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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th December 1866.*

No. 78. Read the following letter from the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 24th November 1866:—

1. On the 19th instant an application was made by Captain Goddard, Executive Engineer of the Northern Range, to place at his disposal space for building material on the North-Western Esplanade, between the Memorial Hall and Patcheappah's Institution.

2. This application was accompanied by a copy of Government Proceedings, No. 3,319, dated 18th October 1866, whereby we learnt, for the first time, that Government contemplated the appropriation of a portion of the Esplanades, for the erection of quarters for the Warrant Officers of the Fort.

3. This application has been complied with, as we fully recognize the necessity of providing suitable accommodation for those Officers, and the Esplanades being Military ground, and only in our charge with a view to their conservancy, we could not presume to delay the appropriation.

4. But we would most respectfully solicit the consideration of Government to the serious objections that exist, in a sanitary point of view, to the occupation of the open spaces (now scanty enough) that exist around the town.

5. It was with a full recognition of the advantage of such open spaces that the Government, some few years ago, directed the removal of the town wall on the western and northern sides, and we have persistently watched the ground thus laid open, to prevent fresh encroachments, which would render futile the benevolent action of Government; with the same view we have declined to entertain the proposition of constructing a public Market on the Esplanade, though, in other respects, the scheme was most desirable.

6. The inhabitants of John Pereira's, a section of the town situated to the west of the site now proposed to be occupied, have already petitioned Government, detailing the inconveniences they experienced from the erection of buildings on their southern and eastern limits, and their grievance was recognized by Government, who desired our attention to be given to the subject when funds would permit.

7. It is hardly our province to propose any alternative, but we would respectfully submit that suitable quarters, in a less objectionable situation, could be rented in some of the better streets of Vepery, where the families of these Officers would be free from the annoyances unavoidable in the vicinity of the Evening Bazaar.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, 6th December 1866, No. 3,860.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 5.

The Government fully agree with the Municipal Commissioners as to the inexpediency of encroaching with buildings on the few open spaces which exist within and around the Town of Madras; but, as the cottages which it is proposed to erect on the North-Western Esplanade

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will have little elevation and be constructed in detached blocks, it is believed that they will not cause any very serious obstruction to the free circulation of air, and, as there is no other suitable site available at a convenient distance from the Fort which does not offer the same objections as those made by the Municipal Commissioners to that which has been selected, His Lordship in Council resolves to direct that the six blocks, for the construction of which a contract has been entered into, be completed on that site, leaving the question of the location of the other blocks for future consideration.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Municipal Commissioners.

- „ Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
- „ Military Department.
- „ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Municipal Commissioners Office.

MADRAS, 24th November 1866.

To
The Secretary to Government
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Cont. No. 753,
Sept. 15. July 1865.

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We have the honor to be,
Sir's,
Your Most Obedient Servants
K. R. Temple President
K. R. R. R.
Janay Yakov Khan.

Municipal Commissioners
for the Town of Madras

C. L. L.

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No. 3860

Public Works Department

Council.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 6th Decr. 1866

Read the following

From

The Municipal Commissioners
for the Town of Madras

(H. No. - 724 Nov. 1866)

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To
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(Public Works Dept)

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To the Municipal Commissioners. ✓
6. Supy: Engineers, & Dr^{rs}. ✓
7. City: Sept: ✓
4. Controller. ✓

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Resd: 7th December

C W W Dyer

Pro: of Govt for India

Apr 30th

Pro: of the Madras Govt

Df 6 Decr 1879

C. W. W. Dyer

Copying orders on
a letter from the Municipal
Commissioner for the Town
of Madras, relative to
the bills proposed for
Quarantine Warrant of
Fines attached to Fort
St George.

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