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Towns Improvement Act.

No. 223. *Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Nellore, 11th August 1876, No. 2273:—*

I have the honor to forward, herewith, the proposals of the Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate for the application of the Towns Improvement Act to Ongole, which have been finally made after personal consultation with the Vice-President of the Nellore Municipality and with myself. I find from notes in the office records that the late Collector and Mr. Hardinge had long since contemplated the advisability of asking that Ongole should be constituted a Municipality, but the immediate cause of the present proposals is a very unfavorable report on the sanitary condition of the town, made by the Deputy Surgeon-General of this Range on the occasion of his inspection in January last. That report will be found quoted in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 625 of the 4th March, which were forwarded to Mr. Hardinge with a footnote from this office requesting him to send in his report.

2. The necessity for the introduction of the Act (III of 1871) on sanitary grounds being given in the above Proceedings, I proceed to offer other reasons for its being applied to Ongole. That town has a population of 7,392 inhabitants according to the latest Census; but I believe I may correctly describe it as having no important manufactures nor great commerce. The high roads from Madras to Masulipatam, Guntur, and Hyderabad, however, pass through it, but the extension of the railway to the last and the improved steamer communication now possessed by the first and indirectly by the second of these places must, of course, have seriously injured the road traffic through Ongole. The high road from Cambum to Kottapattam also passes through the town, and the extension of the East Coast Canal may not improbably develop or increase road traffic on this route.

The estimates prepared with reference to Tolls afford information as to the present state of the carrying trade about the town.

3. Ongole is the headquarters of the Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate, the Assistant Superintendent of Police, and a Range Officer of the Department of Public Works. It is an important centre of the American Baptist Mission. It has a District Munsif's Court and, as being the chief town of the taluk of the same name, has the usual Tahsildar's establishment.

There is, therefore, the opportunity of selecting and appointing an intelligent and trustworthy Commission, representing fairly the various elements of the population, and offering the advantage of an admixture of the official with the wholly independent foreign element.

4. On sanitary grounds, on account of the number of the population, and of the facility of obtaining the services of an eligible body of Commissioners, therefore, I request that Government will be good enough to issue a notification in the usual form declaring that Act III of 1871 will be applied to the town of Ongole

as defined below* after three months
(* vide paragraph 5. Section 9 of the Act).

5. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Sub-Collector's letter, I have made only a few verbal alterations in his description of boundaries in the subjoined

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
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21st July.—To approve of the levy under Section 38 of the Act of funds by the Commissionaire. But all save the professional tax of the sources recognised by that Act.

2. I enclose an estimate of receipts and charges, and a sketch map of Ongole, showing the proposed boundaries of the Municipality and the sites where the establishments of toll-gates would seem to be necessary. It will be seen from the estimate of receipts that the proceeds of tolls are entered at Rupees 3,600 for the year to be collected at toll-gates placed at three only of the mentioned sites. I am unable at present to satisfy myself that toll-gates could except at a loss be opened in the remaining four localities, but of course this matter will be carefully considered hereafter.

3. The enclosed estimates show the total receipts including Miscellaneous to amount to Rupees 6,170 annually, as detailed below:—

	Rs.
House and Land tax	500
Tax on Vehicles and Animals	1,620
Tolls	3,600
Miscellaneous	450
Total	6,170

The proposed charges are as follow:—

	Rs.	Rs.
Grant I.—For Roads and Communications	1,000	1,000
Grant II.—Schools (Education)	600	600
Grant III.—(a) Dispensary and Ambulance	1,200	
(b) Police and Vaccinator	300	
(c) Conservancy	2,500	
Grant IV.—(a) Lighting	470	
(b) Purchase of Carts	500	
Grant V.—Fire Establishment	600	600
Total	6,470	6,170

As to the first item.—The amount is provided to meet the cost of construction of roads; for none of the main lines, viz. Madras to Kottagam and the Great Northern, exist in Ongole at present. As to the second item.—At present, Ongole possesses one Middle class Government School and six private schools. A provision is made to re-establish an elementary school, which will serve as a feeder to the Government School spoken of. A small sum is set apart for grants to benefit and improve the existing small schools.

As to the third item.—There is a Dispensary in the town of Ongole at present maintained by the Local Board. But in the estimate of Rupees 3,400. I presume that this dispensary will be made over to the Municipal Council, but of course it is quite out of the question that they should be expected to provide for the maintenance of such an establishment.

Assuming that one-fourth of the pay of the first-class Apothecary now in charge of the dispensary, Rupees 110, will be a contribution from Government, there remains a sum of Rupees 1,200 to be met by Local and Municipal Funds, in the proportion of 1,000 to the former, and 200 to the latter.

Grant IV.—Provision for ambulatory and vaccination.

Grant V.—The proposed conservancy is to consist of a Sanitary Inspector, one head scavenger, ten ordinary scavengers, and a special scavenger for night soil carts.

