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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Communicating to the Chairman, Municipal Council Gotacamund the Sanitary Commissioner's remarks regarding the appointment of a Sanitary Inspector for the municipality and his recommendation of Mr R. Aldridge for the place on certain conditions.

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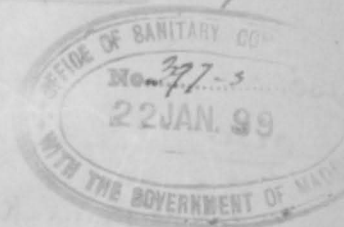
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From

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Coatacamund
No. 4663

Order No. 52 of 21-1-99

Referred to the
Sanitary Commissioner for Remarks.

By order
A. Edington
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

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SUBJECT.

Soliciting sanction of Government for the appointment of Mr. R. Aldridge as a Sanitary Inspector in the Coatacamund Municipality.

To The Sanitary Commissioner.

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The remarks of the Sanitary Commissioner, in his letter read above, will be communicated to the Chairman.

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To The Chairman, No. 10, Ootacamund
Thru the Commr of the Nilgiris
a Sanitary Commissioner
Cmpt 24/2/99

Enc. No. 1.

Ootacamund

16. September 98.

No. 3027.

To,
Surgeon Lieut. Col. W. King M.D.
Sanitary Commissioner for the Government
of Madras.

Sir,

The Supplement to the Fort Saint George Gazette dated 13. September '98 "Government Technical examinations April 1898" does not contain the name of Mr. D. R. MacDonald a Sanitary Inspector of this municipality who was sent to the Medical College at Madras to be trained.

2. Mr. MacDonald having had a fair opportunity of passing and having failed, it seems desirable that he should be replaced by one of the passed men. I know none of them, and will feel greatly obliged by your selecting a man who would like to serve on the Nilgiris. His pay will be Rs 35. and pony allowance of Rs 15.

I have &c.

(Sd) Geo. Hammett.

Chairman om.c

"True Copy"

G. Hammett
Chairman om.c

Proceedings of the Chairman.

Catamarca 30 November 1898.

No. 54 P
98.

On the 8 August 1898, the Overseer Mr Andrade was directed "to arrange with Mr. MacDonald to get a supply of bratties made at the Cattleshed. When ready, they should be sent and carefully stacked in the store room in the mill-house."

2. With reference to this Mr. MacDonald reported on the 10 August 1898.

"I am getting the Cowdung cakes ready after they are dry, I will have them carted away to mill-house."

3. On the 5 October Mr. MacDonald was required to report "the number of dried Cowdung cakes ready for disinfection. The work should be proceeded with more expeditiously and the cakes secured in some place in the mill-house"

4. No reply was submitted to this.

5. On the 23 November Mr. MacDonald was required to report the arrangements made for manufacturing and storing Cowdung cakes as directed in Proceedings No. 3375 dated 5 October '98

6. On the 26 November Mr. MacDonald states.

"I had 300 Cowdung cakes made. The Blacksmith has used them for tying municipal rubbish cart-wheels, I am getting more ready as soon as they are dried will have it carted away to the mill-house.

In a further report he says

"The Sanitary Blacksmith used the Cowdung cakes without informing me a word about it and I gave him no information to use them. After I stored the Cowdung cakes in the Cattleshed I did not see them thinking

7. It is clear from the above that Mr. MacDonald not only disobeyed the orders given to him but that he acted carelessly and negligently in not taking the most ordinary precaution to secure municipal property which he was required to secure at a particular place for a special purpose.

8. Mr. MacDonald's general work as a Sanitary Inspector has been condemned on all sides and the statements made by him have been proved to be unreliable. He has furthermore even failed to pass a very simple test in Hygiene at the Medical College at Madras where he was sent and maintained at the expense of the Municipal Council.

9. As Mr. MacDonald's services are likely to be dispensed with on any day, the Chairman refrains from fining him for his disobedience of orders and gross carelessness in allowing the bratties specially ordered for disinfection purposes in connection with plague to be appropriated for another purpose.

(Sd) Geo. Hammett
Chairman M.C.

To Mr D.R. MacDonald
Sanitary Inspector.

I resign my appointment on the face of this document which is more than I can bear and I therefore request the Chairman will settle me 5 days wages this day.

(Sd) D.R. MacDonald
Ootacamund 6. December 98

No. 4497. Your agreement requires you to give notice, or to pay back the three months salary granted to you at Madras. Arrangement will be made to relieve you as soon as possible.

