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G.O., No. 227, Educational, dated 8th April 1905.

Abstract.—Ordering the publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and in the Nilgiri District Gazette of a notification regarding the Breeks' Memorial school, Ootacamund.

Read—also the following papers :—

Memorandum No. 226, Educational, dated 12th April 1905.

With reference to his letter, dated 4th April 1905, the Collector of the Nilgiris and President, Breeks' Memorial school, Ootacamund, is informed that the description of the northern, southern and eastern boundaries of the premises given in his letter is not sufficiently definite. Mr. Mullaly is requested to arrange to have the property demarcated and mapped in order that an accurate description of the boundaries may be inserted in the notification proposed to be issued under the Charitable Endowments Act.

(By Order.)

A. GALLETTI,
Asst. Secretary to Government.

From C. M. MULLALY, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of the Nilgiris, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Ootacamund, 1st May 1905, R.C. No. 1996 of 1904.

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From A. L. HANNAY, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Collector of the Nilgiris, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Ootacamund, 12th May 1905, Ref. on Cur. No. 730.

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20. The respectable Hindu and Muhammadan children can afford to pay the same fees as the other Europeans and East Indians and behave perhaps far better than the pupils of those nationalities, and we cannot comprehend the reason why those children of the more respectable Muhammadans and Hindus should be excluded. It is not presumably the colour which stands in the way of their inclusion, for apart from being considered sarcastic we would humbly beg to represent that among East Indians of *all classes and conditions* there are more children of much darker hue than "respectable native" children.

21. We beg in the foregoing circumstances that the draft scheme, when it comes before Government, may be amended in such a manner as to suit both the European and East Indian and "respectable native pupils", and we humbly trust that this paternal Government is not and was never inclined to make any distinction of race and colour. The Presidency College, Doveton College, Corrie's Grammar School and many other renowned institutions have been and are admitting natives of all classes and conditions along with Europeans and East Indians, which latter term, we think, also includes Eurasians. It is not, we beg to be excused for making this remark, unusual to see at Ootacamund and on the hills generally many natives of the lower classes known as "Pariahs," donning European costume in its entirety, not even the hat excepted, and claiming to be called East Indians. Everybody here has a smattering of English, and it is not unusual to see many erstwhile "Pariahs" transformed into *pucka* East Indians and their offspring will preferably gain admission into the B.M. School to the exclusion of a respectable child of a Brahman Government clerk or respectable Muhammadan merchant.

22. We beg respectfully to suggest that when the draft scheme comes to be considered the Government will be graciously pleased to take into consideration the above points and decide accordingly by expunging that portion of the proposed scheme that affords the exclusion of the children of the "more respectable" natives and declare that the school may be, as it is now, thrown open for the admission of our children on the same footing as those of Europeans and East Indians, no distinction of caste and colour being made save that of respectability alone in the case of our school-going population.

23. A copy of this communication is being sent to the Director of Public Instruction who, it is hoped, will be in a position to support our views.

For which act of kindness your memorialists will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

Order—No. 346, Educational, dated 22nd May 1905.

The draft scheme for the future administration of the Breeks' Memorial school, Ootacamund, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 11th April 1905 and the *Nilgiri District Gazette* of the 18th idem, is now finally approved, and the following notification will be published in the Fort St. George and the Nilgiri District Gazettes :—

NOTIFICATION.

In the matter of the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890

AND

In the matter of the Breeks' Memorial School, Ootacamund.

It is hereby notified that the Governor of Fort St. George in Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 4 and 5 of the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890, doth hereby order and direct that the land and buildings known as the Breeks' Memorial school, Ootacamund, as described in the first schedule hereto, together with all movable property connected with such school, shall as from the 1st day of July 1905 vest and be thenceforth vested in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments for the territories subject to the Government of Madras and be held by him and his successors (subject to the provisions of the said Charitable Endowments Act, 1890, and to any rules which may from time to time be framed thereunder by the Governor-General of India in Council) upon the trusts for the purposes and subject to the conditions set forth in the scheme of which particulars are contained in the second schedule hereunder written. And it is hereby further notified that the said scheme of which particulars are contained in the said second schedule shall come into operation on the vesting of such land, buildings and movable property in the said Treasurer of Charitable Endowments for the territories subject to the Government of Madras upon the 1st day of July 1905.

