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N^o 62.

Algiers Collectors office,
Colacarnund 28 Sept 1885.

From,

L. R. Burrows Esq,
Collector of Algiers

To

Colonel

The Honorable J. H. M. Shaw-Stewart,
Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

Sir,

With reference to your
letter N^o 511 E, dated the 24th instant,
I have the honor to enclose a statement
showing the survey fields situated
to the west of the Willow-bund and
lying between the Lake road and
the Lake, their extent, owners name
and the amount of assessment
payable to Government.

2. Survey fields $\frac{2}{35}$ and $\frac{2}{36}$
measuring together acres 1.14 have

been

been recently acquired by purchase on behalf of Government and are now in possession of the Public Works Department in connection with the construction of the Sewage.

3. I have marked on the three sheets which accompanied your letter, the particulars required wherever possible: and as regards those fields for which the information could not be written on them, I request a reference to the Statement.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Wm. W. W.
Collector

Enclosure

Survey No.	Name of property in which it is included	Extent	Assessment	Owner's name
+ $\frac{I}{38}$	Eathorne	0.45	63	Mrs M. Schmid
+ $\frac{I}{37}$	Erin Cottage	0.18	26	Mrs J. Morrison
$\frac{I}{36}$	Seymore	0.22	19	Madame Helene
$\frac{I}{35}$		0.92	12 10	Captain De Neville
$\frac{I}{34}$		7.89	-	Since acquired by Govt Government
+ $\frac{I}{33}$	Primrose House	1.19	1 7	Col. J. & H. Shaw-Stewart
+ $\frac{I}{32}$	Loch End	2.29	1 15 10	Dr. C. C. Lynton & Dr. A. Mackenzie
+ $\frac{I}{31}$	Cedars	7.83	6 13	Mr. J. Ryan
+ $\frac{I}{48}$	Blackwood Cottage	2.64	10 8	Mr. E. J. Demeder
	West Cottage	3.46	3 2	
+ $\frac{I}{43}$	Audley House	0.29	4	Brig. Genl. R. C. Stewart
+ $\frac{I}{42}$	West margin of lake	2.20	1 4 7	Capt. R. Hodgson
$\frac{I}{41}$	St. Thomas Church	.49	-	St. Thomas Church Committee
+ $\frac{I}{40}$	North margin of lake	1.47	1 4 5	Capt. R. Hodgson
$\frac{I}{39}$	St. Thomas Church	.60	-	St. Thomas Church Committee
Total		32.12		
deduct Govt. 9.03				
Church - 1.09			10.12	
			22.0	acres.

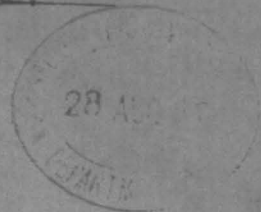
Collector's Office,
Ootacamund
28 August 1885.

W. B. B. B.
Collector

P.W. Cno 82/5/85.

1885

Revenue Department.



FROM

THE COLLECTOR AND MAGISTRATE,
OF NILGIRIS.

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY

TO GOVERNMENT,

Colonel

The Honorable J. H. M. Shaw

Stewart

Chief Engineer

P.W.D.

No. 62

Dated

28

Despatched

28

Received

August 1885

ENCLOSURE

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SUBJECT.

Submitting a statement
showing the survey fields
situated to the west of
the Willow-bund and
lying between the Lake
road and the Lake

C.A.W.

I have today discussed this
matter with the Hon. Member

He is strongly of opinion that
the land should be acquired
by Govt., & returned under Govt.
control, in the hands of the
Director of Public Works - Nilgiris

On reconsideration however
he is of opinion that it would
not be advisable to make a
partial purchase in the first
instance, - but that the whole
of the land should be acquired
at the same time.

He considers that the best way
to effect the purchase would
be to set aside a sufficient sum
out of the P.W. Provincial Reserve
for 1886-87, - and to take
all necessary steps in view
to the land being acquired
early in that financial year.

Please see that the matter
is kept in view. The
papers should be treated
as Confidential for the present.

Meanwhile an extract from
E.W.'s note, with the remarks
of the Members of Govt., should
go to the Ecclesiastical Dept.
for the necessary action.

Done - vide No 611-E & 18-8-85

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Survey Number	Name of property in which it is included	Expend	Assessment	Owner's name
$\frac{I}{32}$	Loch end	2.29	1 15 10	M ^r . C. C. Lynton & M ^r . A. Mackenzie
$\frac{I}{33}$	Primrose House	1.19	1 " 7	Colonel J. H. M. Shaw Stewart
$\frac{I}{37}$	Prim Cottage	0.18	" 2 6	M ^r . J. Morrison
$\frac{I}{38}$	Rathorne	0.45	" 6 3	M ^r . M. Schmidt
$\frac{I}{40}$	North margin of Lake	1.47	1 4 5	Capt ⁿ R. Hodgson
$\frac{I}{42}$	West margin of Lake	2.20	1 14 7	Captain R. Hodgson
$\frac{I}{43}$	Quarry House	0.29	" 4 "	Brig ^{ad} Gen ^l . R. C. Stewart
$\frac{I}{48}$	Black wood			
	Cottage	2.64	10 8 "	M ^r . R. J. Benedek
	West Cottage	3.46	3 . 2	
$\frac{I}{51}$	Cedars	7.83	6 13 "	M ^r . J. Ryan.