(Sd) Geo. Hammett
Chairman M.C.

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Ootacamund Municipal Office,
14th December 1898.

FROM



TO

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

Through the Collector of the Nilgiris, Ootacamund.
Six,

Ind. No. 1221
16-10-98

Oct 31/27.8
21/9/98

With reference to the views expressed in my letter no. 3304 dated 3rd October '98, regarding the employment of Europeans as Sanitary Inspectors in this town, and in which the Municipal Council entirely agrees, I have the honor to report that I applied to the Sanitary Commissioner on the 16th September last, letter no. 3027 (Copy enclosed) to select a trained man to replace Mr. D.R. MacDonald as unpassed Sanitary Inspector who was sent to the Medical College at Madras to be trained, but failed. Up to this date, I have not received any reply from the Sanitary Commissioner.

2. Mr. MacDonald suddenly resigned his appointment for reasons set forth in the enclosed copy of my Proceedings No. 54 P. dated 30th November 98, and it has been found indispensably necessary to appoint a substitute at once temporarily, and the choice has fallen on Mr. R. Aldridge, a European 29 years, who belonged to the 21st Hussars

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From

SURGEON-LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

To

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 492 m

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

Enclosuré.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement
No. 52 dated 21st January, 1899, I have the honor
to observe that I do not agree with the opinion
conveyed in the Collector's endorsement that
no person who has committed the crime of
becoming acquainted with the principles of
Hygiene can possess "common sense" or the
faculty of enforcing obedience; neither do I
think there is reason to believe that these
faculties are possessed solely by European and
Native army pensioners. I disagree absolutely
with the opinion expressed by him that Sanitary
Inspectors would possess special merit,
by reason of their not being possessed of Sanitary
knowledge.

2.

Further, I see no reason to deduce
any argument for or against the system of
having qualified Sanitary Inspectors from
the

we held just

the case of Mr. Mac Donald. Mr. Mac Donald was a man selected by the Municipality of Ootacamund as suitable for its purposes; but, he was unable to pass the examination that would qualify him as a Certificated Sanitary Inspector, and was thereupon held by this office as unfit for employment. He, therefore, in no way represents the class of man under discussion.

3. I have called for and have perused the diaries of the two Certificated Sanitary Inspectors now in the employ of the Municipal Council. I am decidedly of opinion that whilst, under certain conditions, it would have been ~~possibly~~ possible for the Chairman to expand the scope of work undertaken by them more especially, with reference to inspection of places under Sec. 188 before the Chairman issued licenses, that much useful work has been accomplished; of a nature that it is extremely unlikely, men not possessed of more knowledge of hygiene than a pensioned soldier or sepoy could effect. During my last inspection of Ootacamund, I was assured that ^{important} Sanitary faults not adverted to in the diaries had also been duly represented to the Chairman. There is no reason at all why Ootacamund should adopt

adopt the retrograde course of seeking to obtain men of "common sense", without a combination of Sanitary Science with it. Men of the character demanded by the Council can be obtained, if they will pay sufficiently for them. The neighbouring Municipality of Coonoor has a Certificated Sanitary Inspector who is a pensioned soldier, and I have no reason to believe that since he was required under the G.O. to pass the examination that he has shown any degeneration of "Common sense". The chances are that for the same value he is now returning to his employers more efficient duty. Indeed, the present Budget estimate for Coonoor contains a proposal to ~~materially~~ increase the man's pay.

When the Chairman's requisition for a Certificated Sanitary Inspector arrived I could not find any native willing to accept the terms offered, as the climate is not regarded with favour, ^{although men will be obtained} ~~although at the present time a man can be obtained~~. On the other hand, Europeans and Eurasians have not chosen to appear for the Sanitary Inspector's Examination knowing full well that there are but few Municipal Councils that will accept them. The Council having duly applied to me, and having failed in a reasonable time to make the supply, should, I think, be held just

in putting in Mr. Aldrige pending Government's
Sanction. At the same time, if Mr. Aldrige
is to retain his post, it should be required that
he pass the qualifying examination. If he
declines to undergo the examination, I can,
on its being placed in my power to promise
that the Asotacamund appointment will be
open for Eurasians and Europeans, secure the
necessary common sense and disciplinary
type of man required by the Council, duly
furnished with sanitary knowledge.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. H. H. H.

Lieut. Col. I.M.S.,

Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

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