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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

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G.O., No. 917 M

DATED 1-7-99

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Establishment Passing orders on the proposal to appoint an Engineer and Health officer for the Ootacamund Municipality

Chairman

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Local & Munl. (189) Department.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
2 JAN. 1899
MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

CURRENT No. 1 M

F.A. Please talk this over with me soon. Meanwhile the Inspr may be given Police powers
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Order

From The Collector of the Nilgiris
Ootacamund

Confidential Cen No. 17/98

Dated 25th
Despd 30th } December 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Ootacamund Municipality

Submitting for orders a copy of the Resolutions of the City Municipal Council relating to the Sanitary Commissioner's report on the unhealthiness of the town of Ootacamund, and proposals for the improvement of the municipal administration by the appointment of a Health Officer [illegible]

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No.

Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Ootacamund Muni-
d on Monday the 19th December 1898.

Present.

The Chairman,
A. Butterworth Esqre Collector
Col: K. F. Stevenson
N. J. Donaghue Esqre
Col: J. F. Garwood R.E.
J. Browne Esqre
Rev: C. Bioley
Major C. M. Thompson M.B. I.M.S.
M. M. Gool Mahomed Sait Sahib
J. S. Manning Esqre

Subject No. II. Read resolution dated 14th November 98 deferring for consideration the report of the Sub Committee dated 20th October 98 regarding the steps to be taken to carry out the recommendations of the Sanitary Commissioner in connection with the unhealthiness of Ootacamund together with letter No. 438 dated 21st October 98 from the Executive Engineer on Special duty regarding the intercepting sewer.

RESOLUTION :—

Resolved:—

(1) That the Chairman, Civil Surgeon and Collector be requested to consider the Sanitary Commissioner's report in detail

(2) That a health officer be appointed on a salary of R. 300. per month, his duties to be hereafter defined by resolution of the Council. The increased expenditure to be met by enhancing the tax on lands

(3) That Government be moved to confer Police powers on Sanitary Inspectors.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE,

Ootacamund, 19th December 1898.

(True Extract)

Chairman.

To

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No.

Proceedings of a Meeting of the Ootacamund Muni-
d on Saturday the 1st October 1898.

Present

The Chairman
A. Butterworth Esqre
W. J. Donaghue Esqre
J. S. Manning Esqre
J. Browne Esqre
Col: H. J. Stevenson
N. M. Gool Mahomed Sait Sahib
Col: J. D. Garwood R.E.

Subject No XXVII. Read G.O. No. 1571 M. dated 7 September 98 Communicating to the Municipal Council of Ootacamund the report of the Sanitary Commissioner on the unhealthiness of Ootacamund and requesting it to report what steps it proposes to take to carry out the recommendations of that officer.

RESOLUTION :—

Resolved that the following gentlemen be requested to form themselves into a Sub Committee and favour the Council with their opinion on the recommendations made by the Sanitary Commissioner at an early date.

Col: Garwood
Col: Stevenson
Surgeon Major Thompson
Mr. Donaghue and
N. M. Gool Mahomed Sait Sahib

MUNICIPAL OFFICE,

Ootacamund, 19 December 1898.

To

(True Extract)

W. Barnett
Chairman.

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Ootacamund Municipal Office,
19th December 1898.

FROM

THE CHAIRMAN,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
OOTACAMUND.

TO

The Secretary to the Government
Local and Municipal Department
Fort Saint George

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Thro' the Collector of the Nilgiris.

Sir,

Referring to your official memorandum No. 1332 dated the 2nd instant, I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Government, extracts from the proceedings[x] of the Municipal Council marginally noted, and to state that the report considering the Sanitary Commissioner's report, on the unhealthiness of the town, in detail, will be forwarded as soon as it is ready and passed by the Municipal Council.

Reminder to go 1571 L/98 -

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[x] Dated 1st October 98
" 19th December 98

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

G. Hamnett
Chairman O.M.C.

Gl. Cur. Regr. No. 187 of 98

~~Collector of the Nilgiris~~

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Confidential

Cur No. 17/98.

The Nilgiris COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Ootacamund
Dated, 25th December 1898.