The time has arrived
for this matter to be
taken seriously into
consideration. It
is manifestly a waste
of money to direct
the sewage ^{from the septum} at a heavy
cost from the lake and
allow the contamination
of the water at other
points and the aggraving
of the land on the lake
margin now proposed
should have formed a
part of the original
sewage diversion scheme.

It remains for my
Hon. Colleague to say
how far this important
measure of sanitation
can be given effect during
the current financial
year - If Rs. 15000 could
be provided at once the
remains could be
budgeted for next year.
It will surely raise the
cost of the sewage diversion

note.

Much has been done by the
Govt. during the last two years
towards securing the purity of the
water in the Botacarnund Lake,
and protecting it from further
pollution. At a cost of
over two lakhs, the drainage
from the native town has been
led, by means of open stone
drains, into a covered masonry
sewer which intercepts it before
reaching the lake, - and thence
into an iron pipe sewer, by means
of which it is now discharged
at a point considerably below
the lake outfall.

There is however one point
in connection with this matter
which should in my opinion be
attended to without loss of time
of the immediate margin of the
lake, (by this is meant the land
between 'Lake Road' and the lake,
part belongs to private owners
and on many grounds it is
highly desirable that this land
should be acquired by the Govt.
before it is built on more largely
than at present.

The land alluded to is shown
on the accompanying plan.

Its extent is about 43 acres; of which 22 acres, as per annexed statement obtained from the Collector, belongs to nine private owners. This land is for the most part cultivated as vegetable gardens, which in its off is by no means conducive to the proper conservancy of the water. But of late a tendency has appeared for squatters to congregate on parts of this land; and this is a tendency which I submit it would be well to stop before the evil grows. Part

also of the land in question is already covered with a thick jungle of wattie (*Acacia dealbata*); and it is needless to point how the rapid growth of that plant, which gives cover to nuisances of all kinds, must prevent the proper conservancy of the lake.

As long as this land remains in the hands of private owners, it must be impossible to deal satisfactorily with these matters. The only remedy is for the Govt. to acquire the 22 acres in

scheme by some Rs. 30000 with effectually complete. There has been so successfully begun. When this has been done and drinking water is delivered in pipes all over the settlement this Govt. will have done all that it is possible to do to safeguard Ootacamund from the attacks of disease & to maintain its reputation as a sanatorium.

I quite agree as to the propriety of acquiring the lake margin on account of either Government or the Municipality. We propose — when we have it to spare — to lend the Municipality a large sum of money for the water works besides making them a

Handsome grant of a similar amount. I rather think we have — or shall have — done our duty by this Municipality and that further improvements should be undertaken by them.

But I should not mind — when we have it — advancing the money for the purchase of this margin.

Meanwhile if the powers vested in them by Madras Act IV of 1884 (vide especially sections 180 & 186 & the general Sanitary Regulations section 2(6) & seq) are properly worked there should be no such opportunities of depilement as are predicted in this note.

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question; — and I submit for consideration that this step should be taken at once, before the land, by being built on, increases in value.

If this suggestion be adopted, I would further propose that the entire lake margin be kept under Govt. control, — and that it be laid out as a park, with groups of trees & shrubs dotted over it. It will then become, what it should be, the most beautiful feature in this mountain settlement. If on the other hand, matters are allowed to slide, the Lake will shortly be surrounded by groups of filthy huts, standing amidst natural latrines of wattie undergrowth. Refuse and drainage of all sorts will be washed from these places into the Lake; and all that has been done at great cost towards its conservancy would be wasted.

With respect to the cost of this proposal. During 1884 it became necessary to acquire under Act X of 1870

part of their lake margin for purposes connected with the drainage scheme. The land so acquired measured 7.89 acres, and the price fixed ^{by the Commission} was at the rate of £800/- per acre. There can be little doubt that such rate was liberal & fair, and that it would be accepted by most of the mine owners in question. At that rate, the cost of acquiring the 22 acres would amount to only £17,600/-, — but buildings & trees now standing on the land must also be taken into account in estimating the cost. The entire expenditure would probably fall well within £30,000/-, — for which comparatively small sum the proper conservancy of the Lake could be insured in perpetuity.

If however this is deemed too large a sum for present expenditure, I would suggest that authority be given to immediately acquire the seven smallest holdings,

that is I presume, nos $\frac{I}{34}, \frac{I}{35}, \frac{I}{36}$ — north of the lake. but how were the ~~begin~~ pieces south of the lake beginning at the bund & ~~so~~ below Burton Cottage acquired for £22 & at what cost?

