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Private Scavenging. Recording with remarks the
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The ^{special} attention of the municipal Council is drawn to the Collector's remarks in the latter part of para. 4 of his letter.

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SUBJECT.

Reporting on the remarks of Government regarding Private scavenging in the City of Ootacamund Municipality in para 34 of G. O. No. 1710. m dated 10 Oct 1898 reviewing the administration of the Ootacamund Municipality.

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Extracts from the Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Otago Harbour Board, Municipal Council held on Monday the 19th December 1898.

Subject N^o I

Read resolution dated 14th November 1898 deferring for consideration the letter dated 27th October 1898 from the Collector of the Mergis in relation to para 3 (a) of G.O. N^o 1710 dated 10th October 1898 (Administration report for 1897-98) regarding private scavenging.

Resolution:—

Resolved that the notification under section 217 should be restricted to the Bazars & Grounds parts of the town. The Chairman is requested to prepare a statement of the places to which the restriction should apply. The Council further wishes to record its opinion that the present notification is not strictly enforced as it should be.

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COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Dated, 7th June 1899.

FROM

A Butterworth Esq. & Co

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT. Nilgiris,
To CURRENT NO. 127m

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

Local & Municipal DEPARTMENT

Madras

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I have the honour, with reference
H. to para 3 (4) of G.O dated 10th October
1898 N^o 1710 M, Local & Municipal,
to submit a Copy of the Resolution
passed by the Calcutta Municipal
Council on the subject of private
scavenging.

2. As already reported
here is a notification under Section
217 of the District Municipalities
Act in force throughout the Muni-
cipality & the consequence of this is
that a number of residents who
would otherwise contract and pay
fees under Section 218 have
right-soil removed from their
premises gratis by virtue of
the notification under Section 217.
It is not to be supposed that,
because

because only 356 houses appear in the returns as served by the private scavenging agency, therefore no other houses in the Municipality are concerned by Municipal agency. Of the remaining houses a number are concerned gratis by virtue of the notification under section 217. Many of the rest, I have no doubt, employ the Municipal scavengers privately & pay them small fees.

Of course, the Municipality ought to see that the conditions of section 217 are complied with in the case of all houses the owners of which have not contracted under section 218 but as a fact, this has not been done and thus opportunity has been left for a system of private employment of Municipal scavengers to the detriment of the town generally & of the Municipal revenues.

3. The fact is that the notification under section 217 was much too wide in its scope & this has now been recognised by the Council. Section 217 ought to be applied only to those portions of the town where the inhabitants are generally too poor to pay the fees requisite under the Contract system. The better to do people should be compelled to resort to the Contract system. It is quite reasonable that this distinction should be made because (1) in the better parts of the town; it is not desirable that buckets of filth should be exposed pending the arrival of the Cart (2) the residents can well afford to pay the fees, and (3) the houses being scattered & many on high ground, the rear & rear of bullocks & carts is greater than in the crowded parts of the town.

Of course, even in the localities to which section 217 remains applicable, it will be open to any householder to

to Contract under section 218.

4. I venture to suggest that Government should not insist that the receipts from scavenging fees shall not greatly exceed the cost of the scavenging agency. This principle may be sound enough on the plains but, at Ootacamund, it is not the amount of the fees which restricts the Contract system but partly the sundry wide application of the notification under section 217 & partly the system of private scavenging with Municipal scavengers which persists in consequence of a want of vigilance on the part of the Municipal Council. At Ootacamund the system of Contracts under section 218 is, I submit, a legitimate source of revenue & is likely to be no inconsiderable source, if the scope of the notification

notification under section 217 is restricted and if care is taken that all houses not affected by that notification shall be brought under the operation of the Contract system. (I except, of course, houses the owners of which make proper arrangements with private scavengers for the removal of night soil from the premises; but there must be very few of these).

Have the honour to be,
Sir,

Yr most Obedient Servant

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