FROM

A. Butterworth Esq, Ics
COLLECTOR OF
The Nilgiris,

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
CURRENT No. 1 M.

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Local and Municipal DEPARTMENT.
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honour to enclose a letter from the Chairman, Ootacamund Municipal Council, giving cover to a copy of certain Resolutions passed by the Municipal Council at a meeting held on the 19th instant to consider the Acting Sanitary Commissioner's report printed in Government order dated 7th September 1898, No. 1571. M.

2. It will be seen from the first Resolution that the details of that Report have been referred to the Chairman, Civil Surgeon and Collector for consideration. On the 1st October a Sub Committee had been appointed to consider the report, but it confined itself to general observations as to the condition of the town and the laxity of the administration. It has therefore been

been found expedient to wait for detailed observations regarding the various points touched upon by the Acting Sanitary Commissioner.

3. The third Resolution urges upon Government the expediency of conferring upon Sanitary Inspectors the powers possessed by Police Officers under the District Municipalities Act. This can be done under section 282(4) and I trust that the proposal will meet with the approval of Government. Complaints have been made to me by Sanitary Inspectors that their inability to arrest a person found committing an offence whose name and address are unknown impedes the proper performance of their duties and this is no doubt the case. The Sanitary Inspectors are men in receipt of much larger salaries than Constables get and there appears to be no reason why the powers asked for should not be granted.

Yes

4. The Second Resolution is the most important, for therein it is proposed to appoint a Health officer on Rs 300 to relieve the Chairman of his out-door duties. The Health Officer would have to be called a Secretary so as to allow

section

section 39 A (3)(d) to come into play, but that it is a detail. With regard to the necessity for the appointment the case stands thus.

There is no question that the town has suffere in consequence of general laxity of administrat and its condition, though not unsatisfactory if judged by the standard of an ordinary Municipality on the plains, is not such as we have a right to expect in one of the principal Sanitaria of India.

This I attribute to the following causes:—

(1) the neglect of previous generations of Municipal Councillors who have allowed the town to grow up in so crowded a manner as to render proper conservancy a matter of great difficulty.

(2) The inefficiency of the Sanitary Inspectors. This matter has been separately represented to Government, and, if the Chairman is allowed to select any man whom he considers suitable instead of being restricted to the selection of men who have secured a pass in Hygiene, an improvement may, I think,

be

accustomed to official routine is required. The choice of a Chairman is thus limited to men of somewhat advanced years and it cannot be expected that they will generally be able to perform much out-door work. In fact I doubt whether under the present system a Chairman could be found who, take him all round, would give better satisfaction than Mr. Hamnett.

This being so, there seem to be only two courses open, if a substantial improvement in the state of the town is to be looked for. The better course would be to appoint a whole-time Government Officer to be Chairman (say a young Superintendent of Police) the municipality contributing towards his pay to the extent of its power. Such an arrangement subsists I believe at Simla. The alternative course is to appoint a Health Officer or Secretary who will relieve the Chairman of a part of his duties. If the Secretary were given the out-door duties, it would certainly be necessary to retain a paid Chairman because no man would be likely to undertake without payment the laborious clerical work and the money responsibility which would fall to his lot.

It is this arrangement which the Council desire to introduce, namely, a paid Chairman (Rs. 250-!) to do the office work and a paid Secretary (Rs. 300-!) or Health Officer to do the out-door work. If, on the other hand, the Secretary were entrusted with all the office work, it is possible that an unpaid Chairman could be found to do the outdoor work. Colonel Stevenson, for instance, is an active man (but excitable !!) and would not shirk outdoor duties (Going home, I believe). I confess, however, that I cannot think of anyone else who would be ready to spend a few hours daily in inspecting latrines and drains.

There is no doubt that the proposal of the Council ought to result in a considerable improvement in the state of the town; for a thoroughly competent Assistant Surgeon should be obtainable for the sum of Rs 300 a month and, as the Council has agreed to meet the cost by enhancing the tax on lands, Government will perhaps view the proposal with favour. If, however, Government considers that the retention of a Chairman on Rs 250 and of a

Local & Munl. (189) Department.

