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## Plague.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1481 P.

DATED 25. 4. 1898

[Despatch Abstract.]

Plague hospital at Ostromuino

Issuing instructions to the Collector of the Kaira District in the matter of a site for a — for the use of Mahomedan women. ——

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Current No. 2313 P of 1898, dated 17.10.98, from the Ag Collector of the Nilgiris

G.O. " 263 P " 189 , " 1.11.98, " Mrs S. Egan

" " " 189 , " , "

ORDER. No 1481 Pris dy 25-11-98

The Government considers that, though the Government land in the hollow between Burton Cottage and St. Thomas's Church is the best site available for a plague hospital for Mahommedans, it will apparently be insufficient, without the addition of some of Mr. Clarke's adjoining land, and the Collector may find it difficult, if not impracticable, to arrange with Mr. Clarke about this. In that case the Collector may have to fall back on the plot of Government land

in the hollow near Alta Villa, where ample space is available to avoid being too close to that house.

(From orders)

25/11/98

H. T.
25-11-98

To The Collector of the Nilgiris
" Plague Commissioner

Secy to Govt
25.11.

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# Local & Munl. (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 2313 P

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Referred to the Plague Commissioner for
for favour of early remarks.

G. Stokes.
for Secretary to Govt

To The Plague Commissioner -
(with file)
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From
The Asst Collector of
the Nilgiris
BGR No. 928-98

Order

It is not clear from the Coll's letter whether he refers to a plague hospital or segregation camp for Muhammadan women. A plague hospital women not probably be large, & so far experience has shown that Plague Hospitals are not when well managed sources of infection. If it is to be a segregation camp that it will probably be a larger camp & more difficult to maintain in a sanitary condition. Considering that the accommodation for Muhammadan women in any case I dont suppose the number of persons will ever be large & as it is important to have such a camp as close as possible to the homes of the people the best site for it, I would let the Coll" choose a place near Burliar Cottage.

S. M. G. Muhammad

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Construction of a Separate Plague Camp for the use of Muhammadan women.

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It must be a plague hospital that is proposed. A segregation camp for Mahommetan women is unnecessary & wd be useless.

The Govt land in the hollow between Burton Cottage & St. Thomas's church will apparently through the locality be insufficient without the addition of some of Mr Clarke's land. The Coll may find it difficult if not impracticable to arrange with Mr C. for an additional piece of ground. If so & he may have to fall back on the plot of Govt land in the hollow near Alta Villa. There is ample space there to avoid being too near Alta Villa — the only house to be considered.

