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DATED 2 September 1897

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From The Private Secy. to H. E. the Governor

No. –

Dated 24th July 1897

Received 28-7-97.

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Keep till my return
J. N.
24/7/97

Send this up to Ooty to await my return. Put up all newspaper scraps too.
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SUBJECT.

Memorial from the residents in Ootacamund protesting against locating the Ry station at or near Matoocherry and advocating the Bishopsdown Trap shooting ground as being a far more suitable site in every possible way.

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PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR · MADRAS ·

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ootacamund.
24th July 1897.

My dear Campbell,

His Excellency would like the enclosed sent into the office to be dealt with in the ordinary course. I believe both Spring and Fowler are away. Would you kindly pass it on to whoever is doing their work?

Yours sincerely,

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To AR
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station being located on the outskirts

BISHOPSDOWN
EDWARD CLARKE
OOTACAMUND

H. A. Sim Esq I.C.S.
Private Secretary
To His Excellency the Governor

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith, to His Excellency The Governor in Council, the accompanying ×Memorial from a large number of residents in Ootacamund, protesting against locating the Railway Station at or near Matoschery and advocating the Bishopsdown Trap-shooting ground, as being a far more suitable site in every possible way.

× Sixteen Enclosures

The inhabitants of Matoschery (who surely have a voice in this matter) have previously submitted three Petitions (dated 14th September 1895, 11th November 1895, and 1st June 1896) praying that the Station may not be built there, and now the general public are taking an interest in the matter.

The small trading community are naturally in favor of Matoschery, to suit their own interests and convenience, ignoring the claims of the general public and the bulk of the residents, who would undoubtedly prefer the Station being located on the outskirts of the town – and yet within easy distance.

A few copies of the Memorial have been in circulation only for the last 4 or 5 days, and others more recently; but they all had to be closed on the morning of the 21st instant, so as to place the Memorial before His Excellency in Council at the next Meeting Friday 23rd instant, otherwise a very much larger number than 460 persons would have signed. There are however quite enough signatories to evidence beyond question to His Excellency in Council, the expediency of re-opening the question of site, in case a decision in favor of Matoo-cherry has already been arrived at.

It may be mentioned that more than two thirds of the Rowthers (grain merchants) who signed the memorial of the small trading community are now in favor of the Bishopsdown site; and many others who signed that document have now signed this one also, because they consider the reasons in favor of Bishopsdown are incontrovertible.

The Roman Catholic Priests, the Nuns of the Convent and the Bethlehem Cottage are all strongly opposed to Mutrochem and approve of Bishopsdown.

The two poor Schools (boys and girls) under the control of the Nuns are both situated in this locality, and a Railway Station in this neighbourhood would be to them an intolerable nuisance. The poor girls' School is also a place, to which the poor resort for help and medical comforts.

I have expressed to some of the leading men amongst the memorialists my willingness to give up the portion of the Bishopsdown property known as the trap-shooting ground at a moderate figure, and thus I have become conspicuously connected with the matter.

In conclusion I would draw attention to the fact that those who signed the memorial of the trading community do not absolutely object to Bishopsdown, but are willing to accept it as an alternative site, in case the sites proposed by them are not approved of by Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant

Ed. Clarke.

EDWARD CLARKE

Ootacamund
22nd July 1897

To

His Excellency

SIR ARTHUR ELIBANK HAVELOCK, G.C.I.E., G.C.M.G.,

GOVERNOR OF FORT ST. GEORGE IN COUNCIL.

THE MEMORIAL OF HOUSE OWNERS AND
OTHERS OF OOTACAMUND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Your Memorialists have noticed with much concern, that a Memorial has recently been submitted to Your Excellency in Council by certain merchants, tradesmen, professional men and house owners of Ootacamund, praying for the establishment of the Railway Station at the Willow Bund, Jail Hill or Matoocherry, and that 200 signatures were attached to it.

Your Memorialists respectfully beg to submit that the above said 200 signatories do not represent the public opinion of Ootacamund.

