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PRESENT:

G. M. J. MOORE, Lt.-Col.,
President, Municipal Commission.

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MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS of an adjourned SPECIAL (PLAGUE) MEETING of the MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS for the CITY of MADRAS, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Monday the 2nd January 1899, at 5-15 P.M., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

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G.O., No. 2215 M., *Mis.*, dated 21st December 1898, regarding the loan of 2 lakhs from the Government of India.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur V. Krishnama Charriar Avargal—

“That the Commissioners have no alternative but to accept the terms offered by the Government of India.”

Carried.

The Meeting adjourned.

Municipal Office, Madras,
January 1899.

G. M. J. MOORE, Lieut.-Colonel,
President, Municipal Commission.

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Encl (3) to G. NO 115

MINUTES of the PROCEEDINGS of a GENERAL MEETING of the MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS for the CITY of MADRAS, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Friday the 16th December 1898, at 5-15 P.M., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

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No. 1.

Memorandum of the President, dated 28th November 1898, on the Water Works Loan of 1869-73 proposing measures for meeting the expenditure for the new drainage.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal—

"That the President's memorandum be adopted and submitted to Government in continuation of their resolution of the 29th August 1898."

Carried.

No. 2.

Memorandum of the President, dated 1st December 1898, on the proposal to light the principal thoroughfares from 6 to 9 every night and the expenditure required therefor.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal and seconded by M.R.Ry. S. Subbayya Chetty Garu—

"That the consideration of the question be deferred."
 Carried.

No. 3.

Proceedings of Standing Committee, dated 18th November and 2nd December 1898.

Recorded.

No. 4.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from April to November 1898.

Recorded.

No. 5.

Progress Report of Works for October and November 1898.

Recorded.

The Meeting terminated.

G. M. J. MOORE, Lieut.-Colonel,
 President, Municipal Commission.

Municipal Office, Madras,
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Encl 11/5-9. NO: 45

Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the City of Madras, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Monday, the 30th January 1899, at 5-15 p.m., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

PRESENT :

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The late Mr. R. Balakistnama Chetty.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR.—I beg the permission of the meeting to make mention of the demise to-day of one of our oldest Commissioners, Mr. Balakistnama Chetty, and I think that out of respect to his memory it becomes us to adjourn our meeting to-day and suspend all business. We have had precedents before in the case of the late Mr. Vijayaranga Mudaliar and the late Mr. Nicholas; and in this case the death unfortunately happens on this very day. As there is no very urgent work which could not be put off, I beg to propose the following resolution: "The Commissioners, while noting with regret the death this day of Mr. Balakistnama Chetty, late Municipal Commissioner, place on record their appreciation of the services rendered by him during the long period of 15 years he was on this Board, and out of respect to his memory, this meeting be adjourned to Monday next, and this resolution be communicated to the family of the deceased." I think this resolution hardly requires any support at my hands.

RAI BAHADUR A. DANAKOTI MUDALIAR seconded the resolution, which, when put to the vote, was carried.

The meeting was accordingly adjourned to Monday next.

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Proceedings of an adjourned Special (Plague) Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the City of Madras, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Balu Chetty Street, Black Town, on Monday the 2nd January 1899, at 3-13 p.m., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1884 and II of 1892.

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Plague Expenditure.

THE PRESIDENT:—The business before the meeting is the consideration of the G.O., No. 2215 M. Mis., dated 21st December, 1898, regarding the loan of 2 lakhs from the Government of India. You have had the order in circulation. One thing in connection with the order is that we never asked the Government of India for any money. The resolution of the Commissioners was that they should be allowed to raise a loan of 2½ lakhs. But the Madras Government said that the condition of the money market was such that we could not raise the loan at favorable rates and therefore the Government of Madras asked the Government of India to let us have 2 lakhs. We never asked the Government of India to give us a penny. The Commissioners passed the following resolution at their meeting held on the 17th October, 1898,—“that, in view of G.O., Mis. No. 819 P., of 16th August 1898, the Madras Government be requested (1) to legislate, so that the Municipality may be enabled to raise loans for plague preventive purposes, and (2) to sanction the immediate raising of a loan of Rs. 2,50,000 for such purposes.”

In forwarding that resolution I addressed the following letter to Government:—

“In forwarding the accompanying resolution passed at an adjourned special meeting held on the 17th October, 1898, I have the honour to state that under the provisions of Act No. XII of 1897, legislation is unnecessary. (2) The Municipality has already expended Rs. 80,000 and odd, and future expenditure may be any amount. (3) It is absolutely necessary that funds should be available, and I trust that early sanction may be accorded not only on that account, but on account of the state of the money market.”

We asked to be allowed to raise a loan of 2½ lakhs, and if they gave us the permission it was left for us to go into the open market and decide the terms under which we may take the loan. The other day I asked the Government of Madras to telegraph up and see what is being done as we wanted money and then the order is sent out which to say the least quite unnecessary so far as the Commissioners are concerned, because they never asked the Government of India to help them.

