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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th June 1867.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 108: From the President of the Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 22nd May 1867.

1. I have the honour to submit, for the favourable consideration of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, the accompanying Minute from Honorary Commissioners, Messrs. Janay Jahan Khan and C. Parthasarady Naidoo, in which for the reasons therein stated, they solicit Government to reconsider the order issued in the Public Works Department, No. 1,313 of the 1st instant, approving of the remaining twelve blocks of buildings for the accommodation of the Non-Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the Ordnance Department serving at Madras being erected on the North-West Esplanade, between the Memorial Hall and Patcheapah's Institution.

2. In forwarding this document I trust I shall not be considered as overstepping the limits of my duty if I solicit the favourable consideration of Government to the request of these gentlemen, for I am aware there is a very strong feeling existing against the erection of these buildings, and that the Trustees of Patcheapah's Hall and the inhabitants of Black Town intend to petition Government on the subject, and looking upon it merely in a sanitary point of view, I cannot but consider it a mistake in overcrowding one of the lungs of the town, with an additional twelve blocks of buildings, which must, when completed, very materially intercept a free current of air to those in rear of them. I would fain hope, therefore, that Government may see fit to reconsider their order.

MINUTE.

1. We perused with much concern the Proceedings of Government, in the Public Works Department, No. 1,313, dated 1st May 1867, approving of the remaining twelve blocks of quarters, for the accommodation of the Non-Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the Ordnance Department serving at Madras, being erected on the North-West Esplanade of the Fortress between the Memorial Hall and Patcheapah's Institution.

2. The Municipal Board, on the 24th November 1866, when Government originally proposed to avail themselves of the locality referred to for the above mentioned purpose, earnestly protested against such appropriation of the land in question, and they pointed out the grave and serious objections which existed to the erection of buildings in these open spaces, which are the only lungs of this densely populated town.

3. We would respectfully invite the attention of Government to those objections, which we would here emphatically reiterate, and as the representatives of a large portion of Her Majesty's liege subjects, we would earnestly crave that Government will reconsider the matter before the work of the second twelve blocks is commenced with.

4. However low the buildings in question may be, yet they cannot but tend to take from the health and salubrity of the place they may occupy by opening out several communications with the main drain, and thus increasing the means of escape for foul gas from that drain, by increasing the surface for the radiation and retention of heat, and thus increasing the discomfort which is experienced in the summer months in this neighbourhood, all which must tend to render a place once the great source of health to a large population, the source of disease and suffering.

5. But what is the benefit which Government seek to gain? The arrangement will simply bring together, in convenient proximity to their work, a few public servants, for whom surely other localities can be found as recommended by the Sanitary Commissioner, viz., at Chepauk and elsewhere, without imperilling the lives of the many for the advantage of a few. Arrangements can be easily made, if other localities are chosen, for the Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Ordnance Department billeted in them being conveyed to their work, and therefore the simple

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reason of proximity to place of work cannot be urged in support of the election of this locality. Other and more important reasons should, it is respectfully submitted, exist, and as they as far as we are aware do not exist, we venture to express a hope that Government will have a greater regard for the public good, than for the small additional outlay that may be necessitated by other localities being chosen.

MADRAS,
21st May 1867.

(Signed) C. PARTHASARADY NAIDOO.
(..) JANAY JAHAN KHAN.

No. 109. From the President of the Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 28th May 1867.

In continuation of my letter of the 24th instant, forwarding a Minute from Honorary Commissioners, Messrs. Janay Jahan Khan and C. Parthasarady Naidoo, on the subject of the proposed site for erection of twelve blocks of buildings on the North-West Esplanade, opposite Patcheapah's Hall, I have now the honour to forward a paper on the same subject from Mr. P. Orr.

Remarks on erection of buildings on the Esplanade.

In reference to buildings now being erected by Government on the Esplanade, I agree with the Commissioners, who have remonstrated with Government against curtailing the lungs of the town. But in the present state of the case, it may be well to consider whether the six blocks of buildings now nearly completed, and circling from the Memorial Hall round the half of the Esplanade, should not be completed and carried round to Patcheapah's Hall, thus skirting and defining the Esplanade and covering the unsightly bazaars, by which the appearance of the place would be very much improved. The space will, only in single row, take six or seven more blocks. In this arrangement there would not be room for twelve blocks; this might satisfy Government, and they might find room in Chepauk for the remainder of the twelve. From the nature of these buildings, not lofty, and separated from each other by a good wide space, and the great width of the road between them and the bazaars, I do not think that there could be any sensible obstruction to the breeze, or the ventilation of the town be at all affected. With the six blocks as at present, it looks like something half finished. But to put down twelve blocks opposite Patcheapah's Hall, as stated in the Engineer's letter of the 14th instant, would be very objectionable. The liquid sewage from these buildings will be a help to the main-drain, the more water we can throw into it the better.

MADRAS,
23th May 1867.

(Signed) P. ORR.

No. 110.

ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1867, No. 1,690.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 7.

The President of the Municipal Commission will be informed that the subject of the above Minutes by the Honorary Commissioners will receive due consideration.

(True Extract.)

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

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.
" Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
" Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Minute.

We perused with much concern the Proceedings of Government in the P. W. D. No. 1313, dated 1st May 1867, approving of the remaining twelve blocks of quarters for the accommodation of the Non Commissioned and warrant Officers of the Ordnance Department serving at Madras being erected on the North West Esplanade of the Fortress between the Memorial Hall & Patcheapah's Institution.

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Municipal Commission Office
Madras May 22 1867

From the President
Municipal Commission
For the Chief Secretary to Govt.
For reference

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for the favorable consideration of
the Hon. Mr. Secretary the Government in Council
the accompanying Minute from
Honorary Commissioners
Messrs. James Johnstone &
C. Parthasarathy Mudaliar
in India for the reasons therein
stated they solicit Government
to reconsider the policy pursued
in the Public Works Dept. in 1813.
of the 14th Dec. approving of the
renewing 12 blocks of buildings
for the accommodation of the
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The President of the
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To The Secy of Govt
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Robert Brown

24th June 1867
President Municipal Comm

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Robert Brown
Chairman
President Municipal Council

No 1690 Public Works Department.

Municipal Commissioners' Office.
MADRAS, May 28. 1867.

From the President Municipal Commission
To the Chief Secretary to Government
For signature

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of the 24. Inst forwarding a
Minute from Honorary Commissioners
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Messrs Parthasarthy Swamikal
on the subject of the proposed
Site for erection of 12 blocks
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The President
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Robert Brown
21st June 1867
President Municipal Comm.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 6th June 1867

From the President of the
Municipal Commission (N.C. 22nd May 1867 No. -
From — do — (Here enter No. .. dated 28th May 1867.

The President of
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President of the
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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Madras

Dated

6th June 1867

The President of the
Municipal Commission
informed that consideration
will be given to the Minutes
submitted by him, objecting
to the erection of Quarters
(Warrent Officers) on the North-
West Esplanade of Fort St.
George, between the Memorial
Hall and Patcheapah's
Institution.

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