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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
27th January 1870.*

No. 135 Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission for the Town of Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 16th January 1870, G. No. 25.

Adverting to Order of Government, No. 3830, of the 3rd of November 1869, on letter from the Quartermaster-General to the Officiating Secretary to Government, Military Department, 23th October 1869, No. 6431, and communicated to this department on the 11th idem, I have the honour to submit, for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief was yesterday pleased to receive a deputation from the Improvement Committee of the Municipality headed by myself on the subject of the proposed site for the new General Market.

2. His Excellency having attentively listened to our reasons for selection of the site now proposed, and after examination of the ground marked out in the map, was pleased to express his approval of the site with a slight modification which you will observe is endorsed on the address.

3. Under these circumstances I have now to solicit that the Right Honourable the Governor in Council will be pleased to grant to the Municipality an area, viz., four acres on the esplanade known as Petchesappah's for the purpose of building a General Market. I submit, herewith, plan of the esplanade showing where it is proposed to erect the market; but as suggested by His Excellency, with a greater frontage towards Black Town and less depth.

4. I may perhaps be permitted to state that, on the 16th of January 1867, a week after I had assumed office, I brought to the notice of the late Board how essentially necessary it was to have a new General Market, and have never ceased to urge the subject since.

5. Want of funds and the difficulty of procuring a site proved, however, too strong obstacles, now, however, that the Commissioners have determined to borrow a lac to build a market, the chief point is gained, and I trust the other soon may be, and that I may have the satisfaction this year of seeing the Right Honourable the Governor laying the first stone of the new General Market, thus adding another to the many handsome structures he will have been the means of leaving as enduring monuments of his Governorship.

From the President of the Municipal Commission and the Chairman and Members of the Improvement Committee, to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, dated Madras, 17th January 1870

We, the President of the Municipal Commission, and the Chairman and Members of the Improvement Committee of Madras, have solicited this interview with your Excellency in order to obtain your sanction to the erection of the proposed General Market, on that portion of Petchesappah's Esplanade shown in the plan now before you, and we have to tender our best thanks to your Excellency for having so readily granted us an audience.

2. We would commence by stating that we most fully recognise the disadvantages of building on the esplanade, but inasmuch as the Ordnance Lines have already been constructed on the esplanade we have chosen for the market, that no portion of the latter will be closer to the Fort than the current building in the former, and that the esplanade has cover, so far as we know, been required for manœuvring troops, we earnestly trust your Excellency will favourably consider our proposal.

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1. Your Excellency will observe that we do not intend that the new market shall approach within 100 feet of the existing Ordinance buildings, so that it cannot in any manner interfere with their ventilation.

2. We regret our inability to lay before you a plan of the intended structure, as it must largely depend upon the site finally chosen for it, but we can assure your Excellency that it will combine the ornamental with the useful, and be, we trust, a welcome addition to the architecture of the city, and the beauty selected.

3. We must now explain why we have proposed this site.

4. We need scarcely remind your Excellency that for a building of the kind, a central position is the first essential; with a view to insure this all-important point, the Government Enplanade was previously asked for, but your Excellency considered its retention necessary for sanitary purposes. Fully accepting your decision on that subject, we have accordingly endeavored to choose a suitable position in any other quarter, rather than on the enplanade, but have utterly failed. We take this opportunity of mentioning that the construction of a new market has been in abeyance for some years, owing almost entirely to the difficulty of securing a proper site.

5. In consideration, therefore, of the very great harm it would be to the community to obtain a position so well-adapted for the market as the spot alluded to, we confidently hope your Excellency will be pleased to waive whatever objection you may entertain to further encroachment on the enplanade, and that you will not refuse sanction to the grant by Government of the small portion of it we require for the purpose indicated.

Now approved of, but suggested that the market should have a more extended frontage to Black Town, but accepting the same essential area as stated in the plan, viz. four acres.

Witness,
17th January 1870. (Signed) W. A. McCLEVERTY, Lieut.-Col.,
Commander-in-Chief

No. 134. Order in Council, 27th January 1870, No. 111.

As it appears that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief has expressed his approval of the site, on the enplanade known as Puthappah's, which has been selected by the Municipal Commissioners for the proposed General Market, the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the grant to the Municipal Commissioners of a portion of that enplanade not exceeding four acres in area, for the purpose in question.

2. When, on the completion of the plans, the exact site is determined, the approval of Government should be obtained before work is commenced.

3. The suggestion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief that the frontage of the market towards Black Town should be more extended and its depth less than is apparently proposed by the Improvement Committee, will be borne in mind by the Commissioners.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary

To the President of the Municipal Commission for the Town of Madras

Military Department.

Collector of the Madras District.

Edw. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

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to the
Government of Madras
dated 18/12/1901

Order to the Resident, Bangalore

As it appears
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