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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., dated 31st May 1888, No. 560 M., Local and Municipal.

ABSTRACT.—Directing the Municipal Council, Bezvada, to carry out the scheme for the improvement of the Bezvada town, as well as any subsequent schemes which may be resolved upon, and sanctioning an advance of Rs. 5,000 from Provincial Funds towards the cost of taking up the land required for the purpose.

G.O., dated 11th December 1888, Mis. No. 2326 L., Local and Municipal.

Read—the following letter from A. T. ARUNDEL, Esq., President, District Board, Kistna, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Masulipatam, 2nd November 1888, No. 189:—

I have the honor to forward herewith, for the approval of Government, a copy of the District Board's resolution sanctioning a loan of Rs. 5,000 to the Bezvada Municipality, to aid the Council in removing the Parcherry lying between the public offices and the railway. This scheme has already been approved by Government in G.O., No. 560, dated the 31st May 1888, and Bezvada occupies so central a position that its sanitary improvement affects the whole district vitally.

2. Section 118 of the Local Board's Act authorizes contributions for similar purposes, but the Municipality merely asks for a loan rendered necessary by its own slender finances. It is expected that the site will so rise in value after removal of the Parcherry that the eventual resale will prevent a loss on the transaction. A considerable net outlay might, however, be very properly incurred on the object, were it necessary. The period of the loan has purposely been left indefinite.

Order—dated 11th December 1888, Mis. No. 2326 L., Local and Municipal.

With his letter read above the President, District Board, Kistna, forwards, for approval, a resolution of the District Board sanctioning a loan of Rs. 5,000 to the Bezvada Municipality for the improvement of the town.

2. The improvement contemplated is the removal to another site of the Parcherry between the public offices and the railway. This scheme was not sanctioned in G.O., 31st May 1888, No. 560 M., as stated by the President in his letter, but merely remitted for the consideration of the Municipal Council. A notification for the acquisition of the land occupied by the present Parcherry was published under G.O., dated 3rd August 1888, No. 845 M., but no formal scheme has yet been submitted, nor has any estimate of the liability which the Municipal Council are undertaking, or any assurance of their capacity to meet it, been laid before Government. In these circumstances His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that the proposal to grant a loan to the Council would be premature even if it were admissible under the Account Code which it is not—*vide* section 5 I (8), Chapter 16 of the Civil Account Code, Volume I. Moreover no proposal or resolution of the Municipal Council in the matter of the proposed loan has been submitted.

3. A complete report showing that the schemes referred to the Council for consideration in G.O., No. 560 M., dated 31st May 1888, have been fully considered; that the authorities concerned have been consulted and are agreed; and that the schemes are financially practicable, must be submitted before definite orders can be passed on the subject of aid to the Municipality from the District Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the President, District Board, Kistna.
" Chairman, Municipal Council, Bezvada,
through the Collector of Kistna.

G.O., dated 21st January 1889, Mis. No. 193 L., Local and Municipal.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 13th December 1888, Mis. No. 7349:—

Read—Draft notification for land required for the improvement of the town of Bezvada, received from the Collector of Kistna, dated 29th November 1888, No. 7157:—

Resolution—dated 13th December 1888, Mis. No. 7349.

Submitted to Government for approval and publication.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. A. SIM,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with notification in original.
Copy to the Collector of Kistna.

Order—dated 21st January 1889, Mis. No. 193 L., Local and Municipal.

The report called for in paragraph 3 of G.O., dated 11th December 1888, No. 2326 L., should be submitted before the Bezvada Municipal Council can be permitted to acquire any further land for the improvement of the town.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Kistna.

Read—also the following papers:—

From the Secretary of the Vijayavada Sabha, dated 4th February 1889.

ABSTRACT.—Praying that the Municipal Council of Bezvada may be asked to defer the resumption of the Buckinghampetta sites pending the final disposal of the memorial premised.

From A. T. ARUNDEL, Esq., Collector of Kistna, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Kondavid, 18th February 1889, Extra No. 104.

