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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 8. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd December 1859, No. 5380.

Read letter from the Officiating President Salem Sanatory Committee, dated 7th September 1859.

(In Con. 10th September 1859, No. 4514.)

Enclosure in from Government in Consultation 10th December 1858, *No.* 5537.

Resolved that the above letter be laid before Government, with reference to paragraph 9 of Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 27th November 1858, Judicial Department, No. 1675.

2. In the above Extract Government called for estimates of the cost of carrying out certain improvements in the town of Salem, which were suggested by the Sanatory Association of that place. These estimates, with plans and reports of the District Engineer, are now submitted by the Acting President of the Association, and will be briefly noticed by the Board.

I. *Public necessaries.*—Eighteen suitable sites have been selected, but it is proposed to construct only two at first. The design for these buildings is based on those of similar structures at Madras and in Bengal, and the estimated cost of each is Rupees 1,540. The present charge on this account will, therefore, be Rupees 3,080, and the ultimate expense Rupees 27,720. The General Committee approve both of the sites and plans.

II. *Improvement, &c., of the bed of the Salem river.*—The District Engineer states that a detailed estimate cannot be furnished for this project. He recommends that an establishment of a peon and six coolies be employed during the first four months of each year at a charge not exceeding Rupees 150 per annum, inclusive of tools and sundries. The Committee have not noticed this part of the subject.

III. *Removal of the old Fort wall.*—The District Engineer and Committee recommend a grant of Rupees 500 for this purpose. The nature of the work precludes the preparation of a regular estimate, but the above sum is deemed ample.

IV. *The construction of markets and halting places for cattle.*—No mention is made in these papers of markets, but a design is submitted for a halting place, with an enclosure for carts. Two of these structures are proposed at present at a cost of Rupees 2,610 each, to which 80 Rupees has to be added for the purchase of the sites. The total charge will thus be Rupees 5,300. The size of a halting place, already in existence, is also to be doubled.

V. *The purchase and clearance of certain lands occupied with Betel topes, &c.*—The probable cost of this is estimated by the Tahsildar at Rupees 15,408, but the Committee doubt the sufficiency of this sum, and apprehend that Government will not be prepared at present to sanction the large sum required for this and the various other projects contemplated for the improvement of the town.

3. The works embraced in these reports will thus entail an aggregate expenditure in the first instance, of Rupees 8,880, and an annual charge of Rupees 150. No allowance is made for any establishment for the necessaries or halting places.

4. The surplus Pagoda funds, which have been invested in the 5 per cent. loan, for the benefit of the town, amount to Rupees 43,000, giving an annual income of Rupees 2,050. The Committee estimate the expense of keeping the main streets and drains properly cleaned, at Rupees 2,000 per annum, and assuming that a moiety of this can ultimately be raised from the people, propose that the sum invested be reduced to Rupees 20,000, or enough to provide Rupees 1,000 per annum, and the remainder, Rupees 23,000, "be at once given by Government to carry out the Government's proposed improvements."

5. The Committee appear to the Board to have overlooked the fact that these proposed improvements emanated from themselves, and were specially noticed by Government as important, and probably, comparatively inexpensive. The clear principle, however, enunciated, was that Government would aid the people either from the Pagoda funds, or by special grants. The Committee are entirely silent as to the present condition of their own fund, which, in 1858, produced only about Rupees 350 per annum. If the principle laid down in paragraph 8 of the extract already quoted, be abandoned, the Board think it would be much better to devote the whole of the interest of the Pagoda funds, to keeping the town clean and improving the drainage, as far as the money will go, than to expend a large portion of the capital in isolated improvements. The former plan would at least secure general cleanliness, while the latter would only suffice for partial and incomplete measures. Of the projects now proposed, the necessaries are evidently the most important; but it would obviously be more advantageous to keep the whole town clean than to build two necessaries where 18 are required, doing even this on a scale which cannot be generally carried out, for want of funds. The Board think a less expensive

kind of building would suffice for these structures, the 18 proposed, on the plan furnished would cost Rupees 27,720, or more than half the Pagoda funds, and the town would still be without a regular system of drainage, &c.

6. The halting places proposed are also matters of convenience rather than necessity. All that need be done at present is to provide places where carts may be drawn up instead of the streets: with so many defects touching the public health, to supply, it is obviously unwise to expend the limited funds at the disposal of the Committee in providing accommodation of this kind at so high a charge.

7. With these remarks the Board resolve to submit the above papers for the consideration and orders of Government.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1860, No. 107.

Paragraph 1. In their orders of 27th November 1858 Judicial Department No. 1675 the Government resolved that from the interest accruing from the investment of the Salem surplus pagoda funds in the 5 per cent. loan a sum should be placed yearly at the disposal of the Salem sanatory association for cleansing the town, equal to the amount which might be raised by local subscriptions.

2. This was approved by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India in his despatch of 15th February 1859 Judicial Department No. 7. Again in their Proceedings Revenue Department 20th June 1859 No. 813 in review of a report from the Revenue Board on the general subject of the enforcement of cleanliness in native towns and cantonments, the Government resolved that whenever funds might be raised locally and voluntarily by the people of any provincial town for municipal purposes an equal sum would for the present be contributed by Government out of the local funds, such as those shewn in a list which the Board had submitted. This list included the Salem surplus Davestanum funds.

