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6th October 1893, No. 2539 W., Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read—the following papers :—

From W. C. LEWIS, Esq., Executive Engineer, Coimbatore division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated Coimbatore, 31st August 1893, No. 3254 S.E.

In forwarding herewith copies of the enclosed correspondence, I have the honour to inquire if it would not be as well to give a definite budget allotment to the Government Botanist for the upkeep of these grounds, say Rs. 1,000 per annum, from Miscellaneous Public Improvements.

2. The arguments in favour of this course are much increased by the fact that there is now only a subordinate of this department resident at Ootacamund.

Enclosures.

From M. A. LAWSON, Esq., Government Botanist and Director of Government Cinchona Plantations, &c., Nilgiris, to the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Nilgiris, dated Ootacamund, 31st January 1890, No. 395.

With reference to your letter No. 3622, dated the 22nd January 1890, I have the honour to inform you that I have to-day been over all the plantings which have been recently made around the lake and on Mountstuart Hill, and I have also estimated the amount of money which will be required to keep the plantings in good order during the remaining two months of the present year and during the next year.

2. I have also estimated what the cost would be of clearing the weeds and thinning the trees and shrubs around the margin of the lake.

3. I shall be very willing to undertake the maintenance of the present plantings and the clearance around the lake if the funds I ask for are placed at my disposal ; but I would not undertake to keep up the fence, nor would I be willing to saddle myself with any duties connected with the prosecution of persons allowing their cattle to trespass within the place.

4. The following is my estimate for the two remaining months of the present year and for the whole of the next year.

	RS.
(a) For the present year—	
Three men for watering, ferning, &c., at Rs. 8 each	48
Watering cans, forks and collection of ferns	25
	73
(b) For the next year—	
Three men for general maintenance at Rs. 8 each	288
For tools	25
	313
Total ...	386

(c) For clearing around the lake, Rs. 500; but the greater part, if not the whole of this, ought to be recovered through the sale of wood and of brushwood.

(d) A night watcher to take up cattle trespassing is absolutely indispensable and should be put on duty immediately, as many of the young trees have been already destroyed and the most stringent measures should be adopted to put an end to this most abominable nuisance.

5. As the young trees are now suffering from want of attention, I shall be obliged if you will communicate to me your decision in the matter as soon as possible.

From the same officer, dated 25th August 1893, No. 439.

With reference to your letter, dated the 21st August 1893, No. 3138, I have the honour to say that I know nothing of G.O. No. 136 of 18th January 1886. It has never been communicated to this office.

2. I should be willing to take over charge of the grounds surrounding the margin of the lake if some guarantee is given that all those conditions which I stipulated for in my letter No. 395 of 31st January 1890 shall be rigidly carried out; but, unless some guarantee is given to that effect, I will refuse absolutely to have anything more to do with the ground in question.

No. 339 E.W.

Copy communicated to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, in continuation of this office endorsement No. 335 E.W., dated 31st ultimo.

2. Orders are requested as to whether the Ootacamund lake margin is to remain in our charge or is to be transferred to the charge of the Government Botanist and Director.

(Signed) A. W. SMART, Major, R.E.,
2nd September 1893. Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

From F. D'A. O. WOLFE-MURRAY, Esq., Acting Collector of Nilgiris, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 30th August 1893, No. 96 Gt.

I have the honour to forward copy of letter No. 375 of 23rd August 1893 from the Director of Public Parks and Gardens.

2. Therein he states that he has nothing to do with the conservancy and planting of the margin of the Ootacamund lake and that he knows nothing of G.O., No. 136, dated 18th January 1886, which directs that he have control of the lake margin jointly with the Public Works Department.

3. I think it necessary to bring this fact to the knowledge of Government in view of my letter No. 90 (Government), dated 31st July 1893, reporting the action of the Public Works Department authorities on the said lake margin, and in view also of the fact that I am not aware that the said Government Order has been cancelled and presuming that the order in question was meant to be carried out.

ENCLOSURE.

From M. A. LAWSON, Esq., Government Botanist and Director of Government Cinchona Plantations, &c., Nilgiris, to the Collector of the Nilgiris, dated Ootacamund, 23rd August 1893, No. 375.

