

Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 869 M.

DATED 26-6-99

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Extension of Coonoor. Agreeing with the Collector of the Nilgiris in considering that it is undesirable to allow a native quarter to be erected on the Tent Hill Reserve in the Coonoor Municipality; but there is no objection to the extension of the town along the old Cooty road.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Again G.O., No. , dated 189 .
 Current No. of 189 , dated from the
 Current No. 12627 of 1899, dated 25th April 99 from the Chairman, N.C.
 1507m Coonoor

SUBJECT.

Am with map required
 12.5.99. Extension of Coonoor

FOR ORDERS.

Please see the notes and orders
 in G.O. No. 18387, dated 28th October 1898.

13/5/99
 Submitted that Mr.

Tremuckee's Officer. Suggested a map and
 by Mr. Weir, are sound ones. The
 Calcutta, with a figure Coonoor
 there a native bazaar built on
 Tent Hill - i.e. to hill on the left
 overlooking you just before you come
 to the bridge. The Town is extending
 along the old ooty Road & that is
 the best route for extension.

I should like to see
 the sketch referred to in
 the office note in B as
 C. No. 1570. m.

Mr. Weir speaks of the
 "old ghost road." Is that
 the same as the "old
 ooty road?"

18.5.99.

Note for the Secretary

- (1) The sketch has been obtained from the
 Collector of the Nilgiris & is being.
- (2) The "old ghost road" is the same as the
 "old ooty road." Vide C.O. No. 1507m 199. &

14.6.99
 16.5.99

Communicating the Council's
resolution on C. O. No. 1838
was dated 28th October 1838
regarding the town extension

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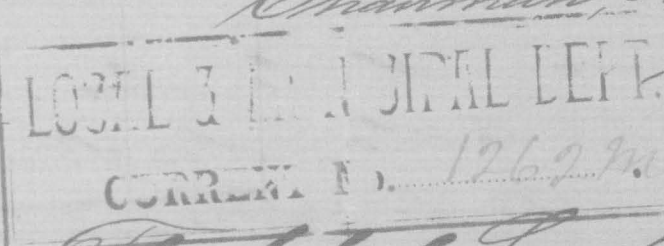
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Municipal Office
Coonoor 25th April 1899.

From

Geo. H. Coleman Esq.
Chairman, Municipal Council



To

The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Local and Municipal Depart.
ment Fort Saint George

Through the collector, The Nilgiris
Dist.

The papers connected with the ex-
tension of the Town and the orders of
Government thereon were read at a
meeting held on November 17th 1898.

The following Minute was approved.

Read G.O. No. 1838 Mr. Ois, dated 28th
October 1898, regarding the town extension
and connected papers.

The members of the Council now present
consider that the proposal of the collector
and District Forest Officer cannot be
carried out for the following reasons:-

- (1) The Gorges are too cold and unhealthy
- (2) The position proposed would mean
the entertainment of a separate Municipal
Staff, an expense the Council cannot afford.
- (3) The native members speaking from
experience, and voicing the opinion of the
Native Population, say that any extension at

a distance cannot be approved.

The Council considers that this matter being of the greatest importance, should be again brought before a full meeting and the Chairman is requested to act accordingly.

In accordance with the above I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government (1) that the remarks of Mr. Tremenhue, viz that the town is extending in the Okupabay village direction, and that this is the direction in which the town ought to be allowed to extend itself, have much to be said against them. In the first place, there have been but two new buildings erected during the past 5 years, though many old thatched houses have been dismantled and a better class built, the actual living accommodation remaining the same. The land in this direction is not suitable for extension, the position not being convenient, or houses would have been erected long ago. That there is a demand for extra accommodation is proved by the numerous applications for permission to erect buildings in the town. These applications have to be granted, much against the will and desire of the Council, for they cause over crowding, but, owing to the scarcity of land, this cannot be avoided, nor can the Council refuse to grant these petitions on the ground that there is other land convenient, and that surplus buildings should be erected on this land.

2. The proposal of the District Forest Officer to extend up the River reserve is quite

out of question. The Railway runs up this ravine, and on the most convenient side. The opposite bank being so steep that a building could not be erected except at great expense. This ravine too would not be healthy, as it is quite closed round and would be extremely cold. The Sub Committee went very carefully into this matter and inspected many places. The site proposed viz part of Tent Hill reserve commended itself for many reasons.

1. The situation is healthy, being on the top of a hill.

2. Water is easily available at a small cost.

3. The position is close to the town, the Bazaar, the Railway Station and could be easily supervised from the Office. The proposals of the Council are that this land, (which is Government Forest Reserve and of no use to them, as the soil is too poor to grow anything) should be handed over to it for the annual quit rent. It would be divided into convenient plots and sold on the understanding that a house was erected within a certain period. The sales would provide funds enough to pay expense of roads, latrines, water supply and probably drainage. The demand for land is increasing daily, but this Municipality suffers in not being able to supply the demand, and thus increase its revenue.

The Council would respectfully request, that, considering the importance of it, the Government will be pleased to reconsider this matter and hold out hopes, that, at a near date, their

their proposals may be granted:-

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
Jas. Pollman
Chairman

Forwarded.

I fully agree with the
Docket I do not offer a the previous
collector in their objections to allow
a dirty native quarter to be
erected on the Tent Hill Reserve.
It would entirely spoil the appear-
ance of the reserve. I do not consider
some force in the objections taken
to the River reserve as a site
for dwellings. But I do not
consider this remark applies
to the land along the old
Road. The distance from the
barge is not really great.
So long as any sites more
central are available, the
native community will prefer,
no doubt, to take them up,
no matter what crowding may
result.

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For collector

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