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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

14th March 1879, No. 780 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers :—

No. 193. Endorsement of the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated Fort St. George, 1st February 1879, No. 248.

From L. R. BURROWS, Esq., President, Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 29th January 1879, No. 240.

I HAVE the honor to bring to the notice of Government that the waste land adjoining the South Indian Railway line and Mr. Handley's compound in Chetput having become overgrown with prickly-pear and other noxious vegetation, the Deputy Collector of Madras was addressed in July last with a view to getting the nuisance abated. In November the Deputy Collector replied to the effect that, in the opinion of the Collector of Madras, to whom a reference had been made on the subject, the clearing of the nuisance complained of rests with the Municipality as the land is porumboke yielding no revenue to Government and forms the bed of a large channel between the Cooum and Spur tank.

2. In respect to the obligation of the Municipality to conserve Government porumboke and especially channel bed, I beg to state that some years ago a portion of the Kristnampet channel bed near the South Beach road was raised and brought under cultivation by the Municipality, and that in taking up land for the Buckingham canal the Deputy Collector disallowed compensation for this portion on the ground that the action of the Municipality was an encroachment on the rights of Government. Either the Deputy Collector was wrong in disallowing compensation, or the Collector is in error in requiring the Municipality to conserve the channel bed now in question.

3. The respective rights and duties of the Government and the Municipality as regards the conservancy of the several nullahs and channels within Municipal limits are not sufficiently determined, and it appears advisable that some steps should be taken for ascertaining what these are and for settling doubtful cases.

4. In the meantime as the nuisance is still complained of by Mr. Handley, and as the clearance of the prickly-pear and cleansing of the ground is a duty to which the Government, in common with all other owners of land within Municipal limits, appear to be liable under Section 312 of the Municipal Act, I request that Government will be pleased to issue early orders either in the Revenue or Public Works Department for the abatement of the nuisance.

5. I beg to enclose copy of the Deputy Collector's letter of the 9th November, No. 1,657, for the information of Government; also an extract from the Deputy Collector's letter, dated 28th June 1877, No. 1,040, disallowing compensation for a portion of land taken for the Buckingham canal.

6. I take this opportunity of submitting a copy of a letter, dated 29th October 1878, No. 1,435, addressed to the Executive Engineer, Presidency, requesting him to clear the croton plant and provide latrines for the huts on the Government land near Edward Elliot's road by the side of the Buckingham canal. Up to the present time the Executive Engineer has neither answered the letter nor so far as is known taken any steps towards executing the work specified therein. I have therefore to request that

the Executive Engineer may be authorised by Government to do what is necessary for keeping the hutting ground in a clean state.

7. With reference to Clause 2 of Section 312 of the Municipal Act, I should be glad to know whether the Government would have any objection to the President causing the work necessary for the removal of nuisances from Government land to be executed after due notice to the Collector, the expense of such work being, in the absence of any objection on the ground of ownership, paid by Government.

From A. SUDARSHANA ROW, Acting Deputy Collector of Madras, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, dated Madras, 9th November 1878, No. 1,657.

WITH reference to your letter No. 828, dated 29th July 1878, giving me notice to remove prickly-pear and other noxious vegetation with which Government waste lands adjoining Mr. Handley's compound and the South Indian Railway line are covered, I have the honor to inform you that as the lands are porumboke from which Government derive no revenue, and as they are the site of a large channel between the Cooum river and Spur tank, the clearing of the nuisance complained of rests with the Municipality in the opinion of the Collector of Madras, to whom a reference was made on the subject.

Extract from Deputy Collector's letter, dated 28th June 1877, No. 1,040.

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"6. In respect to land therefore, the Municipality are entitled to compensation for block A only at the market rate, and the Parthasarathyswamy Pagoda Trustees for block C, and no compensation is due for block B which is Government property."

From L. R. BURROWS, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the District Engineer, Presidency, dated Madras, 29th October 1878, No. 1,435.

I HAVE the honor to request that you will be so good as to cause the ground belonging to Government and situated between the Junction canal and Meeran Sahib street and to the north of Edward Elliot's road to be cleared of noxious vegetation, and to erect separate latrines for males and females for the use of the persons who have been allowed to erect huts on the land in question. This requisition is made in accordance with the following Bye-law confirmed by Government and published in *Fort St. George Gazette*, 22nd June 1870, and following dates:—

"Every cart stand and parcherry or block of huts shall be provided by the owner or farmer thereof with latrines for males and females or both as the case may require of such extent and construction as the President shall approve of."

2. The latrines should be of sufficient size and should be set back from Edward Elliot's road. Ordinary walled enclosures with sanded floor will suffice.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for consideration.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

No. 193-A. From Major S. C. CLARKE, R.E., Acting Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated St. Thomas' Mount, 26th February 1879, No. 999.

WITH reference to your No. 548 of the 6th instant, I have the honor to inform you that as the huts have been erected by certain wudders or fishermen within the precincts of the Buckingham canal limits near the Edward Elliot's road on the west side of the canal, and as they were on several occasions summarily removed during the time of my carrying on the canal works, I am of opinion that the Government can, if they choose, insist on the said people removing their huts, or, if that course cannot be pursued, they should be forced to keep their parcherry clean.

2. I do not understand under what existing rule or law this department should be called upon to erect latrines for such people as they do not come under the head of Public Work labor.

3. The noxious vegetation shall be removed by the Buckingham Canal Divisional Officer, who will be communicated with on the subject.

No. 194. ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1879, No. 780 W.

THE Executive Engineer will report whether it is necessary to retain, for canal purposes, the land near Edward Elliot's road, alluded to in paragraph 6 of the letter from the President of the Municipal Commission. If the retention of the land is considered necessary, the huts standing on it should be immediately removed.

2. Great care should be exercised in destroying vegetation on, or immediately behind, the canal banks. It must be borne in mind that vegetation is required for the due protection of the banks from the effects of wash and of wind, and the cutting must therefore not be hasty or ill-considered.

3. The President's letter will be retransferred to the Financial Department for consideration of the question regarding the conservancy of the waste land adjoining Mr. Handley's compound.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secy. to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.
„ Financial Department, with original papers and
Notes by the Members of Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1879} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
THIRD CIRCLE,
&c. &c. &c.

Dated March 14th.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 14th March 1879, No. 780 W.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Major R.E.
Ag Supg Engineer 3rd Circle.

From

The Supg Engr
3rd Circle

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Buckingham Canal limits near the Elliot Road.—

Informing, for the reasons stated, the latrine proposed to be constructed in the —— need not be constructed by this Department, but the noxious vegetation will be removed by the Exe Officer, Buckingham Canal

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 14th March 1879

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