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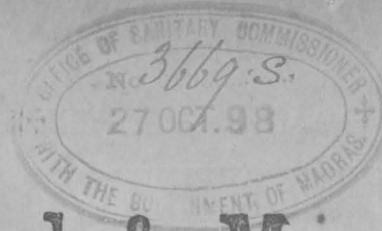
Recording, with remark,
letter from the Chairman Municipal Council
Botacamund, submitting proposals for the
improvement of the sanitation of the town of
Botacamund by appointing retired soldiers
in lieu of Sanitary Inspectors who have passed
in Hygiene at the Madras Medical College.

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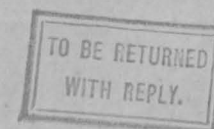
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Local & Munl. (189) Department.

CURRENT No. 3087



From

The Chairman
Municipal Council
Cotacamund

No. 3304

No. 1221 of 26-10-98
Order

Referred to the Sanitary Com-
missioner for remarks.

Dated 30th September 1898. Supt. S. S. S. S.

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Secretary to Govt.

V.R.
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SUBJECT.

Sanitation

Submitting proposals for
the improvement of the
of the town of Cotacamund
by appointing retired soldiers
in lieu of Sanitary Inspectors
who have passed in Hygiene
at the medical College.

The Sanitary Commissioner

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No. 3304

Ootacamund Municipal Office,

September 1898.



THE CHAIRMAN,

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

OOTACAMUND.

To

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

Sir,

Cuo 3017/22
So. 254 m
24-2-99

In continuation of my letter No 3003 dated the 11th September 1898, regarding the state of the compounds of the poorer classes of Europeans in the Ootacamund Municipality, I have the honor to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Governor in Council that however desirable it may be from an educational point of view to have "trained sanitary inspectors" the course of training at the medical college in hygiene does not qualify or fit them to deal with men of the scavenger class on the Nilgiris, who are wayward, difficult to control or made to carry out the unpleasant duties connected with the efficient conservation of the town.

2. My experience in the Madras Municipality as a Commissioner in charge of a division, and the experience in this Municipality as Chairman since 1892 has convinced me that the men best able to manage and work men of the scavenging class are retired soldiers whose training and physique enable them to rough it and compel illiterate wayward

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to G.O. No. 254 m, dated 24th Feb-
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The Chairman's proposal that retired soldiers may in future be appointed as sanitary inspectors in lieu of men trained in hygiene has been disposed of in that order. The Sanitary Commissioner's letter, signed D.

To The Chairman, M.C. Ootacamund
" Sanitary Commissioner
Ootacamund

to perform work for which they are kept and paid. A "trained Sanitary Inspector" is, as a rule, unable to do this, and the result is that the sanitary work of the town suffers considerably and is pronounced unsatisfactory.

3. A retired soldier however could not live on the Nilgiris on a smaller salary than Rs 60 a month in addition to his pension, but it would be far more beneficial, from a sanitary point of view to pay a higher salary to such a man than to employ a man who crams and passes as a "trained Sanitary Inspector" on Rs 50 a month. The retired soldier would compel men under him to do a fair day's work for a fair remuneration, while the "trained Sanitary Inspector" would direct the men to do their work and report them if they did not.

4. It will be seen from my letter dated the 21st December 1895 to 3864, to the Chief Secretary to the Government that the Cotacamund Municipality had three sanitary inspectors of whom two received Rs 60 each and one Rs 50 per mensem, and that these rates of salary were reduced "in consequence of the loss of land tax by a ruling of the High Court." Three inspectors are still employed. One on Rs 70 plus pony allowance Rs 15. Two on Rs 35 each plus pony allowance of Rs 15 each. The charge per annum for inspectors is Rs 2220. The town of Cotacamund has increased in importance since 1895, and the apprehension of plague makes it imperative that the Municipality should possess an efficient staff of men to secure the proper sanitation of the town. In referring incidentally to the plague, I beg that it may not be inferred that the

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the retired soldiers are required in connection with arrangements for that purpose. On the contrary they are required permanently to work the sanitary arrangements of the town, which are not attended to, under existing arrangements, as satisfactorily as they should be.

5. If the Inspector on Rs 80, who is a European, trained for a Sanitary Inspectorship at the expense of the Municipality, is retained to carry out inspections of particular localities, disinfection of houses and to furnish reports on defects in sanitation generally, three other European retired soldiers on Rs 60 each should be appointed to work the conservancy staff, consisting of 10 maistries and about 135 sweepers, scavengers, and cart drivers. The additional cost under this arrangement for inspectors will be Rs 960, i.e., Rs 3180 per annum for four inspectors against Rs 2220 for three inspectors now on the rolls. The increase could be met from the increase in the revenue derived from drainage tax, and the town would be immensely benefitted by having its sanitary work carried forward in a more thorough and efficient manner than is possible with "trained Sanitary Inspectors" of the kind who get through the medical College annually.

6. The present staff of inspectors (with one exception) and maistries are not only inefficient in controlling scavengers, but in generally enforcing sanitation and especially in bringing to book the more important and wealthier offenders. The knowledge of the theory of hygiene is quite unnecessary for

for such work as Sanitary inspectors here have to perform which is merely seeing that streets, drains, the exterior of houses, and the compounds are kept clean.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt servant,

E. Hammett
Chairman

of such and other sanitary matters as may come for
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the exterior of houses, and the compounds are kept
clean.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt servant,

E. Hammett
Chairman

The report of the Sanitary Committee for the year 1880 is now before the Council. It contains a full and complete statement of the work done during the year, and of the progress made in the various branches of sanitary reform. The Committee have to report that they have been very busy during the year, and have accomplished much of the work which was assigned to them. They have been particularly successful in the matter of the drainage of the city, and in the improvement of the public houses. They have also been successful in the matter of the regulation of the trade of the city, and in the improvement of the streets. The Committee have also been successful in the matter of the regulation of the trade of the city, and in the improvement of the streets. The Committee have also been successful in the matter of the regulation of the trade of the city, and in the improvement of the streets.

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From The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras

Order

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding the enclosures to
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SOffice of Sanitary Commissioner,
Madras, 17th March 1899.

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From

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

To

The

Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Deptt
Fort St George.

Enclosures. /

Sir,

I have the honor to return
herewith the Enclosure to this office
letter No. 446_S dated 8th February 1899
which was omitted to be forward-
ed therewith by an oversight.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

W. King

Lieut Col: S. King
Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.