With reference to the copy of your letter No. 3462, dated 28th July 1893, to the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore, which you have sent me, I would say that I fully concur in thinking that the condition of the margin of the lake is anything but creditable.

2. I know nothing of G.O., No. 136 W., dated 18th January 1886; it has never been communicated to me, nor, so far as I am aware of, do I possess any joint control with the Public Works Department over the land in question.

3. On several occasions I have been asked to plant up portions of land under the management of the above-mentioned department; and this I have always done, and done gladly, but only on the condition that that department should protect the young plants from the ravages of trespassing cattle; this condition was never complied with, and therefore, for my own credit and for the credit of the Botanical Department, I was obliged, in a letter to the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore, to refuse to have anything more to do with the planting of trees or shrubs around the lake or elsewhere.

No. 637, Local and Municipal.

Transferred to the Public Works Department in continuation of endorsement No. 547, dated 17th August 1893.

Fort St. George, (Signed) A. T. PRINGLE,
13th September 1893. Assistant Secretary.

Order—dated 6th October 1893, No. 2539 W., Public Works.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that the conservancy of the Ootacamund lake and its margin should be vested in the Municipality. The areas in question will accordingly be transferred to the Municipal Council if they are willing to take charge of them, and a grant from Provincial funds of Rs. 500 for initial clearances and Rs. 500 per annum for the upkeep of the slopes and banks in decent order will be made under orders in the Financial Department.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council desires that the Chairman of the Municipal Council will consult the Director of Public Parks and Gardens on the horticultural questions which may arise, and hopes that Mr. Lawson will afford the Chairman all requisite advice and assistance.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Revenue Department
" Financial "

Copy of this order sent
to the Chairman, Municipal
Comm Ooty.

Exd. C. A. Munisawmy.
Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1893} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated October, 6th,

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 6th Oct. 1893, No. 2539 W.

OCTOBER.

Ootacamund Lake

Orders relative to the conservancy of the — and its margin by the Municipality.

No. 374 5/5

Director's Office
Ootacamund 17th January 189

From,
M. A. Lawson Esquire
Govt Botanist & Director of
Govt Cinchona Plantations
Nilgiris

To
The Ex. Engineer
Public Works Department
Nilgiris

Sir,

In Continuation of my letter, No. 262 dated the 7th October 1889. I have the honor to inform you that I took the liberty the other day on my return to Ootacamund from Nedivattam to go over the different portions of the lake margin where trees were planted out the year before last and I was sorry to find that for the want of a little attention many of them were being injured, either from Cattle, which have been eating them, or for the want of being protected from the hot rays of the sun.

2. I am sure you will pardon me for bringing these facts to your notice, for unless something is done to punish those persons who, I believe, deliberately send their Cattle within the fence, there will be no possibility of the

trees ever reaching a state of maturity

I have the honor &c

(Sd) M A. Lawson.

Director

No. 252.

Director's Office
Ootacamund 7th October 1889

From,
M A. Lawson Esq
Govt. Botanist & Director of
Govt. Cinchona Plantations
Nilgiris.

To,
The Ex Engineer
Public Works Department
Nilgiri Division
Ootacamund.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1738 dated the 16th August 1889, and which owing to my absence from Ootacamund I have not been able to reply to sooner, I have the honor to inform you that in my opinion there still remains a great deal of work to be done on the margin of the lake and on Mount Stuart; there is a considerable quantity of unsightly scrub on the lake side which should be cleared away, and the young plants which

were

were put out during the past and present seaso will require careful attention for the next two years at least.

Since you are unable to pay any mo money on account of the work, the charges incurred between the 1st of August & the receipt of your letter, will be met from the funds of this Department.

I have the honor &c.

(Sd) M A. Lawson

Govt Botanist & Director

No. 395.

Director's Office
Ootacamund 31st January

From,
M A. Lawson Esq
Govt Botanist &c

To,
The Ex. Engineer
Public Works Department
Nilgiris.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 362 dated the 22nd January 1890, I have the hono to inform you that I have today been over all the plantings which have been recently made around the lake and on Mount Stuart.

