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Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 143M

DATED 30th January 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

Establishment.

Sanctioning, with remark, the abolition of the post of Municipal Engineer and the entertainment of the staff proposed in the Ootacamund Municipal Council's resolution of the 13"December 1894 as also the payment of a salary of ₨.250 per mensem to the Chairman,

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

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Enclosure I to letter no. 1825 / 18/12/94

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Ootacamund, at a meeting held on the 13th December 1894.

Present.

The Chairman
J. D. Rees Esqre. C. I. E.
A. M. Jones Esqre.
J. Browne Esqre.
Dr. A. Soltau
M. R. Ry. M. Sankara Menon Avl.
" " M. Maruthachella Mudaliar Avl.
" C. Rajagopal Naidu Garu
Abdool Rhyman Haji Fakir Mohomed Sait Sahib.
Surgeon Major G. L. Walker, M. D.

XIV – "Proposed by Mr. J. D. Rees C. I. E., and seconded by Surgeon Major G. L. Walker, M. D.

"Resolved that the Council sanctions, subject to the approval of Government, a salary of Rs 250 a month for the office of Chairman. The Council considers this necessary

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not only in recognition of the devoted service of its present Chairman of which it entertains the highest opinion, but in order that if he should unfortunately at any time have to vacate office, it may be able to secure the services of as competent a successor as may be available. If this is sanctioned, such sanction will involve the cancelment of the order granting carriage allowance of Rs 30. The Council considers that the salary should be paid from the 4th January 1895, on which date Mr Hamnett will have served three full years without remuneration.

Carried unanimously."

(Signed) Geo: Hamnett
Chairman

(True extract)

G. Hamnett
Chairman.

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Enclosure II to Letter No. 1825 / 18/12/94

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Ootacamund, at a Meeting held on the 13th December 1894

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XX. "Proposed by Mr J. D. Rees C. I. E and seconded by Surgeon Major G. L. Walker M. D.

"That the Council resolves to place upon record its opinion that the cost^x of Engineering establishment is excessive and should be reduced. The proposal made by Mr Rees and the establishment proposed by him meet with the approval of the Council.

^x Rs 396.

1. Supervisor	Rs 150
1. Surveyor	Rs 50
1. Overseer	Rs 40
1. Clerk	Rs 25
1. Peon	Rs 9
	Rs 274

Carried unanimously"

(Signed) Geo: Hamnett.
Chairman

(True extract)

G. Hamnett
Chairman

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No. 1825

Nilgiri District Board's Office
Ootacamund
18th December 1894

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 3243 M

From

J. D. Rees Esq. C.I.E.
Collector ~~President~~
~~District Board~~
Nilgiris

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Dept.
Madras

Sir,

In para 7 of my letter No. 1785 dated 13th December 94, with reference to the Engineering Staff maintained by the Local Board, I have stated that the Ootacamund Municipality maintains an entirely separate and extremely expensive Establishment of its own.

× Published in the Press-

2. As Collector of the District, it is my duty to take a comprehensive view of the Establishments maintained by different Departments ~~in the District~~ and to consider the total Engineering force maintained in its relation to the total amount of work to be done. In the

discharge

discharge of this duty it has occurred to me, that for a district consisting of 957 square miles, the following Establishments are in the aggregate excessive

Local Fund. I		Municipal. II		Public works. III	
Pay + Fixed Travelling allowance 1. Engineer. (500 + 150) on Rs.	650	1 Engineer on	Rs 250	1. Asst. Engineer. D.P.W. Sub-Divisional Offr at Coonoor.	Rs. 350
Pay Travelling allowance 1. Overseer (85 + 35) on Rs.	120	1 overseer on	75		
2 overseers at (60 + 30) Each = Rs.	180	1 Sub-overseer on	37		
Pay + Horse allowance 1. Sub-overseer (25 + 15) = Rs	40	1 clerk on	25	1. Sub Engineer.	250
1. Accountant Rs	60	1 Peon on	9	1. Sub-overseer.	80
1. Draughtsman Rs	50			Maistries.	150
1 clerk Rs	30				
1. Asst. accountant & Store-keeper - Rs	20				
Pay + Wynaad allowance 1. Overseer's clerk (20 + 10) : Rs	30				
2. Overseer's clerks at Rs 20 Each = Rs	40				
1. Office Peon - Rs	10				
4 Lascars at Rs 8 Each : Rs	32				
1. Sweeper Rs	2				
Total. Rs.	1264		Rs. 396 *		Rs 830
per mensem		per mensem		per mensem	

*. This is exclusive of temporary Establishment paid as day labor, amounting to not less than 20 per cent of the Expenditure on Public Works.

