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5th July 1867.*

No. 57. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Peapully, 31st May 1867, No. 78.

Being doubtful whether Government buildings, such as Cutcheries, Court-houses, Jails, &c., are liable to be taxed in Municipalities, under Madras Act X of 1865, and not finding any Government Order on the subject in the records of my office, I have the honor to request you will inform me what course to pursue, and, if an order has been passed on the subject, to oblige me by sending me a copy of it.

No. 58. ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1867, No. 788.

The Governor in Council is of opinion that all occupied lands and buildings, the property of Government, are liable to the rates imposed, under Act X of 1865 (Madras), by the Commissioners of Municipalities in which such lands are situate.
(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission of
,, Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

No 78

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Kumool Municipal Commission
Office on Circuit Pyapally
31st May 1867.

From

J. A. McLean Esq.

President of the Municipal
Commission Kumool

To

The Honorable H. J. Arbuthnot

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George

Sir

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I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant,

W. A. McLean

President.

J. A. McLean
and Clerk

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Order thereon 5 July 1867 N^o 788.

For the President of the Municipal Commission
Kurnool

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* Except on Houses Buildings
and lands situate in
Fort St George.
see sec. 50 Act IX. of 1865.

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- The question raised by Mr. Chas is an important one, and requires to be definitely settled.
2. In Madras the Govt. pays rates to the Municipal Commission on all occupied lands, and on all buildings the property of Government. The Govt. have moreover in the Pres. of the 17th Sep^r 1866 N^o. 939. approved the suggestion made by Mr. Robinson that the rates on lands in the occupation of Sepoys should be paid by Government, "treating them as public buildings or Barracks".
3. In their order of the 10th April 1867 N^o. 829 it is stated that "Govt. must of course accept the responsibilities of owners of waste land and kept at their own disposal within Municipal limits, & that they look to the Collectors &c. &c. &c. When notice whatever is necessary to be done on their behalf in order to fulfil the requirements of the Act" and that "in such matters the Govt. should set the example of ready acquiescence as indicating respect for the law".

If this is so there will be a heavy additional charge on the State, which already contributes 25 per cent on the sum raised - they will in fact pay 25 per cent. on the sum actually paid by the poor houses & hospitals, in addition to the 25 per cent they now pay.

If the Govt. pay the rates the sum so paid should, I think, be deducted in estimating the total amount to be raised if the Commissioners on which the Govt. is to contribute 25. per cent —

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Payment of Government
of rates on buildings
and land, the property
of Government, in Municipal
Corporations

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Letter of Appointment
to the office of
Recorder of Deeds

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