D. C.

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Nilgiri Collector's Office
Ootacamund 17th January
1899.

ASSISTT SECY TO GOVT
19 JAN. 1899
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Sir.

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In my letter confidential No. 17/98 dated 25th December 1898, (vide last sentence), I mentioned that Mr. Hamnett's tenure of office as Chairman, Ootacamund Municipality, expires in November next. This is a mistake: the proper date is "November 1900" which I request may be substituted in my letter.

The above is written under Mr. Butterworth's instruction.

I remain
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

for Collector.

To The Under Secretary to Govt.
L & M Department

Order

SUBJECT.

Stating that Mr. Hamnett's tenure of office as Chairman, Ootacamund Munlty expires in November 1900 and not in Nov. 1899 as stated in his letter d/ 25-12-98

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D.O. No. 21

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8th March 99
Coimbatore

D. C. No. 21 of 99

Dear Sir

I beg you will
Kindly excuse me troubling
you with these few lines.
I believe the post of
Chairman to the Ootacamund
Municipality will soon
be vacant. I have a great
desire to get that appointment.
I have been the District
Board Engineer of this
District (Coimbatore) for
the last 19 years. I am the
Senior Local Fund Engineer.
The constant knocking
about is getting rather

of getting the appointment
of Chairman of the Oot.
municipality

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No.

ASSISTT SECY TO GOVT LOCAL MUNL 28 JUN 1899

From

H. A. Sim Esquire I.C.S.
Private Secretary to
H.E. the Governor.

No.

Order

Dated 28 June 1899.

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SUBJECT.

Transfers a telegram dated 27 June 1899 from the Secretary of State for India.

By order

Private Secretary

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Public Works Department.

Copy Telegram sent to the Governor of Madras

on the 30th June 1899.

My Telegram 27th June. Malet declines appointment.

Edmund Neel
Secretary,
Public Works Department.

India Office, London,

7 July 1899.

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my telegram of 27th June. Malet declines appointment —

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Appointment of a Secretary or Health officer for the Ootacamund Municipality.

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Local and Municipal Department.

Present return from circ. of Govt. mem. file 7/1/99

Resubmitted to the Secretary with the file about the appt. of an Engineer for the Municipality which has just returned from circn.

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Zv. H.

A.M. A.A.

A.E. The Govr.

28.2.99

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The Sanitary Insprs have been invested with the powers of a Police officer, accordingly. Vide G.O. No. M. dated 13th April 1899. (Memo No 88 M. of 98) H.

? vide the budget for 1890-91 perhaps.

? Salary of the Chairman

A.A.

FOR ORDERS.

The Sanitary Inspectors of the Municipality, of whom there are two, may, as requested, by the Municipal Council, be invested with the powers of a Police officer under section 282(4) of the District Municipalities Act. It is however doubtful whether the finances of the Municipality will permit of the appointment of a Secretary or Health officer on a salary of Rs.300, in addition to the paid Chairman on Rs.250. As suggested by the Collector, the best course seems to be to appoint a Secretary on Rs.300 and to make the Chairmanship an Honorary appointment. This was the case for a long time before 1892, but the Secretary was then paid only Rs.250 per mensem. Under the scale suggested in

I. G.O. No.1465 M., dated 21"June 1897 also, the salary of the Secretary to the Municipal Council of Ootaccamund should not exceed Rs.250, the average annual receipts of the Municipality for the three preceding years being Rs.82,242; but considering the special circumstances of Ootacamund, the need for appointing a specially good

?/ officer and the fact that as the Chairmanship will be abolished the additional mon

expenditure

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expenditure on this account will be only Rs 50, there is no objection to the salary being now fixed at Rs 300.

2. Mr. Hamnett having been appointed as a Councillor and Chairman of the Municipal Council on the 23rd November 1897, his term of office will expire on the 23rd November 1900 and not in ~~[illegible]~~ November 1899, as stated by the Collector. It is therefore for consideration whether the question of the appointment of a Secretary should lie over until Mr. Hamnett's term of office expires, or whether orders may be issued at once abolishing the office of paid Chairman and appointing a Secretary. In para. 1 of G.O. No. 1626 M, dated 20th July 1897, the appointment of a Secretary was postponed for the time being, under section 39-A (3) of the Act, and the arrangement of a salaried Chairman was allowed to continue.

