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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 20. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort Saint George, 4th July 1864, No. 348.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th ultimo, No. 819, forwarding a copy of a letter of the same date addressed to the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, and requesting the opinion of this Government as to the expediency of establishing a Currency Circle for Ootacamund and the Western Districts.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that the Governor in Council is not prepared to recommend the establishment of an Office of Issue at Ootacamund. The trade on the Neilgherries, notwithstanding the increase of Coffee cultivation on the slopes of the hills, is comparatively inconsiderable; the climate is not congenial to Natives who never visit except on necessity; and the demand for Notes would be very small. In a separate letter which I have addressed to you on the general question of the measures to be taken for increasing the circulation of the Paper Currency, Calicut has been recommended as the centre of a Circle of Issue for the Western Districts of the Presidency. This town is the emporium of the trade of the wealthy District of Malabar, and its proximity to the Western terminus of the Madras Railway appears to His Excellency in Council to point it out as the fittest place for the centre of the Western Currency Circle. Moreover, the Madras Bank have recently established a branch at Calicut; and as the Banks are no longer to be employed in connection with the issue and circulation of Notes, it will be advisable that, wherever it may be practicable, the Government Office of Issue should be in the immediate vicinity of such Banks.

3. As regards Ootacamund, the Governor in Council is of opinion that, with reference to the circumstance of its being a sanitarium resorted to by visitors from every part of India, its requirements should be treated specially, and that the arrangements now in force for cashing supply bills and Currency Notes should not be abruptly put an end to. He would, at any rate, urge most strongly that these arrangements should be allowed to stand for the next four months, both in regard to the cashing of Currency Notes and supply bills; and that until a Bank shall be established there, the issue of supply bills for such sums as may be required to meet the wants of the hills, may be continued. This latter arrangement does not entail any expense on the State, as the fee charged covers the cost of sending the coin to Ootacamund. The Governor in Council is so much impressed with the inconvenience which will be occasioned by the abrupt withdrawal of the accommodation now given, that he has deemed it his duty to instruct the Accountant General to defer carrying out the orders conveyed in your letter now under acknowledgment, pending the receipt of the orders of the Supreme Government on this letter.

4. The Governor in Council is glad to see that the Government of India has noticed the inconvenience which is caused by the officers of the Account Department corresponding direct with the Supreme Government, and without referring to the local Government on matters importantly affecting the financial administration. His Excellency in Council thinks that every letter of importance addressed by the local Accountants General should either be sent through the local Government, or submitted for their consideration at the time of despatch. In the present instance, a change seriously affecting the convenience of the residents of an important station, and tending to discredit the Government Paper Currency there has been ordered, without any previous communication with this Government, who are still without information as to the precise grounds of the reference which has led to the issue of these orders.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Calcutta.

Financial Department

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Fort St George
4th July 1864.

Proposed Establishment
of an Office of Land
at Botacamund –

Treasury 18th. September
1868

No 3868

To
The Secretary to the Govt.
of Madras

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 414 dated 4th July 1868.

The proposal to establish a Land Office for Ootacamund appears to be intended to meet the want of a Record of Lands with a Record that the present establishment of the Survey Department is sufficient for keeping up the Survey Notes there & Buildings & Offices required to stand may be attached to the Land Office at Ootacamund –

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For Ch. Secy
with Dr Rogers's
address

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