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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
21st May 1870.*

No. 99. Read the following letter from the Commissioner of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 9th May 1870, No. 14:—

I have the honour to forward a copy of a letter sent by me to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, and his reply thereto.

2. I shall be glad of early orders on the subject, as the continued disturbance of the pestilential deposits in the bed of the river in the locality indicated must inevitably affect the health of the jail in such weather as we may now anticipate.

3. It appears to me that the simplest plan would be for the Government to authorize the Commissioner of Police to promulgate an order under Section 188, Penal Code, forbidding the continuance of a nuisance endangering human health, leaving it to that Officer to enforce such order.

From the Commissioner of Police, to the Superintending Engineer, Presidency, dated Madras, 26th April 1870, No. 68.

I have the honour to recommend that fishermen may be forbidden to cast nets or in any way disturb the water in the Coom, between the iron bridge and that which crosses it near the cemeteries.

2. The stench arising from their now doing so is perfectly pestilential to the neighbourhood. If duly notified, I will enforce the rule.

From the Superintending Engineer in charge, 4th Division, to the Commissioner of Police, Madras, dated Madras, 7th May 1870, No. 492.

With reference to your letter, No. 68, dated 26th April 1870, I have the honour to inform you that I shall be very glad if you can enforce the conservancy of the Coom as regards the fishing; but there has been much correspondence on the subject, and the question as to interference was raised last year, without result.

2. The fishermen are not under this department nor the Municipal Commission. It appears that they, being a peculiar caste of themselves, take up the occupation from father to son, and claim a prescriptive right to fish in the river.

3. I shall address Government on the subject, and let you know the result of my application as soon as I have searched the records.

No. 100. ORDER THEREON, 21st May 1870, No. 647.

As it appears that the existing practice of fishing in certain parts of the Coom river during the hot months of the year is likely to prove injurious to the public health, the Government resolve to prohibit, until further notice, all fishing in the Coom river between the Government-House bridge and the bridge which crosses the river near the cemeteries. The Commissioner of Police will take the necessary steps for notifying this order, and for its enforcement.

(True Extract.)

To the Commissioner of Police.
,, President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.
Exd. J. Wright.

Chief Secretary.

No. 14

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Madras Police, 3

FROM

Major W. S. Grever

9 May 1870

Commissioner of Police,

Madras.

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

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THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
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Dated May, 21st.

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G. O. 21st May 1870, No. 617.

END.

105. 93-100.

Prohibiting fishing in the Cooum river between the Government House bridge and the bridge near the cemetery and requesting the Commissioner of Police to take steps for notifying and enforcing the same.

endangering human health, leaving it to
that Officer to enforce such order.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servant

W. Wells.

Commissioner of Police

High Court House Madras
16th May 1870.

My dear Ellis

If the statement made in the 20th paragraph of the Madras Survey Report for the Third Quarter of 1866 be correct, namely, that the shells are dumped up on the Banks of the river while their contents, which have been only partially taken, are left to rot in the sun; I think the people who collect them might be prosecuted under the 110th section of the Municipal Act which provides that whoever deposits any filth of any kind on any part of a river bank whether above or below high water mark except

From Public Press Dept
The Commissioner of Police,
Madras,

The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Fort St George.

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No. 14

ENCLOSURE 1

Forward correspondence

no separate filing in
the Criminal and
Magistrate's orders on the
subject.

in such places and in such manner
and at such times as shall be
fixed by the President shall be
liable to a penalty not exceeding
10 Bupus for each offence. The
above section of the Municipal
act is the only one which I can
find bearing on the question
expressed to you in your letter - and
even then only deals with the
drapery up of the shells on the
river bank and not with the
fishing for them, the greater evil
of the two I imagine - The fishing
however I think might fairly
be held to be a public nuisance
and as such punishable under
section ~~268~~²⁹⁹ of the Penal code.

The question is certainly an
important one and I would

therefore suggest that Doctor's
opinion on it should be taken
before any decided action is
taken upon it.

I return herewith the several
papers forwarded with your
letter.

Believe me
Yours sincerely
A. G. Richards

The Honble R. S. Ellis C.B.
Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort St. George

Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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dated 9th May 1870 No 14.

Order thereon No 647 of 21st May 1870

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The Commissioners of Police ^{21/5}
" President. Municipal
Madras ^{24/5}

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John B. May Jr

Govt. of 1870 Edmund.

To Public

The County of Polk
see

Dated May 21. } 1870, No.
Recd. 647.

Nos. 93-100

Prohibiting riding in the
Crown river between the
Gov. House Bridge and
the Bridge near the
Countryside, and regarding
the County of Polk to
take steps for notifying
and informing the public.

N 492

Supd Engrs Office 4th Divⁿ
Madras 7th May 1870.

From
The Superintending Engineer
in charge 4th Division

To
The Commissioner of Police
Madras.

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Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

Wm Lloyd Garrison

Superscript in ch: 4: Du

No 1440 of 1870/71

From
The Surveyor General
4th Division

Dated 1st 3rd May 1870
Recd 9th 3rd May 1870

I inform that
the scale by 18 to 60
on the subject of
fishing in the stream.

Y^{rs} letter to Govt
9th Aug 1870

Y^{rs} letter to Govt

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No. 68

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Madras Police
Commissioner's Office
26th April 1870

To

The Superintending Engineer

Sir,

~~Private Office~~

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that Fishermen may be forbidden to
cast nets or in any way disturb the
water in the Cooum, between the
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it near the Cemetery.

The stench arising from their now doing
so, is perfectly pestilential to the
neighbourhood. If duly notified, I
will enforce the rule.

Yours truly

/s/ W. S. Grever
Commissioner of Police

/ True Copy /

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Commissioner of Police