Schedule I.

All that piece of land composed of Settlement Nos. C. 325/1 and C. 326/1 situate at Ootacamund in the district of the Nilgiris in the sub-registration district of Ootacamund and the registration district of the Nilgiris, with the buildings thereon, known as the Breeks' Memorial school, bounded on the north by Settlement No. C. 325 of Ootacamund, on the south by Settlement Nos. C. 326 and C. 325 of Ootacamund, on the east by Settlement Nos. C. 325 and C. 326 of Ootacamund, and on the west by the Wenlock road and containing $38\frac{7}{8}$ cents or thereabouts.

Schedule II.

Scheme under the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890, *for the management of the Trust property known as the Breeks' Memorial School, Ootacamund.*

The land and buildings known as the Breeks' Memorial school as described in the foregoing schedule, with all movable property relating to the said school, now in possession of the trustees of the said school shall be vested in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments for the territories subject to the Government of Madras upon the trusts and for the purposes and subject to the conditions following, that is to say,—

(1) The said Treasurer of Charitable Endowments shall stand seized and possessed of the said land, buildings and movable property upon trust to permit the same to be used and administered by the Director of Public Instruction for the time being of the Presidency of Madras in such manner, upon such terms and conditions and up to such standard of education as be may with the sanction of the Government of Madras, from time to time direct as a school for the children of Europeans and East Indians only of all classes and conditions and wheresoever resident.

(2) Provision shall be made by the said Director of Public Instruction for the education of the children of the more respectable native inhabitants of Ootacamund at or in another school or other schools in Ootacamund, such education being not less in grade than that at present provided in the Breeks' Memorial school.

2. The Director of Public Instruction is requested to submit proposals for the maintenance of the Breeks' Memorial school on its new basis and for the transfer of the native children now in the school to some other school in Ootacamund.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Trustees of the Breeks' Memorial School.
" Treasurer of Charitable Endowments.
" Director of Public Instruction.

Exd. C. Parthasarathy.

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CURRENT No. 810

From

[Name] C. M. Mullaly Esquire, I.C.S.,

[Designation] Collector of the Nilgiris,

[Station] OOTACAMUND.

R C No. 1996/04

Dated 1st May 1905.

Enclosures nil

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Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Collector.

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CURRENT No. 884

From

[Name] A. L. Hannay Esquire, I.C.S.,

[Designation] Acting Collector of the Nilgiris,

[Station] OOTACAMUND.

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Ag.Collector.