3. The Local Fund Establishment has recently been reduced from 25 per cent to within 20 per cent of the outlay on Works and I do not at present think it can be further reduced without impairing its efficiency, but the Municipal Establishment cries aloud for reduction: the number of miles of roads it maintains is about 60 miles including lanes while the Coonoor Municipality keeps up about 30 miles of Road with the following small Establishment

1. overseer on Rs 50, per mensem
1. Maistry on Rs 35, do
Total Rs 85 per mensem

4. The percentage of cost of Establishment to amount spent on Communications, in the Ootacamund Municipality, for 1894-95, will be, according to information furnished by that office, for permanent Establishment, 30.9 and for Temporary Establishment, 20.0, total 50.9 per cent, and the average Expenditure on permanent Establishment for four years is no less than 27.89 per cent, and the total cost, including temporary Establishment, 47.89 per cent. The Government has commented on this, I believe, unprecedented Expenditure, in 1889, 1890 and in 1891 (in which year none the less Mr Nery's pay was raised from Rs 200 to Rs 250), and in 1893. The Presidency Municipal average of Establishment to Works is 7.7 per cent,

× GO 6-3-91 No 315 M –

Municipal works in all cases I believe, being carried out on the contract system.

5. The very high rate of Expenditure on Establishment has only been tolerated I imagine because Ootacamund is the Chief Sanitarium of Southern India, and the summer seat of Government, and it is necessary to consider whether the Municipality and the rate payers have got their money's worth. As very favourable opinions of the present Engineer, and of the existing system have been recorded in the chairman's letter, (para 4), printed in G.O. No. 315 M dated 6th March 1891, and as equally unfavourable opinions, have been expressed at later dates. I applied for advice to the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore, who replied, "It is not constant supervision "that is necessary, but occasional inspection "by a man of superior qualifications. "At present the arrangement, of a man of "Mr Nery's class and qualifications, being "without any professional supervision "except a visit from the Sanitary Engineer "at very long intervals, cannot be satisfactory".

6. As to Mr. Nery's position and qualifications. He was entertained in June 1882 on Rs 200 by Mr ~~Burrows~~ Barlow, Collector & ~~Chairman~~ President of the Municipal Commission, and his pay was raised to Rs 250, in 1891. He is

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a student, in the First class of the Second department, of the civil Engineering college, at Madras, of 1868-69, and he serves under an agreement, which does not entitle him to pension or to more than three months' notice. I am not sure that such qualifications as those described, justify this rate of pay but, in my opinion, the rate is in itself more than Municipal funds should be called on to provide. As different opinions have been expressed, however, of his efficiency I have now asked, Mr Lewis, Executive Engineer, Coimbatore, his opinion on the subject, and he says:— "I am certainly of opinion that "Mr Nery is not sufficiently qualified to be "in sole Engineering charge of the Ootacamund "Municipality, and his pay, I consider, very high "for a man of his qualification. The utter "failure of the new Bazaar sewer is entirely "due to inefficiency, and want of superior "supervision".

The Chairman has furnished me, with a memorandum on the same subject, from which, I give extracts below:—

Marlimund Reservoir

"The Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle in his letter to the Chief Secretary to Government, recorded in the Proceedings of

Government, no. 26 dated 10th January 1894, M. Miscellaneous said: —

"I think it undesirable that the Municipal Engineer should be permitted to make experiments with this Tank ... You will see from his Report that in 1890 he raised the F. T. L. by 2½ feet and that when he reduced it by this amount, on the recent subsidence of the bund, that leakage diminished by one-third.

"Hearing from the Municipal Engineer, that a report had been submitted to Government, regarding the condition of the Dodabetta Reservoirs, I took the opportunity of inspecting them. The surplus duct from the upper Reservoir has been undermined, at least the lower half and the water, no longer goes down it, but escapes to either side. The lower half will probably have to be re-built. This could have been obviated had the work been properly looked after..

"The lower Reservoir is in a dangerous condition. It has no proper escape. The bund breached a year or two ago and the new bank has been carelessly — constructed, and not properly consolidated".