Hill, and I have also estimated the amount of money, which will be required to keep the plantings in good order during the remaining two months of the present year, and during the next year.

I have also estimated what the cost would be of clearing the weeds and thinning the trees and shrubs around the margin of the lake.

I shall be very willing to undertake the maintenance of the present plantings, and the clearance around the lake, if the funds I ask for are placed at my disposal, but I will not undertake to keep up the fence, nor would I be willing to saddle myself with any duties connected with the prosecution of persons allowing their cattle to trespass within the fence.

The following is my estimate for the two remaining months of the present year, and for the whole of the next year.

1 For the present year

3 men for watering fencing &c at Rs 8-0-0 each	Rs 48
Watering cans forks and collecting of ferns	25
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2 For the next year.

3 men for general maintenance at Rs 8 each	Rs 288
For tools	25
	313
Grand total Rs	386

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3 For clearing around the lake Rs 500, but the greater part, if not the whole, of this ought to be recovered through the sale of wood and of brush wood.

4 A night watcher to follow up cattle trespassing is absolutely indespensable and should be put on duty immediately, as many of the young trees have been already destroyed, & the most stringent measures should be adopted to put an end to this most abominable nuisance

As the young trees are now suffering from want of attention, I shall be obliged if you will communicate to me your decision in the matter as soon as possible

I have the honor &c.
(Sd) M. A. Lawson
Govt. Botanist & Director.

No 243.

Director's Office
Ootacamund 2d Sept 18

No. 243.

Director's Office
Ootacamund 2nd Sept 1890

From,

M. A. Lawson Esq
Govt Botanist & Director

To,

The Ex. Engineer
Public Works Department
Coimbatore

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 3843 dated the 19th August 1890, I have the honor to inform you

1 That I have sent a bill to the Sub Divisional Officer, Nilgiris, for the money which has been expended on the plantings around the lake

2. The tools have been returned to the Sub Divisional Officer, Nilgiris

3 The estimate which you ask for has been already supplied to your Office, vide my letter No 375 of 31st January 1890

4. The above mentioned estimate, may however now be cancelled, as nearly all the trees & shrubs put out during the last few years have been destroyed by cattle, and until those steps which in my letter to Colonel Ross Thompson No 395 of 31st January 1890 para 3 I asked, should be taken for the prevention of trespass, I am unable to recommend that any more money should be expended upon Horticultural improvement.

I have the honor &c
(Sd). M. A. Lawson
Govt Botanist & Director

(True copies)
(Sd) M. A. Lawson
Govt Botanist
& Director

(True copy)

For acting Collector

Enclosure No I

A Series of letters from the Director of Govt Parks and gardens to the Executive Engineer Coimbatore Division

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No 3254 A.E.

Executive Engineer's office,
Coimbatore Division,
Coimbatore, 31st August 1893.

From,

W. C. Lewis, Esq.,
Executive Engineer,
Coimbatore Division,

To,

The Superintending Engineer,
Fourth Circle, Coimbatore.

Sir,

I, in forwarding herewith copies of the enclosed correspondence, I have the honor to enquire if it would not be as well to give a definite Budget allotment to the Government Botanist for the upkeep of these grounds say Rs 1000 per annum from Miscellaneous Public Improvements.

2. The arguments in favor of this course are much increased by the fact that there is now only a subordinate of this Department resident at Ootacamund.

I have &c.,
(Sd) W. C. Lewis,
Executive Engineer.

Copy-

No. 339/3W d/2nd Septr/95

Copy communicated to the Chief Engineer P. W. Department in continuation of this office Endorsement No. 335 3W, dated 31st ultimo.

2. Orders are requested as to whether the Ootacamund lake margin is to remain in our charge or is to be transferred to the charge of the Government Botanist and Director.

Major R.E.

Supg. Engineer, 4th Circle

Enclo: —

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to DW [illegible]
Subject
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P. W. CURRENT No. 7611

From

The Sup^g. Engineer,
IV Circle.