Had due notice been given, and a *bonafide public* meeting been called, Your Memorialists would have attended, and expressed their opinions; and the proper place for a public meeting, for the consideration of such an important matter, would seem to have been the Municipal Office, when no doubt *all* the Councillors, as well as many others interested in the welfare of the *general public* would have attended. Neither at the meetings at Messrs. Oakes and Cos., nor at that in the Council Chamber, were the general public adequately represented, and apparently only those who were invited, attended on these occasions.

Your Memorialists are strongly of opinion that neither the Willow Bund, Matoocherry nor Jail Hill will be suitable for the location of the station, for the following reasons.

(a) It would be a serious menace to the health of the station, inasmuch as the vicinities of these sites are already overcrowded with native buildings and their insanitary surroundings, the sweepers lines at Matoocherry, the Butchers' lines, the Slaughter houses with their attendant filth, and the Bazaar being in close proximity to each other.

(b) With the station on any of these sites, there would necessarily be a large increase of the native population in an already congested part of the town.

(c) Your Memorialists would humbly beg your Excellency in Council to consider well, whether it will not be desirable; in a growing sanitarium like Ootacamund, which is becoming the favourite health-resort of not only the Southern Presidency, but of all India; to keep out at a convenient distance the everlasting bustle and noise incidental to a Railway Station, and the consequent inter-crossings by the railway line of the usual drives in the heart of the town. In a matter like this, Your Memorialists would unhesitatingly point out, that considerations such as saving half a mile or so of cartage, or securing other similar petty advantages, ought not to be put in the balance as against the hill-

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station comforts, health and beauty of this sanitarium; and indeed if there is any place, or set of circumstances in which sentiment ought to prevail, it is here in Ootacamund, and in this matter.

(*d*) The alignment alongside one of the finest and most frequented drives, *i.e.*, the South Lake Road, and in close proximity to the Gymkhana Grounds, is decidedly objectionable and dangerous, as would also be any "Level Crossings" in this locality.

(*e*) Additional length of line will be necessary, the cost of which, and of land acquisition, would fall on the public travelling by the Railway, and *not on the trading community*, who could recoup themselves, by raising their prices proportionately to the charges, in the same manner as they do now, in connection with freight, carriage, and the fluctuations of exchange.

(*f*) With the extension of the line to Ootacamund, a cheap system of carriage will undoubtedly follow, in the introduction of the Madras "Jutka" or some other equally cheap hack conveyance. This will meet the wants of the bulk of the Native community.

(*g*) With the examples of Bombay and Poona, and the Plague visitation, it would be extremely inadvisable to have a Railway Station in or near a densely populated Native quarter of the Station. Cholera, is often present in the epidemic form at Mettapolliem, and if once introduced to the Matoocherry locality—where the bulk of our Native servants live—the consequences to the future welfare of the station would be most disastrous. Only those who have a knowledge of the latent virility of disease germs, can form an opinion of the permanent evil results which would follow, if Cholera, in an epidemic form, were once introduced into the Native quarters of the station.

(*h*) Your Memorialists humbly pray, that before finally disposing of the question, Your Excellency in Council will take into consideration, the advisability of selecting a site for the Railway Station within easy distance, and yet beyond any crowded portion of the town, occupied by the lower classes of natives, and their insanitary surroundings.

(*i*) Such a site, Your Memorialists submit, is available on the Bishopsdown trap-shooting ground. It is within easy distance—will not interfere with wheel-traffic—has no parcherries, or native lines, or huts near it; and has an unlimited amount of land available for accommodation of railway officials, &c.

(*j*) It is a good site for medical examination, and for the segregation of patients in the case of epidemic diseases—a most essential requisite in the vicinity of a sanatarium.

(*k*) It will do away with the cost of about *a mile additional length of line*, and of acquiring, *at a great expense*, a site at or near Matoocherry.

