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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, 31st May 1883, No. 128 :—

Referring to G.O., dated 26th April 1883, No. 1241 W., Public Works, paragraph 8, I have the honor to report that the former owners of Thoppa Mudelliar's lines have not, I find, actually been permitted to collect rents from tenants, but in consequence of the agreement that they should be at liberty to take and dispose of the materials on demolition of the buildings, a claim to collect such rents was advanced. I have shown the owners that the right to take the materials cannot possibly entitle them to collect rents, and have been collecting rents in arrears on behalf of the Municipality.

2. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Order of Government, the Commissioners have decided to build good but inexpensive lines suitable for the class of people occupying Thoppa Mudelliar's lines, utilizing the balance of the amount placed at their disposal for this purpose; and the place selected is that before mentioned by me, viz., in Kandal, near the milkmen's and chuckler's settlement.

3. Estimates have been prepared and submitted to the Commissioners both by their own Engineer and by a contractor. The former have been approved, and as the Municipal Engineer is very busy at present, and it is desirable to get the work done at once, it is proposed to have the work done by contract.

4. But it will not be possible for the Commissioners to provide housing for all the occupants of Thoppa Mudelliar's lines with the balance of funds at their disposal; still less will be possible for them to buy up Metucherri and Charcoal village. A block containing twenty compartments, capable of accommodating twenty families (not persons only) can, we estimate, be built within two months at a cost of Rs. 3,300, which amount includes Rs. 200 for a suitable latrine. Twenty more compartments are required, but the balance at our disposal (now Rs. 4,760 in round numbers) is not sufficient for this. The difference between the sum given in my letter of the 17th April last as the balance available and that now given is accounted for by what was stated as to the necessity for carrying out improvements already commenced.

5. I have the honor to ask whether Government intended to intimate that they would be prepared to advance a further amount towards the improvements referred to in paragraph 3 of the Government Order now under reply. If so, the Commissioners are of opinion that it is most desirable at once to complete the intended *two* blocks of buildings at Kandal, and on completion to demolish the old lines, and they would ask Government to advance at once a sum of Rs. 2,000 for this purpose especially.

6. If no money can be given at present, they propose to build one block, and to demolish one-half of the old lines as soon as the new lines are ready for occupation.

7. On ascertaining whether they may hope for a further grant, the Commissioners will submit further proposals for the acquirement of Metucherri and Charcoal village, for providing for the inhabitants of those places, and for other improvements of a pressing character, such as removing the washermen from Vanarpett.

8. There appears no reason to doubt such house accommodation as it is proposed to provide will be readily availed of.

9. The Commissioners are of opinion that if the inhabitants of Thoppa Mudalliar's lines do not avail themselves of such accommodation, they will not be entitled to any further consideration.

ORDER—dated 6th June 1883, No. 1588 W., Public Works.

It appears from this letter that the balance at present available for the acquisition, by the Municipality, of objectionable occupations, and providing suitable accommodation elsewhere, is Rs. 4,760, but that a further sum of Rs. 2,000 will be required to carry into effect the proposals made by the Improvement Committee and approved by Government. A grant of this amount is now made from the Provincial Reserve.

2. The Government will await the proposals which the President promises to submit in paragraph 7 of his letter.

3. It is, however, not at all clear whether the Municipal Commission fully exercise the powers vested in them for preventing the construction of unsightly huts and the growth of collections of houses quite as objectionable as those which the Government are now providing funds for removing. His Excellency the Governor in Council would be glad to be furnished with specific information as to the nature of the powers which the Commissioners consider themselves competent to exercise, and the measures they purpose taking to enforce them in future.

(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 June, 6th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 6th June 1883, No. 1538 W.

JUNE.

Objectionable Occupations,
Ootacamund

Passing orders on request of the Ootacamund Municipality for a further grant for the acquisition of — and providing accommodation elsewhere.

OOTACAMUND,
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
3rd May 1883

No. 28

From J. Broadt Esq. Es.
President,
Ootacamund Municipality.

To The Secretary to Government
P. W. Department.
Ootacamund.

SIR,

Referring to G.O. dated 26 April 1883 & No. 1241 W. Public Works para 8. I have the honor to report that the former owner of Thoppa Mudaliar's lines has not, I find, actually been permitted to collect rents from tenants, but in consequence of the agreement that they should be at liberty to take and dispose of the materials on demolition of the buildings a claim to collect such rents was advanced. I have shown the owners that the right to take the materials cannot possibly entitle them to collect rents and have been collecting rents in arrears on behalf of the Municipality.

2.

With reference to para 6 of the order of Government the Commissioners have decided to build good but independent lines suitable for the class of people occupying Thoppa Mudaliar's lines, utilizing the balance of

the amount placed at their disposal for this purpose and the place selected is that before mentioned by me, viz in Kandal near the millmen and Chucker's settlement.