The following is the order of the Madras Government embodying the letter of the Government of India:—

“As observed by the President in para. 1 of his letter, no legislation is necessary in order to enable the Municipal Commissioners to raise loans for plague expenses, as Act XII of 1897 (India) is specially intended to facilitate the raising of loans for such purposes. 2. In the present state of the

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money market, however, the Municipality cannot hope to borrow the required amount in the open market on reasonable terms. The Government of India will therefore be requested to lend the Municipal Commissioners a sum of two lakhs, which appears to be sufficient for the present."

"Read the following paper:—

Letter from the Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, No. 5447-A, dated 13th December 1898.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1866 M. Mis., dated the 1st November, 1898, addressed to the Home Department, requesting that a loan of two lakhs of rupees, repayable in ten years, may be made to the Municipality of Madras to meet expenditure on plague preventive measures.

2. In reply I am to refer to the letter in this Department No. 5497-A., dated the 13th December, 1896, and to say that the Government of India are unwilling to undertake to grant loans to Presidency Corporations, which, they consider, should borrow in the open market on their own credit. In the present case, moreover, there seems to be no sufficient reason to consider it impossible for the Municipality to borrow in the market, provided that an adequate rate of interest, say five or six per cent., be offered.

I am, however, to say that if the Government of Madras consider that there is an immediate necessity for funds before a loan can be raised in the open market, the Government of India are prepared to advance two lakhs of rupees at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum repayable in three months, provided that immediate steps are taken by the Municipality to raise a public loan and to repay the amount advanced by Government at the end of the period specified.

Order thereon, No. 2215 M. Mis., dated 21st December 1898.

Communicated to the Municipal Commissioners of Madras for very early report as to whether they agree to the terms offered by the Government of India."

THE PRESIDENT:—I think the Commissioners are under a misapprehension so far as I can see from the notes recorded by them on the order. I do not want money for plague expenses. But I want money to recoup what has already been spent up to 31st December, namely, Rs. 1,34,753. That ought to be in the Bank by this time. But we have got in the Bank only Rs. 63,000. We estimate that in January we will have to spend Rs. 1,21,000. Of course our receipts will come in, but they will come in by *drips and drabs*. What I would suggest is that we accept the terms of the Government of India because we want money as early as possible. In fact I had no money to pay the contribution of Rs. 70,000 due to Government and also the interest of Rs. 42,900 on the water works loan, due to the Government of India. I had to telegraph to the Government of India and obtain their sanction to postpone the payment of interest by paying penal interest at 6 per cent. because we have not got money.

MR. V. C. DESIKACHERIAR:—We ought to go in for a loan of 2 lakhs and pay off this interest.

THE PRESIDENT:—I shall invite tenders for the loan at 4 per cent.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—I think this G.O. will prejudice us a good deal.

THE PRESIDENT:—Let us try. They cannot let us go bankrupt. When we raised the loan in July last at 4 per cent. we had tenders at 7 premium.

MR. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY:—I beg to propose "that the Commissioners have no alternative but to accept the terms offered by the Government of India."

DIWAN BAHADUR V. KRISHNAMACHARIAR:—I beg to second this proposition and in doing so I wish to make only one remark. I hope we shall not be visited with plague at all, and we may be able to economise our expenditure.

The resolution was put to the vote and carried.

The meeting was adjourned *sine die*.

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The New Drainage.

The first item on the agenda paper was the Memorandum of the President, dated 28th November, 1898, on the Water Works Loan of 1869-73 proposing measures for meeting the expenditure for the new drainage.

Mr. P. Theagaroya Chetty proposed and Mr. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar seconded. "That the President's memorandum be adopted and submitted to Government in continuation of their resolution of the 29th August, 1898."

THE PRESIDENT:—I should go even further than what is contained in the memorandum. Even if the Government of India do not agree to give us the loan of Rs. 14,30,000, we should raise a loan of 6 lacs of rupees to pay off the old debt. The Commissioners can easily raise a loan of 12 lacs next year with increase of Rs. 37,000 on the Vehicle tax and the increase in Timber tax. With this increase in revenue of Rs. 70,000, we can easily provide the means of raising a loan of 12 lacs of rupees, and with that we can lay down the main pipes and also do a little more of the drainage works. I do not know if it is necessary for me to say anything further. If you send this resolution and the memorandum to Government they will have to go into the whole question. There is another point which I wish to touch upon. I do not know if the Commissioners have seen the article in one

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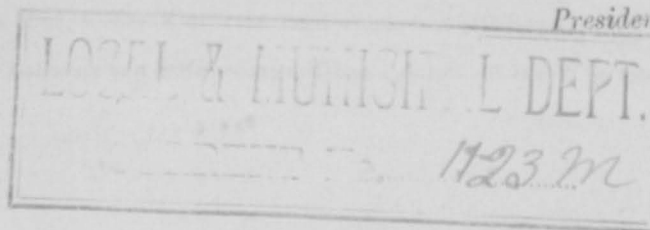
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Madras, 21 April 1899.

From

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To

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