

Water Supply
(Municipal supply)

Munpl 9143
1904 (G 31)

From whom

P. M. C.

Place

Singapore

Date

27. 9. 04

Extension of the water main in Napier & Cluny Roads.

As to the charge of \$35. a month to cover the cost of.

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Gardens, 3.500/04
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Y. E.

The cost of main extension was put at \$ 5,800 and of reservoir and pipes in Gardens at \$ 3,300.

2. The M.C. are willing to extend the main at their own cost (\$7,000) on Govt. paying \$420 p.a. for reasons explained in enclosed letter.

3. I do not think the expenditure is necessary. The M.C. cannot guarantee a regular supply of water, and as shown in para 6 of Mr. May's minute of 18.7.04 on 3500 - 04 only 3 days supply could be stored. sd. F.G.P

28. 9. 04

Let it drop

sd. J.A.

28. 9. 04

So inform Mr. Ridley and P.M.C

sd. F.G.P

28. 9. 04

Noted

R.D. for H.A. 5.10.04

Colonial Secretary's Office

Singapore, 28th. September 1904

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. C. S. 112 / 04 of the 27th. inst. on the subject of the extension of the Water Main in Napier and Cluny Roads, I am directed to inform you that Government does not desire any further action to be taken in the matter.

I have &c.

sd. W.L. Brockman

for, Col Secretary S. S.

The

President Municipal Commissioners

Singapore.

Municipal Office

Singapore, 27th. September 1904

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter Munl. 8288 / 04 of the 2nd. instant enquiring on what principle the Municipal Commissioners contemplate such a charge as \$35 a month to cover the cost of the extension of the water main in Napier & Cluny Roads and to state that the Botanic Gardens, which the extension of the main is intended to serve, are outside the area within which the Municipal Commissioners are empowered to levy a water rate as defined in Section 87 (6) of the Ordinance. The Commissioners have no present intention of extending the main in the direction of the Botanic Gardens and considered that they should be recouped for their expenditure in laying a further length of pipe at this end of the town when the need for the extension of the water supply in other parts is more pressing.

The action of the Commissioners in asking for a special payment to cover part of the expenditure involved in laying the main is not peculiar to this case but is the principle usually observed in dealing with all applications for a water supply in districts where in consequence of more urgent demands elsewhere mains would not be laid for some time to come. Should the main laid as far as the Botanic Gardens become a source of additional revenue or should it be further extended to meet the requirements of the neighbourhood the contribution now asked for from Government would be modified.

3. I may also remark that the rate which it is now proposed to charge for water to the Botanic Gardens is 20 cents per 1,000 gallons, the rate at which it is supplied to Government buildings and not at 50 cents per 1,000 gallons, the rate fixed in the Schedule of Rates for the private supply of water by meter to Recreation Grounds.

4. The Commissioners would further observe that if a main be laid as proposed, it would be impossible to guarantee that there would be sufficient pressure to enable the water to rise to the level of the Band-Stand as shown on the plan or even that there would be a regular supply of water.

I have &c

sd. E. Broadrick

J. M. C.

The

Hon'ble Acting Colonial Secretary S. S.

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be used if required.

(G. 3.)
Gardens 4096
1911

From Whom Director of Gardens
Place Singapore
Date 25-7-11

Calls attention of Govt. to the serious shortage of water for domestic uses at the Botanic Gardens and asks Govt. to call for an expert report:-

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C.S.

C.E.

Can you ascertain what it would cost approximately to have water laid on to the barracks?

Itd. A.H.L. 25/7/11

C.S.

(£2,500)
The cost would be about \$2,500 which include laying on water to the Director's the Curator's the Asst. Curator the Javanese coolie lines and the Clerk and Overseers quarters.

I regret the delay in replying to your minute but the Ag. Water Engineer to whom the inquiry was referred informs me the information necessary to frame an estimate has taken some time to coolies.

Itd. N.T. For C.E. 7/12/11

Gardens No 76
1911

E. Garden 50/12



Botanic Gardens, Singapore,
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Sir,

I have the honour to call the attention of Government to the serious shortage of water for domestic uses at the Botanic Gardens. Nearly all the wells are dry, or, the water is unfit for any use and water is being supplied the lines by carriers.

2.- Taking in all - the lines with women and children, the three bungalows including syces and servant, and other quarters of the permanent staff, there are never less than 200 persons concerned.

3.- As the Municipal mains approach the Garden from both sides, at the barracks on the Tyersal side, and junction of Nassim Road with Dalvey Road on the Economic garden side, the extension required to supply the whole garden would not be considerable and the cost not heavy in fact trifling as compared with a few years ago.

4.- As the matter admits of so easy solution, and considering the almost invariable sickness in the lines I do ask Government to call for an expert report.

I have etc

sd. R. Derry

for, Director of Gardens S.S.

The Hon. Col. Secretary S.S.

Singapore.

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