

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	711	Press Mis.
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No. 193. Read the following letter from J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 17th May 1867, No. 53.

I have the honor to request I may be informed whether I am right in supposing that the specific sums sanctioned in the several Notifications of Government as the 25 per cent. Government contribution to Municipalities, under Section 27 of the Towns' Improvement Act, are simply the maximum amounts payable without further sanction, the actual payments being based upon the actual collections of the Municipalities, and fresh sanction being obtained whenever the collections are found to exceed the estimate. The Cochin Municipality considers that one-twelfth of the sanctioned amount should be paid monthly, as the monthly collections are necessarily very varied; but if, as I believe, the claim of the Municipalities for the whole year is limited to 25 per cent. of their actual collections, it will be more convenient to regulate even the monthly payments of the actual collections, as the Municipalities are not likely to be short of funds after the first year.

2. I may here observe that, owing to the late date at which the Act was introduced, and the time necessarily occupied in the first assessment of the taxes, very little progress was made in the collections, so that the amounts due to the Municipalities on account of last year are inconsiderable, whilst the contribution for the current year has to be calculated upon the estimated current as well as the large arrear collections. This will be attended to in the estimates which will be shortly submitted.

No. 194. ORDER THEREON 19th June 1867, No. 711.

The Governor in Council is clearly of opinion that, as suggested by the Acting Collector of Malabar, the sums specified in the several Notifications as the Government contribution to be paid at the rate of 25 per cent. on the total amount to be raised and expended for the purposes of the Towns' Improvement Act, are the maximum amounts payable. The Government does not undertake to contribute more than a sum equal to 25 per cent. of the money actually collected and expended by the Municipality.

2. The labor which would devolve both on the municipal establishment and on the Government servants entrusted with the payment of money to Municipalities would be so great, if payments were made every month, in proportion to the sums actually collected and expended by the Commissioners, that the Governor in Council does not consider it feasible to adopt in its entirety the suggestion made by Mr. Hannyngton.

3. It is evident, however, that some precise rule is required in order to ensure uniformity of practice, and to protect the interests of Government in the matter. The Collectors of the several Districts will, therefore, report what has been the practice hitherto prevailing as regards the payments made from their Treasuries to the Municipal Commissioners; in what proportion, and at what periods, such payments have been made; and what proof has been demanded of the collection by the Commissioners of a sum equal to three-fourths of that applied for.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.
" Collector of
" Accountant General.
" Inspector General of Police.
Ed. J. H. Burns.

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Malabar Collector's Office. 3X
Calicut 17 May 1867.

From

J. C. Hannington Esq.

Acting Collector of Malabar

To

The Honble A. J. Arbuthnot

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to request I may be informed whether I am right in supposing that the specific sums sanctioned in the several notifications of Government as the 25 per cent Government contribution to Municipalities under Section 27 of the Towns Improvement Act are simply the maximum amounts payable without further sanction, the actual payments being based upon the actual collections of the Municipalities and fresh sanction being obtained whenever the collections are found to exceed the estimate. The Cochin Municipality considers that one twelfth of the sanctioned amount should be paid monthly as the monthly collections are necessarily very varied; but if as I believe the claim of the Municipalities for the whole year is limited to 25 per cent of their actual collections, it will be more convenient to regulate even the monthly payments of the actual collections as the Municipalities are not likely

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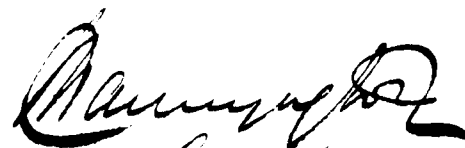
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This will be attended to in the estimates which will be shortly submitted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant,


acting Collector.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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from the collector of Malabar
Here enter 17th May 1867 No 53

Order 19 June 1867 No 711.

The Governor in Council is clearly of opinion that, as suggested by the Acting Collector of Malabar, the sums specified in the several Notifications, as the Government contribution to be paid at the rate of 25 per cent on the total amount to be raised and expended for the purposes of the Revenue Improvement Act, are the maximum amounts payable, the Govt does not undertake to contribute more than a sum equal to 25 per cent

W. V. W.

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From
The Collector
of Malabar

The Chief Secretary
to Government

Dated 17 May 1867
No 53

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Collectors

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G. G.

To the Collector of Malabar }
Collectors of all Districts } desps 22/6
Accountant Genl }
Insp Genl of Police } desps 21/6

186-2. Department.

No. 711

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated, 14 June 1867.

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