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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1714 M

DATED 8-10-96

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Grant. Sanctioning a — of Rs 30,000 from Provincial Funds to the Ootacamund Municipal Council for the execution of certain works, and ordering that the amount be met by re-appropriation from the — of Rs 1,50,000 provided for the Cuddapah Drainage Scheme.

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT
24 SEP 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

C.S.

From

the Chairman
Municipal Council
Ootacamund

No. 2443

Order No 1714 Munl. d/ 8-10-96

A grant of Rs. 30,000 from Provincial funds is sanctioned to the Ootacamund Munl. Council for the execution of the works referred to in the Collector's memorandum read above.

2. The amount will be met by reappropriation from the grant of Rs 1,50,000 provided in the Budget estimate of Provincial grants/loans for 1896-97 for the Cuddapah Drainage Scheme.

(from orders)

WWS
5-10-96

A.L.
6.10.96

Dated 23rd September 1896

Received 28th

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council a Memorandum drawn by the Acting Collector, Nilgiris, for a grant of Rs 30,000 to the Ootacamund Municipality.

To Chairman M.C. Ooty P.&O.
" Collector Ex.
" Acctt Genl. P.&O.
" Finl. Dept.
Issued 13 Oct 1896

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Grant in aid to the Oota-camund Municipality

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Current No. 267 M.

From

The Chairman, Municipal Council,
Ootacamund

Hm. & Civ

FOR ORDERS.

With the letter read above, the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ootacamund, submits for the favourable consideration of Government, a memorandum prepared by Mr. Tremenheere, the acting Collector of Nilgiris, representing the urgent necessity for a grant to the Municipality of Rs.30,000 from Provincial Funds, as its financial condition is now very unsatisfactory and the Municipal Council has no funds to carry out certain works that are absolutely necessary.

2. The budget and revised estimates for 1895-96 closed with balances of Rs.710 and Rs.1560 respectively; but the year actually closed with a deficit of Rs.4,000, which was met by the Council out of the grant given from Provincial Funds towards the cost of the water supply scheme. In his endorsement on the Chairman's letter No. 1039 dated 12th June 1896, the Collector expressed

It is a matter of great importance to maintain Ooty in a good condition as a pleasure & health resort. It seems to me certain that, in order to effect this, grants from Govt. will from time to time be necessary — We have the money now to make the grant asked for. Goodness only knows when we shall again be in this position — I wd. ∴ seize the opportunity to make the grant

W.S.
2/10/96

The grant is evidently necessary: and the importance of Ootacamund justifies spending Provincial Funds upon it

J.G.
2.10.96

In file 1397 M. of 17.8.96

A

expressed the hope that the amount thus drawn from the Provincial grant could be adjusted when collections were made by the Council, but from para.5 of Mr. Tremenheere's memorandum above referred to it appears that there is no chance of this now. The year 1896-97 was expected to close with a balance of Rs.140, but, as matters stand, at present, it is feared that it ~~might~~ may close with a large deficit. Mr.Tremenheere states that the following amounts are urgently required for carrying out the works specified below, all of which are said to be necessary, and that the only course open to the Council is to ask the Government to help the Municipality with a grant of Rs.30,000:-

Rs.

(1) Repairs to communications which are deteriorating and the budget provision for which was, for want of funds, cut down by Government from Rs.13,000 to Rs.10,000. . . . 5000.

(2) For a new road connecting Lock End directly with the night soil depôt, to enable the night soil carts to pass from the former to the latter place direct, without passing by the golf links and thus poisoning the air there. . . 3000.

This wd be a very great improvement to the City. It wd have been done in 1870 or thereabouts but Mr. Brooks then Commr. resident at Bishopsdown objected to its passing below ~~the~~ residence.
AA

(3) For a new High Level Road to run along the old South Supply channel, which if taken up now may be executed at a cost of Rs.5000, as almost all the owners have promised to give up the land required free, and two private roads

8,000

down to the lake

roads have also been promised, 8,000

but if the work is postponed the land may have to be acquired and the cost may ~~then~~ be enormous. . . . . . 5,000.

(4) For the purchase of four night soil carts, five rubbish carts & five pair of bullocks, the plant being almost worn out. . . . 2,000.

