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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Police DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

1318

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
18th September 1869.*

No. 127. Read the following letter from the President of the Cochin Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Calicut, 27th August 1869, No. 25.

I have the honour to submit a letter from the Vice-President of the Cochin Municipality, together with the Minutes of the Municipal Commissioners.

2. The Commissioners propose erecting a public market in the town of Cochin near the Roman-Catholic Church, and request me to lay the following propositions before Government for their approval and sanction :—

1st.—That a piece of waste land, measuring 350 feet square, may be given to the Municipality free of tax for ever.

2nd.—That a loan of Rupees 5500 may be given to the Municipality by Government to be repaid by instalments within four or five years, subject to such rates of interest as may be determined by Government.

3rd.—That if Government are not disposed to lend the money to the Municipality, the Commissioners may be permitted to raise the same in the market at such rates of interest as may be agreed on under Section 77, &c., of the Towns Improvement Act.

3. The requests of the Commissioners seem just and reasonable, and I recommend them for the approval of Government.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 18th September 1869, No. 1318.

His Excellency the Governor in Council approves of the proposal of the Municipal Commissioners for the town of Cochin to raise a loan for the erection of a market, and will be prepared to sanction the grant of the waste ground applied for.

2. Final orders cannot, however, be passed regarding the loan required by the Municipal Commissioners until a reply is received from the Government of India to the reference made to them on the subject of loans to Municipalities.

(True Extract).

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Cochin Municipal Commission,

Exd. J. Wright,

No 42.

Municipal Office
Cochin July 28, 1869

E. C. I. Thomas, Esq.

President

Cochin Municipality

Calicut

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the minutes of the Commissioners on the question of a Public Market for this Town. The desirability of such a project will no doubt commend itself to you if only on hygienic considerations.

2. During a very large portion of the year there is a considerable European floating population, and a good market for all articles of consumption would be especially valuable to this class of the Community, independently of its undoubted utility to the great body of the residents.

3. To give effect to the scheme I solicit the favor of your securing for the Municipality a piece of unoccupied land from Government 500 feet square in perpetuity, free of tax, for this object. The site at the back of the Catholic Church, indicated in the minutes, will probably be the most desirable.

4. I further beg you will be pleased

BOOK No 118601

PUBLIC.

THE PRINCIPAL OF THE COCHIN
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.

Dated September, 1869.

Recd.

G. O., 18th September 1869, No. 1218.

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Approving of the proposal of the Commissioners to raise a loan for the erection of a market, and granting the grant of the waste ground applied for.

to obtain a loan of Rupees of 500,000
from Government at such rate of
interest as may be determined, sub-
ject to the condition of the same being liqui-
dated in four or five years, or sanction
to borrow the amount under the pro-
visions of section 94 of the Act.

I have the honor to be

Sir,
and most obedt Servt

Isaac Mafestor
Vice President,
Municipal Commission

Municipal Office,
Cochin July 26. 1869.

Minute by the Vice President.

The necessity of a Public Market
at Cochin on a scale equal to the
requirements of the community has
been long felt. At present there are
no means of exercising an effective
supervision over the quality of the articles
of consumption that are offered to the
Public and there is too much reason to
fear that much that is unsuitable
particularly meat of questionable quality
is exposed for sale in private stalls.

During the appearance of murrain in
this neighbourhood in a most serious
form, sometime back causing great
mortality among the cattle, the car-
casses of dead animals were palmed
off upon the community by unprin-
cipated vendors. The only check against
such practices is the establishment of
a well regulated public market where
every article of food of daily consump-
tion will be subject under surveillance
and control.

It is proposed that there are two sites available

for this object, one in the vicinity of the tower and the other at the back of the Roman Catholic Church. The former has the advantage of being near the river and as a well built drain the market could be flushed daily and maintained in a state of cleanliness. The other though not possessing this advantage is in a central and convenient situation.

Cost - The cost will I presume be about 6 to 7 thousand pounds, for a market containing about fifty stalls. At the interest on the loan required at 6 per cent it would amount to 420 per annum. The staff required to enforce order and proper discipline will involve an outlay of about 2000 pounds or 1000 per annum. I anticipate that the rental of the stalls will more than cover the interest and the cost of the establishment.

Loan - The amount that will actually have to be borrowed will be as is between five and six thousand pounds, as on a careful revision of the principal expenditure of the coming year about 1500 pounds could be provided from the funds towards the market.

Liquidation - The debt may be

gradually liquidated in four or five years without collecting other revenue from the Municipality. I should be I am not aware ^{that} the Government will directly assist the Municipality with funds for this object, but in the event of their doing so the interest may be speeded not exceed 5 per cent. I shall write to recommend an application to Government in the first instance, and in the event of their compliance I do not anticipate any difficulty in raising the necessary amount in liquidation of the debt legally authorized to borrow will upon the security of the taxes of the town.

I record this minute with the conviction that the market will be generally regarded as a desideratum and I solicit the opinions and suggestions of the members with a view to their eventual submission to the President and the Government.

Signed / John Castro
Treasurer

Market ~~will be~~ ^{is} ~~no~~ doubt there would be great opposition, and I think with good cause from the

habitation of houses near the canal of water
should be a market near the bridge of
the river it would be objectionable
and there is a good well for drain-
age into the canal or backwater near it.
We can ask the Government in the first
instance they can only refuse us the
loan. I am inclined to think the
market would pay even better than the
Nee President anticipates.

Signed / Leo. Sturton,
Commissioner

I am of opinion that the site near
the canal is objectionable. I will support
the Nee President in this scheme for a
market.

Signed / J. L. L. L.
Commissioner

I quite agree with Mr. Sturton

Signed / R. E. Whitton
Ditto / J. H. R. R. R.
Commissioner

A Public Market is much wanted.
I will support the Nee President's pro-
posal for one on the site at the back
of the Roman Catholic Church.

Signed / J. L. L. L.
Commissioner

True Copy /
W. M. S. S.
Nee President

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
President of the Cochin
Municipal Council.

/Here enter 27 Aug. 1894 No. 25/

Order thereon No. 1318-1894/94.

His Excellency
the Governor in Council
generally approved the
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To,

The Pre-
sident

15th

Oct. of 186 } Edmund.

Public

To
The Pres^t. & Cong^{re}.
Wash. D. C.

Dated Sept. 18. }
Recd. 1869 No. 1312.

Nos. 12 & 128.

Appropriation of the pro-
ceeds of the Forest
to raise a loan for the
creation of a market,
and providing the
Grant of the waste
Grounds applied for.