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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following letter from F. BRANDT, Esq., C.S., President, Ootacamund Municipality, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 17th April 1883, No. 85 :—

I have the honor to request instructions from Government with reference to their Order in Public Works Department, dated 3rd July 1882, No. 1667 W., paragraph 5.

2. Toppa Mudaliar's lines and bungalow and land attached thereto have been acquired, and payment has been made, but under the order of Government above quoted the removal of the habitations was to lie over for future consideration.

3. The question was brought before the last meeting of the Municipal Commissioners, and it was agreed that the wishes of Government should be ascertained, as the question as to what is now to be done with the occupants presses, and there appears no reason why the former landlord, Toppa Mudaliar, should be receiving rents from occupants any longer.

4. I presume that the question reserved was whether any, and if so, what provision should be made elsewhere for the occupants and tenants who may be rendered homeless by removal of the buildings.

5. I have first to ask whether Government consider it necessary or desirable that sites for building should be found and allotted to the occupants of these tenements. It may very fairly be argued that having bought out the landlord it is not incumbent on the purchasers to find sites for buildings for the tenants. At the same time it seems very undesirable to do anything calculated to drive away labor by making it difficult for the laborers to find accommodation, and especially when some of the tenants are employed as sweepers and scavengers by the Municipality, and it is very difficult, even as it is, to retain their services.

6. If I am to give an opinion at all, I think it would be better to give the occupants now to be ejected the option of taking each a reasonable extent of ground for a hut or house on Government land.

7. There is a lamentable want of ground available, and the question is beset with considerable difficulty.

8. The only available sites on ground not private property within municipal limits appear to be (1) some two acres of ground in Kandal on the north side of the main road on the Kandal side of the junction of the lake road and the new Pykara road; and (2) Government waste on the north side of the swamp which lies north of the Sigúr road after you pass the Pykara finger post; there is in this locality a large extent of land.

9. Site No. 1 seems to me suitable for the class of people to be provided for; on the east side of it there is already a settlement of chucklers (dealers and workers in skins and leather), and they could not reasonably complain of proximity of sweepers; the site is too nearer to the work of these people than site No. 2.

10. I understand that the occupants of Metucheri are quite willing to make a settlement on site No. 2, which is a good site, with any amount of water easily obtainable; and it might be as well to reserve this site in case the Metucheri inhabitants are bought out; but I very strongly recommend that no more land be purchased until the disposal of those affected by the purchases already completed is decided.

11. I have the honor herewith to submit a statement showing how the funds placed at the disposal of the President and Municipal Commissioners have been utilized so far.

12. It will be seen that (*b*) Toppa Mudaliar's lines have been acquired for Rs. 10,000, the estimated amount; (*c*) that Tom's bungalow and land has been acquired for Rs. 2,500 (Rs. 500 less than the estimated sum); (*d*) that the acquisition of Joachim Pettah has cost Rs. 3,731-8-0, being Rs. 731-8-0 in excess of the estimate; (*e*) that no part of Metucheri has as yet been purchased; (*f*) that Rs. 3,201 and odd have been spent on minor improvements and planting against Rs. 2,000 provided for the purpose.

13. There is further a sum of Rs. 544 and odd, costs connected with preparation, execution, and registration of conveyances and deeds connected with acquisition of the lands purchased and lawyer's costs; and money must be reserved for upkeep of the trees and shrubs already planted, and for watering till the monsoon comes on.

14. Money is also required, and is now being spent, on levelling and planting Joachim Pettah, and will be required for the ground now occupied by Toppa Mudaliar's lines.

15. It will not then be possible to purchase the land at Metucheri out of the funds hitherto provided, and, as I said before, it appears to me essential to complete what has already been done before attempting more.

16. I have given this summary of what has been done so far for the information of Government, but the question as to the removal of the habitations now standing on the site of Toppa Mudaliar's lines, and the disposal of the occupants thereof, must, I would suggest, be disposed of as soon as possible.

Enclosure.

Memorandum of Sums spent from the special grant of Rs. 25,000 sanctioned for Minor Improvements.

