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COLLECTOR'S OFFICE COMPOUND, NILGIRIS.

Communicating to the Hon. the Judges of the High Court
Proceedings, Revenue Department, approving the suggestions made for the
improvement of the-----.

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Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

The Judicial Department

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Encl.

Mis. G.O., 24th Aug 1895, No. 3430.

SUBJECT.

Approving the suggestions made for the improvement of the Collector's office Compound Nilgiris.

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of the High Court

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the follo^r. P^{ro} of the Bd of Rev.

L.R. d/ 10th Aug 1895, N^o 3984 mis, on the following letter from the Ag. Comm^r of Nilgiris, d/ 18th July 1895. Cas. 40.B to the Sec^y to the Commissioner of L.R. Madras.

I have the honor to reply to B.P. d/ 17th May 1895, N^o 2475 mis (Land Revenue).

2/. The District Forest officer and I have Consulted together as to the best way in which to lay out the little hillock on which the Collector's office, the Sub Court and the Postal office stand.

3/. The laying out at present consists of flower beds, in front of the Coll^r's office, of grass gravel and brick bats around the Sub Court and Postal offices, and of grass and trees, some tidy, some very untidy, on the slopes, but the flower beds though pretty, take up more time and labour, than one man can give to them, and the gravel and grass and trees on the rest of the hillock are consequently left to look after themselves with ill results given only one man. Therefore the suggestion of Govt. that all should be laid out in grass, seems the most suitable to the circumstances.

4/. We would however propose a slight modification: Grass in front of the Coll^r's office will do very well; there are only one or two doors on that side, and to these proper paths through the grass

mass could be made so that there would remain no temptation to the public to make short cuts over the grass, and render the grass plots unlightly; but at the back by the Sub-courts and Post Offices, the case is different. Then there are doors in each of the several buildings, and people are constantly crossing and recrossing from one to the other in every direction, so that it is impossible to lay down anything like a fair edged grass plot, without running the risk of having half a dozen unauthorized short cuts made across it and the plot practically spoiled. The District Forest Officer has tried the experiment of watching how these short cuts develop on the new earth, that he has lately laid down on that side, preparatory to turfing it, and the result is, as I have said, they lead from every where to everywhere and it is hopeless to attempt to provide for them.

5/. On that side, therefore viz. on the ground around the Sub-courts and Post Office, we propose to lay down gravel and not grass: and over this gravel the public can walk as they please without harm.

6/. Both in front, in the middle of the Grass, and at the back, at the selected spots in the Gravel, groups of trees would be planted, in large pits, 6 feet cubes, specially dug. We propose oaks; they do grow here, and though slow, are long lived. *Castanum* has recently had a surfeit of blue gum and acacias and conifers very liable to grow ragged, and their

usually pointed growth falls a little on the leaves one craves a little for something spreading and branchy, and oaks we think, will meet this want.

7/. The tops will therefore be grass in front, with a clump of oaks, and gravel behind with two or three clumps of oaks. The slopes will be tidied and levelled, some of the sandy and ragged tops that now disfigure them will be removed, and fresh trees of a suitable type replanted in the blanks; the latrine will also be concealed with big trees.

8/. The fountain on the tops will be removed and a moving machine will be brought and a hose to attach to the Municipal Stand pipe for use in dry weather provided.

9/. For all this, I submit a plan showing how things now stand; a plan showing how they will stand and ^{an} estimate of the cost. The last provides for all expenditure.

10/. Mr. Douglas is prepared to keep things in order once they are finished; but regrets that he cannot spare time to carry out the alterations themselves, because of his frequent absences on tour. This is true, and accordingly I would suggest that the Superintendent of Govt Gardens be asked to supervise and superintend them. He will be an expert in the matter of laying out gardens himself and will have skilled overseers under him, one of whom perhaps, he would be able and willing to spare for the few days that the work will take to carry out.

11/. I have the honor to request that the Bd. if

by approval of my suggestions and estimate, will
good enough to submit them for the sanction
Government.

Resolution.

Submitted to Government

with reference to para 2 of G.O. d/7th May
1895, No 1818.

2/ The Board supports the Collector's
suggestions.

Order thereon, 24th August 1895, No 3430.

The Collector's suggestions which are
supported by the Board of Revenue are approved.

3/ The Board of Revenue will report the
source from which the charge is to be met.
(True Extract)

Whitw
Secretary to Govt.

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