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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1353	Press Mis.
Dated	2-9-	19 1871

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No. 1. Read the following letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Masulipatam, 24th August 1871, No. 2582:—

I have the honour to forward, herewith, copy of a letter from Mr. Lorne A. Campbell, Acting Head Assistant Collector, No. 328, dated 15th August 1871, proposing the establishment of a Municipality at Bezwada, which I beg to support. Bezwada has become a place of considerable importance of late years, a centre of traffic both by canal and road as so many lines of communication cross here. The town is a very dirty one; and as there are frequent outbreaks of cholera, and cholera is liable to be disseminated from here as from a centre, it is most desirable that conservancy should be attended to and good sanitary arrangements be introduced.

2. If Government approve of the establishment of a Municipal Commission at this town, I will send up a sketch of the boundaries and a list of the proposed Commissioners for approval.

From LORNE A. CAMPBELL, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector of the Kistna District, to the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Bezwada, 15th August 1871, No. 328.

I have the honour to suggest the introduction into Bezwada of the Towns' Improvement Act (III. of 1871.)

2. Four main lines of road join at this place, viz., those from Madras, Hyderabad, the Godavory District, and Masulipatam. The traffic also of three canals meets here, viz., those of Masulipatam, Ellore, and Nizampatam, and the two former have their termini within the town.

3. It follows that at all seasons, alike in the wet weather and in the dry weather, there are ceaseless streams of traffic converging from, and separating to, all four quarters. Should there be infected localities on any side, the infection can hardly fail to be carried hither and then hence from the centre, it has been found along one stream or along all the streams.

4. It is not then surprising to learn that this place is much subject to cholera. I can find no statistics, but I believe that the fact universally stated is as universally admitted.

5. It seems to me most important that we should have a special agency to deal with a state of things quite unique as far as my experience goes in a town of the size of Bezwada. The Local Fund Board might do something; but their action could not be immediate, and must necessarily lack that vigour which a local municipal body could exert.

6. For such a body, there are first-rate materials. There is a Resident Engineer and a Resident Missionary, and the offices of the Superintending and Executive Engineers, together with my own and those of the Telegraph and the Tahsildar, have brought together a large and intelligent native community.

7. The population is, by the enumeration just completed, five thousand six hundred and ninety-one. This is excluding the hamlets of Vidiadharapuram and Bhavanipuram, whose numbers are respectively 723 and 225.

8. This population I believe to be much the same as that of Dindigul, where there has for a long time been a Municipality, and of Erode where one has just been established. I know both places well, and can safely assert that in neither are the powers vested in a Municipality more urgently needed than they are here.

9. The town contains 528 tiled and 834 thatched houses as well as 197 huts. Taking Schedule A of Act IV. of 1871 and Schedule D of Act III. of 1871 as basis, I think there is reason to believe that the house-tax and tolls would supply sufficient funds.

10. Whatever may be the arguments against the institution elsewhere of the latter mode of taxation, there seems no question of its justice here where the evils to be remedied are mainly due to the never-ending bandy traffic.

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11. In short, the town is the centre of a large and constant traffic and consequently a nidus of disease. It requires to be cleaned and watched. A Municipality is the only agency that has sufficient powers, and there is a population large enough to justify one, and a community of sufficient intelligence to furnish efficient members.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1871, No. 1353.

The Government approve of the proposed extension of the 'Towns' Improvement Act to the town of Bezwada, and request the Collector of the district to forward a rough map showing the proposed limits and a description of them.

2. As three months must elapse from the notification of the intention to extend the Act to the town before it can come into force therein, it is scarcely worth while to introduce it during the current year.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R. E.,
Under Secretary, P. W. D.,
for Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of the Kistna District.

Bill of 1871 ~~W~~ndras.

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To

THE COLLECTOR OF THE
KISTNA DISTRICT.

Dated September, 2nd.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 2nd September 1871, No. 1353.

SEPTEMBER.
No. 12.

Approving of the extension of the Towns Improvement Act to the town of Bezwada in the Kistna District.

No. 2582

KISTNA DISTRICT COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
MASULIPATAM 24th August 1871.

FROM,

J. A. C. Boswell Esq

Collector of the Kistna District.

TO,

The Honorable A. T. Ellis C.B.

Chief Secretary to Government of Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter from Mr. Horne A. Campbell Acting Head Asst. Collector No. 229 dated 15th August 1871 proposing the establishment of a Municipality at Bezawada which he is to support. Bezawada has become a place of considerable importance of late years, a centre of traffic both by canal & road ^{lines of} many communications cross here. The town is a very dirty one & as there are frequent outbreaks of cholera & cholera is liable to be diffused from here as from a centre, it is most desirable that measures should be attended to & good sanitary arrangements be introduced.

If Government approve of the establishment of a Municipal Commission at this town I will send up a sketch of the boundaries & a list of the proposed commissioners for approval.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
J. A. C. Boswell
Collector

FROM,

The Collector

of Kistna District.

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The Chief Secretary
to the Govt of Madras

Dated 26th August
Received 24th — — — } 1871.

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