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Municipal Funds.

Approving the proposal of the President, Municipal Commission, Ootacamund, to devote the balance of the Government grant of Rs. 25,000 to the construction of lines for the inhabitants of Metucheri, whose huts it is intended to pull down.

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6. I should add that although the proposal to buy the Charing Cross property emanated from myself, I have seen reason to change my mind owing to certain cogent arguments with which the Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works, has been good enough informally to supply me.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners of Ootacamund held on the 6th December 1882.

PRESENT:

Officials.

The Special Sanitary Officer.
„ President.

Non-officials.

Major-General Thatcher.
W. E. Schmidt, Esq.
D. Eduljee, Esq.

No. 10. Read memorandum by the President reporting on the action taken in acquiring certain objectionable occupations.

Recorded. The President's action is approved, and his recommendation as to transfer of the Metucheri item, sanctioned. The President to arrange.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. J. B. ATKINSON,
President.

ORDER—dated 19th January 1883, No. 117, Financial.

The President's proposal to devote the balance of Rs. 6,000 to the construction of lines for the inhabitants of Metucheri, whose huts it is intended to pull down, is approved.

(True Extract.)

G. Hunter
Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Ootacamund.

Copy to the Public Works Department.

Exd. A. Aubert.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From A. J. B. ATKINSON, Esq., C. S., President of the Municipal Commission, Ootacamund, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 12th December 1882, No. 329.

Government in their Order, No. 1667 W., dated 3rd July 1882, Public Works Department, were pleased to grant to the Municipality of Ootacamund the sum of Rs. 25,000 for certain specified works with the liberty to the President (paragraph 11) to transfer from one work to the other. I have the honor therefore to report what has been done, and to submit a resolution of the Commissioners for favorable consideration.

2. (a) Toppa Mudaly's lines and bungalow have been bought for the sum fixed, Rs. 10,000.

(b) Tom's bungalow and ground have been bought for Rs. 2,500, or Rs. 500 below the allotment.

(c) Joachimpetta has been obtained for Rs. 3,700 or Rs. 700, above the estimate.

(d) Minor improvements are estimated to cost Rs. 2,500, or Rs. 500 above the estimate.

3. This means that when the saving, Rs. 500, is deducted from the excess Rs. 700 and Rs. 500 = Rs. 1,200, Rs. 700 will have to be taken from the Metucheri item of Rs. 7,000. There will also be the costs of stamps, deeds, registration, &c., valued at Rs. 300. The Metucheri balance grant will therefore be Rs. 6,000.

4. So far I am within my powers under paragraph 11 of the Government Order quoted. But I have no power to transfer money for any other works than those specified, and it is a transfer of this nature that the Commissioners desire me to move Government to allow. The proposal is to buy the three houses and ground at Charing Cross on the left as Ootacamund is entered. This property can be had for Rs. 6,750 and will fetch by auction, house by house (the Municipality keeping the ground) in materials, Rs. 1,000. The money will therefore suffice.

5. This transfer of money, if allowed, will necessitate the Metucheri and Charcoal village improvements lying over till another year. And in this connection I must report what seems to me to be a very serious matter. It is useless and wrong to turn the people out of their existing huts until we have provided some other place for them. It seems to me that proper lines of huts should be built with proper sanitary arrangements, and let, the rent being just enough to cover the interest on the money laid out, say at 4 per cent., and the cost of repairs and no more. I am inclined, therefore, to think that a better plan than to adopt the Commissioners' wish would be to transfer the balance, Rs. 6,000, to the construction of such lines as are advocated above, and the site might very well be Charcoal village itself. The property at Charing Cross is also mortgaged.