G.O. No. 2586 M
22-11-97 J.

Vide the last para of the Collr's letter.

L.

P.R.
6/1/99

It has now been decided that the Municl. is to have an Engineer of its own, on Rs. 400. Linked file

2. Why shd this post not be combined with that of Health officer? The two appts. travel over the same streets, lanes & watercourses, & intimately touch one another from a Sany. point of view.

3 Shd such a joint appt. be constituted, say on Rs. 500, it might tempt an officer, of the P.W., like say Mr.

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Somers Vine or Mr. Malet who might wish to retire.

4 I even think it worth considn. whether the duties of Secretary might not be combined with such a post; a Secretary is supposed to do the out-door executive work (notwithstanding the nomenclature.)

5 To make this financially feasible, there would have to be an Honry. Chairman (the paid Chairman gets Rs. 250, so the addit. cost wd be only+ 250.)

6. It is true I cannot think of a man of fair ability & of leisure who would take the post of Honry. Chairman, but Mr. Weir might be asked.

7 As a last resort, there is the idea long cherished by Sir H. Bliss of reverting to a Collr. Chairman. (This was abolished in /92, no doubt because Mr. Hamnett was willing to stand & certain of election, & he was known to be fairly efficient.) He has in many respects done ~~excellt~~ capital work, but two changes have

+ The Resoln. says Rs. 300 p.m. can be met by increasing the tax on lands. à fortiori, Rs. 250.
W.

I am strongly of opinion tho the duties of Engineer and of Health officer may be discharged by a single officer. It is indeed almost impossible to sever the ~~[illegible]~~ work belonging to the two functions when it is discharged by overseers, sanitary inspectors, maistries, & coolies. Org. is not yet large enough

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to require two separate officers for the two duties. For Rs 500 a month it ought not to be difficult to procure a good Engineer — possibly a pensioner.

Should like Mr. Weir to be consulted d.o. ~~[illegible]~~ as to the advisability of making him Chairman of ~~the~~ Union on say Rs 250 with a paid Secretary to do the office work. With the ~~Offr~~ paid Secy. & an Engineer cum Health Officer, ~~the~~ Coll.r chairman would have ~~the~~ little to do with details and wd give a general supervision and see that the act was energetically worked.

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AA 28.2.99.

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taken place. He is not longer unpaid, & his age renders him no longer ~~very~~ quite efficient.)

I ~~make~~ mention this suggestion with much reluctance, as its acceptance would spoil one of the pleasant appointments of the Civil Service, & perhaps render it underpaid.

If any change is ~~made~~ contemplated in the status of the Chairman, the Council will have to be consulted under S. 12 of the Act,

& it & the Coll. 2nd be consulted on any other arrangement, not proposed by the Council, on which Govt. may determine.

H.T.
1.2.99.

F.A. to check before C

Done

Note for the Secretary

Please see D.O. from Mr. Weir, dated 13th March, in wh. he says that the question of appointing the Collector of the Nilgiris as Chairman of the Ootacamund

Municipality may be allowed to lie over until the Government goes up to Ootacamund, and that of appointing a Secretary to that municipality, until Mr. Hammett retires. Mr. Hammett's term of three years will expire on the 23rd November 1900.

V.R.
16/3/99

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I wd. not press the appt. of the Collr. as Chairman unless the Collr. gave a ready assent, and Mr. Weir's objections must I think be admitted & negative the suggestion.

It wd. not answer to have appoint as Chairman the Engineer Sanitary officer. He wd. practically be too independent and uncontrolled. But *possibly* he might hold the office of Secretary, though I very much doubt it. There is a great lot of office work to be done and it takes much time & the Secretary wd. of course be responsible for its accuracy. The question may as suggested by Mr. Weir stand over till Govt. reaches ~~the~~ hills next month.

18.3.99.

Very well.
A.H.
22.3.99

H.E. The Gov.
A.T.
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To Stand over
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Confidential

D.O.