(*l*) It may be mentioned that in the re-alignment which is now being carried out, *the tunnel at Bishopsdown may be easily avoided*, by taking a higher level, *and the line very considerably thereby shortened*. Thus, instead of being continued across the valley at the back of Bishopsdown house and Belmont, and then round by Fern Hill and Awdry House, if it were diverted *before* it crosses the river, and run higher up the valley, sufficiently to cross the spur near the Coach House of Bishopsdown —and then have a *cutting*, on what was the proposed tunnel site (or near it) to the trap shooting ground, the site proposed by Mr. Tremenheere for the station—these two economies would be effected. Moreover the steep road, dreaded at the trap shooting site, is not so formidable as imagined, as an easy gradient has been traced on it, connecting the South Lake Road with it, and thus *two* approaches can be made, for ingress and egress of carriage traffic to and from the station.

To summarise, there are three great savings to be effected if the Bishopsdown site is selected.

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In conclusion, Your Memorialists beg Your Excellency in Council will kindly give your most careful and serious consideration to their memorial, which they believe represents the welfare of the *general public*.

And Your Memorialists will ever pray.

OOTACAMUND,
22nd *July* 1897.

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July 1897.

Kenlis F. Stevenson Colonel

C. J. Brandt "Hichingo Lodge"

Oliver J. Templeton

W. H. Bartlett
"First Asst. Master Attendant
Retired" Madras

Julius Porter

W. G. Wright

S. A. Walker Education Coly

B. Fraser

C. Biolley. [illegible]

C. B. Barclay

J. B. Whiteside

Wm. Parkinson

[illegible]

W. Marshall

H. E. 27/8/97

Your Memorialists will ever pray.

OOTACAMUND,
July 1897.

M. Cabral

J. Thompson
Late Sub: Asst. M.S.

[illegible] Hensford

B. Kundasawmy N.E.

M. Arumugum Moodr.

B. [illegible]
(Wine merchant, Ootacamund)

J.A.D. Lucas. Resident.

S. Samuel [illegible] - Resident

K. Ramalingam Pillay

(Oomar Cassim Seit in Guzeratti).
[illegible]

D. Stephen. Resident of Ootacamund

V.K. Iyasawmy Resident of Ootacamund

M. Venkatasawmy Pillai - do —

[illegible] Rau

Gnanapragasam [illegible]. Resident of Ootacamund

P.K. Moonesawmy resident of Ootacamund

J. Wilson - Resident

L. Josiah Sagatore
Coffee Planter

27/8/97

And Your Memorialists will ever pray.

OOTACAMUND,
July 1897.

Sebastian [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
M. [illegible] Pillay
S. A. [illegible] Ahamed
[illegible]
[illegible]
C. L. Ragunath Singh.
Hajee Hafiz Noor Mohamed Saib.
[illegible]
A. Becker
K. Packram achary House owner
A. Sandosham. Hdmaster C.M. School
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Abdul Goffoor. charcoal village
Sheet Dr. No. 17/8. house owner
[illegible]

Ramasawmy. — " — " — "
[illegible]
[illegible] — " — " — "
[illegible]
N. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
" — " — " " [illegible]
x [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Mahomed [illegible] Saib
Esuff Bin Younes Sait residing.
Edulji Sait Street - Bazaar.
[illegible]
W. Burrows & Houseowner
[illegible]
x [illegible]
M. A. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

And Your Memorialists will ever pray.

OOTACAMUND,
July 1897.

H Collins

John Berenger

W Stokoe

A M'Kenna

W. Barnard

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July 1897.

A. H. Rosario
P. D. Alexander
E. D. Lemos
B. L. Anthony
C. Nunjapoulen
E. Muthusamy

OOTACAMUND, July 1897.

1 [illegible] வாடகைதாரர்

2 [illegible] வாடகைதாரர்

3 ஆரோக்கியம் [illegible] வாடகைதாரர்

4 [illegible] வாடகைதாரர்

5 ஜோசப் வாடகைதாரர்

6 [illegible] வாடகைதாரர்

[illegible] சொந்தக்காரர்

[illegible] சொந்தக்காரர்

சவரியப்பன் சொந்தக்காரர்

V. N. Ramasawmy (House Owner)

[illegible] சொந்தக்காரர்

J. Ridley for Owner.

[illegible]

+ [illegible]

OOTACAMUND,
July 1897.

