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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

Plague.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1434

DATED 28-8-99
Dpd. 29. 9. 99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Conservancy establishment in Madras Municipality

Stating that Government will not insist on the retention of the ——— seeing that the resolution of the Standing Committee to abolish the same has been confirmed by the Commissioners.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. dated 189 .
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Current No. 1482 P of 1899, dated 14-6-99, from the President M.C., Madras
" " 1759 P, 1899, " 30-6-99, " the S.C.
" " 2478 P, 1899, " 19-8-99, " Presidt. M.C., Madras
D.O. " 1899 " 15-8-99 " —— Do.

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ORDER. No 1434 Mis d/28-9-99

Recorded with the remark that Government will not insist on the retention of the conservancy establishment referred to in the papers read above, seeing that the resolution of the Standing Committee to abolish it has been confirmed by the Commrs.

(Issue orders)

26.ix.99

To,
The Presdt. M.C. Madras
" Sanitary Commr.

28/9/99

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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500—4-3-99.

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Again G.O., No. , dated

Current No. 1482P of 1899, dated 14. 6 99 from the Presdt. M.C. Madras

Current No. 1759P of 1899, dated 30 6 99 from the " S.C.

Current No. 2478P of 1899, " 19. 8. 99 " Presdt. M.C. Madras

SUBJECT

Conservancy Establishment in the Madras Municipality

FOR ORDERS.

The Conservancy Staff in the Madras Municipality consisted in the beginning of May of

1 Assistant Health Officer on Rs 35
24 Conservancy Maistries at Rs 15 each } Rs 36
270 flushing coolies on a total salary of } Rs 136
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In reference on C. Nos 3419 & 4801 dated the 25th May, the President was informed that, so long as there was no plague in Madras, the charge for conservancy amounting to Rs 2078 a month should, with reference to the remarks of the Government of India in para 5, page 3 of G.O. No 261 Fin dt 18.2.99, be treated a

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rdinary municipal expenditure and not shewn in the plague budget. It was also remarked that some of the Conservancy establishment would probably become permanent. The President was requested to report upon the matter.

2. In the first current read above the President reported that the Standing ommittee had resolved to abolish the appointments f 24 Conservancy overseers (maistries) as also the lushing establishment, on he ground that the expenditure could not properly be charged to plague and that there were no funds available for continuing the charge. The President's letter was referred to the Sanitary ommissioner for remarks, the President being told that he establishment should be retained pending final [illegible] on the subject. The

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Second current read above is the Sanitary Commissioner's report. As was expected the Sanitary Commissioner objects to the President's proposal. With reference to H. M's order at flag X, the Sanitary Commissioner's letter was ~~of~~ forwarded to the President and a further consideration of the matter invited. C. No. 2478 P read above is the President's reply. It is stated that the matter was placed before the Standing Committee and that the Standing Committee is of opinion that funds would not permit of the establishment being continued.

3. The establishment still continues with the difference that the number of flushing coolies has been reduced by 21 with a reduction in their pay amounting to Rs 115-8-0.

It is difficult to know what to recommend on this point. Dr. King at a Conference I had with him & Mr Ellis & Dr. Cornwall at the club last October was very strongly of opinion that the Conservancy staff should be separated entirely from the Sanitary Staff — hence the organization that was made then and sanctioned in G.O. 1264. 7. Oct. 98.

F. X

The Conservancy Staff constituted was — 1. Supt. on R 350 —
24 Conservancy maistries
270 Flushing Coolies

Total Cost is R 2078 a month.

Dr. King's object was to separate the Sanitary from the Conservancy Staff.

I remember Col Moore telling me that this reform in the City arrangements Dr. King had for years been suggesting but that the Commissioners would never carry it out on the ground of expense. Dr. King secured his point by getting the measure sanctioned as a measure for plague.

Now Dr. King wishes the Establishment retained as long as there is fear of plague — But there will probably be fear of plague for a long time to come —

There can be no doubt that the provision of this Establishment must have done much to help to keep Madras healthy, and it certainly seems an immense pity to get rid of the Establishment just now. Submitted that the Commissioners might be told to retain the Establishment at all events until the N.E. monsoon is over, when if Plague has not appeared some of the Establishment at all events might be dispensed with.

The Sanitary Commr. is probably right in thinking that the present Establishment is actually not more than is necessary for the ordinary needs of the Town.

11.9.99

As directed on the margin of this page, a D.O. reference was made

H.M.

Please see Sir George Moore's reply to the D.O. sent to him. F.A.
H 23.ix.99

Write d.o. to Col. Moore and say that ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible] with the~~ Govt. will not insist on the retention of the Establt. if the Commrs. consider it should be dispensed with, but that the responsibility of rejecting the San.y Commr's advice should be taken by the Commrs. themselves at a meeting & not be left on the Standing Committee.

12.9.99.

