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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,*
*22nd April* 1872.

Read the following papers :—

No. 260. Petition from A. P. SOOBBA ROW, Proprietor of the Chuttrum at Ootacamund, residing at Coimbatore, dated 22nd March 1871, No. 713.

ABSTRACT.—States that, in 1850, he gave up his house at Ootacamund for the free use of travellers, on the understanding that the Government should repair it and keep up an establishment of 10 Rupees per mensem and employ one of his relations to look after it; that, accordingly, the Government passed orders, copies of which are herewith submitted, but that, on the 14th September 1869, the Government have passed a different order, at the recommendation of the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills, by which a fee or tax of 2 Annas per diem is directed to be levied on all travellers visiting the building; that, since the date of the last order, no repairs have been executed; that the Brahmin formerly employed has been dismissed, and that owing to the said order no travellers visit the building.

Prays that Government may abide by the original conditions, or purchase the building at the prime cost, or deliver it to him for his use.

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No. 713.

The Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills is requested to report, through the Board, as to the conditions, if any, on which this building is held by Government.

(By order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
17*th April* 1871.

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
*Under Secy. to Govt.*

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No. 260-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th June 1871, No. 2585.

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 22nd May 1871, No. 57.

I have the honour to reply to paragraph 24 of Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, 9th instant, No. 50.

2. As set forth in my letter to the Board, No. 30, of the 31st March 1871, there are four tolls in this district let at a total monthly rent of 831 Rupees—831 × 12 = 9,972 Rupees.*

3. By Section 36 of Act IV. of 1871, the net proceeds of all tolls (Rupees 9,972), and not less than two-thirds of the road-cess ($\frac{1,800}{3rds} = 1,200$), are to be applied to the construction, repair, and maintenance of roads (Section 26, Act IV. of 1871)—9,972 + 1,200 = 11,172; 11,772 — 11,172 = 600 left for other purposes mentioned in Clause 3, Act IV. of 1871.

4. In paragraph 40 of the letter of the 1st of May 1871, No. 1826, from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, it is said "a toll-gate might be placed on the road from Kotagherry to Wellington." I am now having the traffic on the road noted. I am nearly sure that the toll receipts would not pay the cost of collection.

* The half-anna road-cess of the district has hitherto brought in 900 Rupees, the new anna rate will [illegible] 1,800 = 11,772.

| | | | | Rs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Coonoor | ... | ... | ... | 1,025 |
| Kotagherry | ... | ... | ... | 3,380 |
| Ootacamund | ... | .. | ... | 1,411 |
| Total | ... | | | 5,816 |

5. Under these circumstances, how are the Local Funds of this district to be charged with Rupees 5,816 for the Coonoor, Kotagherry, and Ootacamund Dispensaries, as suggested in Proceedings of the Board, 27th April 1871, No. 1755?

6. There are at present two vaccinators employed on the hills (exclusive of Municipalities) on a salary of 23 Rupees per mensem. Apart from any charges for [illegible], &c., the pay of each for the year amounts to 276 Rupees—276 × 2 = 552.

7. There were, till lately, fifteen chuttrums in the district for which Government sanctioned an annual grant of Rupees 492, as per margin; but by Proceedings of Government, 1st November 1870, No. 1684, the Coonoor Chuttrum was handed over to the Coonoor Municipality. This diminished the Government grant by 60 Rupees—(492 — 60 = 432). Subsequently, in reply to a petition from Subba Row, I pointed out in my letter, No. 49, of the 13th instant, that the allowance for the Ootacamund Brahmin Chuttrum (Subba Row's Chuttrum), for which 4 Rupees a month only had been sanctioned* out of the 492 Rupees grant, would have to be raised to 10 Rupees a month—432 + 72 = 504.

| | | Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Ootacamund Subba Row's | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 2. | Do. lower road . | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| 3. | Coonoor ... ... ... ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 4. | Yellunhully ... ... ... | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| 5. | Craigmore ... ... ... | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| 6. | Aravanghat ... ... ... | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| 7. | Kotagherry ... ... ... | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| 8. | Avalanche ... ... ... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 9. | Nangenad .. ... ... | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| 10. | Pykara ... ... ... ... | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| 11. | Neddiwuttum ... ... | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| 12. | Onchterlony ... ... ... | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| 13. | Burliar ... ... ... ... | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| 14. | New Chuttrum ... ... | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| 15. | Seegoor ... ... ... ... | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| | Total ... | 41 | 0 | 0 |

* Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, 14th September 1869, No. 2575.

