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Cumbum—Sanitary.

No. 195. Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Kurnool, 6th July 1876, No. 294:—

In paragraph 8 of G.O., No. 610, Financial Department, dated the 1st April 1876, the Government have directed that I, as President of the Cumbum Municipal Commission, should give immediate attention to the provision of extra-mural burial and burning grounds, in view to those in the town being closed, to provide for widening the narrow streets, for draining all the streets of the town, and for protecting the supply of drinking water from future pollution, and that I should, if necessary, make an application for a loan from the Imperial Funds for the early execution of these improvements, and authorized in paragraph 9 to proceed at once with what is immediately necessary for the purpose relying on funds being provided by a loan so far as proves necessary. But in paragraph 6 of G.O., No. 1051, dated the 9th June 1876, they ordered the temporary abolition of the Municipal organization of Cumbum. This virtually cancelled paragraphs 8 and 9 of G.O., No. 610. No orders have been passed in the G.O., No. 1051, above referred to, or in G.O., No. 1134, dated the 21st June, urging the early execution of the works ordered as to how funds should be provided for these works. I have the honor therefore to request early orders of Government on this point.

2. It is true that the town of Cumbum is now brought under the operation of the Local Fund Act IV of 1871, but I doubt whether the Local Fund Board would be willing, and if willing able to incur such a large expenditure for the town. I believe the Government would not order such large expenditure from the Local Funds, without first giving the Board an opportunity to express their views on the subject. But should the Government decide that all the expenditure on account of improvements in Cumbum shall be incurred from the Imperial Funds, I beg to be favored with their orders early.

3. The removal of the public offices for a time from Cumbum to some more healthy neighbouring locality I beg to state will put the employés at Cumbum to some expense in the way of providing themselves with houses, &c., at the place to which they may be removed. At Daddivadu, one of the two places named in the Government Order, the site selected is two miles distant from the village and the village itself is not very healthy and so small that it is utterly impossible to rent houses for all the Gumastahs. The other village, Turimilla, though not as small as Daddivadu, could not, in my opinion, afford accommodation for even half the number of Cumbum employés. I have the honor therefore to request to be informed what assistance the Government will feel disposed to render to these employés in this matter.

4. In their Order, No. 1453, dated the 2nd October 1875, the Government sanctioned an extra allowance to those employed at Cumbum for the purpose of providing themselves with medical comforts. Although it may be said that the removal of the offices from Cumbum would place them beyond the chief evil effects of fever,

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and thus remove the necessity of providing themselves with comforts, I have the honor to recommend a continuance of some of the extra allowance for a time in consideration of the expense they will be put to for procuring their supplies from places some ten miles distant, as either of the villages named in the Government Order are so small that they could not provide the necessaries for half-a-dozen travellers at a time. The allowance may be discontinued when it is decided where the public offices are to be permanently located, for then merchants and others would probably come and settle at such a place and open bazaars which would remove the difficulties in the procuring of supplies.

No. 196. ORDER THEREON, 28th July 1876, No. 1343.

The Governor in Council intends that the cost of remedying the evils caused to the village of Cumbum by the neglect of the irrigation works which should have been maintained in unobjectionable condition from State funds shall be charged to "Agricultural—Imperial." What works will come under this head and what their cost will be have yet to be ascertained, but there can be no doubt that the facilities for drainage and for maintaining a fairly good water supply for drinking purposes have been destroyed by the waterlogging of the soil from the neglected irrigation works, and the cost of remedying this mischief must be borne by the State. These improvements are urgently necessary, have been too long delayed, and must be carried out at once, the adjustment of the charge being settled hereafter, either from the current Agricultural grant, or by special sanction to be obtained from the Government of India when the amount is known. The Collector will provide the Public Works Department with the funds required for current operation, and a careful account of the expenditure must be maintained.

2. The cost of providing new burial-grounds and of regulating the streets of the village so far as is essential for sanitary purposes is a legitimate charge against the local taxation and must be provided accordingly.

3. The Collector should proceed at once to arrange for what is necessary being carried out without further delay so as to check as speedily as possible the injury to life and health which the present miserable condition of things is causing. He should take steps to procure approximate estimates of cost, and report without delay what amount of assistance to local funds is absolutely necessary for meeting it.

4. Mr. Foster must understand that the Government look to him as their local representative to carry out as speedily as possible the improvements which the Government have so repeatedly stated to be in their opinion indispensable for saving life, and a very serious responsibility will rest on him if needless delay is incurred in the matter.

5. The Government rely on him to avoid unnecessary expenditure, but for what is proved to be necessary no difficulty in the way of funds is to be apprehended.

6. The question of aid to Government servants consequent on the suggested temporary change of station is one which the Government cannot consider until definite proposals are before them. There seems no reason why temporary lodgings

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should not be provided for the establishment or temporary bazaars encouraged. The supplies will follow the demand.

(True Extract.)

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Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Kurnool.
.. Public Works Department.
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Exd. J. Wright.

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