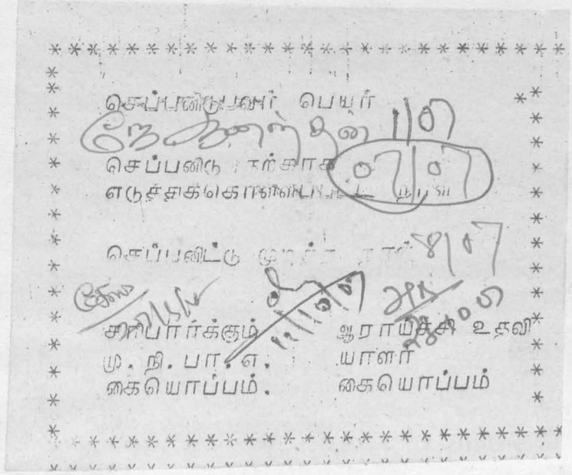
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Minutes of Consultations
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No. 30. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 4th November 1857, No. 3762.

Read letter from the Collector of Chingleput dated 21st September 1857.*

* *In Cons. 4th November* 1857.

(Here enter No. 273.)

Resolved that the above letter be laid before Government with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation dated 16th August 1856, R. D., No. 869, *Para.* 4. regarding the appropriation of the surplus Pagoda funds to sanitary improvements in Chingleput.

2. The Collector placed himself in communication with the Judge, Engineer and Zillah Surgeon on the subject, and advocated the outlay of the money in Conjeveram, Streepermatoor, Trevellore and (in a minor degree) Chingleput itself.

3. The first is the largest town in the district and subject to periodical visitations of cholera. The Engineer however visited the town in company with Captain Heathorn and found that it was impracticable to effect any permanent and substantial improvement with the means available. In Trevellore the streets are so narrow that drains cannot conveniently be opened, and in Streepermatoor the trunk road forms the main street. With the exception however of Conjeveram the other towns of the district are considered healthy though little regard is paid to their cleanliness.

4. In Chingleput itself the want of good drinking water has lately been much felt, and the Judge Mr. Dowdeswell has induced the people to contribute 700 Rupees and aid him in clearing out some of the tanks and the wells found in them. The Collector and Engineer advocate the grant of 1,000 Rupees from the Pagoda funds towards the completion of this object, and the Board concur in this recommendation.

5. The Engineer proposes that other tanks of a like description in other parts of the district should also be cleared out, the people interested in them being required to contribute towards the expense and that the balance of the money should be expended in building a bridge over the Adyar on the new road between Sydapet and the Mount. The Collector would restrict the expenditure on tanks to those in Chingleput until it is seen whether there will be any surplus after constructing the bridge, in the advantage of which he concurs with the District Engineer.

6. The balance of Pagoda funds after providing for the grant above recommended will be about Rupees 22,500.

7. The Board concur with the Collector and Engineer that it would be useless to expend this sum in Conjeveram, the town most in need of sanitary improvements, without making some permanent arrangement for maintaining and also gradually extending the works effected by the outlay. If Government consider it desirable that the money should be laid out as in Salem in a project of this nature, the Collector might assertain whether the people will consent to the introduction of Act XXVI. of 1850, or if they are averse to this, whether they will contribute funds on any other conditions of a permanent character. In the latter event the money might be invested as the capital of a town fund, the annual interest of which might be expended with the contributions of the residents in keeping up an Establishment of scavengers for the regular cleansing of the streets and in making drains and other permanent improvements. The Board apprehend that if the whole of the surplus funds be at once laid out on any other condition than the introduction of the Municipal Act, there may be diffiiculty hereafter in realizing the local contributions, whereas by investing the money as capital the residents may be impelled to keep up their subscriptions by the fear of losing the interest which at 5 per cent. would be Rupees 1,125 per annum. The amount as already stated is Rupees 22,500, and if Government assent to a proposition about to be made by the Board of applying the Moturpha in large towns to municipal purposes, the addition of this sum to the fund will be of great use.

8. If however Government are desirous that the surplus now in hand should be expended without delay on some work of general utility, the bridge proposed seems to be deserving of consideration.

9. It would have been more satisfactory if the District Engineer had stated roughly how much the bridge as well as the improvement in Conjeveram were likely to cost; but the Board will await a further expression of the sentiments of Government before making a reference on the subject.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, No. 1255; dated 4th December 1857.

1. In Extract Minutes Consultation dated 5th February 1856, the Government called for information regarding the surplus Pagoda Funds in the different districts, and in their Proceedings of 29th July 1856, No. 2362, the Board of Revenue submitted a Report on the subject. From this it appeared that, in three districts only, did any considerable surplus exist, of which one was Chingleput, where a balance of nearly Rs. 23,500 was reported to be in deposit. The Government directed that this amount should be appropriated to some useful local object, and desired the Board to consider and suggest a plan, with that end in view. In their proceedings above recorded, the Board reply to the call, and submit, with their remarks, a letter from the Collector of Chingleput, who has placed himself in communication with the Judge, Zillah Surgeon, and District Engineer, and who advocated the outlay of the money in improving the sanitary condition of the four largest towns in his District.

Ex. Mins. Con. No. 869 dated 16th August 1856 p. 4.

No. 273 dated 21st Sept. 1857.

Collector, para. 2.