The Executive Engineer, Coimbatore, in his letter no. 2874, dated 19th June 94, to the Superintending Engineer, says "The Municipal Engineer's letter shows gross ignorance" and, the Superintending Engineer says, — "He has evidently had no experience in laying such pipes"

Kandal Drainage Scheme.

The acting Sanitary Commissioner, Dr. King in his Inspection Notes, of the Ootacamund Municipality, from 15th to 22nd September 1893, expresses the opinion: —

"That the Rs 40,000 spent on the Kandal Drainage Scheme, must in great part be regarded as wasted"

"There are, he says, I think certain details in which the System does not — sufficiently subserve sanitary requirements irrespective of its "open nature". It has been thought necessary to take special steps, for the interception of silt. Thus there exist 31 gully pits, each of the capacity of 37 gallons, inserted at junctions, as well as forming a portion of the direct line of the drain. These are sometimes, within 124 feet of each other. Adjoining the intercepting sewer, are also eleven silt traps, having a capacity varying from 100 gallons to 312 gallons each. These are simply open cess-pools, and, as such are objectionable. Were such a method adopted in the hot climate of the plains, the nuisance which would result in the neighbourhood of dwellings, would be intolerable. Even with

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the advantage of the cold climate of Ootacamund, this arrangement of producing stagnation of sewage, at intervals, results in nuisance".

In my opinion the adoption of this peculiarity, has resulted in making "the system, fail in its prime object of removing sewage". &c &c &ca.

Intercepting Sewer, on which the expenditure incurred was Rs 11,246. — Concerning this, Dr King says,

"The drains are run upon the natural line of drainage, which guides the discharge of the sewage, towards the Ootacamund Lake. But the intercepting sewer has been arranged with the purpose of preventing this. An inspection of this sewer, however, shows that it does not fulfil the work for which it was destined

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At the head of the sewer near Mr Browne's stables, by the use of a shutter the main stream is directed, so as to be used as a flush daily. Notwithstanding this precaution, however the system cannot be kept in working order. Indeed, in the absence of rainfall, and of flushing that might have added to the total contents, I found the sewer discharging from certain man holes direct into the Lake in a continuous stream. This non-fulfilment of function is aggravated by the fact that a considerable amount of sewage from the area, for which interception is required, never enters the sewer".

Stone. crushing machine.

"The stone crushing machine fixed at Lock End, and on which some 4000 & odd Rupees were spent in 1890-91 has not been worked since January 1892. It has been dismantled and parts of it, put away, in the Store. Room, at the Mill House. This may be regarded as a sheer waste of money, for which the Engineer may be said to be partly responsible".

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7. It is an ungrateful and ungracious task, to condemn an officer, who has previously been commended, but inasmuch as the memo, from which I have quoted, shows that in the opinion of officers competent to criticize, the Municipality does not get the class of Engineering work for which it pays, I feel it my duty to represent the fact, though as would appear from the Resolution of the Municipal council, recorded in G.O. No 1864 M. dated 3rd. December 1894, Mr Nery cannot be fairly

held chiefly responsible for any failures in the execution of the drainage scheme.

8. It seems to be clearly made out in any case, that the Municipal Staff is too expensive and that competent Engineering talent exists on the Hills and should, if possible and in the absence of objections be called into use, and I have considered the propriety of proposing that the Local Fund Engineer should be consulting Engineer to the Municipal Council, a portion of his pay being debited to Municipal Funds. But this plan when once tried before, not quite in the form in which it occurred to me to propose it, but in a somewhat similar form, did not prove successful, and I am very loath to suggest any change which may lead to the possible neglect of District Roads so necessary to the coffee & other industries, during this prosperous season. The Local Fund work is now admittedly well executed and gives general satisfaction and it is not certain that this would continue to be the case, if the same officer had charge of District & Municipal Communications.

No papers on this subject can be traced.

Meanwhile, the duties of the Assistant Engineer, at Coonoor, are extremely light. He has about 30 miles of Ghaut Road and the Government buildings at Ootacamund & Lovedale, to look after and a few elsewhere in the District, and to aid him to carry out this work he has two reliable & efficient assistants, a Sub. Engineer at Ootacamund and an overseer on the Ghaut.

It seems to me that the Municipal Engineer should be abolished, with three months' notice, and that the following staff which the chairman recommends should be entertained in future:—

1	Supervisor	on	Rs 150 ✓
1	Surveyor	on	Rs 50 ✓
1	Overseer	on	Rs 40 ✓
1	Clerk	on	Rs 25 ✓
1	Peon	on	Rs 9 ✓
			Rs 274 per mensem

and that the Assistant Engineer should be responsible, for the proper preparation of plans, and for their actual execution in regard to all works other than Roads, and that he should be the responsible professional adviser of the Municipality, and a nominated member of the Council. He could do it all, including even general supervision of Roads, and yet not be over worked or underpaid.

