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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th January 1869.

No 344. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department:—

Building sites in connection with Swamp Re-
clamation Project on the Neilgherries — (Here enter 9th January 1869, No. 53)
Commissioner's proposals with reference to this
subject, ordered to be carried out.

No. 345. ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1869, No. 171.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 46.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 7th Division.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Govt. of 1869 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

712 1st Floor

Dated January, 20th.

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For

G O, 20th January 1869, No 171

JANUARY.

No. 344-345

Building sites — Proceedings Revenue Department on the subject of allotting building sites for the occupants of the houses required for the Ootacamund Swamp Reclamation Project, Coimbatore District, connected to the Order connected.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th January 1869

110 Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th October 1868, No 7,725 —

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 24th September 1868, No. 31.

1. I am in receipt of Government Order of 10th September 1868, No 2,355, Revenue Department, directing me to confer with Major Farewell, and report upon advisability of Government allotting building-sites, and undertaking the erection thereon of new houses for the occupants of the present houses, required for the Ootacamund Swamp Reclamation Project. I was also to state the amount of outlay incurred up to date.

2 The outlay incurred up to date is Rupees 4,213-5-6 for material, excavations, temporary Jail for convicts, and huts for Police Guard

3. I have gone again over the ground, and inspected the houses which are required for the project. The holdings for which compensation is sought, number, namely—

Tiled-houses	40
Thatched-houses	35
Vacant grounds	29
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Only thirteen of these are subject to assessment, amounting altogether to Rupees 10-12-5 per annum. The extent of land to be reclaimed is about 15 acres, of which five only are taken up by the holdings

4 Of the 21,000 Rupees applied for (in Collector of Coimbatore's letter of 19th June 1868, No. 176, in Proceedings of Government under reply) in order to compensate the holders, 15,000 Rupees refer to buildings. The twenty per cent in paragraph 3 of letter of Collector of Coimbatore of 19th June 1868, No 176, and paragraph 4 of Special Assistant Collector's letter of 17th June 1868, No 7, in Proceedings of Government under reply) of the total outlay to be recovered by the sale of building materials, had better be calculated upon the latter sum. I shall be satisfied if the sale proceeds bring anywhere near 3,000 Rupees

5 I have conferred with Major Farewell, as directed, and he is strongly opposed to the Government undertaking the erection of new houses for the ejected holders. He assures me that he could not do the work for 30,000 Rupees

6 I confess that it seems to me altogether unnecessary for Government to attempt such a task. The houses are of every sort, some tumble-down mud-huts, some tidy substantial buildings, some tiled, some thatched, some new, some old, it would be impossible to build fresh houses, on a uniform plan, so as to satisfy the 104 holders

7 With regard to the 3rd paragraph of the Collector's letter above quoted, where he says the people "could not be expected to move until they had built new

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houses," I do not think the people themselves entertain any such notion; on the contrary, I believe they would prefer to receive compensation in money, and to be left free to build again or not, as they choose. The Tahsildar has made special inquiries upon the point from some of the parties concerned, and he is quite of opinion that they would not make the least difficulty about leaving the houses within a reasonable time after receipt of compensation.

8 The principle upon which the compensation amounts have been calculated in paragraph 3 of Special Assistant's letter above quoted, seems to me most liberal. In paragraph 10, the Special Assistant adds, that the majority of the proprietors have expressed their assent to the terms proposed. Under these circumstances, I question the possibility of our satisfying their claims with a less sum than 21,000 Rupees.

9 I would propose, however, that Major Farewell be requested to mark out sites for the new houses, on a suitable block of land (which I will show him) with a view to sanitation requirements, leaving it to the ejected householder to build a suitable house for himself on the site, subject merely to some such general restriction as, that all houses must face one way, and drain in the directions required by the Engineer.

10 Each new house should be charged a moderate quit-rent.

11 When making terms with each householder on the principle to which the majority of them have expressed their assent, the proffer of an eligible site to rebuild should go in diminution of the amount of money-compensation. With the money in hand I might possibly be able to make a somewhat better bargain with each proprietor than I now contemplate.

1 SUBMITTED for the information of Government. The Board would not advocate the plan of building in opposition to the views of the Commissioner and Executive Engineer.

2. They concur in the proposals made in paragraphs 9 and 10.

No 111

ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1869, No. 53

Miscellaneous

1. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council concurs with the Commissioner, and authorizes him to carry out the proposals made in paragraphs 9 and 10 of his letter. His Lordship in Council relies upon Mr Breeks to effect the most economical arrangement he can on behalf of Government.

2 The Commissioner, in sanctioning the construction of houses on the ground which he intends to appropriate to this purpose, will be careful to make ample

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provision for access to the site by wheel carriages, for drainage for ventilation, and for some regularity in the distribution of the buildings which should all be roofed with tiles, and constructed of tolerably substantial materials.

(True Extract)

M. A. Lyell

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue
,, the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills
,, the Public Works Department

Exd G. A. Turton.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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