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Government of Madras.

Public **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated	<i>21-12-</i>	<i>1869</i>

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
21st December 1869.*

No. 129. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th December 1869, No. 9085.

Read the following letter from the Acting Sub-Collector in charge of the Madras District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 10th November 1869, No. 395 :—

With reference to the late Acting Collector's letter to the Board, No. 331, dated 27th September last, I have the honour to enclose a letter (to be returned) and enclosures from the Acting Sub-Collector to the Collector on the subject of sanitary precautions in the town of Chingleput, and to request early instructions. The matter appears urgent, and, owing to the orders now in force regarding expenditure, I deem it impossible to take action without specific orders and a distinct grant of funds.

2. The reason which induces the Superintendent of the Jail to refuse convict labour is the danger of infection, which he states still exists.

From the Acting Joint Magistrate, to the Acting Magistrate of the Madras District, dated Chingleput, 3rd November 1869, No. 64.

I have the honour to enclose copies of a correspondence in regard to the sanitary condition of Chingleput between myself and the Superintendent of the Jail at that place. When I wrote to the Superintendent I was ignorant that the subject had already been brought to your notice by Mr. Wilkinson, whose attention appears to have been first attracted to it by the Superintendent himself.

2. I have to report that I went over the worst part on Friday, and although (it being about 2 p.m.) the sun had shone on the filth for the greater part of a day, and the stench must, therefore, have been considerably less than what it would be in the morning or during the night, yet the effluvia was most unpleasant. This was caused to a great extent by the shade afforded by the prickly-pear which has overrun the place in question, and the removal of which I sought for this reason, as well as in order to deprive the spot of the comparative privacy which seems to have marked it out as the latrine of that end of the town.

3. It need be no wonder then if cholera invariably selects the huts in this vicinity to begin with.

4. With reference to the suggestion contained in your No. 559 of the 23rd September, I have the honour to state that at present it would be perfectly hopeless to attempt to levy any contribution towards the object proposed from the townspeople, neither does it appear to me that local funds can fairly be indented upon. Chingleput lies on the trunk road to Madras, and the spot described by me is almost within a stone's throw of the fort, the protection of the prisoners confined in which first led the Superintendent of the Jail to propose the adoption of sanitary precautions.

5. For these reasons I have the honour to propose, for your consideration, that Imperial funds be forthcoming to such an amount as may be found necessary.

6. Cholera has already made its appearance here and there all over the Conjeeveram and Chingleput Taluqs. It seems at this moment certainly to be somewhat on the decline, but the work proposed is none the less on that account both necessary and emergent.

From the Acting Joint Magistrate, to the Superintendent of the Jail, Chingleput, dated 29th October 1869, No. 60.

You are doubtless aware that we have already had a touch of cholera in Chingleput, and that there are still a few sporadic cases.

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2. I yesterday inspected that part lying south of the school and the public bungalow. The state of the huts and the ground about them is filthy in the extreme. Towards the south-west of the huts, a large extent of ground is covered with prickly-pear and other noisome brushwood. This forms the latrine of that quarter. I have the honour to express my opinion that all the brushwood should be cleared away without delay, as a beginning to putting the sanitary condition of that part of the town on a better footing.

3. I request you will be good enough to inform me, by return, if possible, whether the convicts, and if so, how many can be placed at my disposal for this purpose.

From the Superintendent of the Jail, to the Acting Joint Magistrate, Madras District, dated Chingleput, 30th October 1869, No. 195.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 60, dated 29th October 1869, received this evening at 5 p.m., and in reply beg to refer you to my letter, No. 37, dated 23rd September 1869, to F. H. Wilkinson, Esq., then Acting Joint Magistrate of Chingleput, in which I stated my grounds for being unable to furnish a working party of prisoners for cleaning the town.

2. As the same reasons apply at the present date, I regret I am unable to comply with your request.

From the same Officer, dated Chingleput, 1st November 1869, No. 197.

In continuation of my letter, No. 195, dated the 30th ultimo, I have the honour to refer to my letter, No. 36, dated 18th September 1869, addressed to Mr. F. H. Wilkinson, which, I believe, you will find in the records of your office.

2. Mr. Wilkinson informed me that he had applied to the Collector for assistance, who replied that there were no funds available, but made a suggestion which appeared feasible, but I suppose was not acted upon as Mr. Wilkinson shortly afterwards left the station.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Acting Sub-Collector states that at present it would be perfectly hopeless to look to any contribution from the townspeople towards the improvement represented to be so urgently needed.

3. The Board are not disposed, on the other hand, to recommend special expenditure for local purposes in the present state of the finances.

4. The purposes for which the money is required are, to some extent, for the health of the convicts in the fort, and ought, the Board think, to be accomplished by convict labour, which is refused, simply on the ground of possible danger of infection.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary.

No. 130. ORDER THEREON, 21st December 1869, No. 1759.