The supervisor, D.P.W. who is stationed at Ootacamund has better qualifications and more experience than Mr Nery, and if the D.P.W. Engineer was in charge his services also would become available. Even if there were no assistant Engineer I would urge, that the D.P.W. Staff should be utilized. By making available to the Municipal Council, the services of the D.P.W. Engineering Staff, to the extent indicated. ~~by~~ Government can without incurring any extra charges, give the Ootacamund Council, assistance such as it has formerly ~~done~~ given out, of provincial revenues.

9. But while the Engineering Establishment is over-paid and inefficient, the Chairman, the value of whose services, has been fully acknowledged by Government, is absolutely unpaid and on the 4th January 1895, will have completed a three years term of office. When a saving of Rs 250 was effected by the abolition of the appointment of paid Secretary, which had existed during the chairmanships of successive Collectors, I pressed Mr Hammett to allow me to suggest with the concurrence of the Council to Government that he should himself

x Please see papers in the sealed cover about this abolition. For many years the Collector was President of the Municipal Commission & he found a Secretary (who drew Rs. 250) necessary. Mr Hammett, on his appointment as Chairman could give his whole time to the work, & said that he wanted no Secretary but wished for a stronger office. The Secretary was got rid of & the office strengthened.

accept the remuneration, the Secretary had received. But he was unwilling to receive any pay, until he thought Municipal Funds could bear the charge, and ultimately decided to serve gratuitously for three years. He is, however, not unwilling, during his second term of office, to receive what Government may think a proper remuneration, taking into due consideration, the financial condition of the Municipality, which, since 1892-93 has received no Provincial grant for sanitation.

10. I do not think less could possibly be offered to an officer of Mr Hammett's position and antecedents, than was sanctioned by Government to a secretary, who had previously held no office of any description. I would therefore suggest that Rs 250, a month, be sanctioned from 4th January 1895 for the Chairman. The Resolutions of the Council ~~is~~ are annexed. Assuming for the moment that Government will accept these proposals, the office of Supervisor on Rs 150 if sanctioned will be offered to the present Engineer

for whom, if he refuses it an effort to provide other employment will be made

11. Of the annual saving of Rs 3000 effected by the abolition of the Secretary's office in February 1893 Rs 1380 are absorbed in increases to the Establishment, which were absolutely necessary, and continue to be absolutely necessary, to the efficiency of the office and the prompt collection of Revenue. Thus Rs 135 a month are available, in addition to Rs 122, saved by the proposed reductions in the Engineering Establishment. The total saving is thus Rs 257, out of which Rs 250 can be easily made available.

12. I may add that though these two questions have, as a matter of convenience been treated in this one letter, yet that the necessity for reduction in the one case and of payment in the other, are clearly made out, and that the need for paying the Chairman, is no factor at all in the consideration of the case for the reduction of the Engineering Establishment, which of itself appears to be a matter of absolute necessity.

13. The appointment of a Municipal Surveyor, will also, it is believed lead to an increase of Revenue, under Land tax [See Report for 1891.92, Para 6 read in G.O dated 30th August 92 No. 1410 M.] and the amount spent on temporary Establishment will, the Chairman calculates, be permanently reduced by the execution of Municipal works by contract under which System, almost all the works of the Nilgiri Local Board, are carried out, and I believe almost all the works of other Municipalities. Attention is solicited in this connection, to the council's remarks printed at Page 6, (Para 26) of G.O. dated the 11th September 1894, No. 1244. M.

14. The proposals made in this letter will reduce the percentage of permanent Establishment to outlay on works, in the Municipality from 30.9 to 21.4.