8. I find I made an error in my letter, No. 49, of the 13th instant, when I stated that an increase of only 42 Rupees per annum would be needed for the Government grant to the chuttrums of this district under the circumstances brought to light in Subba Row's petition. The mistake arose by considering that the Manager of Subba Row's Chuttrum was in receipt of Rupees 6-8-0 per mensem, whereas, under the terms sanctioned in Government Order, Revenue Department, 14th September 1869, No. 2575, he is in receipt of only 4 Rupees per mensem.

9. I am disposed to recommend that the two chuttrums at Ootacamund, at a cost of Rupees 12-8-0 per mensem, be handed over to the Ootacamund Municipality, and that the remaining chuttrums, Nos. 4 to 15 (inclusive), at a monthly cost of Rupees 29-8-0,† be maintained by a Government grant as heretofore.

† 29-8-0 × 12 = 354 per annum.

10. I am also of opinion that one vaccinator, in addition to the two maintained by the Ootacamund and Coonoor Municipalities, would be sufficient for the wants of this district, and the pay of this man (Rupees 276 per annum) can be met by Local Funds out of the 600 Rupees alluded to in paragraph 3 *ante*.

11. 600 — 276 leaves 324 Rupees; out of this I propose to give (if approved) Rupees 15 a month to a Clerk in my office to keep the Minutes of the Proceedings and conduct the correspondence of the Local Fund Board.

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Submitted to Government with reference to the order quoted by the Commissioner.

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*22nd April* 1872.

2. The Board concur with him in thinking that the two Ootacamund Chuttrums should be handed over to the Ootacamund Municipality. The remaining thirteen chuttrums may be made over to the Local Funds' Board.

3. The Commissioner points out that there will be only 600 Rupees to meet the expenditure of Rupees 5,816 imposed on Local Funds by Government in their Order of the 17th April 1871, No. 491, as well as all other expenses (except those for communications).

4. The deficit will, it is hoped, be made good by a grant from the Provincial Service Funds, and this will have to be arranged in preparing the Provincial Budget.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
*Acting Secretary.*

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No. 261. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th June 1871, No. 2593.

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 13th May 1871, No. 49:—

I have the honour to report on Subba Row's petition regarding the Ootacamund Chuttrum, referred to in Mr. Brandt's Endorsement, No. 713 of 1871, dated 17th April.

2. The petitioner alleges that the conditions on which he agreed to make over the building to Government were the following:—

1*st*.—That it should be a chuttrum *free* for the use of travellers.

2*ndly*.—That it should be kept in repair at the expense of Government.

3*rdly*.—That an establishment, costing Rupees 10 per mensem, should be maintained.

4*thly*.—That a Brahmin should be placed in charge, and that this Brahmin should be a relative of the petitioner.

I have read the papers that accompanied the petition and others, as per margin, among the records of the late Taluq Cutcherry, and gather therefrom that the terms on which Government undertook the charge of this chuttrum are as stated by the petitioner, with the exception of the last clause. Although a Brahmin is to be in charge, I see nothing to the effect that this Brahmin should be a relative of the petitioner. It is true that the petitioner was permitted to nominate the first holder as an act of courtesy; but there is nothing to show that the nomination was always to rest with him. I regret that when writting my letter to the Board, No. 78, of 8th June 1869, printed in Proceedings of Government of 14th September 1869, No. 2575, I was not aware of the circumstances connected with this chuttrum, which the present reference has brought to light. The arrangements then proposed by me and sanctioned are clearly not in accordance with the terms on which the proprietor originally surrendered the building to Government, and I cannot see how the question can justly be settled without reverting to the original scale of establishment and without abolishing the charge now levied on travellers. As regards repairs, the chuttrum is now in fair condition and needs no repair that I am aware of.

