

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Relative DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>1255.</i>	Press Mis. —
Dated	<i>7-12-</i>	<i>1965</i>

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
7th December 1865.

No. 17. Read the following letter from the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated 6th November 1865, No. 340.

The Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras having communicated, in their letter, dated 1st November, herewith forwarded, that they would not, for the

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future, pay for the expenses of the Mortuary Establishment, hitherto borne by them, amounting to Rupees 74, marginally shown, as no provision is made in the

New Municipal Act for its continuance, I have the honor to solicit the early orders of Government on the subject.

From the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 1st November 1865.

We have the honor to forward, per bearer, the sum of Rupees seventy-four (74), being the pay of the Mortuary Establishment in arrears for last month, the acquittance Roll for which we request may be sent to us, for record, after payment has been made.

2. We beg to bring to your notice that no provision is made in the New Municipal Act for the continuance of the Mortuary Establishment ; consequently, this will be the last payment by the municipality.

No. 18. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1865, No. 1255.

Under the circumstances brought to notice in the foregoing letter, the cost of the establishment hitherto maintained by the Municipal Commissioners to enable them to register the deaths occurring within the limits of the municipality must, for the present, be maintained by Government. The charge, amounting to Rupees 74 per mensem, will therefore be passed by the Examiner of Claims from the 1st November 1865, until further orders. The Governor in Council, however, is of opinion that the duty of collecting the information which has hitherto been tabulated in the office of the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, is one which may be properly performed by the Town Police. The Acting Commissioner will report on this point.

2. The charge now sanctioned will be treated as a strictly temporary one.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

„ Commissioner of Police.
„ Municipal Commissioners.
„ Examiner of Claims.
„ Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Memorandum for Orders.

Letter from the Principal Inspector General Med Dept. dtd 6th Nov/65.

By Section III of the late Municipal Act (No. XIV of 1856) the Commis- sioners were required to register all deaths occurring within the limits of the Municipality of Madras. The original draft of the Act lately passed made provision (Section 52 & seq) for the registration by the Commis- sioners both of births and deaths, but during the passage of the Bill through the Council these Sections were struck out and the Act now contains no provision for the registration either of births or deaths. The Municipal Com- missioners accordingly intimated to the Principal Inspector Genl of the Medical Department that they do not intend any longer to pay the salaries of the Mortuary Establishment hitherto maintained

If the returns are not to be collected neither of the establishment would seem to be required. It would be more however I think were the Govt to take up the question of registration. The facts brought to light by it would be very useful in

The registration cannot be given up. For the present I would do as suggested in the concluding para of this memo & do

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by them to enable them to perform the duty required by Section III of the Lake Act and the Principal Inspector General enquires how the charge amounting to Rs. 74 per mensem is to be met.

Some correspondence is put up, from which it will be seen that an establishment for tabulating the returns collected by the establishment hitherto employed under the Municipal Commissioners is attached to the Principal Inspector General's office at a cost of Rs. 95 per mensem, which latter establishment the Govt. of India some time ago proposed to abolish. In my letter of the 24th December 1863 the proposal was objected to and nothing further has been heard on the subject from the Supreme Government.

I suppose that for the present the two establishments must be paid by Government, but Mr. Cole might perhaps be asked to consider the possibility

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nothing of the cause of death, or their approximate number; but to attempt a tabulation of the present faculty & wholly unimportant system is to my mind, more to perpetuate error. No one, I apprehend, besides Mr. Cole, corrects of the mortuary statements. They are their interest in the local paper and for my own part, after a residence of many years off from at the Presidency town, I have & do not regard them, as the present book.

The Sub Govt. say that the cost of burning mortuary is a municipal affair. The special post in the Madras Municipal Bill now law, though elsewhere, and the act makes no provision for saddling the Municipality with the expense of paying the mortuary. Therefore, if any thing is to be done, it must be at the cost of Govt. I quite agree with Mr. Fyfe that the representation so called, mis-called rather, must be abandoned; but instead of cutting down Mr. Cole's tabulating writer, I would relieve him of the whole establishment, and call on the Comr. of Police to consolidate the work at the Comr.'s house. Being to consolidate the work at the Comr.'s house, being paying 74 Rs. with a good, proper, sufficient establishment who will be able to secure safe reliable information & put it into form with such particulars only as may be positively needed. Mr. Cole has attempted too much, to say nothing of not having the services of a medical officer to bother himself with the innumerable details that however (unaccountably & slowly) he seems to have been at the Police House. W.D. 1863 -

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Commission of Police may be called on
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through his own establishment
the particulars of deaths. But
I consider that the results must
be tabulated by or in connection
with the Med^l Dept Jp

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following
letter from the Prinl. Insp.
General, Medical Department.

Here enters 6th Nov 1865 No. 340.

Order thereon 7th December 1865 No. 1255.

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Dated 7th Dec 1866