My dear Weir,

With reference to Butterwort letter, Confidential No. 17, dated 25th December 1898, forwarding a resolution of the Municipal Council of Ootacamund, in whic it proposed the appointment of a Health officer on Rs 300 per mensem and your Endorsement on the Ootacamund Chairman's letter No. 5466 dated 4th February 1899. the Government ~~considers~~ that (is considering a suggestion) the duties of Engineer and of Health officer may be discharged by a Single officer on Rs 500 ~~that for Rs 500 it ought not to be difficult to pro~~ ~~C~~ a good Engineer – possib a pensioner being appointed for the place, and that the Collector may be appoi Chairman of the Municipalit with a paid Secretary on Sa Rs 250, to do the office work with the paid Secretary and an Engineer Cum Health Offi ~~it is thought~~, the Collector Chai

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would have little to do with the details and would give a general super-vision and see that the act ~~was~~ is energetically worked. ~~with~~ I am directed to ask you fo ~~You kindly let me know~~ your opinion as to the advisability of this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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V.R.
4/3/99

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Confidential

Nilgiri Collector's Office,
Ootacamund, 13.3.99

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
1899
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

My dear Tremenheere

I have received your confidential d.o. of the 6th, in which it is suggested that the executive of the Ooty Council should be strengthened & the Collector appointed Chairman; and my opinion is asked on the proposal.

My acquaintance with the district is so recent that my opinion so far as it is based on local knowledge would have little to do with the details and would give a general supervision and see that the act ~~was~~ is energetically worked. ~~with~~ I am directed to ask you for ~~you Kindly let me Know~~ your opinion as to the advisability of this proposal.

Yours Sincerely.

V.R.
4/3/99

H.T.
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is not worth the while.

But so far, I have found that the existing duties of the Collector here are quite sufficient to occupy the whole of my working hours.

As a matter of fact I have had to work longer hours here than in Madura which is generally considered a heavy Collectorate.

This state of things may be abnormal & probably is. But from what I hear & see I believe that under existing arrangements the Collector here is always fully occupied.

Even with the Executive Staff strengthened in the manner proposed, the Chairmanship would I believe add very greatly to ~~his~~ the Collector's duties.

The ultimate responsibility, legal & administrative devolves upon the Chairman, and however reliable his subordinates might be, he is bound to go into, himself, all questions of any importance.—

If therefore the Collector is made Chairman it will I think put 2 or more hours extra work on him each day,— partly indoor & partly outdoor. It might be possible

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and would give a general super-
vision and see that the act
~~was~~ is energetically worked. ~~with~~ I am directed to ask you fo
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opinion as to the advisability
of this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

V.R.
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~~D.C.~~

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for him to get through the extra
duties then imposed. ~~[illegible]~~ but in
my opinion he would be a
drudge & would have to abandon
all those social ~~[illegible]~~ duties
which he might otherwise
be expected to discharge.

I admit that personally I
dislike the prospect of taking
up the Chairmanship intensely,
I endeavour however to eliminate
the personal equation & I still
come to the conclusion that
the result of the ~~[illegible]~~ proposal
would be an overworked &
probably unsatisfactory Collector
& almost certainly an un-

Nilgiri Collector's Office,
Ootacamund,

satisfactory Chairman.
Would it not be better that the
~~[illegible]~~ proposed Engineer cum Health
Officer who would be really in
touch with all the inhabitants
of the Municipality should be
the Chairman, and the Collector
be as I think he is now
the guiding spirit.

Anyhow I would ask that for
the present the matter may
be left over until Govt come
to Ootacamund, when the
proposed suggestion could be

would have little to do with the details and would give a general supervision and see that the act ~~was~~ is energetically worked. ~~with~~ I am directed to ask you for ~~You kindly let me know~~ your opinion as to the advisability of this proposal.

Yours Sincerely.

V.R.
4/3/99

H.T.
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thoroughly discussed.
The suggestion if adopted wd
not involve the postponement of
the issue of Govt. orders ~~on~~
any proposal now before it.
As the appointment of a
paid Secretary has only been
suggested in my confidential
endorsement & need not be
decided upon until Mr. Hammett returns.