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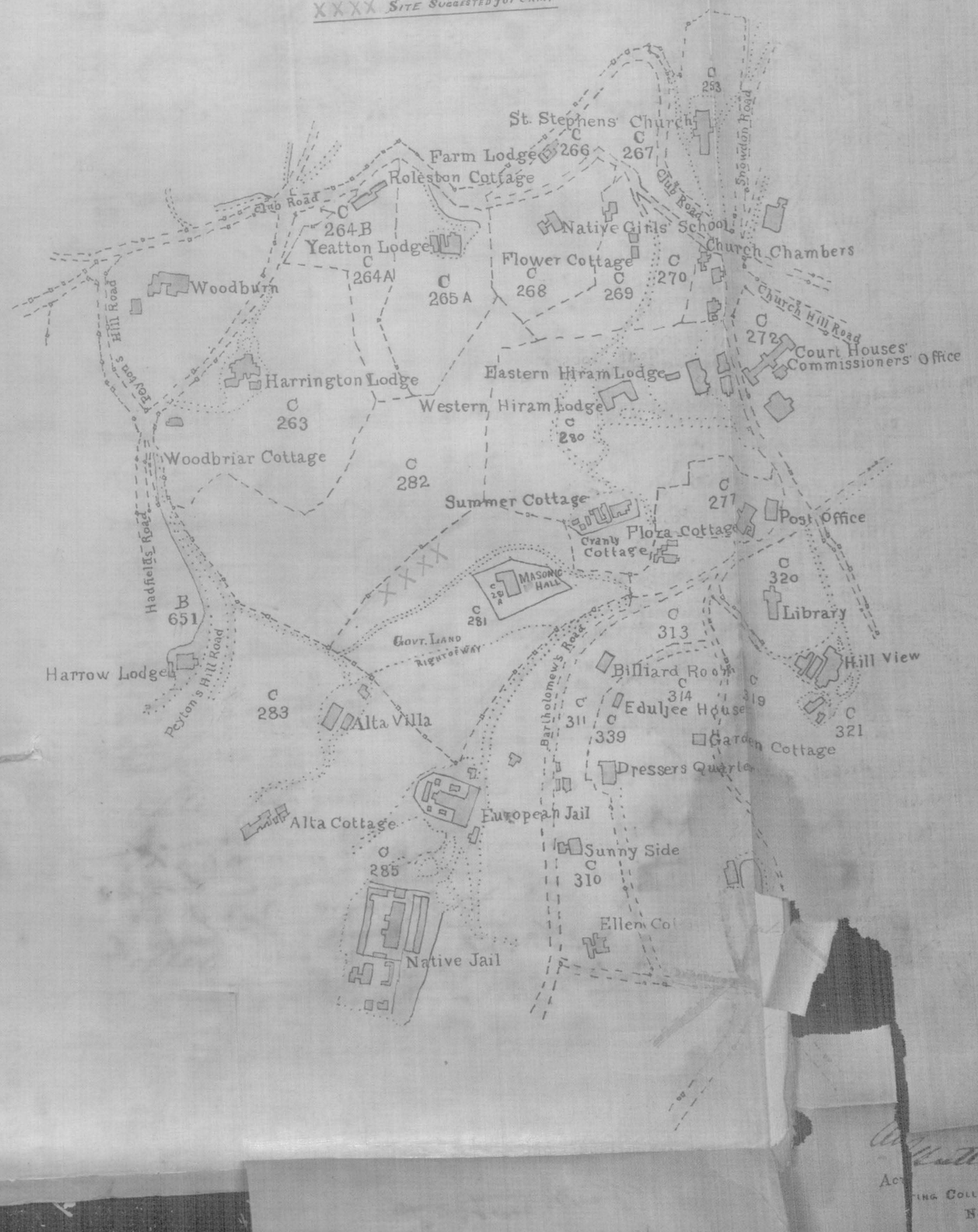
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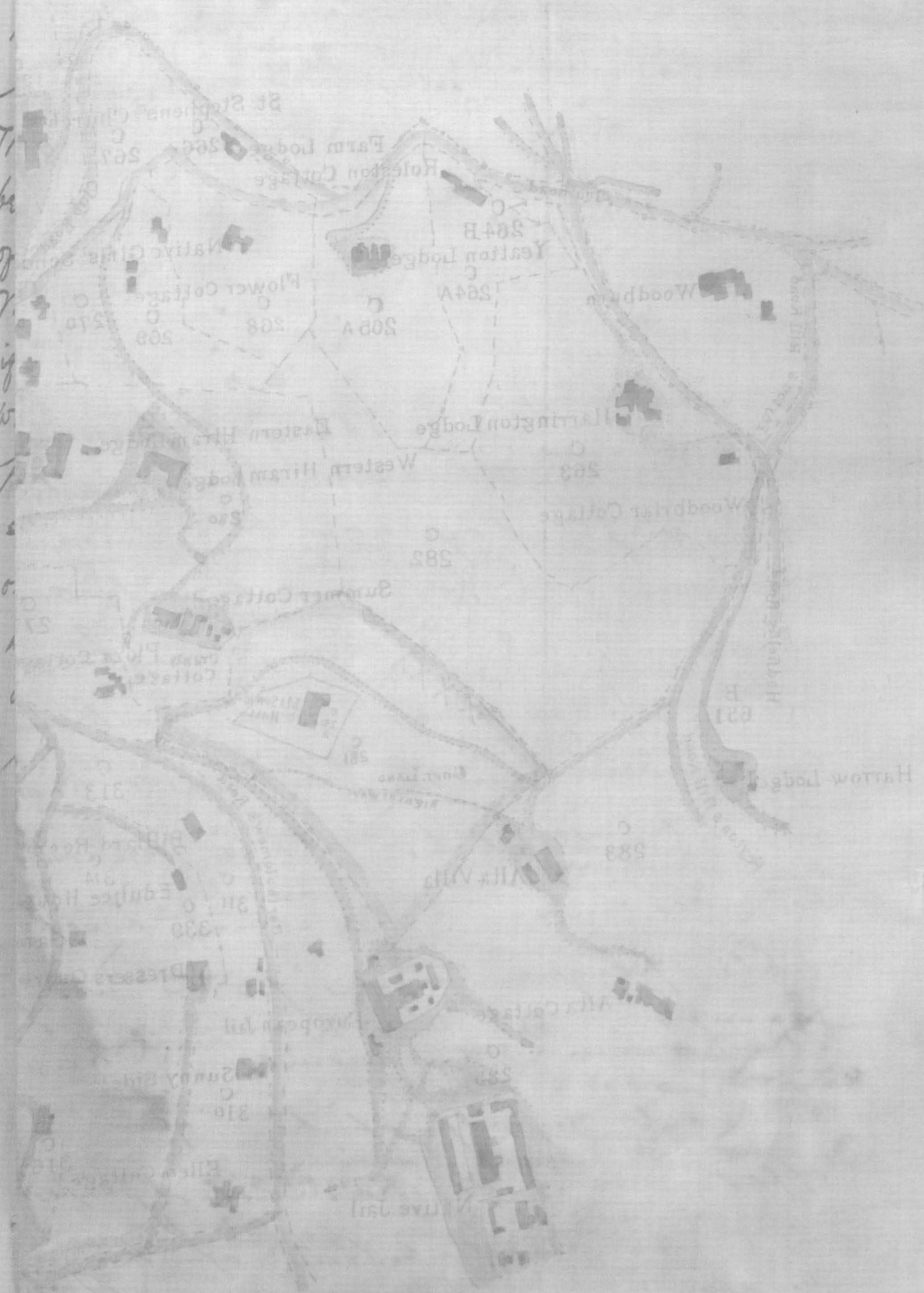
Ootacamund Settlement Map

Scale 16" to a Mile

XXXX Site Suggested for Camp




Acting Collector of Nilgiris.



