

Govt. of Madras.
REVENUE.

To

The Public Works Dept.

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Encl.

Mis. G.O., 23rd May 1894 No. 2025.

SUBJECT.

Accepting with a slight modification the proposals of the Govt. Botanist for the improvement of Govt. lands in Ottacamund, stating that orders will issue in the Financial Dept. for placing Rs 500. at Mr. Lawson's disposal for certain preliminary operations and requesting the collector of the Nilgiris to submit a map prominently showing the situation of the Govt. lands in the place.

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Mount Stuart Hill &c should be cleared of weeds; and the more unsightly blue gums and wattles (both black and white) should be cut down.

3. The proceeds accruing from the sale of the timber and brushwood would go some way towards defraying the necessary expenses, which in any case would not be great.

4. If Government should think fit to put this work of clearing the lands in question under my direction in consultation with the Public Works Department and the Municipality, I will endeavor to see the clearance carried out at once.

Order thereon 23rd May 1894 No 2025

The proposals made by Mr. Lawson in his letter read above are accepted, with the exception of that which deals with the placing of the lands under the Forest Act. This latter question is still under the consideration of Government and separate orders will be passed thereon.

2. It is presumed that the cost of carrying out the work referred to in paras 2 and 4 of Mr. Lawson's letter will not exceed Rs 500. As there is no provision in the current year's budget to meet this expenditure, Orders will issue in the Finance & Department, making the necessary addition & grant from Provincial Funds and directing the Accountant General to place the amount at Mr. Lawson's disposal.

3. The Collector of the Taluk will be requested to submit at an early date a copy of the Survey map (on the six inch scale) of Ootacamund, after marking thereon in a prominent way the situation of the several Government lands in the place.

(True Extract)

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To
The Financial Department
" Public Works Department
" Local & Municipalities
" Govt. Police
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Revenue Department
Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following letter
from the Government Botanist & Director of Government
Cinchona Plantations &c. Nilgiris of 2nd May 1894 N. 36

His Excellency the Governor granted me an interview this morning during which a discussion took place as to the best means of improving the horticultural condition of the lands belonging to Government in this town and His Excellency desired that I should put on paper what I thought would be the most efficacious means of carrying out these improvements.

1. The first and most important point to attend to is the prevention of Cattle trespass. All means at my disposal to do this have been hitherto exhausted. I would, therefore, urge upon Government the desirability of placing all lands belonging to them in the Co. Lands Settlement under the Forest Act, because by so doing higher penalties can be inflicted upon such as willfully allow their Cattle to wander over land not their own. My experience in the Government Cinchona Plantations which are under the Forest Act, is this. Some years ago I ordered the Superintendents to prosecute the owners of trespassing Cattle, and desired them to ask the Magistrate to impose for the first offence a nominal fine, but at the same time to explain to the person the extent of the punishment prescribed by the Act, and to say that if he allowed his Cattle to trespass again that he would be severely dealt with. The result has been that from the time of this first prosecution to the present day, no complaint of trespass having occurred again has ever been made.

2. During the present season, I would not advise the any new planting should be undertaken; but I recommend that all the old plantings should be carefully looked to. The ground around the trees should be broken up; and thinning made when necessary. I would also recommend that all the grounds belonging to Government, in the margin of the lake, Mount