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No. 216. Read the following letter from Major General I. C. COFFIN, Commanding Ceded Districts; to the Quarter Master General of the Army, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, dated Bellary, 21st November 1861, No. 104.

I have the honor to forward herewith a petition from the inhabitants of Bruce Pettah and of the Cowle Bazar, and to recommend the same to the favorable consideration of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, and if considered necessary that it may be submitted to Government.

From Major R. BENSON, Cantonment Joint Magistrate, Bellary; to Major General I. C. COFFIN, Commanding Bellary and Ceded Districts, dated 21st October 1861, No. 238.

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government the accompanying petition from the respectable Native inhabitants residing within Military limits, soliciting permission for Act XXVI of 1850, being brought into operation within the Cantonment and Bazars under your Command.

They represent that the sum now granted by Government for conservancy purposes and the repairs of roads in the Cantonment approximate to 5,000 Rupees.

Engineer	2,500
Quarter Master General... ...	1,956
	4,456

to this they purpose adding a similar amount or more, by the usual mode of assessment; which they consider will not only enable them to keep the roads in repair, but also to light the Bazars and Cantonments, and arrange for the general conservancy.

They have requested me to notice that should the 1 per cent. Income tax under Act XXXII of 1860 be granted for local improvements, corresponding reductions will, if necessary, be made.

The petition is the free and spontaneous act of the inhabitants and show a desire for self dependance which I feel sure will be encouraged, and will meet your support.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

Most Respected Sir,

Act No. XXVI of A. D., 1850 having been passed to enable improvements being made in Towns, we the inhabitants residing within the limits of the Military Cantonment of Bellary, most earnestly beseech the Honorable Government will be pleased to take this humble application into serious consideration and grant the extension of the Act to the said limits.

The conservancy and sanitary arrangements for the Military limits being perhaps of more importance than the Civil Pettahs, your Petitioners respectfully trust the Government will, bearing this in mind, make a more liberal provision for the above purposes than that allowed for the Civil.

Again, although the census may shew a greater number of souls in the Civil lines, yet, the widely separated, and extensive lines of Military Barracks with their attendants, camp followers, &c., will render the expense of conservancy greater than in a more densely populated part as the Civil lines.

We have been given to understand that the public disbursement for the conservancy and repairs of roads in Military limit now amounts to about 5,000 Rupees a year, of which, nearly a moiety is an outlay for removing rubbish, and nuisances, while the rest is for repairs of the Cantonment Roads, the latter being entrusted to the Engineer's Department.

The object of your Petitioners is, in addition to the above, the lighting of the Town, repairs of Bridges, Drains, construction of public necessaries, &c., in fact, the general conservancy of the Cantonments.

With this view we beg leave to choose a few of the respectable inhabitants within the Military limits, who, we entirely trust and consider as fit to be Commissioners associated with a few European local Officers, and we accordingly beg leave to propose the following Commissioners for putting the Act in force in this Cantonment.

General Coffin, to favor as Ex-officio Chairman.

Major R. Benson, Cantonment Joint Magistrate, to be the Chairman; either the Brigade Major or the Superintendent of Police to be vice Chairman.

Dr. J. M. Jackson, Garrison Surgeon, to be the health adviser.

MEMBERS.

1. V. Tondroy Chetty, Senior Member and Native Chairman.
2. V. Loganatha Moodelliar.
3. Seeka Chinniah Naidoo.
4. Hussen Seit.
5. Mahomed Anief Saib.
6. Ramasawmy Chetty.
7. Chuklala Venkatram Chetty.
8. Cheedella Venkatram Chetty.
9. Soondaralinga Moodeliar.
10. K. Bada Meiah.
11. V. J. Nazalinga Moodeliar, to be the Secretary.

We therefore humbly request that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be so considerate as to issue the requisite instructions in order that the above Native gentlemen may be called together to prepare their estimate for the probable disbursement and to frame a set of Rules in accordance with the said Act.

We have, &c.,
(Signed) P. ANNASAWMY MOODELIAR,
and 366 others.

BELLARY,
20*th October* 1861.

No. 282.

MEMORANDUM.

For the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Forwarded for the favorable consideration of Government.

By order,
(Signed) F. H. SCOTT, Lieut., Colonel,
Quarter Master General of the Army.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
7*th December* 1861.

Referred to the Public Department for consideration and orders.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Lieut., Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
9*th December* 1861.

No. 217. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1862, No. 153.

With this letter the General Commanding the Ceded Districts forwards a communication from the Cantonment Joint Magistrate of Bellary, to his address, enclosing a Memorial signed by 367 of the inhabitants of the Military Cantonment of that Station, soliciting the permission of Government for Act XXVI of 1850, being brought into operation in the Cantonment and Bazaar of Bellary.

