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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 53 — Press Mis.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th January 1863.

No. 99. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 8th January 1863, No. 24:—

Communicating for consideration certain suggestions of the Municipal Commissioners, regarding the extension of Madras Salt Depôt to the east bank of the Cochrane's Canal. } (Vide Public Proceedings, 8th January 1863, Nos. 33, 34.)

No. 100. ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1863, No. 53.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for early report.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 19th December 1862.

1. We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Order of Government, No. 1,458, dated 15th instant, communicating one passed in the Revenue Department on the 9th idem, No. 2,567, in view to our being requested to suspend the removal of earth from one of the Bastions of the Town wall, until Government can pass final orders on the proposed extension of the Salt Depôt to the east bank of the Canal.

2. The Bastion in question is one of the four made over to us by Government on the 3rd October 1860, for the express purpose of their being converted into Latrines for the use of the inhabitants of Black Town, in lieu of the places of accommodation which were removed from the east bank of the Canal between the Hospital and Elephant Gate Bridges, owing to their proximity to the People's Park and the desire of Government to dispose of the ground in building allotments.

No. 1,449.

3. In noticing the objection raised by the People's Park Committee to this arrangement, Government in their Order, dated 5th December 1860, No. 1,749, ruled as follows:—

"That the Bastions of the western wall of Black Town must, as proposed by the Municipal Commissioners, be appropriated to the purposes of Latrines. This has already been decided by Government after reference to the Chief Engineer, who professed himself unable to suggest any other course. The Commissioners should, however, adopt such arrangements and precautions as will, as far as possible, prevent the Bastions in their intended use being a source of offence or annoyance."

4. Subsequently we were induced to reconsider the subject and, with the sanction of Government, so far to modify the original plan as to devote only the two northernmost Bastions to the purpose; and as we anticipated much opposition from the inhabitants to having to go so far from their abodes, we determined to retain a Latrine on the bank of the Trevelyan Basin which we had purposed removing, and to convert only the southernmost of the said Bastions into a Latrine. After a few months experience, the extent of accommodation thus provided for the inhabitants was found to be quite inadequate, and we were therefore obliged to add thereto the remaining Bastion, and it is to this measure the Deputy Collector raises objections.

5. We hasten to submit to Government the strong objections that we entertain, speaking on behalf of the inhabitants of this populous town, against any further interference with the places allotted, after mature consideration, for their use. We have taken considerable pains in selecting sites for Latrines and in their construction and management, to prevent their being "a source of offence or annoyance," as desired in the Proceedings of Government quoted in the 3rd para. of this letter. Great difficulty is always experienced by us in obtaining convenient and unobjectionable pieces of ground for this purpose. In many localities well grounded complaints are made by the inhabitants of the great distances which they are compelled to walk to the Latrines; and the Police Magistrates are very averse to fine persons charged with committing nuisances in the public streets and roads, when the reasonable excuse of the absence or great distance of a public Latrine from their neighbourhood, is pleaded.

6. We would suggest that instead of the Salt Depôt being extended to the east bank of the Canal, further ground on the north or west be added to the present Cotaur, which will obviate the necessity of constructing a bridge over the Canal to connect the two Depôts.

7. We have further to point out that on the eastern bank we have at considerable expense constructed a dock and platform to facilitate the removal of the sweepings of the town by boats, and a spot has also been allotted to our Bullock contractor as a Depôt for straw, both of which we have been called upon by the District Engineer to remove to allow of his convert-

ing the site into a platform for storing Salt; but we beg to represent that some means of access to the Canal must be afforded us, otherwise the sweepings of the southern portion of Black Town will have to be deposited, as heretofore, on the western Esplanade.

(Signed) T. EVANS BELL, President.
(„) B. CARDOZO,
(„) S. JESUDASEN,
Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras.

ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1862, No. 24.

Ordered to be communicated to the Revenue Department in view to the suggestion contained in para. 6 being there considered.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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