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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
11th October 1865.*

No. 246. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Passing orders on letter from the Officiating
President Sanitary Commission, submitting
reports upon the sanitary condition of the
Town of Madras, and on the water supply,
&c., of Fort Saint George. (Here enter 4th October 1865, No. 3,690.)

No. 247. ORDER THEREON, 11th October 1865, No. 3,015.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 13.

Communicated to the Superintending
Engineer of the 4th Division, who will
submit the report called for in paragraph 5.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Officiating President Sanitary Commission, Madras, 18th August 1865, No. 367; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to forward, for submission to His Excellency the Governor in Council, the Report of this Commission on Fort Saint George water supply, drainage, conservancy, and accommodation for the Garrison.

2. Attached to this Report is also that by this Commission specially appertaining to Black Town, but so connected with our recommendations in the Fort Saint George report, that it appears to us necessary to place both before you for consideration at one time.

ORDER, No. 3690, 4th October 1865.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has read the Report upon the condition of the Town of Madras, submitted with the foregoing letter.

2. The Government had occasion recently * to comment upon the fact of the * *Proceedings of Government, No. 3239, dated 1st September 1865.* Sanitary Commission having over-stepped their instructions, and intruded upon the legitimate functions of other Departments, and His Excellency in Council now desires that these instructions be in future *strictly conformed to.*

3. It is plainly stated in Clauses 2 and 3 of the Instructions that, with reference to "the construction of works, the functions of the Commission will be mainly consultative," and that if "Barracks and Hospitals have to be built, or improved, drainage works constructed, supplies of good water afforded, all that the Commission can do is to advise."

4. Referring to the Report now under review, the Government approve of the suggestions regarding the supply of water, viz:—

1st.—That care should be taken to collect the water falling upon the roofs of all the buildings in the Fort, and to store it in tanks for use as drinking water by the Troops.

2nd.—That endeavour should be made to filter this water through sand and charcoal, before it reaches the well or reservoir from which it is to be pumped.

5. These suggestions will accordingly be referred to the Public Works Department, in view to the Superintending Engineer being directed, before preparing the Plans and Estimates for the necessary works, to report on the mode in which he proposes to store the water in tanks. He will also report on the approximate quantity of water for which storage will be required, making due allowance for the daily consumption.

6. Adverting to the remedies summarised at the close of the Report, the Government are constrained to remark on the inconsistency of the recommendations conveyed in Nos. 5 and 6, the one observing that the conduits would throw out the required sewage upon fields where it could be utilized, and the other recommending that the *dry* earth system of conservancy should be strictly enforced within the limits to be drained. It is difficult to comprehend what benefit the fields could derive from sewage, from which all, or the greater part of the fertilizing matter had been sedulously excluded.

7. Finally the Government desire to point out the necessity, for the future, of a strict observance of Article 10 of the instructions furnished for the guidance of the Commission, viz., that when the President acts on his own view, he shall explain and represent fully all points in which any Member has not concurred with him, and in modification of Article 11, to order that Reports to Government in future be signed by the whole of the Members who may have been parties to them.

(True Extract.)

Marshall
Secretary to Government

To the President Sanitary Commission.

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