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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
1st September 1874.

No. 4. Read the following letter from J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Ootacamund, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 12th August 1874, No. 54:—

I have the honor to submit, for the favorable consideration of the Government, a resolution passed by the Municipal Commissioners of Ootacamund at a meeting held on the 1st instant:—

"10. The Commissioners resolve to apply to Government for the transfer to their custody of the whole of the Government waste land lying around the Upper Lake between the Lower Bazaar Road and the Lake Road, to enable them to plant, to improve, and eventually to enclose the same; also for the same purpose the triangular portion of land between the lake stream and the road below Montauban, bounded on the west by the potato ground near Fakir Mahomed's shop and on the east by the Coonoor Road."

2. In making this application I beg to be informed whether the Municipality is required to pay assessment on land entrusted to it by the Government. Hitherto no assessment has been demanded; but I observe a paragraph in the issue of the *Athenæum* newspaper of the 7th instant headed "The Madras Municipality and the Collector of Madras" from which it would appear Government have resolved not to exempt from assessment land entrusted to the Madras Municipality, and the same rule might apply here. The subject was discussed at the last meeting of the Ooty Municipal Commissioners, when it was observed that there was a distinction between land entrusted to a Municipality for improvement for the benefit of rate-payers and land given to a Municipality purely for municipal use and Government might be pleased to exempt the former from assessment. All the Government land in the hands of the Ootacamund Municipality has been entrusted to them by Government in order that they may plant and adorn it, and there is nothing in the terms of the grants to prevent Government from resuming the land.

No. 5: ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1874, No. 1458.

The land in question will be entrusted to the Municipality for the purpose specified, the Government reserving to itself the right of resuming possession at any time free of any claim for compensation on the part of the Municipality.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Ootacamund.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of [1874] Madras

FINANCIAL.

To THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
Ootacamund,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 1st.
Recd. Read

G.O., 1st September 1874, No 1458.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 4-5.

Ootacamund Municipality.—Certain land entrusted to the Municipality for the purpose of planting, &c., with the right reserved to Government of resuming possession at any time free of any claim for compensation by the part of the Municipality.

Fmil DEPARTMENT.

No. 1645.

From Presdt Municpl Comrs Ootacamund

Dated 12 Augt 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

Govt grant the Land & hold the arrangement in abeyance while the Land is used for ornamental & like purposes
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Commissioner's Office
Ootacamund 12th August 1854.

No 54

From.

J. A. Cockerell Esq
President. Municipal Commission
Ootacamund.

To.

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Ootacamund

Sir.

I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of the Government a resolution passed by the Municipal Commissioners of Ootacamund at a meeting held on the 1st Instant.

"To. The Commissioners resolve unanimously to request Government for the transfer to their custody of the whole of the Government waste land lying around the Upper Lake between the Lower Bazaar Road and the Lake Road, to enable them to plant, improve and eventually to inclose the same. Also for the same purpose the triangular portion of land between the Lake stream and the road below Brantwhood bounded on the West by the Potato ground near Yakin Brahmen's shop and on the East by the Lower Road."

2. In making this application I beg to be informed whether the Municipality is

required

required to pay assessment on land entrusted to it by the Government. Hitherto no assessment has been demanded but I observe a para in the issue of the Athenaeum newspaper of the 21st instant headed "The Madras Municipality and the Talukdar of Madras" from which it would appear Government have resolved not to exempt from assessment land entrusted to the Madras Municipality and the same rule might apply here. The subject was discussed at the last meeting of City Municipal Commissioners when it was observed that there was a distinction between land entrusted to Municipality for improvement for the benefit of rate payers and land given to Municipality purely for Municipal use and Government might be pleased to exempt the former from assessment. All the Government land in the hands of the Municipality has been entrusted to them by Government in order that they may plant and adorn it and there is nothing in the terms of the grants to prevent Government from resuming the

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt

H. Cockerell
President

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No. 54

Date— 12th August 1874
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Commissioner's Office,
Ootacamund.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
No. 1645 Ootacamund

Enclosures. "

SUBJECT.

With ...

Submitting a resolution of the Ootacamund Municipality requesting to make over to them 2 pieces of land within the limits of Ootacamund and requesting to be informed whether the Municipality should pay assessment on the lands entrusted to them

Ootacamund 1 Sept 1874 No. 1628

The land in question will be entrusted to the Municipality for the purpose specified, the Govt reserving to itself the right of resuming possession at any time free of any claim for compensation on the part of the Municipality.

(Sd)

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... dated 9/3 32740

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To

The Presdt. Munl Comrs
Potacamund

Original sent to Body
12/9/74

G. O. 1st September 1874, No. 1458.

Nos. 4-5.

Potacamund Municipality-

Certain land entrusted to the Municipality for the purpose of planting &c. with the right reserved to Govt. of resuming possession at any time free of any claim for compensation on the part of the Municipality-