

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
6th July 1871.*

No. 46. Read the following letter from the Officiating President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 21st June 1871, S. No. 951 :—

With reference to the Order of Government in the Public Department, No. 773, dated 6th June 1871, I have the honour to inform you that the wells in question are situated in the Chepauk compound, which is the property of Government. I have also learned on inquiry that they were sunk very many years ago either by the late Nawab's, or by their Palace servants. The Municipality, therefore, has no control over the wells, nor any responsibility for their present condition. I presume, therefore, that, in calling on the Municipality to "construct suitable platforms around wells 7 and 15, and clean out the three wells with as little loss of time as possible," the Government intend either that I should cause these works to be executed, charging the cost to Government, or to hand over the wells to the Municipality for the benefit of the people of Triplicane. In either case, I am prepared to carry out the wishes of the Government as soon as I am informed which course is to be pursued. If the wells are to be handed over to the Municipality, I have the honour to request that Government will be pleased to open a gate or gates in the fencing of the Chepauk compound near the wells, and give the public a right of way to them along paths made for the purpose.

2. The plan and statement from the Principal Engineering College are herewith returned.

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, 6th July 1871, No. 985.

Ordered that the papers be transferred to the Department Public Works in order that the Superintending Engineer may be called on for estimates for providing direct means of access through the railings to the wells numbered 7 and 15 in the plan, and for cleaning out these wells and constructing proper platforms round them at the cost of Government.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with statement and plan.
,, President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.
,, Principal of the Civil Engineering College.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To
THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 6th.

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G. O., 6th July 1871, No. 985.

JULY.
Nos. 46-47.

Requesting the Public Works Department to
all upon the Superintending Engineer for estimates
for providing direct means of access to certain wells
in the Chepauk compound, and for certain improve-
ments to them at the cost of Government.

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No 951

Municipal Commr's Office

Madras 21st June 1871.

From

John F. Lock Esq^r

Off^r President Municipal Comm^r
Madras.

The Chief Secretary to Govt^y
Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to the order of
Government in the Public Department
No 773 dated 6th June 1871, I have
the honor to inform you that the
wells in question are situated in
the Shepheard compound, which is
the property of Government. I have
also learned on enquiry that
they were sunk very many years
ago either by the late Nabobs,
or by their Palace servants. The
Municipality, therefore, has no
control over the wells, nor any
responsibility for their present
condition. I presume therefore
that in calling on the Municipality
to construct suitable platforms
around wells 7 and 15. and clear
out the three wells with as little loss
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of time as possible, the Government
intend either that it should cause
these works to be executed, charging
the cost to Government, or to hand
over the wells to the Municipality
for the benefit of the people of Tripoli.
I am informed which course
is to be pursued. If the wells
are to be handed over to the
Municipality, I have the honor
to request that Government will
be pleased to open a gate or
gates in the fence of the park
to give the public a right of way
to them along paths made for
the purpose.

2. The plan and Statement
the Principal Engineering College
are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant

John Cork.

Offr President Municip. Council

Note.

The President of the Madras Municipal Commission has replied to G. O. dated the 6th June 1871 without conferring with the Municipal Commissioners. The reply contrasts most unfavorably with the action recently taken by the Municipal Commissioners of Bellary to provide the inhabitants of that Town with water conveyed in iron tanks by the Railway. There was no consideration there of expense or nor the source from whence the water was to be brought.

2. The wells referred to in the Offg. President's letter, though situated within the Chepauk grounds, are used exclusively by the inhabi-

-tants

Under my signature
in the 11th July 1871

From J. G. Jackson Esq.
Off. Secy. to the President

to the President
of the Commission
dated 11th July 1871

Regarding Wells
in Chepauk are
ground and
their repair

Dated 21st 10/1/71
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inhabitants of Triplicane,
and the Municipal Com-
missioners, who are bound
to do all that lay in their
power to provide the people,
especially at this season
of drought, with water.

Some drinking water, should
in the interest of the people,
readily avail themselves
of the offer of Govern-
ment to repair the
wells.

The cost would be
comparatively trifling and
not exceeding probably
a few hundred Rupees if
much, while the ad-
vantage to the inhabitants
of having the wells put
in order would be very
considerable.

It is not desirable
that the wells should
be handed over to the
Municipality.

Note
In their petition, they say
that "the remaining little water
has become saltish & impure"
and think that the collection
of "decaying matter" has been
the main cause of the present
prevalence of Cholera in the
District.

When Cholera was pre-
valent last year Col. Denison
went to the expense of sending
good water to the infected
localities & distributing it gratis.

Municipality, nor is
there any necessity for
opening passages in the
fencing. The inhabitants
of Triplicane find their
way now into the Church
grounds without let or
hindrance, and they may
be permitted to continue
doing so, without spoiling
the general enclosure of
the grounds by cutting
gaps in it.

5. The Govt., strictly
speaking, have no objection
whatever in retaining the
wells, nor in spending
money in putting them
in order. They may order
the wells to be filled
up tomorrow, but should
they do so, they would
put that portion of
the inhabitants of
Triplicane, which resides

so freely to the wells, the
great straits in pro-
-curing drinkable water.
It being clearly
the province of the
Municipal Commissioners
to supply the inhabi-
-tants with wholesome
drinking water, they
should, it is submitted,
avail themselves of every
facility which is offered
to them to do so, instead
of raising technical dif-
-ficulties detrimental to
the people whose interests
have been entrusted to
them.

Not
F. M. S. S. S. S.

Resolved for
Council

S. S. S.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from
the Off^g President Municipal
Comm^{rs} Madras dated 29th
June 1871 No 951.

Order thereon 6th July 1871 No 985.
Ordered that the
papers be transferred to
the Department Public
Works in order that the
Superintending Engineer
may be called on for
estimates for providing
direct means of access
through the railings to the
wells numbered 7 and 10
in the plan, and for
cleaning out these wells
and constructing proper
platforms round them on
the east of Goots.

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The Public Works Department
Pres^t Municipal Comm^{rs} Madras
Municipal Engineering Office with statement and plan. 3
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Count. of 1871 } **ENDORS.**

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Dated July 6.
Recd. } 1871, No. 1857

Nos. 46. 47.

Requesting the P. M. Dept. to
call upon the Supr. Eng. for
estimate for providing diesel
means of work is certain well
in the Melpack Compound
and for certain improvements
to them at the end of 1871