I am
Yours sincerely
C. Lewis

[L. & M.
200—17-6-97.]

Appointment of a Secretary
Ootacamund Municipality

I have talked this matter over with the Collector. As I have already noted the idea of giving the Collector the Chairmanship together with his other duties must be put aside.

The ~~most feasible~~ best plan for working the Municy. will be to have ~~[illegible]~~ a paid Chairman who is an Engineer on a salary of Rs 700 a month, with an efficient office manager under him.

One gentleman has already been offered & has declined the post wh. involved retirement from the public service.

As settled in Council the Secy. is now in communication with Mr. Malet now on furlough on the same subject.

If no suitable officer can be found, other arrangements

NOTE FOR THE Secretary.

This file is now submitted for orders with reference to the last sentence of the H. M.'s note dated 18th March 1899 - Vide page 5 of the note for orders below.

V. R.
19/4/99

Submitted to the H.M. who probably will wish to talk the matter over with Mr. Weir.

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Papers taken out of the Records from the charge of the Referencer,

must be considered. Possibly advertising might be of use. There are probably capable retired Engineers from other Presidencies if we could but find them.

AH 26.6.99

From Governor of Madras to Secretary of State - Forward following telegram to - A. A. G. Malet - Executive Engineer - Please telegraph whether you accept - combined appointment Engineer and Chairman Ootacamund Municipality after taking pension - monthly salary of rupees - seven hundred. Should join - if possible - end of August.

(Intld) CJW.
23.6.99.

To. A. A. G. Malet.
Exe. Engineer.
C/o India Office
London.

Will you after taking pension accept combined appointment Engineer & Chairman Ootacamund Municipality. Salary Rs 700. Should if possible join within 2 months. Please wire reply.

C.J.W.
23.6.99

From orders in Council

M.
4-3-99.

NOTE FOR THE H. M.

Please see Mr Malet's reply to our telegram of the 23rd. He requires full information and details to be sent him by mail which has just left.

By wiring to Bombay up to Saturday the information he requires we can ensure its going to him by this week's mail.

Unless there is some ~~[illegible]~~ likelihood of Mr Malet accepting, it will be a loss of time awaiting his reply.

I have consulted with Ch. E. Mr De. Winton on the matter. He seems to think it is somewhat unlikely Mr Malet will accept it. but of course can say nothing definite.

Mr De. Winton has also mentioned 2 other ~~names~~ P.W.D. officers whom he considers are well qualified for the post & are likely to

accept it.
They are Mr. A. S. Russell & Mr. Paul. Mr. Russell has just retired on pension & Mr. Paul has gone home on 6 months furlough. If the particulars requested by Mr. Malet are sent by Saturday's mail from Bombay as proposed, we might ask Mr. Malet if he prepared to send on the offer to Mr. Paul & Mr. Russell or [illegible] Mr. Paul, Mr. de Winton thinks would be the more suitable, asking them to send their reply by wire.
It appears Messrs. Paul, Malet & Russell have been working together about their pensions & are sure to know each others addresses.

As regards the details required by Mr. Malet. He may be told that as Chairman he will have to undertake the general administration of the municipality & water engineer he would

I have had Mr. Paul in view in case Mr. Malet declines.
I am doubtful whether Mr. Russell wd. do.
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be in charge of roads, buildings, sanitary works & water works, and that he would also have to look after sanitation of the town & control the Sanitary Inspector & staff. — Should any ~~term~~ period be specified during which he should hold the appointment? We might require to think that he should give 6 months notice.

G.T.W.
28.8.99

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Yes.
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He may be told that the appt. wd. be for three years subject to the provisions of Sec 19 of the ~~D^t.~~ Munic^l. Act. Govt. might at its discretion reappoint him at the end of that time.

The Munl. Act. does not provide for the absence of the Chairman on ~~leave~~ furlough, but with the consent of the Council & of Govt. short ~~privilege~~ leave not exceeding 3 months might be taken on such terms as might be arranged.

See Sec 19 (1) (iii)

Service wd. not count towards pension.

