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No. 554. Read the following letter from the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 18th February 1867 :—

1. We have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, Extracts from two Minutes by our President, dated 19th ultimo and 14th instant, regarding the drainage of Pursewaukum and Perambore; and particularly drawing attention to the drainage of the Lines of the Right Wing of the Native Regiment stationed at latter place, which it is proposed to lead into the Cosapettah nullah, which is dry for fully eight months in the year, and where it will consequently stagnate, and prove a hot bed of disease.

2. We trust, therefore, Government will see fit to stop the work in question, and direct their Engineers to provide for the conveyance of the sewage to a greater distance from the Lines and the adjacent dwellings.

Extract from Minute by President, dated Saturday, 19th January 1867.

I met the Officiating Civil Engineer this morning in Vepery, as I wished to inspect with him the Cundappah Moodelly High Road, Pursewaukum, from Pursewaukum High Road to Cosapettah nullah, for which an estimate for reforming was laid before the Board last Meeting, amounting to Rupees 1,428-2-4, as also one of 3,583-5-7 for constructing an open main drain in Cundappah Moodelly High Road, Pursewaukum, from Pursewaukum High Road to Cosapettah nullah. The road is exceedingly bad and requires reforming, though I am afraid there are even worse in the district; and as to drainage, there is none—like every other part—and the quotation from Colonel Silver's Report in yesterday's leading article of the "Athenæum and Daily News," is true to the life. Great care will have to be exercised in taking the levels for this drain; but the great difficulty is the want of outlet for the drain. At present the sewage of a very extensive neighbourhood finds its way into the Otary and Cosapettah nullahs, which in the hot weather are dry, or nearly so, and therefore to bring the drainage into these to stagnate at the back of the Perambore Barracks will never do. Were cholera to break out among the troops, or in the neighbourhood, I believe an action might lie against us for manslaughter, which I have no wish to have to defend; but with the very limited means at our disposal, to attempt any extensive system of drainage, for which the estimate by Lieutenant Tulloch is, I believe, not far short of forty lacs, is out of the question. Yet it is indispensable, and that speedily, and as the Government would never sanction our having an outlet for our drain at the back of the Barracks, I would suggest that our Engineer be directed to place himself in communication with Colonel Boileau, for under the circumstances I cannot give my sanction to the estimate.

Extract from Minute by President, dated 14th February 1867.

1. Perambore.—Riding through the Right Wing Lines, Captain Goddard showed me the drain which is now being built by his department for carrying the sewage of the Barracks (the whole of which now goes into the Cosapettah nullah) to a point a little further on, and the outlet for this drain would be close to the road, and where a latrine now stands.

2. This is the identical spot where, on its being pointed out to me sometime ago as the proposed outlet for our new drain in Cundappah Moodelly's Street, I refused my sanction to the estimate, as I considered we should justly lay ourselves open to severe censure were we to have an outlet for a drain of such magnitude in such a locality; for I believe this nullah is dry for eight months in the year, and the evil effect of having such an outlet may be seen in the Otary nullah, close by Captain Standen's house, as there is a festering mass of putridity there, of which he most rightly complains. I cannot suppose the Government are aware of this proposal of the Executive Engineer, or they could never have sanctioned the estimate, and I have brought the subject to the

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matter of the Sanitary Commissioner, who will be would speak to Colonel Robinson; but I consider
we should make a fresh representation to Government of the evils likely to arise in the hot
weather, if means are not taken for completing the drainage in some great further measure, for the
Pantaloon Lines at present, I believe, is rather a favorable season of drawing, and it will be old
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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

