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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 15th March 1859.

No. 80. Read the following letter from J. W. CHERRY, Esq., Acting Collector of Coimbatore; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Coimbatore, 18th February 1859, No. 14.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, No. 87, under date the 11th Ultimo, communicated in Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, of the 17th January 1859, with reference to a Circular from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, forwarding the observations of the Honorable the President in Council, as to the desirability for stringent measures being adopted, to put a stop to the indiscriminate defiling of ground, which almost always prevail in Indian Towns and Cantonments, by the practice of permitting the outskirts of Towns, and Bazars, to be defiled promiscuously with human odure, and offal of all sorts; a practice no less objectionable as regards health, than it is disgusting to every person of ordinary refinement. The remedy suggested, is the erection of *Public Necessaries at suitable places*, and the maintenance of a suitable Establishment of Scavengers to keep them properly cleaned; and the *Local Town* or Cantonment Funds, is pointed to, as its Financial resource.

2. On a careful perusal of the above order from the Government of India under consideration, it appears to me that the object of Sanatary reform here pointed out, respects more especially *Military Stations* where the health of the Troops is a matter of paramount importance; it however, by no means restricts the adoption of similar measures in all the principal Mofussil Towns where such nuisances equally exist.

3. Desirous as I have been at all times, to avail myself of every opportunity of carrying out stringently measures of Municipal Reform, and of issuing orders to my Executives for the like purpose, and feeling conscious that much good may still be effected in improving the Sanatary condition of this District, the only drawback I have felt to the furtherance of this object is the want of funds to carry it out.

4. The "Local Funds" of this District is distinct from "Local *Town* Funds," there being no resources under this latter head as alluded to in the Government order; its appropriation was generally confined to the repairs of Roads, &c. hitherto, and no discretionary authority being granted to the Collector to apply it to other purposes, I shall be glad to know, whether I may be at liberty to use a portion of the same for the improvements contemplated.

5. The Local Funds available to the 31st Jauuary 1859, was Rupees 5,767. Should this proposition meet the approval of Government, I shall take early measures in carrying out an object so desirable: if not, I take leave to ask whether the Government would be willing to sanction any sums for the erection of these public conveniences, and for the maintenance of small Establishments in the Cusbah Town of Coimbatore, as well as in some of the larger Talook stations of this District; should such be allotted to me, I will place myself in communication with the District Engineer for the speedy submission of Plans and Estimates for suitable Necessaries in the different localities where they are mostly required.

No. 81. ORDER THEREON, No. 568; dated 14th March 1859.

Ordered to be referred to the Board of Revenue, to whom the papers received from the Government of India will also be communicated, with special reference to para. 3 of the Extract Minutes Consultation of that Government. The Board will be pleased to consider the general subject, and report their opinion what can be done with the existing means, or with slight aid from Government, to enforce cleanliness in the respects therein referred to.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 44

Coimbatore Collector's
Office 18th February 1859

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Actg Collector of Coimbatore

To,

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Secretary to Government
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To
The Secretary
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As Collector.

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14th March 1859

3 Copies to the Board of Revenue with the papers referred to.

P. R. Cons: 11th January 59 Nos. 116-117.

Nos 80 & 81.

2nd March No 10

Public Works Department
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No. 436.
From
The Secretary & Co
Madras
To
The Secretary to Govt
Dated 15th
Received 23 February 59

No. 4
Proceedings of the Board of Rev
dated 27th May 1859 & Nos 1378 & 1379 inclusive
Requesting instructions
on certain points connected with the
Reforms of the Sanitary
Condition of Madras

No. 568. 14th March 1859.
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