It is no good to think of telegraphing all this to Bombay. A letter should be sent by next mail ~~[illegible]~~ with a d.o. to the Under Secretary or other proper official at the India Office, and Mr. Malet be asked to communicate his decision to this official: to be forwarded here at expense of this Govt. A similar letter may be sent addressed to Mr. Paul to be delivered to him if Mr. Malet declines.

But H.E. must first be asked if he approves of Mr. Paul's being written to.

Are we not a little premature in taking for granted that the Munl. Council will approve the proposed arrangement & consent to recommend Rs 700 a month for a Chairman-Engineer, with a suitable office manager. When Mr. Davidson was asked everything was provisional, but in telegraphing & writing home the offer is necessarily more definite.

If necessary a special meeting of the M.C. could be called to approve the proposal. Mr. Weir will no doubt be able to arrange in communication with Mr. Roberts & be present to explain.

A.C.A. 29. 6. 99

I approve.
A.G.H.

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NOTE FOR ~~THE~~ H. E. the Governor.

The file is submitted for the orders of H.E. as to whether he approves of the Chairmanship of the Ooty Municipality being offered to Mr. Paul in case Mr. Malet refuses it.

As suggested by the Hon'ble Mr. Arundel at the end of his note it seems desirable that the Municipality should be asked to decide at a special meeting if they will consent to recommend Rs 700 for a Chairman-Engineer.

Vide Flag B.
&
Flag C
immediately below

The Municipality has already proposed to appoint in addition to a paid Chairman on Rs 250, an Engineer on Rs 200 and a Health Officer on Rs 300. So they were willing to pay for their superior executive officers Rs 750 in all. They are not likely to refuse to pay Rs 700 for a single officer who combines the

Yes
A.G.H.

functions.
It is however pretty certain that with a Chairman Engineer the clerical establishment would have to be strengthened by appointing a good Office Manager on Rs 150 or so. i.e about Rs 100 more than the present Office Manager. The present proposal would therefore involve a greater expenditure than the Municipal Council has ever signified its willingness to incur. The proposal may therefore be communicated to the Chairman with a request that he call a special meeting at a very early date to consider the matter. I can arrange, as suggested by H. M., to be present.

C J W
29. 6 99.

[L. & M. 500—4-3-99.]

NOTE FOR THE H. M.

Please see H. E's orders on note below. I submit a G.O. for approval. If approved it will issue tomorrow & I will send for Mr Hamnett & arrange for a special meeting as early as possible.

C J W
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[L. & M.]
…, 19-12-98.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. dated 189 .

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Current No. 1 m of 1899, dated 25th December 1898 from the Collr. of the Nilgiris.

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ORDER. No 917 M dt 11th July 1899.

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Govt after carefully considering the various proposals dealt with in the papers read above has arrived at the conclusion that on the present Chairman vacating his office, a gentleman thoroughly versed in Engineering, if such can be found, should be appointed as his successor.

2. The new Chairman should in combination with his own duties perform those of Engineer to the Municipality.

As Chairman he will have the control of the Municipal Sanitary staff & aided by the advice of the Civil Surgeon obtained in matters where medical science is required he should, Govt consider, be able to discharge satisfactorily the duties of a Health Officer.

3. H. E. the G. in C. considers that in view of the qualifications to be required of the new Chairman a salary of Rs 700 should be attached to the appointment. (It seems also probable that it will be necessary at the same time to strengthen the Clerical Establishment by appointing a manager on a salary of Rs 150. or there abouts.)

4. The Chairman O. Municipality is ~~therefore~~ accordingly requested to call a special meeting of the Municipal Council at a very early date to decide whether they will consent to recommend ~~to~~ to Govt the appointment of a Chairman with the duties described above on a salary of Rs 700 a month.

The decision arrived at should be reported by the Chairman without delay.

CAW

30.6.99.

H. M.

I am not sure if this need be put in here.

To the Chairman M.C. Ootacamund
" Collr. of the Nilgiris. } despatched 1/7/99

G/72.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

4th July. 1899.

1 My dear Weir,

With ref. to your note about Col. McArthur I have been thinking over the matter and am of opinion that if H.E. approves of the

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