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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
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Buildings and Roads.
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READ—the following paper:—

From the Secretary to the Junction Canal Memorial Committee, dated 12th March 1898.

ORDER—No. 1063 W., dated 27th April 1898.

The letter read above submits a memorial from certain inhabitants of Mylapore in Madras on the subject of the Junction canal, the construction of which has, they allege, injuriously affected them. They pray that inquiry into the matter may be made.

2. The memorialists complain that they have been injuriously affected in the following ways:—

(1) The canal holds salt water intermixed with sewage in a state of stagnation and emits noxious effluvia injurious to health.

(2) In a certain area on either side of the canal, it has lowered the water level in their fresh water wells, so that they run dry during the dry season, and during the rainy season draw foul water from the canal by percolation.

(3) In a certain area on either side of the canal there has been a marked deterioration in the yield of plantations. The loss on this account in the shape of rent is estimated at Rs. 5,979 per annum.

(4) The supply of water for irrigation from Mylapore tank (commonly called the long tank) has suffered from the leaky condition of the sluices which carry it across the canal.

(5) The large temple tank in Mylapore has been drained so low that the water is insufficient for the annual festival, or for bathing purposes.

3. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation will investigate grievances (1), (2), (4) and (5) and as regards (2) will cause levels to be carefully taken to the wells and tanks adjacent to the canal so as to test the statements therein made.

4. With regard to item (3) a general inquiry will be made in the Revenue Department as to the alleged deterioration of the agricultural value of the lands referred to, and the statement made in paragraph 8 of the memorial as to the increase of elephantiasis will be inquired into by the Surgeon-General under orders in the Public Department. It should be ascertained whether there has been any increase of the disease in Mylapore during the past twenty years, and, if so, whether the canal has had any evil influence in this respect.

(True Extract.)

S. S. Polak
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation,
" Revenue Department,
" Public Department,
" Secretary, Memorial Committee.

Erd. Shaik Karim.

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