2. Accompanied by the Inspector General of Hospitals, Mr. Mackenzie, and Surgeon Major
Peet, I inspected again last evening all this locality, during which time, in the bathroom Captain
Strahan's house, the effect of having no outlet for such a mass of filth as is there collected, and
for the removal of which some steps should be taken; and then showing them, what, by the
Government plan of drainage, it was contemplated being in the vicinity of the Pantaloon Barracks.
I said not say that my opinion, as to the evils likely to ensue from the completion of such a scheme,
is much fully endorsed by these two gentlemen, and their opinion must carry great weight with the
Government. I am to meet the Honorable Mr. Ellis and Colonel Robinson at the Pantaloon Lines
to-morrow morning, and trust, therefore, some steps may be taken to meet the difficulty, for it is
a great difficulty to find a proper outlet for the drainage of this district.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) E. CARPMAEL,
Municipal Commissioner for the Town of Madras.

Referred to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Acting Under Secretary.

Fort Saint George,
10th *February* 1867.

No. 353.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 91.

Order thereon, 27th February 1867, No. 353.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division for early report. Pending the receipt of further instructions that Officer will stop the construction of the drain at the Pantaloon Lines which is under execution by this department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
Municipal Commissioners.

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Extract from Minute by President dated 28th March 1867.

Pantaloon. Riding through the Pantaloon lines last Saturday Colonel Edwards showed me the drain which is now being built in his department for carrying the drainage of the Pantaloons & the whole of which when complete will empty into the Egmore Retaining Tank. I pointed out to him that the drain was not deep enough at the entrance of this tank to receive the drainage of the Pantaloons & that unless it was deepened the Pantaloons drainage would be thrown back & overflow the Pantaloons. Colonel Edwards then brought to my notice the fact that the Municipality had refused to allow the Pantaloons drainage to be taken into the Municipal drain, & that unless the Government of the day would interfere the Pantaloons would be flooded during the rains. I then wrote to the Municipal Commissioner requesting him to reconsider his decision, & to allow the Pantaloons drainage to be taken into the Municipal drain, pointing out to him that unless this was done the Pantaloons would be flooded during the rains. I also wrote to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, requesting him to report whether it was necessary to deepen the drain at the entrance of the Egmore Retaining Tank, & if so to estimate for the cost of doing so. I have received no reply from the Municipal Commissioner, but I have received a report from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, stating that it is necessary to deepen the drain at the entrance of the Egmore Retaining Tank, & estimating the cost of doing so at Rupees [illegible]. I have received no report

and it will be added to the Estimate of the expenses
carried out as contemplated, that there is no
anticipation whatever of such a thing happening
hereafter.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient humble Servant
(Signed) H. Blanshard Capt. R.E.
Major Genl. Sir Harry Darby K.C.B.
Chief Engineer
Bengal Presidency

Enclosure No. 1.

Extract from Minutes by President dated Saturday 19th January 1856

Met the Offg. Chief Engineer this morning
in Person as desired to inspect with him the Sandapa
Moodely High Road, Puravenkum from Puravenkum
High Road to Cosapettah Nullah for which an
Estimate for repairing, was laid before the Board
last Meeting amounting to Rupees 1,128-2-4 and
also one of 3,583-5-7 for constructing an open
Main Drain in Sandapa Moodely High Road,
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there are such works in the District and as Drain-
-age there is none to be seen, other part, and the
quotation from Colonel Pilmore's report in yester-
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True Extract
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Municipal Commissioners
for the Town of Madras.

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Municipal Commissioners' Office.

Madras, 1st February 1867.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort St George.

Sir,

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Your most obedient servants.

Charles Dewitte President
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2. His Excellency the Governor desires me to call the attention of His Grace to the Minute of the Executive Council of the 13th instant, recommending the grant of a pension of £120 per annum to Mr. Thomas Layard, late Colonial Secretary of this Island, and to request that you will move Her Majesty to confer upon him the honorary distinction of a Companionship of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

3. I have also to request that you will move Her Majesty to confer upon Mr. Layard the honorary distinction of a Companionship of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath.

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& the Secretary Tunnel,
Chintadrepettah and Egmore
Railway and Engineer
Report on the work.

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