esquire, President District Board Coimbatore.

1. Mr. J.L. Saldanha, Treasury Deputy Collector and Vice President, District Board Coimbatore
2. L. C. Moore Esquire, Ag Hd Asst Collector of Coimbatore
3 M.R.Ry. V. Chappan Menon avl. B.A Deputy Collector, Kollegal.–
4. „ T.S. Balakrishnaaiyar avl. B.A.B.L. Public Prosecutor Coimbatore
5. –„– S. Kristnaaiyar avargal, Tahsildar of Dharapuram
6 –„– B. Chinnappa Mudr avl. –Do– Pollachi
7 –„– N.C. Sreenivasa chariyar avl. –Do– Satyamangalam
8 „ V. Narasihummiyangar avl. B.A –Do– Bhavani.
9– „ – E.T. Vedanayakam Pillai avl. –do– Kollegal.
10 „ T. Minakshisundram Pillai avl. B.A. –Do– Udamalpet.
11 The Revd. D Bexell.–
12 M.R.Ry C.M. Padmanabha char avl. B.A. B.L.
13 –„– K. Narayana Sastriyar avl. B.A. B.L.
14 –„– B. Venkatachela Mudr. avl. B.A. B.L
15 –„– A.T. Tiruvenkataswami Mudr avl.
16 „ S.P. Narasihimmulu Nayudu garu.
17 „ S. Lakshiminarasihimmaiyar avl.
18 –„– D. Alagiriswami Nayudu garu.
19 „ Subbaroya Mudr. avl.
20 „ P.C. Kandaswami Chettyar avl.

21. M.R.Ry. K. Seshaiyar avargal.—
22. " A. Kristna Aiyangar avargal
23. " S. Ramaiyangar avargal.
24. Mahomed Kassim Sahib
25. Sayed Dewan Sayed abdul Razac Sahib.

Read:—

Letter from the Chairman Municipal Council Coimbatore No. 830/12.11.97 forwarding an extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council expressing its inability to contribute any portion of the expenditure towards the plague establishment &c. at Podanur

Resolution No. 105 of 1897.

The Government will be moved to direct the Municipal Council to pay a contribution of one-fourth.

(Sd) A Butterworth
President

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(True Extract)

for President

1/4837 [illegible] 1897

Plague

Reference or Current No 195/D.B of 97

Coimbatore,
District Board's Office,
10 December 1897.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT 4837 M

FROM,
A. Butterworth Esquire,
PRESIDENT, DISTRICT BOARD,
Coimbatore.

TO,
THE ~~CHIEF~~ SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT,
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit herewith for the consideration of Government, a copy of a resolution of the District Board, No. 105/30.11.97, and to request that the Coimbatore Municipal Council may be directed to bear one-fourth of the expenses incurred on account of the plague arrangements at Podanur.—

2. In G.O. dated 13th April 1897, No. ~~400~~ 900 M, L & M, it was ordered that municipalities adjacent to plague inspection stations should pay a portion of the charges falling upon local funds. Accordingly the Coimbatore Municipality was in the first instance asked to contribute one-half of the cost of the inspection arrangements at

Podanur

Podanur but it refused to do so on the grounds that (a) Coimbatore is not adjacent to Podanur and (b) the Municipal Council has made its own arrangement for inspecting persons arriving from Bombay. This reply was laid before the District Board which decided that one quarter of the cost would be a fair proportion to levy from the Municipality and the Municipal Council was accordingly asked to contribute this amount. On this the Municipal Council passed a resolution regretting its inability to pay any portion of the expenses.

The District Board has, therefore, resolved to move Government to declare that the Municipal Council shall bear one-fourth of the cost.

3. The contention that Coimbatore is not adjacent to Podanur which is only 3½ miles distant is absurd and appears to have been abandoned by the Municipal Council itself.—

It is true that the Council already incurs some expenditure on account of plague as it has one Inspector on Rs. 15 who visits persons newly arrived from Bombay.— It is probable, too, that the Council will have to incur further expense in constructing a plague segregation

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camp and maintaining an establishment therefor.— These facts do not, however, constitute a reason why the Council should not contribute towards the expenses incurred at Podanur, though the District Board may ultimately admit them as grounds for not exacting from the Council the full share of one-fourth which the Board has fixed as *prima facie* suitable.—

The plea of poverty has some basis. I gather from a letter received from the Chairman at the end of October last that there will probably be no balance in the Municipal fund at the close of the current financial year. The expenses already incurred at Podanur amount to Rs. 3442 and the anticipated outlay in 1898-99 is Rs. 5,700. A charge of one-fourth will therefore fall rather heavily on the Municipality but I do not think the proportion excessive in view of the fact that a considerable number of Bombay people are coming into Coimbatore.—

4. I think it not improbable that the District Board will finally decide to demand from the

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the Municipality less than one-fourth, but the Board wishes Government to declare its right to demand this portion of the cost from the Municipality should it see fit to do so and I have the honor to request that Government may be moved to make this declaration.—

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

for President

A.P.

Local & Munl. (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. ~~8~~ 64 M

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

From the President D. Board
Coimbatore

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Ref on our **No.** 195/D.B. of 1897

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SUBJECT.

Reporting that Rs 3442 have been expended on plague arrangements at Podanur.

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Plague

Reference on Current No 195/D B of 97.

Coimbatore,
District Board's Office,
31st December 1897.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. ~~8~~ 64 M

From,

PRESIDENT, DISTRICT BOARD,
Coimbatore.