NILGIRI COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

OOTACAMUND, 17th October 1898.

~~REF. ON~~ B&R No. 928
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FROM A. Butterworth Esquire I.C.S
Ag COLLECTOR OF
the Nilgiris,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Local & Municipal DEPARTMENT,
*Madras.*

SIR,

ENCLOSURES.

At a meeting of prominent members of the native Community held a few days ago to consider the measures to be adopted at Ootacamund should the plague break out amongst us, Kroof Sait ~~Ghoolam Mahomed~~ as well known merchant of the place, announced his readiness to construct a separate plague camp for the use of Mahammadan women. I am anxious to avail myself of this generous offer as it is particularly expedient that the Cooperation of the Mahammadan Community should be secured and I accordingly

assured ~~the two gentlemen mentioned~~ all. Esoof Sait all that I would do my best to obtain a suitable site for the Camp.

2. ~~Those gentlemen~~ all. Esoof Sait all insisted upon two conditions, namely, that the site should be near both the bazaar & the Mahammadan burial ground & I agree with ~~them~~ all. him in thinking that, if these conditions can be fulfilled, the chance of the Camp being freely resorted to is much greater than if some locality well away from the town were selected. One of the reasons which renders comparative proximity to the burial ground essential is the requirement of Mahammadan Custom that the dead shall be borne to the cemetery by relatives, and I am assured that if the camp were located at a distance from the burial ground there will be considerable reluctance to make use of it. Unfortunately there are very few

sites indeed which appear to be suitable for the purpose in view. There is plenty of open land round the lake (on the south bank of which lies the burial ground) but, in the case of nearly all of it, objection could be raised that the Camp would be too conspicuous, or too near some private house, or too far from the bazaar. In fact in the neighbourhood of the lake I can find only one fairly satisfactory site, & this I shall allude again.

3. The locality in the immediate neighbourhood of the town which the Chairman and myself deem least objectionable & which most ~~asks~~ the approval of the ~~two Gentlemen~~ all gentleman at whose cost the camp will be constructed is the slope near the foot of the jail hill which lies between the Masonic Hall

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and Alta Villa. This land belongs to Government. The rules do not require that questions as to the sites of plague Camps should be referred to Government for orders, but in the case I think it advisable to solicit the views of Government in view of the opinions expressed in G.O dated 26th August 1878 No 924 P wise, to the effect that Jail Hill is not a proper place for a plague Camp. My own opinion, given with all deference, is that a plague Camp at the site suggested by Crone need not prove a source of danger if properly protected and managed & that it would be resorted to much more freely than a Camp placed at a distance from the Bazaar and this is a matter of very great importance if, as I understand,

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Government prefers to induce people to send their sick to a Camp than to force them to do so. If Government, however, should prefer one of the proposed sites, I think which can the only other place is the land to the south of the lake between Burton Cottage & St Thomas' Church. Of this land a portion, 7/311, belongs to Government & the rest, 7/47, forms part of Mrs E. Clarke's property. There is here a sort of amphitheatre where a Camp could be so placed as to be screened from view from the lake road & the close proximity of the place to the Mahommadan burial ground just beyond the path leading to Aubrey House is a point in its favour. On the other hand, the occupants of Burton Cottage, Bishops-down and Dunmere would probably raise objections although the two last houses

high above the site, some distance
off & not in full view of it.
The Government land at this
spot is not sufficient for
a camp, most of it being on
a steep slope lying alongside
the road, and it would be
necessary to occupy some
of Mr. Clarke's land.

5. If Government objects
to both these sites, I fear that
I shall be unable to suggest
any place which will meet
with the approval both of
Government and of the owners
of the proposed camp, for
the latter is all clearly not disposed
to lay out money on a place
at a distance from the
bazaar. There is indeed some
open land near Mr Barnard's
stables, behind the agricultural
but if Government objected
to the Jail Hill site on the
ground of proximity to houses,

the objection would apply
with more force to this last
place. I may mention that
there are no houses in imme-
diate proximity to the Jail Hill
site except Alta Villa & the
Masonic Hall. The land round
the base of the hill on this
side consists of cultivated
fields & other houses which
on the plan appear close to the site
suggested are really high above
it, as the site is almost
at the bottom of a deep valley.

6. I submit tracings
of the sites referred to in
paras 3 & 4. The land in the
possession of Government
is coloured yellow.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
A Butterworth
Ag Collector

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21-10-85

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

*Nilgiris*

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

DEPARTMENT,

*Madras.*

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From S. Egan Esq.
Collector.

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Mtra Chambers.
Ootacamund.
1st Nov. 1898

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Dear Sir
I have been told that is decided to apply to Government for permission to establish a plague camp at the foot of the Gaol Hill quite close to the Mussrie Lodge. As I am at present