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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
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28th March 1877, No. 1100.

Municipal—Water Supply.

Read the following paper:—

No. 361. *From L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated 13th March 1877, No. 851.*

I have the honor to report, for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, the progress made in repairing and cleansing wells within the town.

2. The following statement shows the number of public wells cleansed and repaired in each Municipal Division by the Engineer's Department of the Municipality up to the 10th instant:—

Division.									Number of Wells.
No. 1.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
" 2.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
" 3.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
" 4.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
" 5.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
" 6.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
" 7.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
" 8.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Total ..									77

3. In addition to the above, I have received a report from Mr. Ramalingum Pillay, Municipal Commissioner of the 1st Division, that work has been commenced on fourteen other public wells in the 1st Division, and an estimate for sinking a new well at Aranachellaiswarenpettah, Trivature High Road, at a cost of Rupees 200.

4. Mr. Kristnama Charriar, Municipal Commissioner, has submitted a list of twenty other wells in the 2nd Division with estimates of clearing and repairing them, and I expect that a fair proportion of these will be completed within this week.

5. In the 3rd Division Mr. Somasundrum Chettiar, Municipal Commissioner, reports having commenced to clean out six wells on the esplanades between the Fort and Black Town.

6. There are but few public wells in the 4th Division and those are not particularly good. Mr. Vanoogopala Charriar, Municipal Commissioner of the 4th Division, reports that he has given orders for the improvement of two private wells and the work is now in hand. I have also to state that one drinking water tank is being excavated at Veyaserpady village and two at Perambore by famine coolies, and I am glad to be able to add that the Overseer in charge reports that good drinking water has been found at all these places.

7. In the 5th Division Mr. Rungiah Naidoo, a Municipal Commissioner, has undertaken the task of superintending the cleansing of the wells. I am aware that he has been actively engaged on the work, but as I have not received a report from him, I am unable to give the results.

8. There are very few public wells in the 6th Division. A scarcity of water for drinking purposes is felt by the inhabitants of Mackay's Garden Parcherry, and the vicinity of the Thousand-lights. Orders have been given to sink a well in the bottom of the tank in the Mount Road Hotel compound, and to clean out a small tank near Macartagart's Gardens, Nungumbankum. This latter work as well as the clearing of five private wells was completed within the week ending 10th instant. It has been found on inspection that many private persons have deepened and otherwise attended to their wells in this neighbourhood.

9. In the 7th Division Mr. Venkataramanjulu Naidoo reports that there are no good wells in Chintadrepettah but that the people resort chiefly to the Ponniammen Covil Tank, and the wells on the Marshall's Road Esplanade. Orders have, however, been given for the improvement of three private wells in Chintadrepettah, which are resorted to by the people. In Triplicane the wells are being looked after by Mr. Ramanjulu Naidoo who reports that twelve public and one private well had been cleaned out up to Saturday last.

10. In the 8th Division, Dr. Strachan has undertaken to look after the wells in the Northward, but during his absence from Madras Mr. Stephenson, the Assistant Engineer, has taken the work in hand. He reports particulars of eleven wells cleaned out up to the end of last week. Mr. F. S. Evans, Commissioner in charge of the Southward, has made good progress in the clearing of wells. His reports for the weeks ending respectively the 3rd and 10th instant show altogether that eighteen have been repaired and cleared under his supervision.

11. To sum up, the wells attended to up to the 10th instant are, by the Executive Engineer of the Municipality 77, by Municipal Commissioners 57—total 134.

12. I have no precise information as to the number of private wells that have been attended to lately, but from my own observation I believe that the majority of people who own wells have had them cleaned out.

No. 362.

ORDER THEREON, 28th March 1877, No. 1100.

To be recorded.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,

Offg. Chief Secretary.

[Signature]

Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Sanitary Commissioner.

„ Revenue (Famine) Department.

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