	Acquiring Joachim Pettah.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1	Paid to the Rev. H. N. Joachim	900	0	0			
2	„ Narrayanasawmy	135	0	0			
3	„ Irusuppan	30	0	0			
4	„ Veerasawmy	60	0	0			
5	„ Arokiam	400	0	0			
6	„ Manomani	85	0	0			
7	„ D'Cruz Michael	300	0	0			
8	„ A. Michael	30	0	0			
9	„ A. C. Gregory	370	0	0			
10	„ Messrs. Ramasawmy, &c.	595	0	0			
11	„ Meeanjee Sait and Co.	250	0	0			
12	„ Do. do.	405	0	0			
13	„ General Pearse's Ayah	70	0	0			
14	„ Colonel Tennant's Ayah	80	0	0			
15	Stamps and Registration charges	31	8	0			
	Acquiring Toppa Mudaliar's lines, &c.	...			3,731	8	0
	Do. Tom's bungalow and land	...			10,000	0	0
					2,500	0	0

	Minor Improvements.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1	Improving road from St. Stephen's and Assembly Rooms to Library and Post Office	360	0	0			
2	Improving Church Hill Road	230	0	0			
3	Constructing a slab drain in market	320	0	0			
4	Pitting left bank of Church Hill and filling up pit at Kelso road junction	440	0	0			
5	Improvements at Charing Cross	470	0	0			
6	Clearing acacia wattle by Engineer	130	0	0			
7	Do. do. by Conservancy Department	150	0	0			
8	Improvements by Mr. Jamieson near St. Thomas' ...	350	0	0			
9	Pay of gardener employed at St. Thomas'	33	10	11			
10	Compensation to Thoppalan Pillay	50	0	0			
11	Pay of gardener employed on the planting near St. Thomas' Church for January, February, and March 1883	27	0	0			
12	Additional cost of improvements at Charing Cross ...	200	0	0			
13	Constructing a cinerator at the Bandy Sholah lane ...	250	0	0			
14	Plants bought for planting Church Hill Road	10	8	0			
15	Removing and constructing a porch at Norfolk House	180	0	0			
16	Messrs. Cowdell and Woolley's costs for preparation of deeds, &c., and attendance	544	2	0			
					3,745	4	11
	Total Amount spent ...	...			19,976	12	11
	Balance available ...	...			5,023	3	1
	Total ...	...			25,000	0	0

Order—dated 26th April 1883, No. 1241 W., Public Works.

With his letter, No. 130, of the 19th June 1882, the President of the Municipal Commission, Ootacamund, submitted a scheme for utilizing Rs. 75,000, which was assigned from Provincial Funds in 1882-83 for improvements of the station, Rs. 50,000 of which was to be expended by the Public Works Department on the bazaar drainage, and the residue on acquiring certain objectionable occupation and in making minor improvements.

2. The scheme as a whole met with the acceptance of Government as conveyed with certain remarks in G.O., 3rd July 1882, No. 1667 W.

3. With his present letter, No. 85, dated 17th April 1883, the President submits a detailed statement showing that out of the amount, Rs. 25,000, specially assigned for expenditure under the agency at his disposal, Rs. 19,976-12-11 have already been expended, leaving a balance at credit of Rs. 5,023-3-1, regarding the disposal of which, as also in reference to other points, he requests instructions.

4. His Excellency the Governor in Council remarks that, whereas the acquirement of Toppa Mudaliar's lines, of Tom's Bungalow and of Joachim Pettah has been all in strict accordance with the sanctioned programme, a good deal of money has been laid out in rather questionable alterations at Charing Cross and Church Hill, and that some pressing requirements, viz., the paving of the market, bandy-stand, &c., have been insufficiently attended to; the balance thus left, moreover (about Rs. 5,000), is clearly too small to admit of the acquirement of the portion intended of Metucheri and the "Charcoal Village," for which a sum of Rs. 7,000 was provided in the scheme.

5. The President, in his present communication, raises the question as to whether arrangements should not be made for the housing of the present occupants of Toppa Mudaliar's lines before their dismantlement, and names alternative sites for the eventual location of the required huts.

6. His Excellency in Council is clearly of opinion that, looking to the circumstances of the labor market at Ootacamund, it would be unwise to remove shelter, however indifferent, till other and more suitable arrangements have been made; without, therefore, expressing any absolute opinion as to the character or position of the huts which it is suggested should be built, His Excellency will be glad to learn that a definite scheme has been prepared so as to admit of the earliest possible demolition of the old Toppa Mudaliar lines.

