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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th November 1867.

No. 462. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department:—

Passing further orders relative to Municipal operations in Kurnool District. } (Here enter 20th November 1867, No. 1,449.)

No. 463. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1867, No. 2,795.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. H. WILKINSON,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Department, No. 1,449.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, 11th November 1867.

No. 77. Read the following letter from T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Kurnool, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Kurnool, 19th September 1867, No. 112.

In reply to Government Order, Public Department, dated 13th September No. 1142, I have the honor to inform you, with reference to paragraphs 49—56 of Mr. Ellis' report on the town of Kurnool, that Doctor Andrews is now giving his attention to a system of drainage, and has constructed, with funds supplied from the Municipal Commissioners, very nice floorings outside a number of cisterns, to enable persons to draw water without standing in damp mud, which he considers to be the cause of a great deal of Guinea-worm, so prevalent at this station.

2. The Commissioners have constructed sixteen public latrines, which are immensely resorted to by all sects of the population. We have no built market-place or slaughter-house; but fixed places are used for such. That for slaughtering is as good as requisite, being on the banks of the river, which carries off all the offal. Dirt from the town is collected from dust boxes at fixed places, and sold periodically as manure.

3. We are constructing, and have nearly completed, a new street through the town, and have been put to a considerable expense in buying up houses which were an obstruction to our progress. Some buffaloes found in the latrines have been killed. The Commissioners have seen no pigs in the town, and, considering the large Mussulman population, they do not believe any are kept. We have a great difficulty to contend with regarding the Mussulman burial grounds, owing to the prevailing desire of all Mussulmen to be buried where their ancestors' bones are deposited, but no exertion to put a stop to intramural burials consistent with the prejudices of the people will be wanting on the part of the Commissioners.

4. Regarding paragraphs 92 and 93 and 95, Doctor Andrews will be called upon to see if he can make plans and estimates.

The gate-way might easily be pulled down if we had some funds available.

There is a difficulty regarding the ditch alluded to in paragraphs 96 and 97. A freehold putta was given to three persons for Rupees 200, on the condition of their filling up the ditch with the earth composing the large mound behind the Hospital. If the putta had been withheld till the completion of the conditions, they would have been carried out, but now the three persons dispute how much land belongs to each, and are unwilling to sell the site for the price they paid for it.

5. Mr. Latham, the Chief Engineer of the Madras Canal and Irrigation Company, is paying some attention to the subject of pulling down the walls, and, in their place, constructing roads; but, with the large work of which he has the superintendence and responsibility, the Commissioners cannot expect that his plans and estimates can be furnished for a long time to come, or that they will supply those minutiæ of details which will be required.

6. Captain Hunter, Ex-officio Commissioner, is not able to give us any assistance at all, because of his own work. He probably has, besides office work and revenue engineering work of the large taluqs of Pattikondah, Ramalakottah, and Nundikotkoor, such as repairs of tanks, &c., the superintendence of nearly 250 miles of road. He has also to look after all the civil and military buildings. He cannot, therefore, give that undivided attention to the subject of the requirements of the town as it necessarily requires.

7. I fear, therefore, unless the Government place at the disposal of the Commissioners an Engineer as recommended by Mr. Ellis, a well digested scheme (accompanied with plans and estimates), is a matter of impossibility.

8. If the Government will appoint an Engineer, the pay of his appointment might be defrayed from the sum we trust Government will set apart for the improvement of this town.

9. The money which we collect under the Act cannot supply us with sufficient means to do more than we are at present occupied with; for the Police establishment and conservancy cost us rather more than a thousand Rupees monthly.

From Assistant Surgeon C. A. ANDREWS, Civil Surgeon of Kurnool, to T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., Collector of Kurnool; dated Kurnool, 18th September 1867, No. 62.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Docket Memorandum, No. 631, dated the 17th instant, asking if I can make plans and estimates "to drain the place", in reference to paragraphs 92, 93, and 95 of the Sanitary Commissioner's report. I cannot find that those paragraphs have any reference to drainage, but I will reply to the subjects mentioned :—

92.—The wards set apart as a Police Hospital are very well adapted for that purpose. They are capable of containing 15 patients, allowing 99 superficial square feet, which is the actual average sick in the Police Force; but they are capable of containing 23 inmates, allowing 61 superficial square feet (which is above the Jail allowance) in times of unusual sickness, which, except in the case of contagious or loathsome diseases, would not, I think, be attended with any ill effect.

These wards are [illegible] removed from the Civil Dispensary that the Police do not annoy or interfere with the patients of that institution in any way, and it is an advantage to have both Hospitals in one compound, as, in times of pressure for the services of Medical Subordinates, one Subordinate can perform the duties of both Hospitals.

On the other hand, if this detached building is kept solely for isolated cases, it would be wasted. Even in times of epidemic cholera or small-pox, space for half a dozen patients would be sufficient, as Natives with these diseases seldom apply for admission as in-patients, and during the greater part of the year the building would be empty.

I would suggest, therefore, on the grounds I have above stated, and on the score of economy, that a small additional ward, capable of containing six beds, be built for the Dispensary, to be paid for out of the Police budget, or that the Police authorities take over the detached building now occupied by the Police at a valuation—the proceeds to be applied to building a separate ward, and generally improving the buildings of the Civil Dispensary.