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to the President M.C. Madras & he writes – vide Flag A – that the proceedings of the Standing Committee deciding to dispense with the Conservancy Establishment were placed before a general meeting of the Commissioners on the 29th August & were recorded by them & thereby confirmed. Orders were issued on the ~~[illegible]~~ 19th June that the Estabt should be retained pending final orders on the Subject & the Estabt therefore still continues.

Levy 21/9/99 It is a great pity that the establishment cannot be continued – But as the Commrs consider it shd be abolished, their wishes perhaps shd be given into – Plague shows little tendency at present to come South but it is increasing in Dharwar & apparently in Bijapur & Gulbarga Nizam's territory –

Ups. AA 25.9.99.

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1482 P

ASSISTT SECY TO GOVT
15 JUN 1899
MUNL EDU & LEG DEPT

From
Ag. THE PRESIDENT,
Municipal Commission,
Madras.

Ref. ~~Order~~

G. No. 151.

Dated 14th June 1899
Received 15 – 6 – 99
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Referred to the Sanitary Commissioner for favour of remarks.

2. The Establishment should be retained pending final orders on the Subject.

Levy 16/6/99 19.6.99.

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Vide Levy's note at Flag S.

To

The President, M.C. Madras. Despd 19.6

" Sanitary Commissioner.

SUBJECT.

Informing with reference to para. 9 of Memorandum on reference on C. Nos: 3419 and 4801 d/: 23rd May 99 that the Standing Committee resolved to abolish the appointments of 24 Conservancy Overseers as also the flushing establishment.

Note G.O. No. 872 d/ 9.6.99, has been put up with C. No 1481 P. which has not yet been passed by the Secy. 19.6.99.

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G. No. 151

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS,
General Department,
Madras, 14 June 1899.

From
R.E.Ellis Esq., M.Inst.C.E.,
~~The Hon'ble Lieut-Col. Sir George Moore, Kt., C.I.E.~~,
Ag. President, Municipal Commission.

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

Sir,

Enclosure. 1

G.O 872 P
9.6.99

With reference to para 9 of your Memorandum on reference on C.Nos. 3419 and 4801 dated 23rd May 1899, and in continuation of my letter G.No. 119, dated 30th May 1899, I have the honor to inform you that the Standing Committee on 8th Instant have resolved to abolish the appointments of 24 Conservancy Overseers as also the flushing establishment, on the score that the expenditure could not properly be charged to plague, nor are there funds available for continuing the charge.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
R.E.Ellis
Ag. President, Munl.Commn.

Plague

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1759 P

Put this up after despatch of wire.
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8-7-99

From
The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras

H. M.

For **OrderS**

No. 1764/S

4/7/99 Please see remarks in Notes for orders G.O. 8-6-99 Plg. O.

It is submitted that we may agree with the Sanitary Commissioner that it is very undesirable to reduce at present the conservancy & flushing staff & allow Madras to relapse into an insanitary state.

As regards the Standing Committee's remarks that the expenditure could not be properly charged to plague. The above establishment was entertained as part of the scheme of defence against plague.

b&b
19.7.99

Since writing the above my

Dated 30 June 1899.
Received P. 4 JUL 1899
Registered 4-7-99
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SUBJECT.

Submitting ~~for~~ remarks with reference to Memorandum No: 1482 P dated 19th June 1899 regarding reduction of the Plague Establishment in the Madras Municipality

PA
7/7/99

Attention has been directed to Fin. Dep. G.O. 261 d. 18.2.99 on which apparently the remarks of Standing Committee is based. It is submitted however that whether this establishment ~~should~~ be charged to plague or not, it should be retained, and the Standing Committee asked to reconsider the matter.

E.L.W.
20.7.99

Forward the S.C.'s letter & invite a further reconsideration of the matter.

M.A. 21.7.99

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L No 1759 P.

[500—5-11-98.]

PLAGUE.

No. 1764/S

Camp Anantapuram ~~Madras~~, Office of Sanitary Commissioner, ~~30th June 1899~~
Desp. 3rd July 1899.

From

Lieut.-Colonel W. G. King, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras,

To

The Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Department

Enclosure.

Sir,

With reference to Memorandum Reference on Cur. No. 1482-P dated 19th instant, I have the honor to advise against any reduction of the existing sanitary staff in the City of Madras. G.O. No. 1264-P, dated 7th October 1898 will show that the Madras Municipality was advised to entertain the conservancy supervising staff, on the ground that it was impossible for the Sanitary Inspecting Staff proper to correctly see to sanitary requirements, whilst taxed with various details connected with the mechanical work of removing night-soil and rubbish. Under such a system, Sanitary Inspectors become simply Conservancy Overseers, with the natural result that the existence of causes allowing spread of infectious diseases, and the sanitary condition of premises, were necessarily ignored. The addition simply brought the sanitary executive staff in Madras into a position, by nature of organization and numbers, that would enable it to fulfil its routine duty. Having regard to the evil sanitary condition of Madras, and the absence of adequate staff to deal with normal conditions, the choice lay between embodying a staff purely for observation purposes during the threatened invasion of plague (necessarily an expensive method) and retaining the existing staff, with its medley of duties, or arranging — as has been done — that the sanitary inspecting staff should be engaged

strictly

strictly upon its legitimate duty, and a less well paid body be called into existence to carry out the details of night-soil and rubbish conservancy they had hitherto been required to fulfil.

