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1,000—16-5-99]

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

Plague.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 944.

DATED 19. 6. 99
Dpd. 20. 6. 99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Destruction of rats

Recording correspondence regarding the high rate of reward given for — in the Madras Municipality.

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1,000—16-5-99.

PLAGUE.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., No. , dated 189 .

P. C's Current No. 4783 of 1899, dated 4-5-99 from the A. G. Madras

Current No. 1154 P of 189 , dated 25-5-99 from the Pt MC Madras

SUBJECT.

Destruction of rats in Madras.

FOR ORDERS.

The P. C's order No 191 dt 14-10-98 requires that rat-killing should be confined, in non-infected areas, only to landing places and railway goods sheds, and that the Port or Railway authorities should do all that might be required without the reward system.

In the audit of the accounts of the Madras Municipality for October 1898, objection has been taken to certain items of expenditure, being the rewards paid in Madras for the destruction of rats, on the grounds that Madras is not an infected area

and

and that the rate of rewards in certain cases was higher than ~~that~~ the max. prescribed by the order quoted above. The President, in explanation, says that the destruction of rats was ordered on his own responsibility as he considered it a necessary preventive measure and that the reduction of the rate from 6 pies⊛ to 3 pies was not from experience considered by him to be inadvisable ~~from experience~~ in a d.o. to the P.t ?

In March last, the P. C made the following remarks on the ~~system of rewards~~ destruction of rats in Madras:—

"There certainly seems reason "to suspect that rats are being "bred for reward. I note that "you are giving 6 pies a head; "3 pies was supposed to be the "maximum. Perhaps the high "rate has something to do with it "…. (In Bombay) they give only "1 anna a dozen …. Unless you "think the Bombay rate might "be tried for a time (I think it "would scarcely pay to breed them at

⊛ This was the rate given in Madras previous to the issue of P. C's order No 191 d/ 14-10-98

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"at that rate) I should be inclined "to withdraw the rewards. The "Harbour and Railway authorities "will remain responsible for "continuing to arrangements "to kill within their premises"

It is not known whether destruction of rats is still carried on, ~~but the~~ President may be told to discontinue the granting of rewards.

Ling 30/5/99

M.S 30/5/99

The practice has stopped but ~~[illegible]~~ tell him to do so. or at least to introduce a lower rate, the Bombay rate if he still considers destruction of Rats necessary.

~~[illegible]~~ Ref on 1154 P

The President M. Mun. is requested to report what rewards are now being paid for the killing of rats in Madras City — & how much has been expended on this account since 1st Jany. 99.

4-vi 99.

To
The Pt. Mil. Madras
(Q & Ref)

Dspd H.S. 3.6.99

Dspd H.S. 21.6.99

Note for the Secy. The reply to the above C No 1370 P. is submitted for orders
Ling 10/6/99

The rewards have now ceased to be paid. It does not appear that Government need sanction the expenditure. Submitted that the papers may be recorded —

MA 14.6.99

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19/6/99

Order No 944 P. M.s 19-6-99

Recorded

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PLAGUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

(1899)

CURRENT No. 4783

From The Accountant General Madras

Ref on C no 4718

B/-15/5

~~**Order**~~

Referred to the President, Municipal Commission, Madras for favour of remarks

M Hammick
Secretary to Govt.

Issd
10/5/99

No. L. F. D. / 85

Dated 4-5-99

Received 5-5-99

Registered 5-5-99

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding an extract of the Madras Municipal objection statement for October 1898 regarding the increased rate of reward paid for rats and bandicoots.

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.
P.C 191/5	14-10-98
G.O 494	18-5-98
P.C 827	24-8-98

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

Extract from the Rejection Statement showing the result of the audit and Examination of the accounts of

Madras Municipality for October 1898.

Vr No	Nature of Receipt or payment.	Nature of Error or Objection	Remarks of the auditors thereon	Explanation or remarks of the President.
Vouchers No 3109 3429	for Rs 806-14-0 & Rs 518-15-6 respectively being the amount of rewards paid for destroying rats, Bandicoots & mice.	4(a) The plague Commissioner, in his Circular No 5 / Genl No 191 dated 14th October 1898, fixed pies 3 as the maximum rate to be paid for each rat or bandicoot killed, but it is noticed that rewards are being paid at the rate of 6 pies per rat or bandicoot & 3 ps per mouse. It is not understood under [illegible]	Please produce authority.	The destruction of rats & bandicoots was undertaken in July last before the circular referred to was issued. Reducing the rates was considered inadvisable from experience & so the original scale is being conformed to

C/o 1/4783 of 1899

Extract from the Objection Statement showing the result of the audit and Examination of the accounts of –

Madras Municipality for october 1898.

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Fort St. George,
untant-General's Office,
th May 1899.

Wo 1/4783 of 1899

I have the honour to be

Sir

your most obedient Servant

L. M. Dawson

Offg. Accountant General

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1154 P

ASSISTT SECY TO GOVT
26 MAY. 1899
LOCAL, MUNL EDL & LEG DEPTTS

From

THE PRESIDENT,

Municipal Commission,
Madras.

Order

G. No. 114

Dated 25 May '99

Received
Registered 26-5-99

P. C.
26 MAY. 1899

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SUBJECT

~~Stating there is nothing further to add to the~~ ~~Referring~~ explanation of the President appearing in the last column of the auditors objection Statement for Oct '98 – with regard to the endorsement of 10 May '98 on Current No: 4783

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CNo. 1154P.

Genl. Dept.
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G. No. 114

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS,
General Department,
Madras, 25. May 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

With reference to your endorsement of 10th May 1899 on Current No.4783 (herewith returned) re: increased rewards paid to rats and bandicoots, I have the honour to state that I have nothing further to add to the explanation of the President appearing in the last column of the Auditors Objection Statement for October 1898.

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

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 13789

ASSISTT SECY TO GOVT. LOCAL & MUNL. DEPT.
8 JUN 1899

In Orders

From
THE PRESIDENT,
Municipal Commission,
Madras.

H. No. 447

Dated 7th June 1899
Received 8-6-99
Registered 8-6-99
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding a statement showing the number of rats killed from January 1899 & the amounts paid for reward.

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G. O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Statement showing the number of rats bandicoots and mice killed from 1st January 1899 and the amount expended on that account from that date.

Month and date	Number killed			Amount expended			
	Rats	Bandicoots	Mice	Rs	as	ps	
1st to 31st January 1899	31281	7474	6720	1316	1	6	*
1st to 28th February 1899	30131	7159	7346	1280	1	6	*
1st to 31st March, 1899	29148	7932	7028	1268	9	..	*
1st to 30th April 1899	5472	1661	1221	43	8	3	⊕
Total	96032	24226	22315	3908	4	3	

* The rate of reward paid is 6 pies per rat, and bandicoot and 3 pies per mouse.

⊕ The rate of reward paid in this respect is 1 pie per rat, bandicoot and mouse.

Health Department
Municipal office
Madras; 6th June, 1899

J. W. Cornwall
Health officer
M.M.C

R. No. 1378 P

MUNICIPALITY OF MADRAS,
Health Department,
Madras, 7 June 1899.

H. No. 447/B.O.

From

R.E.Ellis Esq., M.Inst.C.E.,
~~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,

With reference to your Memorandum Ref.on No. 1154 P., dated 1st June 1899, I have the honor to attach a statement showing the number of rats killed from January 1899 and the amounts paid for reward.

Enclosure.
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2. The reward has not been offered since April 30th.

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

R. E. Ellis

Ag. President, Munl.Commn.

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