I have the honor to forward the report called for by Government in G.O., No. 2326, dated 11th December 1888, on the removal of the Parcherry at Bezvada and improvements connected therewith.

2. The report of the Chairman, Mr. Wynch, is very full and to it I beg leave to refer for all details. The Chairman and Council have been largely guided by my advice in the arrangements, and the new sites have been selected and laid out after

many repeated and careful personal inspections. The same may be said of the alterations in and about the neighbourhood of the old Parcherry. A reference to the plans that accompany the report will show the outlines and many of the details of the schemes.

3. I much regret that the desire of Government to have a prior report specially on financial aspect of the project was misapprehended, and that the notification of the Parcherry and neighbourhood under the Land Acquisition Act was acted upon before the report was sent in. As explained by the Chairman, the migration of the chucklers and pariahs was an undertaking very difficult to effect. The Government order above quoted was received while the migration was actively in progress, and to have arrested it then, would have thrown everything into confusion and would have indefinitely delayed, if it did not entirely prevent, the accomplishment of the scheme. I trust therefore that Government will be pleased to endorse my action in advising the Council that in the very special circumstances of the case, Government would approve of the immediate completion of the migration.

4. A very notable improvement has now been effected. An indescribably filthy slum has been cleared away, and the inhabitants of it have all been located in an excellent position away from the rest of the town on the sloping base of a hill where broad streets have been laid out for them and where there is ample room for almost indefinite extension. Ample space is also provided for Muhammadans and caste Hindus.

5. The new sites have been entered upon with the permission of the original owners of the land, but it is nevertheless desirable, in order to prevent any possible complications, to notify these lands under the Land Acquisition Act—*vide* G.O., No. 193 L., dated 21st January 1889.

6. The actual removal of the Parcherry was not an expensive process—*vide* financial Statement A. Rs. 1,799 were paid in compensation for huts removed. Other items, including a sum of Rs. 500 as the price of the new sites, brings up the total to Rs. 3,082. It is proposed in the Revenue department to assign waste lands in lieu of the new sites taken up as desired by the owners, so that the Rs. 500 is not likely to be spent.

7. In addition to the removal of the Parcherry, two of the proposed roads for the improvement of the neighbourhood have also been carried through, raising the total outlay to Rs. 6,403, of which Rs. 5,903 has been actually expended. This has been met by a grant of Rs. 5,000 from the District Board, which was converted from a loan to a grant in view of the technical objections to a loan pointed out in G.O., No. 2326, dated 11th December 1888. The money has been made available as the Council have not paid the share of municipal tolls due to the District Board. Receipts amounting to nearly Rs. 500 from sale, to Pariahs, of extra sites reduce the charge on purely municipal income to about Rs. 400.

8. Unfortunately the old site will be unfit for building purposes for nearly a year, by which time it will have been brought into a sanitary condition. Mr. Wynch has estimated its value when laid out in proper building sites at 12 annas per square yard. This estimate is very moderate, and I am confident that the land will be sold at a much higher figure, amply recouping the expenditure already incurred.

9. Mr. Wynch's financial Statement B, as explained in paragraphs 13 *et seq.* of his report, indicates the extensive work that remains to be done. On my first inspection of the locality, I found the line marked "present lane" in sketch Y to be nearly as bad as the Parcherry itself though occupied by other castes. The new south road has been driven through the mass of huts, but much remains to be done on both sides of the new road and of the lane.

10. To meet financial exigencies, the further improvements have been divided into five sections, A to E. These can be carried out one after the other with little difficulty, as there need be no delay in reselling at once blocks which are taken up, cleared where necessary, and properly laid out. Section B may properly be taken up first, as the Nizam's Railway Company desires to acquire a triangle of land which

renders necessary the realignment of the road. Section A can be taken in two pieces, north and south. Section C would follow. The enhanced value of the land is entirely due to the improvements effected by the Municipality.

11. The money necessary to begin the further improvements will be realized early in March by the sale of surplus building sites in Buckinghampet. Rs. 5,000 may perhaps be realized—the forecast is uncertain—but a much smaller sum will suffice to begin section B as the Railway Company will pay down the cost of the land they take up.