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* and the greatest number of squatters?

at a rate not exceeding £800/- per acre, in addition to the estimated value of trees & buildings standing thereon. These seven holdings include altogether only 6 acres of land, — so that the sum to be paid would probably be well within £8,000/-.

The two remaining holdings extend to 14 acres; & they contain the only buildings of any value that would have to be acquired. The early purchase of these is of course important; but if necessary, it might stand over for the present. When these buildings are acquired, there will probably be no difficulty in ~~utilising~~ turning them to ^{some} account most useful for public purposes.

In connection with this question of Lake conservancy, there is one other matter which I wish to bring to notice. Of the land attached to St. Thomas' Church, by far the largest portion lies to the south of

the Church, ~~lying~~ away
from the Lake; and I
venture to suggest, for
the consideration of Govt.,
that burials should be strictly
confined to that area, and
should not on any account
be permitted within the
small pieces of land lying
north, ^{east} & west of the Church,
near the Lake.

Maunthowat

11-9-85.

N.B.

On the accompanying
plan, the portion of the Lake
margin which already
belongs to the Govt. is
coloured red.

Of the remainder, the
seven small holdings
alluded to in this note are
coloured light brown.
The two larger holdings
are uncoloured.

The small portion of
St. Thomas' Churchyard
is shaded with red pencil.

There have already been
burials north of the Church.
I agree that it will be
better to have no more
either here or on the slope
leading down to the Lake
road.

C.W.
14/9

An order to this effect had
better issue in the Executive
Dept: H.V.

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No. 543 E.

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Ootacamund, 1st Sept 1885.



OFFICE NOTE.

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The S. E. Nilgiri Division

Please report
below the price per
acre paid for the
land acquired under
G.O. No. 45-W of 10-1-82.

Maunthowat

Col. P.W.

1-9-85

Ch. S. P.W.D.

No. 1559

Revised 6.3.12-0-0

#800/- per acre

Aldwinth Major

Executive Engineer &
Camp Engineer
7-September 1885

Ref. 35/9.

Letter from Collector of Nilgiris
W.P. 62 - of 28.8.83.

Please compile a new
list from the enclosure
to above - in following
order -

I/32

I/33

I/37.

I/38.

I/40.

I/42.

I/43.

I/48.

I/51.

Omitting the remaining
5 holdings, which already
belong to Govt.

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11-9-83

To W

I have learnt
from the Rev. Dept
that Mr. Burrows
rejoins at Ootacamund
from P.L., about
22.2.86.

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~~Confidential~~

No. 136/W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

January 18th 1886.
Read the following

From the Collector of the Nilgiris by 62 of 28.8.85
Note by the Chief Eng. Prodept of 11.9.85

In his note
above recorded, the
Chief Engineer advocates
the acquisition by the
Government of all
land between the
margin of the Ootacamund
lake & the Lake Road,
not already the
property of the Govt.

2. The Govt. considers
that the time has
arrived ^{taking action in} for this
matter, to be taken

Respectfully

~~seriously into consideration~~

It is manifestly a waste of money to divert ^{from the Lake} the sewage of one part of the settlement at a heavy cost, and to allow the contamination of the water at other points; & the acquisition of the land on the Lake margin now proposed. Should have formed part of the original sewage diversion scheme.

3. The private holdings referred to in the Chief Supr's note comprise about 22 acres. Some numbered

What is the total estimated cost of the drainage scheme (Botocumund)? Please show the last fraction.

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The total mentioned estimate amounts to Rs 2,07,247.

Please see books submitted.

Cs
10-9-85



numbered in the Survey sheets as $\frac{I}{32}, \frac{I}{33}, \frac{I}{37}, \frac{I}{38}, \frac{I}{40}, \frac{I}{42}, \frac{I}{43}, \frac{I}{48}, \frac{I}{51}$ - Of these, $\frac{I}{48}$ (Mr. de Meuse's property) containing about 6 acres of land, has already been acquired by the Govt. - vide G.O. No. 3064 w.d. 18th Decr 1885. An extract from the Chief Supr's note will now be furnished to the Super Supr IV Circle, who will at once, in communication with the Collector, take the necessary preliminary steps for the acquisition of the remaining eight holdings by private negotiation or under Act IX of 1870, as may be

found advisable. The
 requisite funds for
 payment of compensation
 will be kept in reserve
 in 1886-87, and matters
 should be so arranged,
 if possible, as to
 complete the transaction
 early next official
 year, before which
 no payment can be
 made - the public
 purpose for which
 the land is required
 may be set forth as -

" To provide for the
 " proper conservation
 " of the Bolatamund
 " Lake "

4. After the land has
 been acquired, the whole
 of the open ground
 on the Lake margin
 will

will be placed under
 the Director of Hort Parks
 & gardens, in view to its
 being laid out as sug-
 gested by the Chief
 Engineer.

5. The subject of
 these Pros. should be
 treated as strictly
 confidential for the
 present.

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14-1.86

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11-1.86

To The S.D. IV Circle } with extract from note by E.W. d/11.9.85
 " Rev. Dept } and statement.

Supd. 18/1/86.

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