The plans and estimates would be best prepared by the Executive Engineer.

93.—A sky-light and increased ventilation for the dead-house are highly necessary. I will undertake to prepare a plan and estimate and see the work done, if provided with funds.

95.—I will also make arrangements for lighting and ventilating the cook-room.

I hope it will not be necessary to have the old gate-way removed. It stands about due north of the Dispensary, and, therefore, does not obstruct any of the prevailing winds. The curtain wall leading from it to the eastern bastion may obstruct the north-east wind; but a proposal for lowering that is, I believe, under consideration.

96.—The condition of the ground in rear of the Civil Dispensary is very bad, and as it appears that there are no means of making the purchasers of the glacis fulfil the condition upon which the sunnuds were granted, I have set a gang of convicts to work, to level the ground, as I consider its present condition menaces the health both of my patients and the inhabitants of the vicinity.

97.—I hope to introduce a comprehensive system of drainage, and am collecting information for that purpose, but it is rather a vast undertaking, and cannot be arranged until the new roads are marked out. In the mean time, I will visit the drain mentioned, and see if anything can be done that will fit into the proposed general system of drainage.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, 11th November 1867.

No. 78. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1867, No. 1414.

In the letter above recorded, Mr. Chase, the President of the Municipal Commission at Kurnool, reports upon the measures taken by the Municipality for carrying into effect certain recommendations made by the Sanitary Commissioner in his inspection report on the town of Kurnool.

2. The Governor in Council learns with much satisfaction that a commencement has been made by the Kurnool Municipality in executing works essential for the protection of the public health of the town. The public reservoirs of drinking water have been improved by stone flooring; numerous public latrines have been constructed; a new street, to improve the ventilation of a crowded quarter of the town, is nearly completed; and the serious nuisances connected with the buffaloes and pigs allowed to wander about the streets have been suppressed.

3. The Commissioners are engaged in putting a stop to intramural interment, and will, the Governor in Council trusts, by firmly enforcing the law on this subject, abate a nuisance which is a serious danger to the health of the people.

4. The arrangement proposed for slaughtering cattle is not approved, and the Commissioners will be requested to consider the propriety of erecting a suitable slaughter-house.

5. The President of the Kurnool Municipal Commission points out that the funds at their disposal are not sufficient to enable them, without the special assistance of Government, to devise and construct the works of drainage and of new streets which have been recommended by the Sanitary Commissioner, and which are urgently required, and they request that aid may be given them in preparing plans and estimates for these works.

6. With reference to paragraphs 92, 93, and 95 to 97 of the Sanitary Commissioners report, Mr. Chase submits a letter from Dr. Andrews, the Zillah Surgeon in charge of the Kurnool Dispensary, recommending that the Police should continue, as at present, to occupy the wards allotted to them, but, as this arrangement deprives the Dispensary of accommodation required for contagious cases, that a contagious ward, capable of containing six beds, should be added to the Dispensary and charged to the Police Budget, and that plans and estimates should be prepared for this building.

7. For the other improvements required in the Dispensary, Dr. Andrews states that he is prepared himself to make plans and estimates.

8. The Governor in Council is of opinion that the Municipality of the town of Kurnool has special claims to receive the assistance of the State in carrying out improvements so urgently needed for the protection of the health of the station, both on the ground that the Municipality have to deal with the results of a long period of neglect for which they are not responsible, and that these improvements are absolutely required for the protection of the troops and official establishments at Kurnool.

9. The Governor in Council will, therefore, be prepared to consider in what manner, and to what extent, the assistance of Government should be given when he has before him a well considered scheme for the works required; and, with this object, the Department of Public Works will be requested, in communication with the President of the Municipal Commission, the Zillah Surgeon, and the Officer Commanding the station, to prepare plans and estimates for the improvement of the town and station of Kurnool.

10. Plans and estimates for the additional ward for contagious diseases required at the Government Dispensary, and for the improvement of the Hospital ventilation and dead-house, should be prepared and submitted to Government.

11. The Governor in Council approves of the employment of convicts in the work of levelling the ground in the neighbourhood of the Dispensary.

12. It will not, it appears, be necessary to remove the old gate-way, which is a good specimen of Native architecture.

(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Kurnool.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Public Works Department.
" Military Department.
" Inspector General, Medical Department.
" Do. of Police.
" Do. of Jails.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Read again letter from the President of the Municipal Commission, Kurnool, dated 19th September 1867, No. 112, recorded in Proceedings of Government, dated 11th November 1867, No. 1414.

No. 132. ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1867, No. 1449.

In continuation of the Order of Government, dated 11th November 1867, the Collector of the Kurnool District will report the exact conditions upon which the three persons described in paragraph 4 of his letter, dated 19th September 1867, No. 112, received freehold puttas for the land forming part of the rampart behind the Hospital.

2. It appears that these persons have failed in their agreement to fill up the fort ditch with the earth-work, and that they refuse to sell the site for the price which they paid for it.

3. Mr. Chase will report what measures he proposes to take for the cancellation of their leases, or for enforcing the conditions therein contained.

4. It is necessary that this question should be decided without delay, or the putta holders may, after the improvements of the site by the Municipality, claim a right to the land for which they hold these documents.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Kurnool.
" Revenue Department, with Proceedings No. 1414.
" Inspector General of Police.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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