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Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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22nd April 1870.

No. 147. Read the following letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Vellore, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Penmari, 24th February 1870, No. 12.

I have the honour, with reference to paragraph 6 of the Order of Government, dated 15th December 1869, No. 1719, Public Department, to subjoin an Extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Vellore, dated 4th January 1870, in answer to the requisition for further information therein conveyed :—

Extract.

* * *
“ Read Government Order, dated 15th December 1869, No. 1719, stating for
“ the first time, Government learn the market place is to cost Rupees 22,000, and
“ calling for a plan of the proposed market place, and a full statement of the grounds
“ on which the accommodation required was estimated ; also how far Commissioners
“ are committed to the design adopted, and whether the cost can be reduced :—

“ *Resolved* —Reference be requested to Government Order, No. 1400, of
“ 11th October 1869, paragraph 2, where sanction is accorded to expenditure of
“ Rupees 24,000 for market place and dust bins agreeably to report for 1868-69,
“ paragraph 15, which sets down Rupees 22,000 for new market place, and Rupees
“ 2000 for dust bins.

“ *As to the grounds the accommodation required was estimated*, the Commissioners
“ would refer to paragraph 3 of letter, No. 44, under
“ date 17th March 1869, from Vice-President to
“ President which ‘ states with regard to the size of the market supplying 240 stalls
“ * * * * the Native Commissioners think the number by no means in excess ;
“ on the contrary not likely to suffice.’

“ The Commissioners see no way in which the cost can be reduced without
“ diminishing size of market place, and this would be unjust as the work has been
“ already given out on contract agreeably to sanctioned plan to be completed by
“ 31st August 1870.”

2. A plan of the market place is enclosed. My personal impression,* as
already recorded, has all along been that the building
is unnecessarily costly, and that a part of the large sum
which will thus be absorbed might be more properly
and usefully employed in having a scientific survey made of the Municipality,
without which no well-devised system of drainage and conservancy can be carried
out. I observe that the Commissioners propose to expend upwards of Rupees 700
on the belfry alone.

* Para. 2 of letter embodied in Procs.,
Madras Govt., P. D., 15th Dec. 1869.

No. 148. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1870, No. 487.

The passing mention in the Commissioners' last annual report, and in the Order of Government thereon, of the Commissioners' intention to spend the large sum of Rupees 22,000 on the new Market cannot be construed as conveying the formal sanction of Government to the expenditure which without such sanction is

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22nd April 1870.

illegal. The expenditure of the full amount was not provided for, and apparently not contemplated, when the budget of the year was framed.

2. Though the Government do not think that the accommodation to be provided is more than commensurate with the wants of the place, or that the cost of the building is excessive, they are of opinion that the project might well have been postponed to other more pressing needs. The observations made in the order of Government, to which the foregoing letter is a reply, show that in the matters of conservancy, drainage, and road repairs there exist deficiencies to remedy which would contribute more to the convenience and well-being of the townspeople than the erection of a market.

3. It appears, however, that the Commissioners have entered into a contract for the work, and are committed to the design. The plan of the building appears sufficiently convenient; and the Government are prepared to sanction it with the exception of the proposed central belfry which, exhibiting gothic battlements over classic columns, is incongruous and unsightly, and which narrows the entrance to an inconvenient degree. The Government are of opinion that this belfry should on no account be built, and direct that, unless it is too late, arrangements be made with the contractor for its omission. A belfry of more suitable design may be added hereafter.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Vellore.

„ Accountant-General.

„ Public Works Department.

No 12

South West

Magistrate's Office

Pennant - 26 February
1870

J. R. Robinson Esq

President of the
Municipal Council

J. I. Smith Esq

As. Chief Secretary
to Govt. Port of George

Sir,

I have the honor, with
reference to the para-6 of the
Order of Govt, dated 15 December
1869, No 1719, Public Department,
to Subjoin an Extract from the
Minutes of Proceedings of the
Municipal Commissioners for the
Town of Belmore, dated 16 January,
1870. in answer to the requisition
for further information in this

Obbt. of 1870; 34 adms.

PUBLIC.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Vellore,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 22nd.

Recd.

Enc.

G. O., 22nd April 1870, No. 487.

APRIL.
Nos. 147-148.

Passing orders in regard to the erection of a new
Market at Vellore.

Extract

"Read Govt Order -"

"dated 15th Decr 1869, No 1719

"stating for the first time, Govt

"learn the Market place is to cost

"Rs 22,000, and calling for a -

"plan of the proposed Market,

"place and a full statement

"of the grounds on which the accom-

"modation required was estimated &

"also how far Commissioners are

"committed to the design adopted

"and whether the cost can be reduced."