The foregoing Proceedings, which reached the Government Office on the 18th instant, although dated the 11th, refer to the sanitary condition of the town of Chingleput, as reported upwards of six weeks ago. It appears that the Superintendent of the Jail was at that time unwilling, owing to the danger of infection, to provide convict labour for certain sanitary improvements which were proposed. As, in all probability, the circumstances of the case have materially altered in the interval,

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the Acting Sub-Collector should be directed to renew his application to the Jail Superintendent. It is observed that though the matter was stated to be urgent by the Acting Collector, his letter on the subject was detained upwards of a month in the Board's office.

(True Extract.)

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary

To the Board of Revenue.

„ Inspector-General of Jails, with Board's Proceedings, No. 9084.

No. 9,084.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 11th December 1869.

Read the following letter from C. S. CROLE, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector in Charge of the Madras District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 10th November 1869, No. 395:—

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2. The reason which induces the Superintendent of the Jail to refuse convict labour is the danger of infection, which he states still exists.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

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2. I have to report that I went over the worst part on Friday, and although (it being about 2 p. m.) the sun had shone on the filth for the greater part of a day, and the stench must, therefore, have been considerably less than what it would be in the morning or during the night, yet the effluvium was most unpleasant. This was caused to a great extent by the shade afforded by the prickly-pear which has overrun the place in question, and the removal of which I sought for this reason, as well as in order to deprive the spot of the comparative privacy which seems to have marked it out as the latrine of that end of the town.

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4. With reference to the suggestion contained in your No. 559 of the 23rd September, I have the honour to state that at present it would be perfectly hopeless to attempt to levy any contribution towards the object proposed from the Towns-people, neither does it appear to me that Local Funds can fairly be indented upon. Chingleput lies on the Trunk Road to Madras, and the spot described by me is almost within a stone's throw of the Fort, the protection of the prisoners confined in which, first led the Superintendent of the Jail to propose the adoption of sanitary precautions.

5. For these reasons, I have the honour to propose, for your consideration, that Imperial funds be forthcoming to such an amount as may be found necessary.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.]

From C. S. CROLE, Esq., Acting Joint Magistrate, to the Superintendent of the Jail, Chingleput, dated 29th October 1869, No. 60.

You are doubtless aware that we have already had a touch of cholera in Chingleput, and that there are still a few sporadic cases.

Oct. 11 1869

PUBLIC.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Esq., Secy.

Esq.

Dated December 21st.

Recd.

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G. O. 21st December 1869, No. 1739.

RECEIVED
Nos. 100-100.

Passing orders on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue relative to the sanitary condition of the Town of Chingleput.

2. I yesterday inspected that part lying south of the School and the Public Bungalow. The state of the huts and the ground about them is filthy in the extreme. Towards the south-west of the huts, a large extent of ground is covered with prickly-pear and other noisome brushwood. This forms the latrine of that quarter. I have the honour to express my opinion that all the brushwood should be cleared away without delay, as a beginning to putting the sanitary condition of that part of the town on a better footing.

3. I request you will be good enough to inform me, by return, if possible, whether the convicts, and if so, how many can be placed at my disposal for this purpose.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From Surgeon-Major F. L. CLEMENTSON, Superintendent of the Jail, to the Acting Joint Magistrate, Madras District, dated Chingleput, 30th October 1869, No. 195.

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2. As the same reasons apply at the present date, I regret I am unable to comply with your request.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. S. CROLE,
Acting Joint-Magistrate.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

From the same Officer, dated Chingleput, 1st November 1869, No. 197.

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2. Mr. Wilkinson informed me that he had applied to the Collector for assistance, who replied that there were no funds available, but made a suggestion which appeared feasible, but I suppose was not acted upon, as Mr. Wilkinson shortly afterwards left the station.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Acting Sub-Collector states that at present it would be perfectly hopeless to look to any contribution from the Towns-people towards the improvement represented to be so urgently needed.

3. The Board are not disposed on the other hand to recommend special expenditure for local purposes in the present state of the finances.

4. The purposes for which the money is required are to some extent for the health of the convicts in the Fort, and ought, the Board think, to be accomplished by convict labour, which is refused, simply on the ground of possible danger of infection.

(True Copies and Extract.)



Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Acting Collector of the Madras District,

with original letter and enclosures returned.

Exd. G. A. Turon.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter

Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
(Here enter 11 Dec 1869 No 9084)

Order thereon 21 Dec. No. 1759.

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It appears that the Capt.
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BOARD of REVENUE,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 11TH DECEMBER 1869, No. 9,084.

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Recd 21st Dec

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No 2773.

DECEMBER.
No. 9,084.

*Sanitary improvements—proposed to be carried
out in town of Chingleput in Madras District,
—Letter from Acting Sub-Collector in charge
forwarding certain correspondence regarding
and requesting early instructions on subject,
submitted for orders of Government, with re-
marks.*

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To
The Board of Revenue
- " Inspectors Genl of Sibs
with Board's No. 2900

Cont. of 1869 Minutes.

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To

1870.

The House of Assembly.

per.

~~7 No. 105~~

Dated

Dec 21

Recd.

1869 No. 1259

NOS. 129 & 130.

Having order on the
proceedings of the House
of Assembly relative
to the auxiliary committee
of the House of Assembly.