(5) To make good the amount drawn from the water supply grant. . . 4,000.

(6) To serve as a working balance. 5,000.

(7) To repair the slaughter house which is in very bad condition. . 3,000.

(8) To effect necessary improvements in the market. . . . 3,000.

Total . 30,000.

The slaughter houses ought to be removed & shifted below Kandal.
AA

The Mun^y is now hard very hard up & much in need of a grant.
AA 7.10.96.

3. If the Government resolves to make the grant, the amount may be appropriated from the contribution of Rs.150,000 provided in the current year's Provincial budget for the Cuddapah drainage scheme, which is not likely to be ready for execution before the close of the year.

V.R.
29/9/96

With the exception of items (3) & (6) these works are all either very useful or necessary. No (3) is not urgent, but as the municipality has apparently a chance now of making the road at much less cost than may have to be paid later on, it may perhaps be sanctioned. Nothing is proposed to be done with regard to the Lake which is at present in a filthy condition. The rectification of the main Sewer will presumably prevent any further defilement, but the water now

ught will be cleaner. This end
might be achieved by making a
couring sluice at the bottom of the
bund at the west end of the lake.
f this were made & opened at a
ime when water was pouring into
the top of the lake, an effectual
our would be created, which ought
effect considerable improvement
in the cleanliness of the lake without
materially diminishing the quantity of water. ~~water~~

WWG
1.10.96

This is what I was going to talk about — I am glad the work is so far forward. But they have been a long time about it
BB

What is urgently wanted is to prevent the sewage of the bazaar & blood &c from slaughter-house from falling into the Lake & poisoning the water. The D.P.W. have that work in hand. & the Estimate for the drainage pipe is being checked. Until that is done nothing can purify the lake; when it is done the influx & outflow of water will soon effect an improvement.

BB

AL 7.10.96.

FOR ORDERS.

[G. / 74]
300-30-7-

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Both Hon. Members have approved of the grant, but the file has not been seen by H.E. the Governor. Should this go to him by post or wait until his return from tour or can orders be passed now

WWD
5.10.96

No need to defer orders. H.E. has already expressed himself favorably to the Collr & it is important to take action at once.

ALA 5.10.96.

×Ask D.P.W. when estimate for drain will be ready for sanction – as H.M. has – commented on the delay. The Dr. M.

~~ALA 5.10.96~~

O. in conversation with me ascribes the typhoid ~~[illegible]~~ in Ooty to the fouling of the lake by the absence of the drain. ~~With~~ & the discharge into it of sewage, & ordure from

Draft G.O. & office note × Submitted for approval.

WWD
5.10.96.

For para 2 of the Draft G.O. please see G.O. 821 Fin. 14.10.95 (B) paths in the marginally noted hamlets are in such very bad order that the inhabitants themselves, generally lethargic, are constantly complaining. But little or nothing can be done to all these, as the Budget estimate of Rs 13,000. was cut down by Government to Rs 10,000. In fact, considering the extraordinary monsoon Rs 50,00 is urgently required for repairs.

Mettucheri.
Old Ooty.
Kodappamund.
Vannarpet.
Pudumund.
Manjanakarai.
Thalayatimund.

3. But there are certain extensions which a proper consideration of local wants imperatively demands. Nightsoil Carts now come round from Lock End to Woodstock, and then a second time pass the Golf links by Governor's Shola Road, thus poisoning the air unnecessarily for some 3/4 mile: eg should be taken in a direct line from Lock End o the Depôt. There is a favorable line for a road, hich would cost about Rs 3000. Again, it is an bsolute certainty that sooner or later a High Level Road will run along the Old South Supply Channel. If its construction is postponed, houses will be built on the only available line,

and

and the cost of acquisition of land will b
enormous, especially as after the advent of the Ra
At present nearly every owner has promise
give up the land required if the road be un-
taken in hand, and it appears most proba
that the consent of all can be obtained fr
line of a mile and a half, from Mr Arunde
as far as Mr Price's property, and two valu-
private roads leading from this line to the La
been promised. Not only will a beautiful dr
over two miles be provided, but a new exte
Country will be thrown open for the and con-
of numerous houses. All this can be obtaine
a probable expenditure of only Rs 5000 — a
that probably will never offer itself again.