15. A proposition statement will be submitted, in due course, in the event of the proposals receiving Sanct.

16. I beg the favour of early orders on this letter, pending receipt of which the chairman, Municipal council, Ootacamund, delays submission of his Budget for 1895-96 which has been completed.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obed.t Serv.t

J D Rees

Collector – President
~~District Board~~
Nilgiris

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P. W. CURRENT No. 3

Loc... & Municipal Dept.
PR. CURRENT No. 3243 M

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From

~~The President~~ Collector of
~~District Board~~
Nilgiris,

To,

The Chief Secretary to
Government,
Local & Muni. Dept
Madras

Dated 18th }
Despd. 18th } December 1894
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CHIEF SECRETARIAT
20 DEC 1894
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Recd. 3.1.95

No. 1825

Enclosures. (two)

Requesting early orders in the
matter of reducing the
unicipal Engineering
Establishment, & on the
ubject of granting a
emuneration to the
hairman, Municipal
ouncil, Ootacamund

with Encl

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No. 1573.

Referred to the Public Works Department for favour of remarks on the Collector's suggestion in para 8, to make the Assistant Engineer the responsible professional adviser of the Municipality.

Fd 22/12/94

W Francis

Ag. Assistant Secretary

V.R.
22/12/94

Forwd [illegible]
22nd Dec 94 }

To,

The Public Works Department.

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Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 44 M

No. 6 c

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Endorsement.
~~MEMORANDUM.~~

Dated Madras, 7th January 1895.

Note by the Chief Engineer P.W.D. dated 4th January 1895:—

I consider that the plan of constituting the officer in charge of the Nilgiri Subdivision (who may or may not be an Assistant Engineer) the "professional adviser" of the Ootacamund Municipality, an extremely undesirable one, as it would infallibly lead to conflict of authority and to misunderstandings as to ~~the~~ his proper position

I should consider the best course to be that discussed in para 8 of the Collector's letter, namely, to make the Local

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Fund Engineer also Engineer to the Municipal Council, but if this course is considered undesirable and if the council is not prepared to pay the salary necessary to secure the undivided services of a competent Engineer, the next best course would be to transfer the whole of their Engineering work to the P. W. Department, who will then provide the necessary establishment and charge the usual percentage for the same.

I do not approve of this arrangement, which would be a departure from the salutary principle that Municipalities and District Boards should be responsible for the conduct of their own engineering operations, but it is the only one practicable if that principle is to be departed from at all.

(S/o) J. Pennycuick, Col. R.E.
Chief Engineer P.W.D.

Transferred

Transferred to the Local and Municipal Department with reference to its endorsement No. 1573 dated 22 December 1894, herewith returned.

Colonel R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

The Local & Municipal Dept
with L&M C No. 3243 M

Endt 1573/94 + C

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Public Works Department.

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No. 6 . C.
Dated 7th January 1895
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CHIEF SECRETARY
8 JAN. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

SUBJECT.

Transferring note by the Chief Engineer Public Works Department in the matter of reducing the Municipal Engineering Establishment of Ootacamund municipality.

8/1/95 at/1/95

50—2,000—21-12-94.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 3243 M of 1894,
& 44 M of 1895.

From

CS

FROM CIRCULATION.
WITH REMARKS.

Please see the D.O. I have taken Mr. Rees' letter to deal with the fellow Dt. Bd. Engineer

FOR ORDERS.

With his letter read above, the Collector of Nilgiris forwards two resolutions of the Ootacamund Municipal Council, one sanctioning a salary of Rs. 250 per mensem for the Chairman, and the other approving of certain alterations in the Engineering establishment, including the abolition of the post of Municipal Engineer.

2. The Collector strongly supports the first proposal, and as regards the second, he considers that the best plan would be to make the Assistant Engineer, Public Works

Department

Department, the responsible professional adviser of the Municipality.

3. The Public Works Department, to which the second proposal was referred, is of opinion that the arrangement recommended by the Collector is an extremely undesirable one, and that the best course would be to make the Local Fund Engineer also Engineer to the Municipal Council, or if this is not considered desirable and the Council is not prepared to pay the salary necessary to secure the undivided services of a Competent Engineer, to transfer the whole of the Municipal Engineering work to the Public Works Department, which will provide the necessary establishment, and charge the usual percentage for the same. The Chief Engineer however does not approve of the last arrangement as it would be a departure from the principle that Municipalities and District Boards should be responsible for the conduct of their own

own Engineering operations, but he says that this is the only practicable plan if that principle is to be departed from at all.

Mr. Rees however appears from para 8. of his letter to be considerably opposed to the proposal to make the L.F. Engineer do the Municipal work also. — Of the three courses open therefore Mr. Rees' proposal to make the D.P.W. Asst. Engr. do the work appears to be out of the question for the reasons given by Col. Pennycuick; Col. Pennycuick's suggestion that the work shd. be transferred to the D.P.W. entirely has not been considered by Mr. Rees or the Council, & wd. not effect much saving, as the D.P.W. charge 23 per cent. on the outlay; and Mr. Rees seems to think that it wd. not do to make the L.F. Engineer do the duty.