2. The Municipality of Madras has become so accustomed to hear of the arrival and safe segregation of plague cases in the city, under the existing system, that fear of its spread no longer apparently exists. But there is no reason to doubt that any relaxation of the existing system which the abolition of the Conservancy Staff — thereby entailing a return to mixed duties by the Sanitary Staff — would end in a state of affairs that would demand the expenditure of money, in comparison with which the present grant for extra staff would be but "a drop in the bucket".

3. In short, I am of opinion that the staff as it at present stands is only just sufficient to enable executive sanitary work to be reasonably well

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dealt with, and would regard any reduction as unwarranted by the state of sanitary preparation of Madras to resist plague ~~to resist plague~~ and other epidemic diseases, and the fact that, in all probability, this Presidency has still to see an invasion during the coming cold weather of plague of greater importance than that lately passed through.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant
W G King
Lieut Col. I.M.S.
Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras

[L. & M.]
4-3-99.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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D/ 24/7/99

Forwarded to the President, M.C., Madras, for report after a further consideration of the matter. (From orders)

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To
The President, M.C., Madras
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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 2478 P

From Asst.
THE PRESIDENT,
Municipal Commission,
Madras.

Order

G. No. 269.

Dated 19 August 1899.

Received 22 AUG 1899

Registered 22-8-99

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SUBJECT.

Informing with reference to memorandum Ref: on C. No: 1759 P. dt: 22nd July 99, that the Standing Committee are of opinion that the funds would not permit of the special Conservancy & flushing Establishment being continued.

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C No 2478 P

Genl. Dept.
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G. No. 269

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS,

General Department,

Madras, 19 August 1899.

From

R. E. Ellis, Esq., M. Inst. C. E.,
~~The Hon'ble Lieut.-Col. SIR GEORGE MOORE, Kt., C. I. E.,~~
Ag. President, Municipal Commission.

To

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

Sir,

Enclosure.

With reference to Memorandum Reference on C. No. 1759 P., dated 22nd July 1899, re: the special conservancy and flushing establishment in connection with Plague, I have the honour to inform you that I have on 18th August 1899 placed the matter before the Standing Committee and they are of opinion that the funds would not permit of the Establishment being continued.

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

R E Ellis

Agt President, Munl. Commn.

1st Asst Plague

Papers with Committee where is the Scheme for defence of Madras – submitted by the President of the Municipality Counl October – which contained all the original proposals for meeting plague – It St^d of Committee but up with these papers

Submitted ~~[illegible]~~ Proposals

Note for the Special Plague Asst

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the file to the Secy.

TG
5/9/99.

Note papers complete
7/9

Submitted
7-9-99

D.O. d/ 13/9/99.

Desp
Mr. 8th
13/9/99

My Dear Sir George Moore,

With reference to the correspondence ending with Mr. Ellis's letter, G. No. 269 dated the 19th ultimo, I am directed to state that Government will not insist on the retention of the establishment referred to but that the responsibility of rejecting the Sanitary Commissioner's advice should be taken by the Commissioners themselves at a meeting and not be left on the standing Committee. I am further to request that the Govt. may be informed of the decision that may be arrived at by the Commrs. in the matter.

For orders.

Yours sincerely

13/9/99

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5/9/99.

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Submitted
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7.9.99

D.O. d/13/9/99.

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Yours sincerely

Despd
M. Sn.
13/9/99

For orders.

13/9/99

13th 99

D.O. [illegible]

My Dear Sir George Moore,

With reference to the correspondence ending with Mr. [illegible] letter No. 269 dated the 19th ultimo, I am desired to ask whether Government will not insist on the [illegible] of the [illegible] now proposed [illegible] responsibility of [illegible] the Standing Committee [illegible] to [illegible] by the Commissioners. [illegible] the Standing Committee [illegible] further [illegible] [illegible]

G. No: 349

Madras,
15th September 1899.

My dear Hammick,

Put up papers [illegible] 19/9

Your D.O. of 13th Instant.

The proceedings of the Standing Committee referred to in this office letter G.No.269 dated 19th August were before the Commissioners at the General Meeting held on the 29th August and terminated on the 1st September.

Submitted 21/9

The Commissioners recorded the proceedings thereby confirming the resolution in question.

Yours sincerely,

Geo. M. Moore

Murray Hammick Esq.
Secretary to Govt.

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