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28TH APRIL 1891, No. 634 M., LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers :—

G.O., dated 15th January 1891, No. 36 M., Local and Municipal.

ABSTRACT.—Informing the Chairman, Municipal Council, Ootacamund, that a Provincial grant of Rs. 17,500 will be sanctioned in the Financial Department as soon as an application in the prescribed form for the loan of an equal amount is submitted to Government.

G.O., dated 19th March 1891, No. 410 M., Local and Municipal.

ABSTRACT.—Ordering, with remarks, the publication in the Fort St. George and in the Nilgiri District Gazettes of the application from the Municipal Council, Ootacamund, for a loan of Rs. 17,500 required for the Kandal drainage scheme.

READ—also the following papers :—

From C. F. MacCARTIE, Esq., Chairman, Ootacamund Municipal Council, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Collector of Nilgiris), dated Ootacamund, 11th January 1891, No. 1209.

I have the honour to submit copy of resolution, No. 14, dated 10th January 1891, of the Ootacamund Municipal Council, approving the estimate and plans for the South water-supply scheme, after revision by the Sanitary Engineer to Government, to whom the original Public Works Department estimates were forwarded for criticism and check in accordance with G.O., dated 2nd October 1890, No. 1471 M.

2. The alterations effected by Mr. Jones in conjunction with the Municipal Engineer are fully described in Mr. Jones' letter, dated 12th December 1890, No. 668, and need no further comment from me than that the Council has fully accepted them.

3. The estimated cost of the South water-supply piping system is Rs. 43,000 and that of the Kandal drainage scheme is Rs. 35,000—*vide* my letter, No. 1058, dated 29th November 1890.

4. The Council is prepared to borrow a moiety of the cost of both works, viz., Rs. 39,000, from Government on the usual terms, provided Government will contribute the other moiety from Provincial Funds.

5. In the event of Government being pleased to accord its sanction to the foregoing proposal, the Council will recommend the increase of the house and land rates from $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., in order to meet the annual charges amounting to Rs. 2,828 of interest at $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. and sinking fund. The charges of the loan cannot be met from existing sources of revenue and it is preferable to increase the house and land tax to imposing a water-tax, because the proceeds of the latter cannot be diverted to the Kandal drainage scheme.

6. I trust that Government will take these proposals into favourable consideration. The works are of considerable importance, and in asking for a half Provincial grant towards their cost, the Council would respectfully draw the attention of Government

to the exceptional position of Ootacamund as the chief sanitarium of Southern India. It is decidedly of opinion that the whole burden of the cost of these improvements should not be thrown on the local rate-payers.

7. The revised estimates and plans are submitted herewith for the information of Government.

No. 3.

Submitted.

(Signed) C. F. MACCARTIE,
Acting Collector.

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Reference No. 168.

In a letter from Mr. MacCartie, Collector of Nilgiris, and Chairman of the Municipal Council, Ootacamund, dated 21st June 1890, No. 410, it is stated that the Chief Engineer for Irrigation has expressed the opinion that the water-supply available from the Dodabetta reservoir is sufficient to justify the piping system contemplated from it. Nothing is, however, said on this point in the Sanitary Engineer's report forwarded with the Chairman's letter read above, although it would seem that there has always been some doubt as to the sufficiency of the supply. The papers will, therefore, be referred to Mr. Walch, with the request that he will state his opinion on this subject, and the reasons therefor, in an official note.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

16th March 1891.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, with C. No. 120 M.,
in original, to be returned.

No. 14-W.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

With reference to memorandum, No. 168, dated 16th March 1891, of the Chief Secretary, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation has the honour to enclose copy of letter, No. 3-N. G., dated 27th May 1890, which closed certain correspondence about the Dodabetta reservoir with the Chairman of the Ootacamund Municipality, and which will give the information asked for.

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(Signed) G. T. WALCH,
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To the Chief Secretary to Government.

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From G. T. WALCH, Esq., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, to the Chairman, Ootacamund Municipality, dated Chepauk, 27th May 1890, No. 3-N. G.

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2. Records in your office will, I suppose, show whether the reservoir is generally full or nearly full just before the commencement of the driest season of the year; if so, I have no doubt the capacity of the reservoir is sufficiently great to justify the piping system contemplated from it.

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ORDER—dated 28th April 1891, No. 634 M., Local and Municipal.