V.R.
8/1/95

It is submitted that it is not possible

~~Note~~

~~As the Ootacamund Municipal budget for 1895-96 has already been received, it is submitted that there is no need to treat this as specially urgent.~~

to pass orders upon the papers until Mr. Rees has made his remarks on Col. P's condemnation of the scheme of putting in the Asst. Engr. to do the work, and upon his suggestion that the D.P.W. should arrange for the execution of the work at a percentage charge, & that this part of the matter must be referred back accordingly to Mr. Rees.

The proposal to pay the Chairman a salary of Rs. 250 a month depends in a way upon the decision that may be arrived at on the question of reduction of the cost of the Engineering establishment, for para 11 of the Collr's letter shows that Rs. 122 per mensem out of the Rs. 250. is proposed to be met from the savings effected by the reduction.

It may however be thought that in the peculiar circumstances of Mr. Hammett's case the question of allowing him a salary should not wait until it is seen whether a reduction in the Engineering staff which will meet part of the cost can be arranged for, & that he is in any case deserving, or not, of the salary. Orders may therefore be passed upon the point at once. It appears that the Chairman has left the Collector to bring the Council's Resolution in favour of the salary to the notice of Govt., & that he will not write upon the question himself.

W. 9.1.95

I submit

Reorganization of Engineering Establt.

Ootacamund Municipality

FOR ORDERS.

3243 M. & 44 M.

Hunt Circ.

I agree with the C.S. – Most of the work in Ooty is such as a man on Rs 150 can quite well look after – If more is wanted the P.W.D. or the San. Engr. can be called on for advice –

The Cl. can also be considerably strengthened by the addn. to its number of some one of engineering knowledge. I think Mr. Walch, who is now permanently resident at Ooty, might be asked if he would accept a seat on the Cl. on the next occurrence of a nomination vacancy – and there may be other gentlemen resident of the same class. If there is any difficulty about making vacancies for them it would be easy to decrease the number of elected, & increase that of nominated, Councillors – The elected Councillors are of very little use, I am told, and it is a general complaint in Ooty, which is, it must be remembered, a place entirely created & maintained by & for, Europeans, that the Cl. is becoming too much of a native institution –

I would give Mr. Hammett the proposed salary & with pleasure.

HS
17/1/95

I concur

JG 22/1

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23 Jan

I submit it is rather absurd that a Municipality of the size of Ootacamund should require an Engineer at all – Indeed it would seem that, as a matter of fact, the Council has not had one – Mr. Ivory has borne the title and drawn the pay of an Engineer – that is all –

A supervisor, as now proposed, ought to be able to carry on all ordinary works in so small a place & I cannot see why any special work, such as drainage or water schemes, should not be done, or at least designed and estimated for, by either the L.F. Engineer – if he is fit – or the P.W.D. on commission –

The Chairman's pay is a separate matter – Mr. Hammett is well worth a salary of Rs 250 a month –

LG 15/1

Curr. 3243. M. 9th '94
44 M. '95

CS/

Order. 30/1/95. No. 143 M.

The Govt. agrees with the Municipal
Council & the Collector in considering
that there is no necessity for the retentn.
of a separate Engineer for the Ootaca-
mund Municipality. A Supervisor on the
salary proposed by the Council should be
well able to carry out the ordinary engineering
work ~~of~~ in the town, & should schemes of any
magnitude be undertaken the advice of
the San. Engr. or the D.P.W. can be
obtained on the usual arrangement being
made. The abolition of the post of Munici-
pal Engr. & the entertainment of the
staff proposed in the Council's resolution
of the 13th Dec. '94 are accordingly sanctioned
as is ~~the Govt.~~ payment of a salary of
Rs. 250. per mensem to the Chairman, pro-
posed by the Council in recognition of his
services to the town, ~~is also sanctioned~~.

W. 22/1/95

(for orders)
28/1/95

Note.

A D.O. to Mr. Rees containing the
suggestions in the latter part of R.A.'s note
is also put up for approval.

W. 22/1/95 Has

To
The Chairman, Mune. Ootacamund
" Collector of Nilgiris
P.W.D.

Despd. 31/1

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44 M.

Reorganization of engineering establt. etc.

Ootacamund Municipality

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