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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

25th November 1878, No. 4,489 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 274. Endorsement of the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated Madras, 19th November 1878, No. 2,132.

From A. MACKENZIE, Esq., Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 16th November 1878.

THE Chamber beg to call your attention to the Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, No. 2,963 W, dated 22nd July last, in which it was intimated that the Superintendent of Harbour Works would, in communication with the President of the Municipality, draw up a scheme for intercepting the drainage on the foreshore. Though more than three months have passed since the date of that order, nothing has been done to remove the nuisance of which the members of the Chamber have had so much reason to complain. The Chamber recently called the attention of the President of the Municipality to the delay that has occurred in carrying out the orders of Government, and that officer has replied that the plans for improving the foreshore drainage had been submitted to Government on the 18th September, but that no orders for executing the proposed work had yet been received. Mr. Burrows adds :—"As the Harbour Works Superintendent declines to do anything for alleviating the nuisance caused by sewage stagnating on the strand, and as there will probably be considerable delay before the sewer proposed by Mr. Thorowgood is completed, I have given orders for the hollow places being filled up and the sewage confined as well as possible to channels dug through the sand."

It is not probable that the temporary expedient proposed by the President of the Municipality will serve the desired purpose. The nuisance can only be abated by the drain pipes being carried out to the water; and as drains cannot, when the Harbour is finished, be allowed to discharge themselves into the Harbour basin, the pipes should at once be diverted to outside the Harbour walls.

With reference to Mr. Burrows' statement that the Harbour Works Superintendent "declines to do anything for alleviating the nuisance caused by sewage stagnating on the strand," the Chamber would beg reference to the following sections in the new Municipal Act for Madras, Section 250 runs—

"The Commissioners shall cause the sewers and drains belonging to them to be so constructed and *maintained* as not to be a nuisance or injurious to health, and to be properly cleared, cleansed and emptied."

Section 269 runs—

"All *branch drains*, as well within as without the lands or buildings to which they belong, and all private latrines, privies and cess-pools within the city shall be under the survey and control of the Commissioners, and shall be *altered*, repaired and *kept in proper order* at the costs and charges of the owners of the lands and buildings to which the same belong, or for the use of which they are constructed or continued."

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It seems clear from the above sections that if the Harbour Works were being carried out by a contractor or firm, instead of by Government, the President of the Municipality would have it in his power to insist on the present nuisance being removed. The Chamber submit that under these circumstances the Government should not hesitate to carry out a work which the law would compel a private individual, under heavy penalty, to undertake without delay.

FORWARDED to the Public Works Department for consideration and disposal.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secy.

No. 275. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1878, No. 4,489 W.

THE Chamber of Commerce will be furnished with a copy of the instructions issued to the Superintendent of the Harbour Works in regard to this question of drainage.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce,
with copy of Chief Engineer's Memorandum
No. 5,119, dated 12th November 1878.

Encl. E. C. Shinker.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1878) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The CHAIRMAN, CHAMBER
of COMMERCE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November 25th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 25th November 1878, No. 4,189 W.

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Chamber of Commerce
Madras, 16th November 1878

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From

The Chairman,
Chamber of Commerce.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servt

Chairman.

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Forwarded to the Public Works Department for consideration and disposal.

Madras - 19. November 1878.

W. M. Public Works Department.

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Regarding drainage of the Foreshore between the Groynes of the Madras Harbour.

With endorsement.

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No. 4489 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 25th Nov. 1878

Read the following :—

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Endorsement in the Financial Dept. on letter from the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, dated 16th Nov. 1878 } H.E. No 2132 of 19 Nov/78.

The Chamber of Commerce will be furnished with a copy of the instructions issued to the Superintendent of the Harbour Works in regard to this question of Drainage.

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Chairman,
Chamber of Commerce
with copy of Ch. Engr's
Memo No 5119 of 12 Nov/78.

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