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Tracing from

Ootacamund Town Survey Block No 50

Showing the land taken up for Breek's School

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		Acres	Cents
No	C 325	19	79
No	C 325 1	0	34 3/8
No	C 326	2	19 3/8
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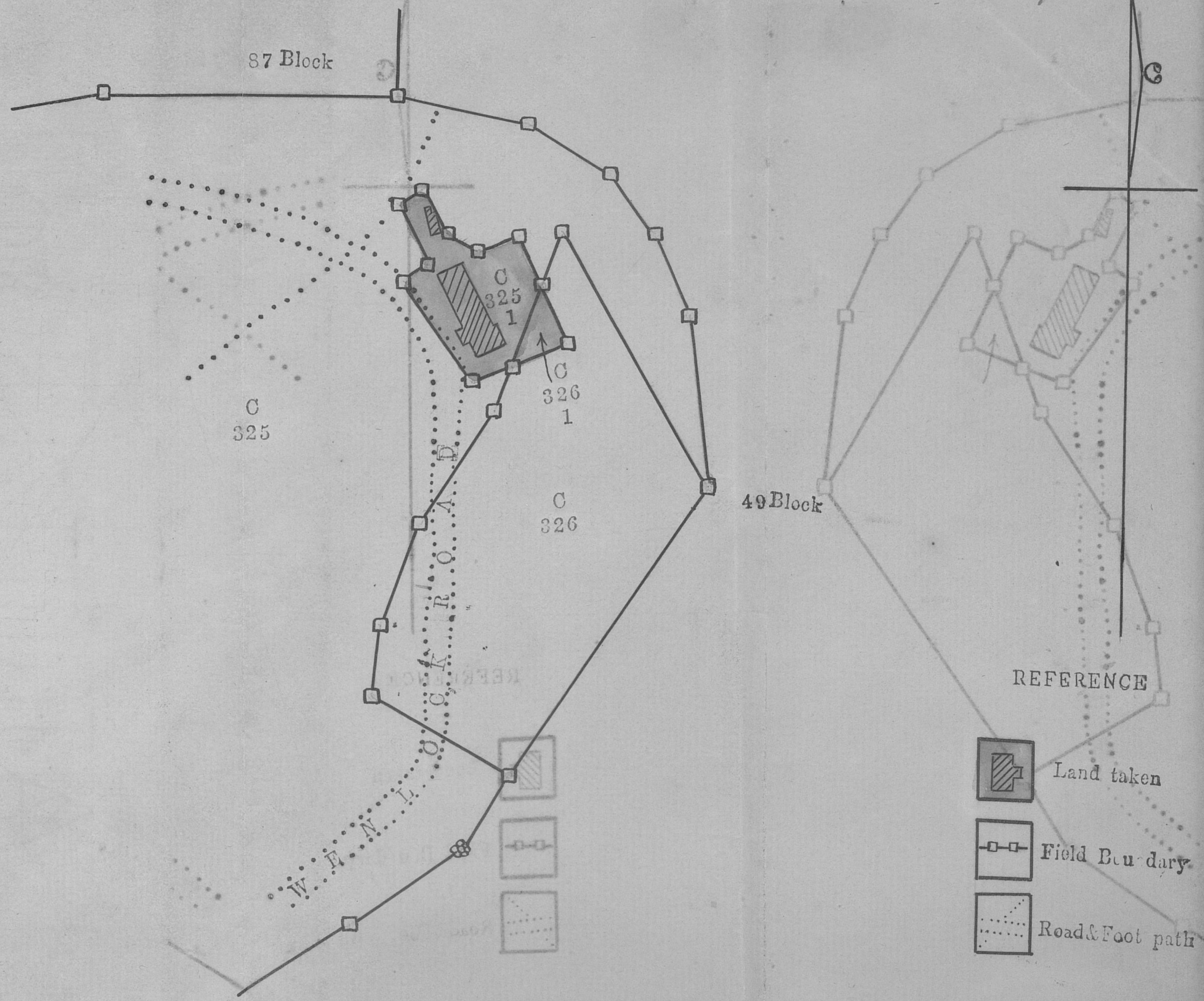

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District Survey Office

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M. Subbaraya Naicker
Draftsman

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To

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23. A copy of this communication is being sent to the Director of Public Instruction who, it is hoped, will be in a position to support our views.

For which act of kindness your memorialists will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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READ AGAIN G.O., No. 227, dated 8-4-1905.
" " " ", " 190 .

READ ALSO:—

C. No. 810, From the Collector of the Nilgiris, No 1996, dated 1-5-1905.
" " 884, " " " ", " 730, " 12-5-1905.
" " 900, " " Fakir Muhammad Sait & Sons, " " 15-5-1905.

ORDER No. 346, dated 22-5-1905.

P.S.

W 8/5/05

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~~No remarks or suggestions having been received in respect~~ of the draft scheme for the future administration of the Breeks Memorial School, Ootacamund, published in the Fort St George Gazette of the 11th April 1905 & the Nilgiri District Gazette of the 18th idem, ~~the draft~~ is now finally approved and the following notification will be published in the Fort St George and the Nilgiri District Gazettes:—

Notification.

No remarks or suggestions having been received in respect of the draft scheme for the future administration of the Breeks Memorial School, Ootacamund, published in the Fort St George Gazette of the [illegible] 1905 & the Nilgiris District Gazette of the 13th idem ~~[illegible]~~ the draft [illegible] [illegible]

NOTIFICATION ~~1~~

In the matter of the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890,
and
In the matter of the Breeks' Memorial School, Ootacamund.