Dated 2^nd
Desp^d 4^th } September 1893
Rec^d 5^th

No. 339
E.W.

Enclo: 1.

Ootacamund lake margin

Requesting orders as to whether the — is to remain in charge of the P.W.D. or to be transferred to the charge of Government Botanist & Director.

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No. 395.

Government Director's office,
Ootacamund, 31st January 1890.

To,

The Executive Engineer,
P.W. Department,
Nilgiris.

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Sir,

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Grand Total	Rs 386 - -

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5. As the young trees are now suffering from want of attention I shall be obliged if you will communicate to me your decision in the matter as soon as possible.

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(Sd) M.A. Lawson
Govt. Botanist & Director.

No. 439 of 25th August 1893.

Sir,

With reference to your letter, dated the 21st August 1893, No. 3138, I have the honor to say that I know nothing of G.O. No. 136 of 18th January 1886. It has never been communicated to this office.

I should be willing to take over charge of the grounds surrounding the margin of the lake, if some guarantee is given that all those conditions which I stipulated for in my letter No. 395 of 31st January 1890 shall be rigidly carried out; but unless some guarantee is given to that effect I will refuse absolutely to have anything more to do with the ground in question.

I have &c
(Sd) M.A. Lawson,
Govt. Botanist & Director.

(True Copies)
(Sd) W.C. Lewis,
Executive Engineer.

(True Copies)
Major R.E.
Supg. Engineer 4th Circle

No [illegible] Nilgiri Collector's Office:
Ootacamund [illegible] August 1893.

From,

F. D. A. C. Wolfe Murray Esq,
Ag Collector of Nilgiris.

To,

The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Stone House Hill

Sir,

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter No 375 of 23rd August 1893 from the Director of Public Parks & gardens.

Therein he states, that he has nothing to do with the Conservancy & planting of the margin of the Ootacamund Lake & that he knows nothing of Government Order No 136 of January 18, 1886 which directs that he have control of the lake margin jointly with the Public Works Department.

I think it necessary to bring this fact to the knowledge of Government in view of my letter No 90 (Government) of 31st July 1893 reporting the action of the D. P. W. authorities on the said lake margin, and in view also of the fact that I am not aware that the said Government order has been cancelled and presuming that the order

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in question was meant to be Carried out

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

For acting Collector

P. W. CURRENT No. 7849

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~~CURRENT No. 1863 M~~

From

The Collector of
Nilgiris

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government
Stonehouse Hill

Dated 30th } August 1893
Recd }

CHIEF SECRETARY
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Regd. 1. 9. 93

No 96 Govt

Enclosures 2

Margin of the Ootacamund lake

Forwarding copy of letter from the Director of Public Parks and gardens who states that he has nothing to do with the conservancy & planting of the

(with endorsement)

Endorse 547/93

No. 637

Transferred to the Public works Department in continuation of endorsement dated 17th August 1893 No. 547.

Assistant Secretary

V. B.
7/9/93

Fort St George
13th Septr 1893.

To,
The Public Works Department.

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Director's Office
No 375 Ootacamund 23rd August 1893

From,

M A Lawson Esq
Govt Botanist & Director of
Govt Cinchona plantations &c
Nilgiris

To,

The Collector
of the Nilgiris
Ootacamund

Sir,

With reference to the Copy of your letter No 3462 dated the 28th July 1893, to the Ex Engineer, Coimbatore which you have sent me I would say that I fully concur in thinking that the condition of the margin of the lake is anything but creditable

I know nothing of G. O. No 136 of 18th January 1886. It has never been communicated to me nor so far as I am aware of do I possess any joint control with the Public Works Department over the land in question

On several occasions I have been asked to plant up portions of land under the management of the above mentioned Department and this I have always done and done gladly but only on the condition that that Department should protect the

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young plants from the ravages of tres-passing Cattle; this Condition was never Complied with, and therefore for my own credit, & for the credit of the Botanical Department, I was obliged in a letter to the Ex Engineer, Coimbatore to refuse to have anything more to do with the planting of trees, or shrubs around the Lake, or elsewhere

I have the honor &c
(Signed) M. A. Lawson
Govt. Botanist & Director

(True copy)

For acting Collector

Enclosure No II.

