

To

The Honble A. C. Stokes
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort Saint George.

Honble Sir,

We, the peons and other persons of inferior service of the Government Office, most respectfully beg to inform your honor that, although Government provide us with the necessary things on following the Government to Botacamund annually, we are still in absolute need of the following facts:—

(1) That, water poured down by heavy showers of rain accumulates together in the rooms of the huts erected by Govt. for peons to live in at Botacamund, and as the ground becomes so damp, in addition to the chill wind that blows there, as not to allow us remain in the rooms, and even if done so, it causes us sickness, to which some remedy must be made to prevent the same.

(2) That though Govt. are kind enough in granting us some batta where with we are able to get nice necessities such as rice, for the period we stay at Botacamund, still

till we urge that your honor would instruct Government, to supply each room with a mortar and a pestle to pound rice &c, and a rolling stone with a small piece of stone, as these things are absolutely necessary for domestic purposes.

(3) That though Government have built a line for the accommodation for us, yet it will be so convenient for us, if a verandah be erected adjoining the rooms in the line, as to use a portion of this verandah for bathing purposes, for, we do not generally bathe on those days when there is a heavy shower of rain in the open space; which fact is a source of sickness to us.

(4) That your honor will kindly be pleased to issue orders for the erection of separate chimneys to each room in the line and for the repairs to windows doors &c as they are not repaired every year by the Public Works Department, and, as some of them do require repairs.

(5) That, we most humbly request that your honor will be very particular in kindly asking the Public Works Department to supply each room with such a sort of cots as is done in the Govt House at Cotacamund for people like us, as we are greatly put to the inconvenience of getting a sound sleep at nights because of the bites of a particular sort of insects native of Cotacamund, and, as in consequence of which we are apt to be attacked with diarrhoea.

6. That we request that a separate line of rooms be erected for those who come with families as the space in the present rooms are not sufficient enough.

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II We, for these reasons, most humbly & earnestly crave your honor will so generously be pleased to kindly take necessary steps to furnish us, who are very poor, with the requirements as stated above, for, similar things have been provided for the people who work like us in the Government House at Cotacamund.

For which acts of kindness we are as in duty bound to pray for your honor's long life and prosperity, begging to be excused at the same time for the liberty we have taken; for, your honor is more particularly kind-hearted towards the poor subjects like us.

We beg to remain

Honble Sir

Your honor's most obedient & humble servants

Government Office
Fort Saint George
February 1888

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 8th March

Read the following

Office Note from the Chief Secretary
to Government } H.E. No 190 dated 5/3/86

Communicated to
the Supt Engineer IV Circle
who will arrange to give
immediate effect to the
requests numbered (2) (3) (4)
and remedy, if possible,
the defective flies, number
(4).

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cost of (6) should be
prepared, and arrangements
made for carrying out
the work as soon as