2. The towns in Chingleput although, as Mr. Shubrick says, "they may appear dirty to "English eyes," are stated, with the exception of Conjeveram, to be healthy. In Conjeveram, however, to make any improvements of lasting benefit, would require a much greater outlay than would be practicable with the means now available. In Chingleput itself, the want of drinking water has been lately much felt; and the people having contributed 700 Rupees, a grant of 1000 Rupees from the Pagoda Funds, to clear out some of the tanks and sundry wells that have been found in them, is recommended by the Collector and Engineer, and supported by the Board. It is further proposed by the Engineer, that aid should be granted for clearing out other tanks of a like description in other parts of the district, the people who will derive benefit from the works being required to contribute towards the expense; the surplus, the authorities desire to expend in constructing a bridge over the Adyar, on the new road between Sydapett and the Mount. Mr. Shubrick thinks that it would be better to restrict the expenditure in clearing out tanks to what is to be done in Chingleput itself, until it is seen what balance will remain after constructing the bridge.

3. The Board concur with the Collector and District Engineer, that unless some arrangement could be made permanent, to secure, and gradually to extend, the works which would be effected by the outlay, it would be useless to expend the sum in Conjeveram. They propose that the inhabitants should be sounded on the subject of the introduction of the Municipal Act; and if they decline it, that they should be asked whether they will contribute funds on any other conditions of a permanent character, in that case the Board would invest the money as the capital of a town fund, the annual interest of which might be expended, with the annual contributions, in sanitary improvements. The fear of losing the interest of the invested capital, would, the Board think, impel the people to keep up their subscriptions.

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4. The Government proceed to pass orders on these propositions. They deem it to be very improbable that the inhabitants of a Brahminical town like Conjeveram will consent to the introduction of the Municipal Act; and although they have no objection to the measure being proposed to them, yet, bearing in mind the ill success of all previous attempts to introduce this Act, they have no expectation of a favourable result. The Government fully concur with the Board that it would be unadvisable and useless to expend the principal at once in Conjeveram, on works which would be insufficient in themselves to effect any sanitary improvement, and which would, in all probability, neither be kept in proper order nor extended.

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 8th December 1857.

5. As regards the bridge proposed between Saint Thomas' Mount and Sydapett, the Government are of opinion that it is a work which would not peculiarly benefit the Chingleput District, it would be equally useful to its inhabitants and to the whole of the Southern traffic, and should be provided for out of the general revenues of the State, and not from funds which, having accumulated in Chingleput, should be spent for the benefit of its inhabitants.

6. The plan proposed by the Civil and Sessions Judge on the other hand, of clearing out the wells, tanks, &c., so as to ensure a steady supply of good drinking water all the year round, seems to be fully appreciated by the people, and to be capable of extension. If, therefore, the people of Conjeveram will not consent to the introduction of the Municipal Act, the capital sum may be invested in Government Securities, and the interest be each year expended on such local works in any part of the District as may be most advisable, and towards which the people will, on their part, contribute; preference being given to those works, and those places for, and in which, the voluntary contributions are the greatest.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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4. In Chingleput itself the want of good drinking water has lately been much relieved the people to contribute 700 Rupees and aid him in clearing out some of the Tanks and the wells found in them. The Collector and Engineer advocate the grant of 1000 Rupees from the Pagoda Funds towards the completion of this object and the Board concur in this recommendation.

5. The Engineer proposes that other Tanks of a like description in other parts of the District should also be cleared out the people interested in them being required to contribute towards the expense and

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that the balance of the money should be expended in building a bridge over the Adyar on the new road between Sydapet and the Mount. The Collector would restrict the expenditure on Tanks to those in Chingleput until it is seen whether there will be any surplus after constructing the Bridge, in the advantage of which he concurs with the District Engineer.

6. The balance of Pagoda Funds after providing for the grant above recommended will be about Rupees 2250.

7. The Board concur with the Collector and Engineer that it would be useless to expend this sum on Conjeveram the Town most in need of Sanitary improvements without making some permanent arrangement for maintaining and also gradually extending the works effected by the outlay. If Government consider it desirable that the money should be laid out as in Salem in a project of this nature the Collector might ascertain whether the people will consent to the introduction of

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J. D. Sim
Ag Secretary

To,
A. Forbes Esq.
Ag Secretary to Government
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an Establishment of Scavengers for the
regular cleansing of the Streets and in
making drains and other permanent
improvements. The Board apprehend
that if the whole of the surplus
be at once laid out on any other condition
than the introduction of the Municipal
act, there may be difficulty hereafter
in realizing the local contributions -
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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 4th } Recd 5th } November 1857

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No. 3762
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Submitting with the Board's remarks and suggestions, a letter from the Collector of Chingleput on the subject of the appropriation of the surplus Pagoda Funds towards Sanitary improvements in that District.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 4th December ~~November~~ 1857

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Cons: 15th Augt 57 No 1601.

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Dr to Cons: 8th Decr.

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Extract Mins: of Cons:
Dated 4th Decr 57.

Extract from the Proc: of the Board of Revt dated 21 Decr 57 No 1009 in 2 Feh
From the Secy to the Bd of Revt dd 11th
Recd 1/58 Encs 880 in 15 Pkts

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Passing order & on a letter from the Collr of Chinglaput, on the subject of the appropriation of the surplus Cesses & Taxes, for : wards & sanitary improvements in that District.

c 21st Nov. to 11th Dec