To,

THE ~~CHIEF~~ SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Local and Municipal Department,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the Government Memorandum No. 1331 dated 20th December 1897, I have the honor to report that the expenditure abready incurred from Local Funds on plague arrangements at Podanur amounts to Rs 3,442

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most abedient Servant

d/24/12/97 For President.

Plague

Local & Munl. (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 149.P.

From

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Coimbatore

Order

No. 1020

Dated 17th February 1898

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SUBJECT.

Submitting Extract from the Proceedings of the Coimbatore Municipal Council No. 17 D/ 27.1.98 expressing the inability of the Council to contribute any portion of the expenditure incurred by the Local Fund Board towards the Plague arrangements at Podanur.

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G.O.	No.	Department	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Plague

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Coimbatore, dated 27th January 1898.

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17. Read endorsement No. 45/14·1·98 of the Secretary to Government L & M Department referring for remarks letter from the President District Board Coimbatore requesting that the Coimbatore Municipal Council may be directed to bear one-fourth of the expenses incurred on account of Plague establishments at Podanur.

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Resolution

The Municipal Council has had a heavy expenditure to meet on account of Cholera charges. An establishment is still maintained for purposes connected with the prevention of Cholera. In addition to the Inspector on 15 Rs whose duty it is to visit passengers arriving from infected localities and keep them under observation submitting daily reports to the Chairman, Plague Segregation Sheds

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sheds with quarters for hospital assistant and servants have been constructed and an establishment entertained for them.

The Council, therefore, regrets its inability to bear any additional burden.

(Sd) H. Rama Row
Chairman

(True Extract)

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Chairman

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Plague

L + M e No. 149-P

Municipal Office,

No. 1020

Coimbatore, 17th February 1898.

FROM
M. R. Ry. H. Rama Row Avergal,
Chairman, Municipal Council,
COIMBATORE.

To
THE Secretary to Government
Local and Municipal Department, Madras
through the Collector of Coimbatore

Sir,

Adverting to your endorsement No. 45 dated 14th Ultimo on letter from the President District Board Coimbatore requesting that the Coimbatore Municipal Council may be directed to bear one fourth of the expenses incurred on account of Plague establishment at Podanur, I have the honor to submit an extract from the Proceedings of the Council dated 27th January 1898 and to state as follows:-

2 G. O. No 900 M dated 13th April 1897 no doubt directs the cost connected with plague inspection arrangements should be paid by local bodies the adjacent municipalities being also held liable to be called upon to pay their shares. I believe this G. O. presupposes, on the part of the Municipalities called

called upon to contribute, entire absence of arrangements by them as regards the prevention of plague.

3. The Municipal Council at Coimbatore has had an Inspector on a salary of 15 Rupees per month for the purpose of watching the passengers arriving from affected tracts and taking their names and addresses and keeping them under observation for a period of ten days after their arrival at the Coimbatore Station.

4. Segregation Sheds with quarters for Hospital Assistant and Servants have also, at the suggestion of the Collector, been constructed at a cost of about 400 Rupees.

5. An establishment is maintained consisting of a Cook, a male ward attendant and a female ward attendant at a cost of Rupees 17 per month. As regards a toti to be in attendance at the shed it is thought one of the Municipal Scavengers may be ordered off for duty whenever his services may be actually needed.

6. The Municipal Council was not consulted before expenditure was incurred at Podanur.

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7. The other Municipalities in the District are I believe equally benefited with the Coimbatore Municipality by the arrangements at Podanur although the latter is the only Municipality which may be said to be adjacent to Podanur. I may add the District of Malabar is also equally benefited.

8. The area of the Local Fund Board is much larger than that of this Municipality and even financially Local Fund Board is much better off than the Coimbatore Municipality.

9. The closing balance for the year 1897-98 is estimated to be only Rupees 1850 a sum hardly enough to meet the ordinary demands of the Municipality for the first two months of the year 1898-99 when there will be scarcely any collection of house and other taxes worth the name. The amount allotted in the Budget for 1897-98 for cholera charges is Rupees 1850. The total expenditure incurred till now on account of cholera charges and plague establishment has been Rupees 3150-15-0. The expenditure has already exceeded the allotment by Rupees 1300-15-0 and the Municipality

has

has to meet the extra cost of Rupees 400 now entailed by the construction of Plague sheds with quarters for Hospital Assistant and Servants.

Under the above circumstances I regret that the Municipality is not in a position to be able to contribute any portion of the expenditure incurred on account of the Plague establishment at Podanur and request that Government will be pleased to relieve the Municipality of this additional burden sought to be imposed on it.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Chairman Municipal Council
Coimbatore.

Forwarded.

2. G.O. No 900 M, dated 13th April 1897 lays down that municipalities shall share the cost of inspection stations adjacent to them. There is no qualification.

3. There is nothing to justify the contention of the Council that this applies only to such municipalities as have not made arrangements of their own. Were this granted, it would render nugatory the above order as there must be very few municipalities that have not made their own arrangements. Even Erode with a much smaller income has undertaken inspection, though the number of passengers from infected localities stopping in it is exceedingly small.

4. Though the Council was not consulted before the expenditure was incurred by the District Board, it must be remembered that very extensive powers over municipalities are granted under the plague regulations to the Collector. This expenditure was incurred under his supervision, but carried out by the District Board.

5. There is no doubt that other municipalities benefit by the Station at Podanur but so do other districts, and so far no other District Board

has been called on to Contribute.

6. The plea of poverty might be urged by most Councils and boards in the presidency.

7. There seems to be no special reason why the Coimbatore Municipal Council should be exempted from its responsibilities.

Coimbatore Collector's Office 24th February 1898 }

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