In the Government Orders read above, a grant of Rs. 17,500 from Provincial funds, and a loan of the same amount, were promised to the Ootacamund Municipality. The latter amount will be advanced at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. repayable in 20 years, and the annual payment necessary for the liquidation of this debt will be Rs. 1,317. This can be met from the proceeds of the land-tax, which has been raised from 5 per cent. to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the annual rent-value with effect from the 1st October 1890—vide G.O., dated 19th March 1891, No. 410 M. It will not, therefore, be necessary, as suggested by the Chairman, to raise the tax on buildings and lands from $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. to $8\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in order to defray the cost of this loan, but the proposal has the approval of Government and will be considered when the Bill for amending Act IV of 1884 is dealt with in Council. In the meanwhile, the Municipality should lose no time in commencing the execution of the Kandal drainage scheme.

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4TH MAY 1891, No. 399, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 18th April 1891, No. 225 :—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following paper from L. E. BUCKLEY, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Janakipuram, 14th April 1891 :—

FORM No. XVI.

Fortnightly Narrative.

(Maderpak Division, District of North Arcot.)

To be posted by the Collector every second Tuesday and to contain full particulars up to the previous Saturday.

STATE OF COUNTRY—Crops.—Harvested—ragi, cholum, groundnut (the greater portion). Standing—ragi, cholum, groundnut, gingelly, indigo, cumbu, castor and chillies (the extent is small). Except gingelly and indigo, all will be harvested in a few days.

Fodder.—Not abundant.

Water-supply.—Generally defective; in some parts, sufficient.

Agricultural operations.—Slight rainfall on 9th April 1891 in south-east of zemindari; fields are being ploughed for sowing cumbu and gingelly 20 days hence. A little gingelly has been sown. Ragi, cholum and groundnut are being harvested. The extent, which is under wells, is limited.

Cattle.—Are fairly well off, though the failing supply of fodder and water is being felt. Owners of herds of cattle send them to places where water is abundant.

General remarks on above subjects.—The prospect is generally unfavorable.

CONDITION OF PEOPLE—On works.—Fair; most of the works being on contract, the able-bodied only are employed by the contractors.

In villages.—Vellamas, Muthirasis, Irulas and Pariahs are generally in bad condition. Other classes are some in moderate condition, others feeling slight distress.

Mortality.—None reported.

Sickness.—Fever in Loki valley. Small-pox in many villages.

Remarks.—Speaking generally, people are badly off. Those best off are only very moderately so.

RELIEF MEASURES—Relief works in what taluks open.—One Public Works Department work is in hand in Kalahasti division. Prickly-pear clearing is proceeding in 8 or 9 villages on contract. A well is being deepened in Perandasam, and a gunta in Ellampet. Minor repairs in 3 villages.

Poor-houses—In what places and the numbers at each.—Kitchens have been opened at—

	Male.	Female.	Children.	Total.
1. * Gunipalem	16	35	60	111
2. Alagiripet	9	22	46	77
3. Panapakam	3	5	48	56

* Since transferred to Vellattukota.

Village relief—Number of villages in each taluk for which reports of—have been received.—Nil.

Number of cases of death from want of food with brief note of—circumstances, if possible.—None reported.

Remarks.—The repairs to tanks are not progressing as I should have desired. The Dewan has not apparently made up his mind what tanks he means to repair, and the estimates are not passed quickly. The repairs started at Yerpel, a tract by no means very badly off, have ceased as the coolies have struck against piecework. Repairs should be commenced as soon as possible in or near (1) Mambakam or Perandur, (2) Pennallurpet or Nambakham, (3) Birakuppam or Kannavaram, (4) Anjur, (5) Kalatur.

GRAIN-SUPPLY—Private trade, active or not; whether in rice or dry staple food-grain.—Trade sluggish; ragi is staple food of lower classes.

State the imports by rail or sea of rice or other staple food-grain.—None has to my knowledge been imported.

Known or estimated stock in taluks.—Amount unknown. Fair, perhaps, in Kálahasti; poor elsewhere.

STATE OF MARKETS—

Prices at chief markets of principal food-grains.				Rising at	Falling at	Stationary at	Remarks.
Rice.	Cholum.	Ragi.	Cumbu.				
2nd sort about 11.	16	24	Not sold.				
Measure per rupee.							

N.B.—The Collector will enter names of markets quoted above in the columns headed rising, falling, stationary.

Taluks and places visited by the Head Assistant Collector during the fortnight—Maderpak taluk.—I have visited all villages on or south of Pattur-Arni road and east of Adivikodiyambedu—about 35 in all.

Resolution—dated 18th April 1891, No. 225.

Recorded.

2. The Collector is requested to ascertain and report the cause of the delay in starting irrigation works. If it is impossible to hasten the commencement of these works, he should consider the propriety of commencing some Local Fund road or other work capable of giving employment to a considerable number.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Collector of North Arcot.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" Mr. Buckley.
" Dewan of Kálahasti.
" Mr. Watson.

ORDER—dated 4th May 1891, No. 399, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

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2. The report called for in paragraph 2 should be submitted for the information of Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.
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