It is hereby notified that the Governor of Fort St. George in Council, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 4 and 5 of the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890, doth hereby order and direct that the land and buildings known as the Breeks' Memorial School, Ootacamund, as described in the first schedule hereto, together with all movable property connected with such school shall as from the 1st day of July 1905 vest and be thenceforth vested in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments for the territories subject to the Government of Madras and be held by him and his successors (subject to the provisions of the said Charitable Endowments Act, 1890, and to any rules which may from time to time be framed thereunder by the Governor-General of India in Council) upon the trusts for the purposes and subject to the conditions set forth in the scheme of which particulars are contained in the second schedule hereunder written. And it is hereby further notified that the said scheme of which particulars are contained in the said second schedule shall come into operation on the vesting of such land buildings and movable property in the said Treasurer of Charitable Endowments for the Territories subject to the Government of Madras upon the 1st day of July 1905.

[redacted]

Schedule I.

All that piece of land composed of ~~portions of~~ Settlement Nos. C. 325 and C. 326 situate at Ootacamund in the district of the Nilgiris in the Sub-Registration district of Ootacamund and the Registration district of the Nilgiris, with the buildings thereon, known as the Breeks' Memorial School, bounded on the north by ~~the remaining portion of~~ Settlement No. C. 325 of Ootacamund, on the south by ~~the remaining portions of~~ Settlement Nos. C. 326 and C. 325 of Ootacamund, on the east by ~~the remaining portions of~~ Settlement Nos. C. 325 and C. 326 of Ootacamund, and on the west by the Wenlock Road and containing 38 7/8 cents ~~15,246 square feet or 0·35 acre~~ or thereabouts.

SCHEDULE ~~No. 2.~~ II.

Scheme under the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890, for the management of the trust property known as the Breeks' Memorial School, Ootacamund.

The land and buildings known as the Breeks' Memorial school as described in the foregoing ~~hereto~~ schedule with all movable property relating to the said school now in possession of the Trustees of the said school shall be vested in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments for the territories subject to the Government of Madras upon the trusts and for the purposes and subject to the conditions following, that is to say,—

(1) The said Treasurer of Charitable Endowments shall stand seized and possessed of the said land, buildings and movable property upon trust to permit the same to be used and administered by the Director of Public Instruction for the time being of the Presidency of Madras in such manner, upon such terms and conditions and up to such standard of education as he may with the sanction of the Government of Madras from time to time direct as a school for the children of Europeans and East Indians only of all classes and conditions and wheresoever resident.

(2) Provision shall be made by the said Director of Public Instruction for the education of the children of the more respectable Native inhabitants of Ootacamund at or in another school or other schools in Ootacamund such education being not less in grade than that at present provided in the Breeks' Memorial School.

2. The Director of Public Instruction is requested to submit proposals for the maintenance of the Breeks' memorial school on its new basis and for the transfer of the native children ~~of the natives~~ now in the school to some other school in Ootacamund.

PH 15/5/5

K 16/5/5

16/5/05

To the Trustees of the Breeks' Mem: School
" Treasurer of Ch: End:
" ~~D.P.I~~

Despatched with fair copies 14/6/5

1,000—30-11-00.

Educational (190) Department.

CURRENT No. 1051

From

[Name] A. L. Hannay Esquire, I.C.S.,

[Designation] Acting Collector of the Nilgiris,

[Station] OOTACAMUND.

DESPATCHED
2 JUN 1905

R.C. No. 730/05.

Dated 2nd June 1905. 190 .

Enclosures Nil.

Received 3 - JUN 1905 190 .

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL SECRETARIAT

Registered 3-6- 1905.

SUBJECT.

Breeks' Memorial School.

Reporting certain correction to be made in the Notification regarding the --------------

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

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To

The Secretary to Government,

Educational Department.

Stone House Hill, Ootacamund.

V

Sir,

In the first line of Schedule I to Notification, No. 73, regarding the Breeks' Memorial School, published in pages 345-46 of the Fort Saint George Gazette (Part I B), dated 30th May 1905, the settlement Nos. of the fields comprising the Breeks' School have been given as C.325 and C.326 instead of C.325/1 and C.326/1 (vide my report, R.C. 730/05, dated 12th May 1905). I have therefore the honour to request that the mistake may be corrected.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

for Ag. Collector.