Takeeds to Neilgherry Tahsildar, Nos. 165 and 135, dated 31st December 1849, and 11th November 1850, respectively.

3. The original nominee of the petitioner was in charge of the building from 1st January 1850 to 7th April 1870, or about five months after the revised scale of Chuttrum Establishment came into operation, according to which scale he received 6½ Rupees and four acres of land for charge of both the Ootacamund Chuttrums. The circumstances under which he lost the appointment are as follow :—

On 7th February 1870 he obtained leave of absence for two months, but failed to resume his duties on the expiration of his leave. This being [illegible] time he had overstayed leave granted him, I dismissed him.

4. To revert to the old stipulated scale of establishment will involve an additional charge on Government of 3½ Rupees per mensem, or 42 Rupees per annum. I see no way of meeting this except by a proportionate increase in the annual sum (Rupees 492) sanctioned by Government for the chuttrums of this district.

5. The papers forwarded with the Under Secretary's memorandum are herewith returned.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Petition.

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Submitted to Government with reference to their endorsement on Petition No. 713 of 1871.

2. The conditions on which Government took the chuttrum have been overlooked, and they must evidently be reverted to at once.

3. In a letter disposed of in separate Proceedings* the Commissioner has proposed that the chuttrum should be handed over to the Municipality, and the Board support his recommendation. It must be understood, however, that the Municipality take it on the same conditions as those on which Government hold it.

* Dated 27th June 1871, No. 2585.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
*Acting Secretary*

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No. 262. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1872, No. 552.

The Government observe that the Municipality has refused to take over the Brahmin Chuttrum at Ootacamund.

2. It is clear that the conditions of the original assignment, viz., that a establishment costing Rupees 10 per mensem be entertained and the chuttrum kept up as a free one, must be reverted to. The cost for the current year can be met from savings under Miscellaneous.

3. Petitioner will be referred to the Commissioner.

(True Extract.)

*Officiating Chief Secretary*

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills,

Exd. J. Wright.

with original petition and enclosures.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

# FINANCIAL.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

*Dated April, 22nd.*
*Rec.* Encl.

*G. O., 22nd April 1872, No. 552.*

## APRIL.
## Nos. 260—262.

Observing that the conditions of the original assignment to Government of the Brahmin Chuttrum at Ootacamund must be reverted to, and referring the petitioner, Subba Row, to the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills.

Rev. Bd. 14th Sept. 1869 No. 2,575
B. Mc. 4th Oct. 1850 No. 907.

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# Board of Revenue,

## MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 28TH JUNE 1871, No. 2,593.

Dept. 11 July/71

Received. 12th July 1871

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No. 2,593.

*Petition, No* 713 *of* 1871,—from Subba Row regarding Ouacamund Brahmin Chuttrum,—Commissioner's report on, submitted to Government with recommendation that Chuttrum be handed over to Municipality.

With order

22nd April 1872.

The Govt. deem it unnecessary to take over the Brahmin Chuttrum.

2. It is clear that the Municipality is entitled to the Chuttrum subject to the charges mentioned in the petition.

3. Petitioner's suggestion that the original assignment of Rs 210 per annum should be restored on a fresh application to the authorities cannot be entertained by Government.

E. A. T. Cartledge.

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To

The Board of Revenue.

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G.O. 22 April, 1872, No. 532

Nos. 260. 262

Please point that the conditions of the original assignment to Govt. of the Brahmin Chathrums ~~ah Ogtacammund~~ must be reverted to, and referring the Petitioner Subba Row to the Commr. of the Neilgherries -