7. These latter should, of course, be made watertight so long as occupied, but otherwise no such improvements, &c., should be attempted as might lead to their prolonged occupation.

8. It is not understood on what grounds the former landlord has been permitted, after sale of the property, to continue receiving rent as mentioned in paragraph 3 of the President's letter; he should at once be called on to desist from so doing, and be compelled to pay over to the Municipality all sums he may have received as rent from the occupants subsequent to the acquirement of the property, the Municipality receiving all such rents in future.

9. The Municipality may consider themselves authorised to employ the balance now available from the last grant (viz., Rs. 5,023) in providing for the housing of the displaced occupants of Toppa Mudaliar lines and other acquired occupations; also for such of the inhabitants of Metucheri or "Charcoal Village" as it may be most desirable to remove at an early date, submitting as soon as possible a scheme for these and other improvements of the most pressing character on the general lines suggested by the Improvement Committee.

10. The general improvement of the central drainage of the main valley above and passing the bazaar will be retained in the hands of the Public Works Department and due provision made from Provincial Funds.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the President, Municipal Commission, Ootacamund.
" Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Financial Department.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1883} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated April, 26th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 26th April 1883, No. 1241 W.

APRIL.

Improvement of Ootacamund

Passing orders as to the disposal of the grant for the —.

POTACAMUND.
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
17th October 1882

No. 85

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From L Brandt Esqre Col
President,
Potacamund Municipality.

To The Secretary to Government
P.W. Department
Ootacamund

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to give the occupants now to be ejected, the option of taking each a reasonable extent of ground for a hut or house on Government land.

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12 It will be seen that the Coppa Muslia's lines have been acquired for Rs 10000 the estimated amount — & that some bungalow land had been acquired for Rs 2000/ 00 Rs less than the estimated sum (d) that the acquisition of Joachimpotta had cost Rs 3731. 8. 0 being Rs 731. 8. 0 in excess of the estimate: (e) that no part of Mutucherri has as yet been purchased that (f) Rs $\frac{3201}{24}$ odd have been spent on minor improvements & planting against Rs 2000 provided for the purpose —

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President
Municipal Commission
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Appeals for 1882

From

The PRESIDENT,
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
OOTACAMUND.

To

The ~~CHIEF~~ SECRETARY
to GOVERNMENT.
~~FORT ST. GEORGE~~
Revenue Department
Ootacamund

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No. 85

Dated 15th
Despatched 17th April 1883.
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ENCLOSURE 1

SUBJECT.

Requesting instructions with reference to the Orders of Government dated 5th July, 1882, No. 1667 P.W.D. as to the removal of the habitations at Thoppay Roads &c lines recently occupied by the Municipality

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Memo of Sums spent from the Special grant of Rs 25000 sanctioned for minor Improvements.

1	Paid to the Reverend S. R. Jochim		900	-	-		
2	" Narayan assembly		120	-	-		
3	" Iruvappan		30	-	-		
4	" Veerasawmy	124	60	-	-		
5	" Arokiam	4	400	-	-		
6	" Manomani		85	-	-		
7	" Cruz Michael		300	-	-		
8	" Ex Michaels		30	-	-		
9	" A C Proctor		370	-	-		
10	" Inspr Ramaswamy &c		650	-	-		
11	" Pirayee Saib & Co		200	-	-		
12	" Do Ex		405	-	-		
13	" General Pensions' Acquittances		70	-	-		
14	" Cobi Jemadar Acquittance		80	-	-		
15	" Stamps & Registration Charges		31	8	-	3731	8 -
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						2500	- -
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16	Mess Cowell & Woolley Coats for preparation of Deeds &c & attendance.		514	2	-	3745	4 11
	Total Amount Spent					19976	12 11
	Balance available					5023	3 1
	Rupees					25000	0 0

Ootacamund
Municipal Commissioners office
17th April 1883.

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President. Chel

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No 1241 W P. W. Department Cir 11

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 26th April 83.

Read the following:—

Letter from the President, Ootacamund Municipality } A.E. No 85 of 17th Apl 83.

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Note. No 13 "Minor Improvement" Construct a Excavator is clearly a Municipal charge & proposal should not be debited against the grant

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Bella served a notice on the tenants telling them they were not to pay to the landlord [illegible]

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President, Municipal Commissioners
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S.E. Fourth Circle ✓
Examiner Wheeler ✓
Financial Supt ✓

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