4. Conservancy. Rs 2000 is greatly nec
the purchase of 4 night soil Carts, 5 Rubb
and 5 pairs of bullocks, the present being a
worn out.

5. Deficit. The year closed with
of Rs 4000, which was wrongly met out of
Works Grant. There is no means of replenish
this.

mer. Working Balance — It is only common sense
Ald press for a working balance of Rs 5000, for the
Xod unicipality can now only spend money as it
Vans by day collects taxes.

Ow Slaughter House — The reports of the Sanitary
Ma ymissioner and of the lately appointed Sub
Thalay mittee reveal numerous vital defects.
resent it must be frankly said, the Condition
for the Slaughter Houses is little short of repulsive.
3. a rough estimate, Rs 3000 is required.

proper Market. Reflooring is badly needed;
demands ·not be laid on; the butchers' Stalls need
Lock Enishing with Cuddapah slabs, tables,
pass th &c.; store rooms for meat are wanted,
poisons meats may not be kept at night in the
leg shop's houses; and several other very essential
to the ements are required; the total cost of all
which will not be less than Rs 8000.

bsolute It would thus appear that Govern-
Level ment should be respectfully solicited to give
ly Ch t-in-aid of Rs 30,000. The truth is
houses ; Municipality has been getting into finan-
straits ever since Government reduced
the

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the grant of Rs 12 000 which was given after the
Conservancy re-organization in 1882. In 1891
this has shrunk to Rs 2500 and Government was
urged to double it; but laid down the principle*
* G. O. No 315 M, 2 M dated 6th March 1891 that the Grant was calculated on the
financial position of the Municipality for the
time being. Subsequently, even this small Con-
-servancy grant was withdrawn, and nothing
is given but a contribution of 4700 Rs for roads.
It must also be added that Government recog-
-nized the advisability of levying a land
tax to bring in about Rs 8000, but the Courts
have declared this illegal.

10. In the above circumstances, it is t
opinion of the undersigned that Government m
properly be approached for such a grant-in-ai
as may enable the Municipality rightly to
discharge its duty of trying to make Ootaca
-mund clean, healthy, and as far as may
beautiful; and that Rs 30,000 is a proper
to ask for.

(Signed) J. H. A. Tremenheere
Acting Collector

(True Copy)
G. Hamnett
Chairman

No. 2443

Ootacamund Municipal Office,
23rd September 1896.

Local & Municipal Dept.
Current No. 2647 M

Collr no 1312/96

From

THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
OOTACAMUND.

Enclosures one

To

The Honorable A. T. Arundell,
ag Chief Secretary to the
Government.
through the Collector of the Nilgiris.

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Forwarded with a strong recommendation for the Grant.
H. Tremenheere
Ag Collector.
23.9.96.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council a Memorandum, dated 23rd September 1896, drawn up by Mr Tremenheere, the Ag Collector, in communication with myself, representing the urgent necessity for a grant by the Government of Rupees (30,000) thirty thousand for carrying on the administration of the Municipality and for making such repairs and improvements as are indispensably necessary for placing the town in a satisfactory condition and to request that you will be pleased to obtain the sanction of His Excellency in Council for the grant in question.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obt Servant
W. Hammett
Chairman

[L. & M. 4-8-96.]

Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

D. O. No. 3

D. O.

From The Collector of Nilgiris

No.

Dated 23-9-96

Received 28-9-96

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SUBJECT.

Stating that the request of the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ootacamund, for a grant-in-aid may be favourably considered.

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Local & Munl. (189) Department.

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Order

From the P. Secy to H.E. the Govr

No. —

Dated 9-10-96

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SUBJECT.

Stating that H.E. the Govr approves of the grant of Rs 30,000 to the Ootd. Municy

23. Sept. 96.

CHIEF SECRETARY 24 SEP 1896 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

My dear Col,

I spoke to H.E. & one of the Hon. Members about the financial position of the Municipality, & was told a request for a grant in aid would be favorably considered.

The Chairman now sends one in, which will reach you tomorrow — and I shall be greatly obliged if you can specially call it up from the office & put all in order for the matter to be disposed of

on Friday - when I suppose
there will be a last Council
meeting.

Yours sincerely
H. Tremenheere.

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