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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 260. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th November 1870, No. 6,863:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Sub-Collector, to the Collector of Salem, dated Oosoor, 15th July 1870, No. 388.

IN accordance with paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, No. 2,515, dated 19th September 1866, I have the honour to submit a brief report on the working of the Sanitary Associations in this division. The accounts of receipts and disbursements have already been forwarded to your office.

2. OOSOOR.—The chief work done from the funds was cleaning the streets and ditches. The town is naturally a dirty one, and difficult to keep clean. Owing to the management of the work having, in Mr. Thomas's time, been given to the Dresser, I do not think that the Native Revenue-officers at this station have evinced the same interest in the movement as those at others have. I have, however, of late personally urged the necessity for co-operation, and there is a change for the better. I think that my predecessor's arrangement was, perhaps, not the best that could have been made; but, as there was no patent objection to it, I did not disturb it. I proposed this year to have put

**Vide* your letter, No. 419, dated 3rd May 1870. another street in order, but the reductions* made in the Government grant have rendered this out of the question. The receipts will barely allow of the maintenance of the staff necessary to keep the streets and gutters free from dirt.

3. DENKANICOTTAH.—There has been, owing to the cleaning of the streets having been regularly carried out, a marked improvement in the condition of this town; drains have been cut, and the streets in places repaired. The reductions, however, in the Government grant made to other more important Associations have been so great that I would recommend the transfer of that assigned to this Association to that at Darumpury. Darumpury being a town on two main lines of road, it is far more important that its sanitation should be provided for than Denkanicottah, which, though a cusbah, is in an out-of-the-way place.

4. KISTNAGHERY.—The same work as above referred to has been carried out by the Association. It is now a considerable time since I visited the town; but it was then very much improved in point of cleanliness, and the streets were also being put into good order. Lighting is, in the present state of the funds, impossible.

5. DARUMPURY.—This Association is, in the work done, far ahead of any of the others. The streets have been put into good order, and have been very fairly lighted; prickly-pear has been cleared in some places, and the town, in every way, improved. I consider that the great success of this Association has been due to the personal interest in its working taken by the Tahsildar Mr. Jones.

6. PENNAGARUM.—Although this Association has been in existence for a short time only, a manifest improvement in sanitary matters is visible. The streets have been repaired, the side drains dug, and the town was, when I last saw it, far cleaner than it had ever been before. The total inadequacy of the Government grant has compelled me to issue instructions to close the accounts of this Association.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th December 1870.*

7. In conclusion, I may observe that, wherever Sanitary Associations have been formed, there has been a marked improvement in point of cleanliness, and consequently, a falling off in sickness amongst the population. I do not attempt to make out that Sanitary Associations have been productive of any great result; but I think that they are a good institution; that they give an idea to the natives of the meaning of the word "clean;" that they pave the way to the introduction of the more formal "Municipality;" and that they should, by all means, be encouraged.

No. 177.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue, with reference to the Order of Government, No. 2,515, dated 19th September 1866, embodied in the Board's Proceedings, No. 6,861, dated 24th September 1866.

SALEM,
20th September 1870.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Acting Sub-Collector in charge.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government, with reference to Government Order, 19th September 1866, No. 2,515.

2. This is the first report on the subject which has been received in the Board's Office.

No. 261. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1870, No. 2,014.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Edw. P. R. Bantleman.

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