3. Estimates have been prepared & submitted to the Commissioners both by their own Engineer and by a Contractor. The former have been approved, and as the Municipal Engineer is very busy at present and it is desirable to get the work done at once it is proposed to have the work done by Contract.

4. But it will not be possible for the Commissioners to provide housing for all the occupants of Choppa Mudliar's lines, with the balance of funds at their disposal, still less will be possible for them to buy up Mettacheri & charcoal village a block containing twenty compartments capable of accommodating twenty families (not persons only) can, we estimate, be built within two months at a cost of Rs 3300; which amount includes Rs 200 for a suitable latrine. Twenty more compartments are required, but the balance at our disposal (now Rs 4760 in round numbers) is not sufficient for this. The difference between the sum given in my letter of the 17th April last as the balance available & that now given is accounted for by what was stated as to the necessity for carrying out improvements already commenced.

5. I have the honor to ask whether Government intended to intimate that they would be prepared to advance a further amount towards the improvements referred to in para 9 of the Government order now under reply - If so, the Commissioners are of opinion that it is most desirable at once to complete the intended two blocks of buildings at Kandal, and on completion to demolish the old lines and they would ask Government to advance at once again of Rs 2000 for this purpose especially.

6. If no money can be given at present they propose to build one block and to demolish one half of the old lines as soon as the new lines are ready for occupation.

7. On ascertaining whether they may hope for a further grant the Commissioners will submit further proposals for the acquisition of Mettacheri & charcoal village, for providing for the inhabitants of those places and for other improvements of a pressing character, such as removing the Washermen from Vanarpatt.

8. There appears no reason to doubt such house accommodation as it is proposed to provide will be readily available.

The Commissioners are of opinion that if the inhabitants of Choppa Mudliar's lines

lines do not avail themselves of such
accommodation they will not be entitled
to any further consideration -

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt Servant.

H Brandt

President

Ottawa and Municipality

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1883.

C. O. No. 206 W. of 1st July 82
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" " 1667 W. of 3-7-82
B. No. 311 W. of 29-1-83
C. O. No. 1241 W. of 26-4-83

FROM

THE PRESIDENT,
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,
OOTACAMUND.

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY
TO GOVERNMENT, P. W. Despatch
FORT ST. GEORGE
OOTACAMUND

No. 128

Dated 31st May 1883
Despatched 3rd June
Received 5th June

ENCLOSURE

SUBJECT.

Reporting with reference
to G. O. of 26th April 1883 No. 1241 W.
that the balance at the
disposal of the Municipality
is insufficient to provide
accommodation for the camp
of Toppay middle class lines
what is further sum of
Rs 2000 for the purpose.

P. W. Cho. 4733
1883.

The present letter from
the Collector of the Nilgiris
relating to the enquiries
made in G. O. 26/4/83 No
1241 W shows that
taking into account the
balance of the former fund
he brings out objectionable
occupations for in Ootacamund
a sum of Rs 2000 will
be needed for housing
the inhabitants of Toppay
middle class lines in a
selected spot in Kandal

This is in accordance
with the intention of
the Government and ought
to be sanctioned

As regards the further
amount contained in
para 7 it may be observed
that the intention of

C. O. No. 1241 W.

It is not however
clear whether the Am.
Commission exercise the
power of the disposal
in preventing the construction
of unsightly huts, and
the growth of collections
of houses quite as bad
as those which prevent
are now furnished funds
in clearing away

As this is a material point - I would venture to suggest that in the order disposing

No. 1588 W

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 6th June/03
Read the following

Letter from the President, Municipality
Commission, Ottacamund. } M.C. No. 128 of 31st May/03

It appears from this
letter that the balance at
present available for the ac-
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Rs. 4760. But that a further
sum of Rs. 2,000 will be
required to carry into effect
the proposals made by the
Improvement Committee and
approved by Government.
A grant of this amount is

now made from the Provin-
-cial Reserve.

2. The Government will
await the proposals which
the President promises to
submit in para 7 of his
letter.

3. It is however not at
all clear whether the Muni-
-cipal Commission fully exercise
the powers vested in them
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of unsightly huts and the
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those which the Government
are now providing funds for
removing. His Excellency
the Governor in Council
would be glad to be furnished
with specific information
as to the nature of the powers

which the Commissioners
consider themselves competent
to exercise, and the measures
they propose taking to
enforce them in future.

Att

2/6/83

To,
The President, Municipal Com De, Co
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" S. E. South Circle.
" Examiner P. W. Sect.
" Financial Dept

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Gobt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

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G.O. to Secy. 1882, No. 1588W

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Passing orders on
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Municipality for a further
grant for the acquisition
of and providing as
accommodation drawn

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