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Letter No 375 dated 23rd August from the Director of Govt. Parks to the Collector of Nilgiris

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No. 2539 W. dated 6th October 1893.

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

From the S.E. IV Circle No. 339 RW dated 2nd Septbr. 1893

from the Local & Munl. Dept. No. 657 of 15 Septbr 1893

The Municl. must be asked whether they will accept these terms.

Yes

Initial clearance seems to have been mostly done by the P.W.D. now.

Yes

(If they are willing to take charge) [illegible]

3/10/93

His Excellency the Governor-in-Council is of opinion that the conservancy of the Ootacamund Lake and its margin should be vested in the Municipality. The areas in question will accordingly be transferred to the Municipal Council and a grant from Provincial funds of Rs 500/- for initial clearances and Rs 500/- per annum for the upkeep of the slopes and banks in decent order, will be made under orders in the Financial Dept.

2. His Excellency the Governor-in-Council desires

desires that the [illegible]
of the Municipal Council
will consult the Director
of Public Parks and Gardens
on the horticultural questions
which may arise, and
hopes that Mr Lawson
will afford the Chairman
all requisite advice and
assistance

Urgent

To
The S.E. IV Circle
Com. P.W. Dept
Local & Munl Dept
Rev. Dept
Fin. Dept
[illegible]/93

Copy of this order to the Chairman [illegible] Municipal [illegible]

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that is everybody's business is nobody's business with the hon. Mr [illegible] that Mr Lawson not be given the charge of the lake keeping as he will not undertake to safeguard the trees & shrubs, when he puts them in. The D. P. W. will make a failure of it, and the Municipality is evidently the body who should be given the care of

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Read the following:—

From the Supdg. Engineer IV Circle No 339 Ew d/ 2d September 1893

B/

Local and Municipl Dept. No 637 d/ 13th Septr 1893

It would therefore put them 500 Rs. now for initial clearance and 500 a year in future for keeping up the slopes & banks in decent order. I think we should tell the Chairman of the Muncy that we wish him to consult the Director on the horticultural questions which will arise, and the Director that we wish him to advise the Chairman. The municipality will then do the necessary planting & will look after it in a way which neither the Director nor D.P.W. [illegible] to have been.

Sanction this proposal – But the Municipality should first be asked whether they will accept the arrangement

UWS
27/8

FOR ORDERS.

It will be observed that G.O. No 136. W. d/ 18th January 1886 has not been communicated to Mr Lawson.

JH
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Cm. W
18 Sep

He is the best person to have charge. And it should be handed over to him. But Rs 1000 a year is not required. Rs 500 a year & 500 down for initial clearance will suffice. What is wanted for the current year had better be provided from P.W. funds & from 94-5 funds should be allotted in the Director's budget. R.D. should approve. Better circ. to Hon. Mr [illegible].

UWS
11 Sep

I doubt the Director of Parks & Gardens is the proper person to have charge of the Lake keeping lands. They should be made over to the custody of the Municipality [illegible] annual grant of Rs. 500 should be given for their planting & conservancy.

JH
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CS

X Mr [illegible] told me a few days ago he was going to address Govt. officially on the matter of the custody of the Lake & its marginal lands – He said that ~~[illegible]~~ he could get nothing done by the D.P.W. & that W. committee [illegible] [illegible] his letters. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to be [illegible] to the [illegible] on the same terms as the [illegible] Park & a grant of Rs. 500 to be given for its maintenance

X I think ~~[illegible]~~ Mr Lawson [illegible] all sorts of conditions to taking charge of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Government of Madras.

1893.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

CURRENT No. 7849

DISPOSAL.

No. dated

From

The Local & Municipal
Department

ENCLOS. 2

No. 637
Dated 13.9.93
Received 13.9.93

SUBJECT.

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m the Collector of Nilgiris
warding copy of letter from
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Govt. of {1893} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G.O., 6 Octr 1893, No. 2539W.

Ootacamund Lake
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