12. As explained by Mr. Wynch in paragraphs 16 and 17 of his letter, it is necessary to carry out the schemes in the way indicated in order to provide funds for metalling and draining all the new roads and streets. The Municipality is poor and quite unable to undertake such extensive new duties out of ordinary revenue. Bezvada is a town which is certain to develop and rapidly increase into a large and populous city, and I feel strongly that, if the opportunities that now offer for improvements on a considerable scale are allowed to slip, the condition of the place, both in sanitation and in facilities for trade and traffic, will suffer in a way that cannot afterwards be remedied. If the Government are pleased to approve the schemes now put before them, I will take care to watch the progress of each portion and to continue to advise the Municipal Council when necessary, so that the financial as well as the material success of the whole project may be assured.

ENCLOSURE.

From L. M. WYNCH, Esq., Chairman, Municipal Council, Bezvada, to the Collector of Kistna, dated Bezvada, 13th February 1889, Extra No. 1-A.

I have the honor to submit the report called for in paragraph 3 of G.O., Mis. No. 2326 L., dated 11th December 1888, regarding the removal of the old Parcherry in Bezvada and the improvement of that insanitary spot and its surroundings.

2. In G.O., No. 560 M., dated 31st May 1888, the two schemes—(1) the removal of the Pariah quarter, (2) the acquisition of the triangular plot of land between the Ryves and Ellore canals—were remitted to the Municipal Council for consideration, and the following resolution was passed on 30th June 1888:—

“Resolved to abandon for the present the proposal to take up the land between the Ryves and Ellore canals. With reference to paragraph 4, it is resolved to take up demarcation Nos. 195-196 and 202-6, the lands at present occupied by the Pariahs, and also demarcation Nos. 162-9, 170-181, the lands to which it is proposed to transfer them. To meet the cost of doing this, the Council resolve to ask the District Board for a loan of Rs. 5,000.”

A notification for the acquisition of the lands occupied by the present Parcherry and Taramiyapett was published under G.O., 3rd August 1888, No. 845 M., and a draft notification* was submitted for the acquisition of demarcation Nos. 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 111, 109, 108, 107 and 106 (vide sketch Z), as well as the lands in lien of that first selected between the railway and Ellore canal, after consideration of the possibility of railway extension to the Goda-vari, and also the superior advantages of the new locality in point of drainage and nearness to the town. In their resolution No. 4, of 22nd December 1888, the Council approved a draft scheme for the removal of the Parcherry, &c. This was, however, incomplete in some details, and the complete scheme has since been approved in resolution No. 1, of 26th January, copy of which is appended.

3. In accordance with the above resolutions the most difficult part of the undertaking, viz., the evacuation of the old sites by the Pariahs has just been successfully achieved; the owners of the lands chosen for the new Parcheries have consented to dispose of them. I trust therefore that Government will approve the action which has been taken and publish the draft notification already submitted. The objection pointed out to the grant of a loan to the Municipality from Local Funds has been met by a resolution of the District Board making an unconditional grant of Rs. 5,000, leaving it to the Council to make a similar grant in return if and when funds permit.

4. There was, as you are aware, the greatest difficulty in inducing the double colony of Chucklers and Pariahs to quit their old quarters and migrate to any locality, however desirable. The necessary alteration of the municipal boundary has been made so as to include the new Parcherry, and a revised notification will be submitted shortly. The site finally selected lies

north of Colonel Orr's hill and between the railway and the forest reserve hill. It slopes gently down from the hill and the lower part can easily be drained. The land is of comparatively small value and of use only for cultivation. The compensation paid to the owners of adjoining lands taken up for the railway was Rs. 25 for seri, or patta, land and Rs. 50 for inam land. Most, if not all, the owners desire to have waste land in the delta or lankas given in exchange. This arrangement, I understand from you, can be effected, and I have therefore entered, in the financial statements appended, only Rs. 500 as compensation for the total area of acres 22.51 taken up, and this amount even may not be required.