S. Aboobhamed Sait – Merchant
[illegible]

E. Esack Sait ″
~~[illegible]~~

M. Yacoob Sait ″

Hajee Ahamed Sait ″
~~[illegible]~~

Ebram Sulayman Sait ″
~~[illegible]~~

K. Manomanayagam Pillai

Shaik Chand Saib

அப்துல் காதிர்சாயபு

+ தாவூது பேமான்சாயபு

عثمان صاحب

இசேமாயில்

சாகீப்சாயபு

حسین صاحب

துப்பசாசாபு

M.N. மொய்தீன்சாபு

S.C. شریف صاحب

மைதீன் ஷரீப்சாயபு

× [illegible] Adam Sait

D. Hugh Kelly

OOTACAMUND,
July 1897.

M. Bones
Asst Surgeon.

A. L. Hester Law
Addl: Medl: Officer

H. Kelly

A. Rangasamy Pillay

Jno. Peterson

C. Punkanysawmy

J. D. Fennell

J. Vaulay

Thomas Sons

H. Nichols

F. Lamond

H. R.
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OOTACAMUND,
July 1897.

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[illegible]

[illegible]

OOTACAMUND,
July 1897.

A. C. Moothoosawmy Moodr. Diamond Jubilee Provision Depot.
P. Sreenivasooloo Naidu Bank of Madras Ootacamund.
A. Balasubramaniam. Mudaliar., Contractor. &c.
K. Vencataragavulu Naidu

D. E. D. Silva.

S. Dyas

P. K. Brown

S. Sreenivasamoorty

N. Thiroovengadasawmy Naidu

M. Anthony Bank of Madras Ooty
S. Rangasawmy do
C. K. Rangasawmy Iyengar do

Dhalsingh

Swamy Pillay

L. V. Jaunay

To summarise, there are three great savings to be effected if the Bishopsdown site is selected.

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2. An additional mile of Railway line would be avoided.

3. And Government is saved the taking up of land for that mile.

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OOTACAMUND,
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C. Akilandaiya
Tudor Hall

1 A. Rice

C Rajagopaul Setti
M. Sadasiva Moodr.
Salaik Mohomed
V. K. Narayanaswamy Pillai.
T. Shanmugasawmy Pilly
M. Adiappa
V. Srinivasa Rao
Ramalswamy
T. Apathoraymoothoor
W. S. Snow.
Ramasawmy Pillai
C. P. Somasundram
S. V. Ramanujam Chetty

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T. P. S. 27/8/97

B. Kristna Sawmy Naidu

N. Madhava Rao

Ragunatha Rao

S. Venkataramier

P. Chinna Swami

S. A. Krishnayyar

V. Krishna Iyer

P. S. Subbarao

Chinnasawmy Mudaliar

A. Ramasawmi

T. Ramappa Iyer

Govindasawmi Pillay

Govindasawmy Naidu

S. Venkataramaiah

C. Sreenivasarow

Lingannah

S. Annunthacharlu

Venkataramasastri

Krishnamma

Mugadasamy

Appavoo Pillai

Brijesh

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S. A. Ruthnum Pillay

1 Sd. K. M. abdoolcawder Saib, merchant

Sd. Peroomal Butler. " — " — " — "

