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No. 267. Read the following letter from Major W. H. WAPSHARE, Secretary Ootacamund Improvement Committee, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 13th December 1860:—

SIR,

1. With reference to former communications (as per margin) regarding Mr. Sub-Engineer Williams, I am directed by the Committee of Improvement at Ootacamund to request that you will lay before Government the following facts, which seem to justify the doubts the Committee have been led to entertain as to Mr. Williams' qualifications for the work required under them.

Report, 27th October 1860, paragraph 6.
Letter, 28th November 1860.

2. A large quantity of ground having been applied for in the vicinity of the lake, Mr. Williams had been, as usual, directed to make a survey of it, and he sent in a plan accordingly; a few days since a Sub-Committee, composed of Messrs. Rohde, Ouchterlony, and myself, accompanied by Mr. Brosnahan, proceeded to inspect and allot the land in question, taking with them for their guidance the survey plan so made by Mr. Williams.

3. On comparing the plan with the land it was supposed to represent, the dimensions and features thereof were found so inaccurate as to render it completely useless; and the Sub-Committee were obliged to defer the completion of their task until a fresh plan had been prepared by Mr. Brosnahan.

* By Banghy.
4. The plan now sent* for the inspection of Government, which he it remarked is on a scale of 200 feet to the inch, is that prepared by Mr. Williams, and corrected by Mr. Brosnahan; the portions sketched in pink being the corrections of the latter.

5. The Committee desire me to point out how impossible it will be for them to carry on the duties they are entrusted with, if they have to depend for their guidance on such performances as the specimen now forwarded.

6. To furnish plans so inaccurate to purchasers would obviously lead to the most serious disputes and differences in the future.

7. It will be in the recollection of Mr. Bourdillon that a survey plan of the whole station upon a large scale was a leading object in view, and that, in this, the closest accuracy was imperatively required, with a view alike of adjusting all existing disputes, and preventing their future recurrence.

No. 263. ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1860, No 2,611.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer in continuation of the Order of Government, dated 18th instant, No. 2,594.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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Sir

Yours most obedient servant
W. H. Wapsham Major
Secretary Botanical Improvement Committee

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13th December

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From the Secretary to the
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