5. After much trouble and persuasion the first move was made by the Chucklers, who set out with a great noise of tom-toms at midnight, some carrying bamboos to the top of which bundles of the thatch off their old houses were tied, others bearing torches; while the Pariahs, who still hesitated to move, looked sullenly on. This occurred in December and the migration was actively carried on before the receipt of the Government order under reference. To have arrested the movement would have meant the permanent failure of the scheme; on your personal advice the transfer was therefore pushed on and it is now all but completed. Almost every vestige of the Chuckler village has disappeared, for not only have thatch and roof poles been removed, but even the mud walls have been carted away piecemeal to the new sites to be used again. The Pariahs are now actively engaged in effecting a similar clearance, and in a few days nothing will be left of their old quarters. They have stopped all their regular work and handy hire has temporarily risen 50 per cent.

6. In all 81 huts crowded together on 2.83 acres have been or are being removed. The compensation for land and huts consisted of Rs. 1,799 in cash and a new site for each hut owner. The area thus assigned free amounts to 3.89 acres. The smallest plot is 2½ cents, and the area assigned to each man was largely in excess of the plot he vacated. Those who desired additional space have been allowed to purchase it, and Rs. 410 have been paid for 1.37 acres. The advantages of the new locality have dawned upon Pariahs dwelling in other parts of the town and several applications have already been received in which one anna per square yard is offered for land. Some allotments have been made and about Rs. 100 are due on this account, while a further sum may be confidently expected. Overcrowded portions of the old town are thus being benefited also by the scheme. Broad streets, 30 feet wide, run through the new settlement with intermediate lanes for sanitary purposes. There is one good well on the spot, the Chucklers are digging a second, and the Pariahs have been shown a site at their own request for digging a third. An isolated block has been reserved for Muhammadans and caste Hindus ousted by the road extensions beyond the old Parcherry. Accommodation will also be given to a number of basket-making Yerukalas who desire to settle down to regular life and occupation.

7. The accompanying sketches Z and Y will show the new settlement and also the improvements completed and proposed in the old.

8. To show the financial aspects of the scheme, I enclose two Statements A and B, the first showing the results of what has been done and the second the different steps that remain to be taken.

9. From Statement A it will be seen that the money compensation paid to Pariahs and Chucklers (see paragraph 6) amounted to Rs. 1,799. The rates both for land and dwellings were settled by the Tahsildar. One non-Pariah intruder who had bought up 23 cents as a speculation had to be bought out at a high figure. The cost of the new site will be trifling if waste lands can be assigned in exchange as proposed.

10. A reference to sketch Y as well as to Statement A will show that two important new roads have been opened out, the one to the north and the other to the south of the old Parcherry. Near as these places were to this unpleasant and insanitary quarter, compensation had to be paid at the high rate of 8 annas and in one case of 10 annas per square yard. The total expenditure incurred and due for the whole work amounts to Rs. 6,403.

11. Receipts.—The District Board have granted Rs. 5,000 (*supra* paragraph 3). The sale of extra sites in the new Parcherry will realise at once Rs. 500. The evacuated sites must be exposed to weather and ploughed and cropped during the rains before they will be sufficiently purified to be sold and built over. When sold they will certainly realise 12 annas a square yard and probably more, for the position is almost the best in Bezvada. Deducting 40 cents for roads, the receipts will not be less than Rs. 8,712, which may be realised shortly before the close of 1889-90.

12. Meanwhile with the help of the District Board's grant of Rs. 5,000 and the sale-price of new sites, the Council will not have to meet more than Rs. 903 out of current income, and this there is no difficulty in doing as explained below paragraph 18.

13. The general scheme of improvements in and around the Parcherry is, however, far from being complete. A glance at sketch Y will show that the new central road through and beyond the Parcherry has to be opened out, while a number of huts must be removed, a few from the side of the north new road and a large number from alongside the central and south new roads in the north new road and a large number from alongside the central and south new roads in the Taramiyapett. These removals are necessary to complete the sanitary improvement of the

locality. The old road to the station has to take a new alignment to allow of a small extension to the Railway Terminus yard and several cross roads are required to connect and keep permanently accessible the backyards between north, central and south new roads.