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[E. 2.]

1,500—3-12-04

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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C. No. 1051 From the Collector of the Nilgiris No. 730, dated 2nd June 1905.

SUBJECT. Corrections in the notification regarding the Breeks' Memorial School.

When the Collector gave the boundary of the land for the preparation of the notification regarding the Breeks' Memorial School, he gave the Settlement nos. as C.325 and C.326 — vide his letter no. dated 4th April 1905 in G.O. no. 227 Edl. dated 8th April 1905 — and they were so entered in the notification. In a subsequent communication, viz. letter no. 730 dated 12th May 1905 which the Collector refers to in his present letter, the numbers were given as C.325/1 and C.326/1 but it was never pointed out that the numbers as given in the letter of the 4th April 1905 were incorrect. Consequently no alteration was made in the notification.

2. Submitted that the following erratum may now issue.

"In the first line of Schedule 1 to notification no. 73 regarding the Breeks' Memorial School, published in pages 345 & 346 of Part I of the Fort St George Gazette dated 30th May 190

For Settlement nos. C.325 and C.326

Read Settlement nos. C.325/1 and C.326/1

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The correction was made on actual demarcation subsequent to the original notification. Why should it be specially pointed out? If the office clerk had any sense he must have seen that the sub numbers were specially demarcated for purpose of this notification.

8.6.05

Issue: This should appear in the next Gazette.

7/9
8.5.05

Gazetted 13/6/05

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6-6-05

This is a piece of imbecility in the office. I put the Schedule right before passing it. What have you done with the copy of the Schedule as corrected by me? and the plan by which I corrected it? I put in the 1s.

AG 7/6/05

I know nothing of the schedule as corrected by U.S. The Original of G.O. no. 346 Edl dated 22nd May 1905 is still with the Press. May this file await its return?

T.K.
7-6-05

No; submit to Secy.

AG 7/6/05

The erratum may issue. The Colr. Nilgiris may carry it out in the Dt. Gazette at once, if the current month's Gazette has not yet issued.

The office has been guilty of gross stupidity.

I recollect that I checked the figures in the draft as it came to me.

8.6.05

A draft D.O. to the Collector of the Nilgiris is placed below for approval.

T.K.
8-6-05.

Why D.O.? Memo (1) to Collr Nilgiris (2) to S.G.P (not^n appeared in the Fort St G. Gazette also)

AG 8/6/05

A memo to the Collector is placed below for approval. No memo to S.G.P. is, it is submitted, necessary. The erratum will be published in the next gazette under the signature of the Secretary.

T.K.
8.6.05

Issue
8/6/05

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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Please print again

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Memorandum No.

~~Read the following paper :—~~

With reference to his letter R.C.No.730 , dated 2nd June 1905, the Collector of the Nilgiris is requested to be good enough to carry out the correction pointed out by him as necessary in the notification to be published in the Nilgiri District Gazette, if the Gazette ~~issue~~ ~~for the current~~ ~~week~~ ~~month~~ in which it is to appear has not issued yet.

(By order)

Ootacamund,
8th June 1905.

Ag. Under Secretary.

To
The Collector of the Nilgiris.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Memorandum No. 328 dt 8-6-05

READ the following paper :—

(Cno 1051)

With ref. to his letter Re no. 730 dated 2nd June 1905, the Collector of the Nilgiris is requested to be good enough to carry out the correction pointed out by him as necessary in the notification to be published in the Nilgiri District Gazette, if the gazette in which it is to appear ~~for the current month~~ has not issued yet [and to insert an Erratum in the next Gazette if it has.]

7.K.
8.6.05

8/6/05

Desp to-day
7.K.
8.6.05

The portion within brackets was added by the US in the fair issued.

To
The Collector of the Nilgiris.

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AGAIN G.O., No. 287-Edl. DATED
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Directing the publication of a notice in the Fort St. George Gazette and the Nilgiris District Gazette regarding the Breeks Memorial School, Ootd.

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STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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