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2. The Memorialists mention that Rupees 4,456 are annually allowed by Government for conservancy purposes and repair of Roads in the Cantonments, and they state that, if the Act is brought into operation as requested, they are prepared to add to the Government contribution, an equal or larger sum; which, they consider, will not only suffice for the ordinary conservancy of the Town and repair of Roads, but will also enable them to light the Bazaar and Cantonments, erect latrines, and construct drains, &c.

3. They further give a list of names of some of the most respectable inhabitants of the Military limits, whom they request may be invited to become members of the Conservancy Committee when the Act has been brought into operation.

4. The Governor in Council notices with satisfaction the public spirit of the Memorialists evinced in the desire they have now expressed of themselves taking charge of the conservancy and improvement of the locality in which they dwell, and resolves to order the publication in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the usual Notification of the receipt of this application, as provided in Section III, Act XXVI of 1850. The Cantonment Joint Magistrate will be instructed to cause Proclamations to the same effect to be made throughout the limits of the Cantonment, in view to such other of the inhabitants as may feel inclined expressing their views on the matter.

5. The Magistrate of Bellary will also issue similar notices in the Town and suburbs of Bellary, and will adopt every measure that will ensure the real wishes of the people being accurately obtained; books should be opened in which the inhabitants should be invited to record their assent to, or dissent from, the measure. The greatest care should be used to ensure the free expression of the public feeling on the subject, and no influence or inducement exercised. A period of 3 months will be allowed within which the declarations of the inhabitants on this subject will be received by Government for consideration; and at the expiration of that time the Collector will submit a report of the results of the enquiries he has made, and of the exact state of the inclinations of the inhabitants of the Station for, and against, the proposed change. On the receipt of their report Government will be prepared to pass final orders on the subject.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Irish Department

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Letter Enclosing Memorial
Letter from the General
Commanding the 2nd
Division
Dublin
Received 31st Jan.: 1862.

Order thereon
No 153 - 31st January 1862.

Write this letter the General
Commanding the 2nd Dis-
trict forwards a Commu-
nication from the Lan-
-caster Joint-Magistrates
of Kellary, to his address-
-ing a Memorial
signed by 80 Inhabitants
of the Military Cantonment
of that Station soliciting
the permission of Parlia-
-ment for Act XXVI of
1855 being brought into
Operation in the Can-
-tonment & Bazaar of
Kellary. —

2. The Memorialists inform us that Rs 4456 are annually allowed by Government for conservancy purposes, and a share of Rs 2000 in the Cantonment, and they state that, if the Act is brought into operation as requested, they are prepared to add to the Government contributions an equal or larger amount; which they consider will be sufficient for the ordinary conservancy of the Town and repair of Roads, but will also enable them to light the Bazaar and Cantonment, erect Latrines, and construct Drains &c.

3. They further give a list of names of some of the most respectable inhabitants of the Civil and Military Districts

4. The Government in Council receives with satisfaction the public spirit of the Memorialists evinced in the desire they have expressed of themselves taking charge of the Conservancy and improvement of the Town which they doubt not, and desires to order the publication in the Bombay Gazette of the usual Notification of the receipt of the application, as provided in Act. III. of XXVII of 1850.

The Cantonment Joint Magistrate will be instructed to cause Proclamation to the same effect to be

made throughout the limits of the Cantonment, in view to such other of the inhabitants as may feel inclined to petition thereon on the matter. Major Cadell

5 The Collector of Bellary will also issue similar notices in the Fort and Cantonment of Bellary, and will adopt every measure that will secure that the sense of the people be accurately obtained. A period of 3 months will be allowed within which the declarations of the inhabitants on their cultivation will be received by the Magistrate of Bellary. Such declarations will be addressed to the Magistrate who will transmit the same to the Government for consideration, and at the expiration of that time the Collector will submit a Report of the results of the enquiries &c

both should be opened—and if necessary should be increased from assent to dissent from the measure—the parties concerned should be made to express their opinion upon the feeling on the part of the inhabitants generally

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has made, and of the actual state of the inclination of the Inhabitants of the Station for, and against the proposed change. On the Receipt of these Reports Government will be prepared to pass final orders on the subject.

H. V. M.

Magistrate of Bellary. 5 Feby 1863
Military Dept. TJ

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Noted with satisfaction the public spirit evinced by the Inhabitants of Bellary for bringing the Act 26 of 1850 into operation in the Bazars of that Station and for taking charge of the Conservancy and improvement of localities in which they dwell - directing the publication of a Notification to that effect in the Fort St. George Gazette.

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