"Resolved: - Reference be re-

"quested to Govt Order - No 1400

"of 11th Oct 1869 para 2, where -

"Sanction is recorded to expenditure

of Rs 24,000 for Market

place and West End generally

"to Report for 1868 by para 15

"which sets down Rs 22,000

"for New Market place and Rs

"2,000 for West End.

"As to the grounds the

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original.

accommodation required was estimated

"and, the Commission are wanted to

"refer to para 3 of letter No 46

"under date 17 March 1869 from

"Vice President to President

"which state with regard to the

"size of the Market Supplying

"240 Stalls x x x the Station

"Commissioners think the number

"by no means in excess; on the

"contrary may be likely to be supplied."

"The Commissioners are

"in favour of the

"be reduced without diminishing
 "Size of Market place - and the
 "would be just as the work has
 "been already given out on contract
 "agreeably to sanctioned plan
 "to be completed by 31st August
 "1870"

2. A plan of the Market place is enclosed. My personal impression - as already recorded - has all along been - that the building is unnecessarily costly and that a part of the large sum which will thus be allocated might be more properly and usefully employed in having a scientific survey made of the Municipality, without which no well devised system of drainage and conservation of public health can be carried out.

I observe that the Commission has proposed to expend upwards of Rs 2,500 on the highway along

I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 D. S. L. in the
 President.
 Munt. Comm. Office

Santhi K. S. at
 Mayor's Office
 Mysore 26 Feb 1870

J. J. Smith Esq
 Asst. Secy to Govt
 Fort St. George

End
 M. M.

Para 2
 of letter
 enclosed
 in Rep of
 the Board of
 Govt. Public
 Dept. 15 Dec
 1869.

Public Dept
 From the President
 Mr C. Vellor
 To the Chief Secretary
 to Government
 Fort Saint George
 Dated 26 February 1870
 Received 28
 No 308 H. 12
 With reference to para 6
 of the Govt order of 17/19/18
 Dec 1869 P. G. & L. J. joins
 in & is based on the Mem
 of the P. G. of the M. C. C. for
 the town of Vellore of 12/12/1870 in answer to the
 requisition for further infor
 mation there in currency

No 15 December/69 No 179 C. S.
 11 October 35-36
 11 May 59 C. S.
 27 March/67 193-194
 13 May 85-86

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Public Department
 Proceedings of the Madras Govt
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 from the President of the
 Municipal Com^y, Vellore
 (H. E. 24th Feb. 1870, No 12).

Order thereon March 1870, 69

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 in the ^{Com^y & East} Annual Report
 and in the order of Govt
 thereon, of the Commission^y
 intention to spend the
 large sum of Rs 22,000
 on the New ~~market~~
 cannot be construed
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 expenditure, which,
 without such sanction,
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 diture of the full amount
 was not provided for,
 and, apparently, not con-
 templated when the
 budget of the year was
 framed.

2. The Government quite agree with the President that the building is unnecessary costly, and that part of the money might be more usefully employed. The observations made in the order of Government, to which the foregoing letter is a reply, show that, in the matter of conservancy drainage and road repairs, there exist ~~deficiencies~~ ^{difficulties} to remedy which would contribute more to the convenience and well being of the townspeople than the erection of a costly market.

3 It appears, however, that the Commissioners have entered into a contract for the work and are irrevocably committed to the design. The

plan of the building itself is not unmitigatedly, but the Government are strongly of opinion that the proposed belfry, which is ~~in itself an ugly one~~ ^{unightly and} it is permitted to its surroundings, should be omitted. The central passage, which according to the plan will be only 13 feet wide, has been needlessly narrowed, and ought in the opinion of Government, to be at least twice that width.

I don't think the Rs 22000 is out of the way for a market hall. I can imagine that the plan will be only commensurate to the wants of the place and sufficiently convenient.

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modation to be provided is

would sanction the
plan except the
Belfry which is half
of the original design
across the entrance
to the enclosure & degree.

Another design for
Belfry must be
presented hereafter.
This one shall be
accounted built

whilst it does
mechanical part of this
business, over claps
down.

It is creditable
to the citizens of Vellore
that they are prepared
to lay out a large
sum on a market
place.

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N.L.D.

The J. M. C. Office
Recd for the
J. M. C. Office

Recd 3 May 190

1871

[Signature]

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Govt. of 1870 Madras.

Public

To
The Presd. Muni. Council
Vellore
Tce

Dated April 22.

Recd.

22 April 1871

Nos. 147. 148.

No. 817

Passing orders in regard to the
erection of a new Market
at Vellore.