14. To carry out the whole of this scheme at once would require an available capital of about Rs. 30,000 as shown in Statement B. This is beyond the power of the Council and could only be done with temporary aid from Government. It is, however, necessary to act promptly as the improvements already effected are rapidly increasing the value of property, and although compensation value must be fixed with reference to the value at the date of notification under the Land Acquisition Act, the actual acquisition will, if delayed, become a troublesome and possibly contested process.

15. In the absence of any temporary help from Government, the Council propose to take up the improvements piecemeal as indicated in Statement B. Much of the land skirting the new north road, the new alignment of the station road, the east end of the central road, and portions of the new south road can be resold at once on a value enhanced above compensation rates by what the Municipality has already done. In the statement this value has been estimated at annas 12 per square yard, but it is probable that a larger amount will be actually realised as many merchants are anxious to obtain sites near the railway for building godowns and warehouses.

16. It will be observed that nothing has been provided in either statement for metalling or building culverts for the new roads either of this quarter or of the new Parcherry, and yet funds for this most necessary work must be provided or the tracks will alternate from dust-heaps to mud sloughs according to the weather.

17. It becomes necessary therefore to carry out the acquisition and resale of the bulk of the lands indicated in Statement B, as speedily as financial necessities will permit. Some portions may on closer examination be omitted. The surplus eventually realised will be available for the permanent improvement of the roads and drains newly laid out.

18. In the revised budget for the current year, Rs. 5,000 have been credited as the probable amount of receipts from sale of lands in Buckinghampet. This is based on an estimate of 1½ annas per square yard which is very moderate, considering that private transfer of land already sold, but not yet built over, have been effected at 3 to 6 annas a square yard. A similar amount has been debited as expenditure on improving the pattah. There is no immediate necessity for this outlay, and in view of the importance of carrying out the improvements just detailed, the Council desire to make use of the above-named sum for the purpose. The date of sale has been fixed for March 5th. The amount will be speedily recovered by the resale of land suitable for immediate occupation.

19. Under the circumstances explained in the foregoing report, I trust that Government will be pleased to approve the past and proposed action of the Council.

From A. T. ARUNDEL, Esq., President, District Board, Kistna, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Camp Kondavid, 22nd February 1889, No. 272.

With reference to G.O., No. 2326 L., dated 11th December 1888, I have the honor to state that the complete report called for in paragraph 3 of Government order under reply has been submitted with Collector's extra No. 104, dated 18th February 1889, and to request that, in the circumstances therein explained, Government will be pleased to sanction the grant of Rs. 5,000 to the Bezvada Municipality, as per District Board's resolution No. 10, dated 12th January 1889, copy of which is enclosed.

Telegram from the Collector of Kistna, dated Masulipatam, 7th March 1889.

ABSTRACT.—Reporting with reference to paragraph 11 of his letter No. 104, dated 18th February last, that the sales of the Buckinghampet sites realized over 10,000 rupees.

From the Collector of Kistna, dated 7th March 1889.

ORDER—dated 3rd April 1889, No. 380 M., Local and Municipal.

In the circumstances now reported, the Council's proposals for the improvement of the town of Bezvada are approved. As the Government are assured of the capacity

of the Municipal Council to carry out their several plans for the improvement of the town, and as these are also calculated to benefit the inhabitants of the area under the District Board, the proposed contribution of Rs. 5,000 from Local to Municipal funds is sanctioned; and the usual notification for the acquisition of the land referred to in G.O., dated 21st January 1889, No. 193 L., will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. The Government cordially approve of the Collector's action in this matter and request him to call upon the Municipal Council to prepare and submit a supplemental budget for carrying out the proposed improvements in 1889-90. On due cause being shown, the Government will be prepared to aid the Municipality by a grant from Provincial Funds.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Kistna.
 " Chairman, Municipal Council, Bezvada,
 " through the Collector of Kistna.
 " President, District Board, Kistna.
 " Accountant-General.
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