3. The proposal of the Salem association as now sent up through the Board does not proceed on this principle. They propose to take Rupees 23,000 out of the Salem local fund for the execution of sundry municipal improvements towards which the people themselves are not to contribute at all; their contributions being confined to Rupees 1,000 per annum to meet an equal sum given as the interest of the residue of the local funds for the cleansing of the main streets and drains.

4. The Government could not assent to such an expenditure of the local funds without any equivalent. The association should therefore reconsider their proposals so as to bring them more in accordance with the principle enunciated by Government, or that of devoting the local funds to supplement and not to supersede local subscriptions.

5. The Government concur generally with the Board in their remarks on the various works suggested by the association.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

IN CON. 10TH SEPTEMBER 1859, No. 4514.

From H. G. SMITH, Esq., Offg. President to the Salem Sanatory Committee, dated McDonald's Choultry, 7th September 1859,

Captain Gahagan, District Engineer, Salem, having been called upon in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 27th November 1858, No. 1675, to furnish certain estimates as per 4th paragraph of the same Extract Minutes of Consultation, for improving the sanatory condition of the town of Salem, submitted his plan, estimates, and reports*, to the members of the Salem Sanatory Committee on the 30th June last, whose proceedings I have now the honor to lay before the Board of Revenue.

* Enclosed.

2. In the first place, they approve of the design for a public privy and estimate amounting to Rupees 1,540; and the six sites which he has selected in Salem proper, and 12 in Shevapett, as per accompanying map.

3. Captain Gahagan, however, says, that he has selected in the first instance two sites one at the end of Salem on the Ahtoor road, and the other on a piece of waste ground adjoining the old bandy ground at Shevapett, of which the General Committee approve.

4. They also agree with him that there are many other places much required, but a beginning must be made somewhere, and the two sites abovementioned are the best to begin with.

5. With reference to estimate No. 2, they also agree with Captain Gahagan's recommendation, for a sanction of Rupees 500, for the demolition and removal of the old fort wall. They also concur with him in the design and estimate, amounting to Rupees 2,610, for an enclosure for bandies, and the two halting places, one at the end of Salem on the Ahtoor road, and the other in a field near the new railway station, as also his suggestion for doubling the size of the present halting place at Shevapett.

6. In addition, however, to the amount of the above estimates, the sum required for the purchase of the ground is Rupees 80.

7. With reference to section 8, paragraph 4 of the said Extract Minutes of Consultation, viz. to clear certain lands within the town which are now occupied as topes, beetle plantations, &c., compensation being granted to the owners, a sum of Rupees 15,408-11-0 will be necessary, according to the Tahasildar's report; but as the owners of these gardens derive great profit from this sort of produce, and are unwilling to give them up for growing other produce, most likely more will be required.

8. Of the great benefit, however, in a sanatory point of view, which would accrue by clearing these topes, there can be no doubt.

9. To meet, therefore, the expense for erecting bandy halting places and public necessaries, as already proposed by Captain Gahagan, and the amount for purchasing the ground, together with the sum necessary for clearing the beetle topes, &c., as also the sum for other improvements so necessary for the health of the town of Salem, the Committee doubt whether the Government, at the present time, will be prepared to sanction the requisite funds.

10. The Government, in their proceedings under the same date, resolved that the pagoda surplus funds be invested through the Accountant General in the five per cent. loan at the price of the day, in the name of the Collector of Salem for the time being, the bonds being lodged in the Treasury; and that from the interest thence accruing a sum be placed yearly at the disposal of the Sanatory Association for cleansing the town of Salem equal to the amount they may raise by local subscription.

11. The amount of the pagoda funds is now Rupees 43,000, the interest of that sum at five per cent. is Rupees 2,050.

12. The General Committee, in communication with the Managing Committee of the Salem Sanatory Association, observe, that Rupees 2,000 per annum is sufficient to keep the main streets and drains properly cleaned; so that if Rupees 1,000 can be raised by local subscription, and Rupees 1,000 more be given by Government, the expense can be adequately met.

13. The General Committee, therefore, with a view of sanatory measures being at once commenced, resolve to request the Government to modify their previous resolution, and to allow the subjoined proposition to be carried out, viz. "that so much of the present pagoda fund as may produce Rupees 1,000 per annum may be invested in the five per cent. loan for the assistance of the Salem Sanatory Association, and the remainder be at once given by Government to carry out the Government's proposed improvements, the expenditure to be reported from time to time to Government. That out of the Rupees 1,000 so much as may be equivalent to what may be collected by local subscriptions, be drawn by the Sanatory Association through the Collector of the district."

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Enc. 1.

Abstract.—Memorandum with reference to projects Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 specified in E. M. C, No. 1675 of the 27th November 1858.

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Enc. 2.

Abstract.—Design of a public privy for the town of Salem.

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Enc. 3.

Abstract.—Estimate of the probable cost of constructing a public privy for the town of Salem amounting to Rupees 1,540-0-0.

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Enc. 4.

Abstract.—Report to accompany an estimate for constructing a public privy for the town of Salem.

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Enc. 5.

Abstract.—Design of an enclosure for bandies at Salem.

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Abstract.—Estimate of the probable cost of construting an enclosure for bandies at Salem amounting to Rupees 2,610-0-0.

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Copies to Mr Bn of Revd Dr Neligan with Enclosure

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Pro: of Govt 31st January.

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Pro: of the Madras Govt.
of 21st January 1860.

Read letter of 14th Novr 1859.

On the proposal of the Salem Sanatory Committee to take Rupees 23,000 out of the local fund for sundry municipal improvement.