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[Despatch Abstract.]

CANTONMENT MAGISTRATE, ST. THOMAS' MOUNT.

Informing A. Veerasamy Reddiyar and others that they should address the Government of India in regard to the retention of Lieutenant T.L. Ormiston as Acting---for some time.

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Praying that Lt. J. L. Armistead,
of Cantonment Magistrate of
St. Thomas' Mount, may be
retained at that station
for some time more.

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✓ 264 R of 5-3-95
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For orders.

Perhaps the Memorial may be forwarded
to the Govt. of India in continuation of our letter of
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are now selected & appointed by the Govt. of India,
vacancies for not more than three months alone being
filled up by the Local Govts. in that reference to
that Govt. - vide para. 3 of G. S. resolution in p.
of 13 Aug. 94, L.O. 1943, Judd, Mis. Under
these circumstances the Memorialists
should perhaps be told to address the
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To

*His Excellency The Right Honorable
The Governor in Council,
Fort Saint George.*

*The humble petition of the residents of the
Cantonment of Saint Thomas' Mount,
8 miles off Madras.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

1. Your Excellency's humble petitioners most respectfully pray that Lieutenant T. L. Ormiston, acting Cantonment Magistrate of Saint Thomas' Mount, an officer possessing Godly-spirit and charitable views and temperately exercising his sway over and protecting the poor humble petitioners, may be retained in this station for some time more for the following reasons—a prayer which the petitioners justly merit at your Excellency's hands.

2. It is only a year since the aforesaid officer was posted to this station as acting Cantonment Magistrate and Secretary to the Cantonment Committee during the absence of the permanent officer on leave out of India. During this officer's regime, cholera broke out in an epidemic form in certain unclean parts of Saidapet, a town 2 miles from Saint Thomas' Mount, and many lives fell victims to it. Fearing that this epidemic will also step in and attack this Cantonment, the Magistrate, for the good preservation of the Cantonment, and protection of its residents, visited the nook and corner of each and every street in the Cantonment, parted good advice to the residents to keep their houses whitewashed and backyards clean and free from filth and stench and above all had an eye on the good sanitation of this Cantonment. The precaution and zeal with which this officer worked for the residents of this Cantonment at the sacrifice of his own health, convenience, comfort and leisure guarded against the appearance of the dreadful epidemic in this Cantonment. So far as your Excellency's petitioners are humbly aware, the epidemic raged very furiously at Saidapet only in the unclean parts.

3. Around this Cantonment, a big town consisting of over 13,000 persons, great many prickly bushes were from a long time in existence affording homes for venomous creatures. This officer had them all removed without any extra expense on the State by the ordinary cooly establishment permanently employed in the Cantonment office.

4. When the Cantonment Magistrate ordered that all backyards of houses and house-sites should be enclosed by compound walls, disputes arose amongst the owners as to the extent. All these disputes have now been brought to an end by the exertions of the present acting Cantonment Magistrate who took active, and particular interest in visiting every house without a compound-wall measuring it according to the extent given in the title-deeds wherever available and according to paimash accounts where such deeds were not forthcoming—all with the consent of the owners—and in seeing that his orders, that all the backyards and house-sites should be enclosed by compound walls within a specified period, were carried out, so much so that all the

backyards and vacant house-sites have now been fenced with compound walls, This officer has also taken particular interest in ordering all longstanding encroachments on public lanes behind the houses to be given up and the lanes open to public use, so that scavengers may go to backyards of houses through these lanes to carry away all unclean matters without exposing them to the public. All the above facts go to show that this officer works faithfully for the State and the welfare of the people.

5. This officer also made arrangements without causing any expense to the State to cover with gravel &c all the openings in the small bridges over the drainages across every street which were very dangerous to persons, cattle and carriages passing over them in the dark. As this officer frequently visits the streets of the Cantonment, he has the figures of all mischief-makers photographed as if it were in his mind and takes severe notice of their conduct when any offence is brought home against them.

6. The system of collecting taxes was introduced in this Cantonment in the year 1890. When this officer took charge of this Cantonment, your Excellency's humble petitioners know that there was a considerable amount in arrears and this officer spared no pains to have them all collected. The taxes payable for a year are collected then and there without allowing them to fall in arrears so that the taxpayers find no difficulty in paying the tax every year.

7. There are many Unions in this District which are subject to taxes like this Cantonment but which do not yield so much income as this Cantonment. When such Unions with a small income were provided with public lights, this Cantonment with a good income was not hitherto so provided. It was only recently that the present acting officer took the trouble of providing certain public roads with lights (about 18 in all) and the petitioners humbly believe that all the other roads and streets will be adorned with lights when funds are available.

8. It will not be out of place to add here that this officer has supplied the long felt want for a water-supplying well in Lascar cheri in the Cantonment. As the good views of the Gentleman are extensive, so is the abundance of water in the new well, the want of which was a source of great distress to the paracheri people. This officer has also ordered all other public wells to be repaired.

9. That the said officer is always bent upon furthering the welfare of the people is beyond question and the petitioners believe that if this officer be retained in this Cantonment for some time more, all the roads and streets which have not been repaired for a long time will receive good attention from him and the Cantonment will always be kept in good sanitary condition.

10. Under the aforesaid circumstances your Excellency's humble petitioners respectfully pray that the good acts enumerated above may be taken into consideration and the present acting Cantonment Magistrate retained here for some years to come both for the welfare of the residents and sanitation of the Cantonment, which act of kindness your Excellency's humble petitioners will, as in duty bound, ever remember with feelings of gratitude.

We beg to remain,

Your Excellency's most obedient and humble servants,

SAINT THOMAS 'MOUNT,

April 1895.

M. S. S. Reddy
H. O. Master.

W. M. B. School

A. S. S. Reddy
Contractor S. P. S.

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