Grant VI.—The amount provided will suffice to light the main street at any rate, and for the purchase of lamp posts.

Grant VII.—The item Rupees 500 provides for the purchase of carts.

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Grant V.—The establishment is to consist of two clerks, a bill collector, and a peon. Contingencies are provided for. I do not see how a suitable establishment could be maintained at a smaller annual expenditure.

No. 224. Read also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st August 1876, No. 7427 (Miscellaneous):—

Read item-official from the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated 24th August 1876, No. 2298, requesting Board to forward, for the information of Government, a copy of their Proceedings, No. 625, of 4th March last, containing a report on the sanitary condition of Ongole town.

Ordered accordingly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th March 1876, No. 625.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 15th February 1876, No. 1231.

I have the honor, by order, to submit, for the information of the Board, extracts from the Deputy Surgeon-General's Inspection Report on Ongole.

EXTRACTS.

Paragraph 1.—Hospital.—"The institution has during the whole year been limited to the treatment of out-patients only. Although provided with cot, &c., for in-patients, there is no shelter for even these articles, which are deteriorating under exposure. The dispensary room and medicine store are at present in an outhouse of the future Civil Hospital, which is no nearer completion now than it was a year ago! I spoke to the Collector, Mr. Vansagnay, about the new hospital, and am led to fear that possibly even one, or two, or more years may transpire before it will be built. Till it is finished, there will not be any effort made, I apprehend, to make better medical provision for this large and dirty town.

Conservancy of drainage.

Mr. Nippe is unequal to his requirements.

In all its parts, and in all directions, Ongole is an ill-conditioned and filthy place; human ordure and garbage of all kinds are seen everywhere. There are no public incinerators, and there is, I am informed by Mr. Nippe, no establishment of scavengers. A striking contrast is here presented to the larger town of Guntur I recently inspected, and a contrast which surely need not exist. In such a station as this, the demand for a Civil Hospital is specially clamant, and no time should be lost in providing a really good one. Its Medical officer, too, ought to be an intelligent, well-educated, firm, and prudent young man, who will interest himself actively and personally in sanitation, and do for Ongole what Surgeon Tyrrell does for Guntur. A good array of surgical instruments, an adequate supply of medicines and appliances, and a considerable provision of requisite furniture for the desired institution are here, and here for like purpose—may, for worse than little purpose, seeing that some of them serve but little present advantage, and are worn while deteriorating rapidly.

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Paragraph 6.—Recommendations.—"Mr. Nipps has made recommendations for cleaning the town and whitewashing, and both were done; but cleanliness then secured has not been maintained. I am sending extract of paragraph 1 to the President of Local Fund Boards, Kistna."

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) G. BIDDLE, M.D., Surgeon-Major,
Secretary, Surgeon-General, I.M.D.

Communicated to the President, Local Fund Board, Nellore.

2. The remarks of the Deputy Surgeon-General as to the state of the town of Ongole demand the serious attention of the Local Fund Board.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 225. ORDER THEREON, 30th September 1876, No. 1757.

The Government Council directs that the Towns Improvement Act be introduced into the town of Ongole in the Nellore District from the 1st February 1877. The following notification will be published at once in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and will be republished in the District Gazette in English and the Vernacular.

NOTIFICATION

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 11 OF THE Towns Improvement Act 117 of 1871 (Madras), His Grace the Governor of Fort St. George in Council hereby notifies that from and after the 1st day of February 1877, the said Act is to be extended to, and come into force in, the town of Ongole in the District of Nellore; and His Grace in Council is pleased to define, for the purposes of the said Act, the limits of the town of Ongole as follows:—

The Northern limit to be Survey Nos. 75, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 100, 101, 104, 105, 106, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

The Western limit to be Survey Nos. 200 (201 and 216, two tanks), 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

The Southern limit to be the existing boundary between the village of Ongole and the Zorandry village of Annayappala, including that parcel of ground known as the *Pyramidant* and *odd stage*, which lies within the limits of Annayappala.

The Eastern limit to be the Survey Nos. 243, 240, 242, 237, 238, 239, and 221.

Mr. P. Venk. Narayana, Acting Sub-Collector of the District, will be appointed Vice-President of the new Municipality.

On reference from the Collector of the papers of numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 on the 1st page in his said paragraph the question of appointing Commissioners will be considered. It is observed that the Collector and Sub-Collector being ex-officio members of the Municipality.

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4. The first duty of the Commissioners when appointed will be to submit for sanction a Budget Estimate for a period of fourteen months. The Collector is desired to see that it is ready in good time before the Act comes into operation. One-third of the collections from Tolls will be credited to Local Funds.

(True Extract.)

[Handwritten signature]
Chief Secretary

To the Acting Collector of Nellore,
Board of Revenue,
Revenue Department,
Accountant-General,
Secretary, Commissioner,
Surgeon-General, Nellore District Hospital.

Edw. J. Wright

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Dear Mr. Cope

14th July 1871

My dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that

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