T. M. Chithumbara, Cond.

A. C. Daniel Butler Matoocherry

D. Isaac Compositor " — " — "

" — "

sign. Tom Butler " — " — " —

Abdool Karriem

Swoboo Pillai Residents

Sd + Abdool Ryman Saib

Poonusawmy Butler Residents

Porose. Housowner

Sd + Anthony Ammal. house owner

+ Ballazore R. House Howner

M. Abdul Rahim resident

S. Poonusawmy Residing

A. E. Vurdapah Pillai Confectioner

Nilghiri Bakery Charring Cross

S. Mohomed Ab dur Rub

W. Porose Houseowner

Gopal Sawmy. Merchant

Chinna Sawmy House owner

Arokiam Land Lord owner

Abdool Kather Land Lorde

Mahamud Hussain Beef Butcher & House owner

+ Shaik Hismal Saib

sign. Shaik Alasaib

Branches butler

sign. Theruvengedam

Francis Riccidler

Sd Appavoo Asary. (Goldsmith)

Mr. Joseph Carpenter

Yagoilpillai S. master

Teacher

Samuel John, Teacher.

J. Henry Enock. Teacher

Veeraperu —

Land Lord And house owner

Madathil Balakrishnan. Techer

Sd. Murrian. Carpenter

M. R. Anthony

S. Antonio

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Sulleiman Sait
Haroon Sait
Mahomed Keohee Merchant
Mahomed Kassim
Iyoob Sait

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Sd/. A. Abdul Karim Sahib
House owner Mettucherry.

S. Mariasusai Mudaliar
Madurianayagam Pillay
Merchant
C. V. Karoopennah Pillay merchant.
T. Arumugam Pillai Land Lord
L. D. David resident
V. Doraisamy Naidoo
Merchant
Thomas Cranston Resident.
Joseph Wheatley house owner
C. S. Abboo ~~[illegible]~~
S. Bon Chetty & Sons house & Land owners
Raja Gopal Chetty Resident
R. Soundaram Pillay
Nist ulliah Pillai
T. A. Loganathamdelly merchant
V. R. Krishnasawmi Naidoo
Merchant and Contractor
M. Govindarajoo Moodr.
Overseer Fern Hill
G. Gopaulsingh. Merchant.
M. Kannuswami

S. Santappan
C. M. Antony Muthu Pillai.
P. Thamboosamy Pillai
C. M. Rethinasawmy
K. Gelendasawmy Pillay
Arulsawmy
N. Roupiah Naidoo Villnobund Cottage.
Amanikkam
P. Ponnusawmy Pillay
S. Chand Saib House owner
(Cloth Merchant)
Sd/. Mana Abdoolkawder
Shaik Mohamed
Abdool Rahimsaheb
cloth merchant
Mariappa Pillay
A. Samuel Sd/. Syed Hossain Saheb
Land Lord
M. Aurokiam Pillay Watch maker.
Subramonia Pillay
M. Ganapathy Pillai merchant
Sd/. Parimanam Pillay Merchant

	Translation
T. M. Muthukrishna Konar Land Lord + House owner	
[illegible]	Dadamian Sahib Land Lord
ابراہیم خان بیپاری	Ibrahim Kahn Merchant
T. B. Abdoolkareem. Land Lord	
[illegible]	Mahomed Osman Resident
محمد یعقوب صاحب	Mahomed yacoob House Owner
[illegible]	P. Moonisawmy Chetty Resident
[illegible]	Syed Ghaus Sahib Do
محمد عثمان صاحب	Mahomed Hossain Do
[illegible]	R. Chinnasawmy Do
[illegible]	Thandavaraya Pillay Do
[illegible]	R. Krishnasawmy Mudaliyar Do
[illegible]	T. Appasawmy Pillay Do
[illegible]	T. P. Kundasawmy Pillay Do
[illegible]	Andimoolam Pillay Do
[illegible]	K. A. Kather Mohideen Sahib Do
[illegible]	Batchawsey an Sahib do
[illegible]	Mahomed Aniff do
[illegible]	Veerasawmy Pillay do
[illegible]	S. Mariappa Konar House owner
[illegible]	Kothen Asary Black Smith
T. Duraisawmi Pillai	
[illegible]	Mathalavanthoo Achary
[illegible]	T. Suboo Pillay
S. S. Ramasamy pillay	
قاسم صاحب	Kasim Sahib
[illegible]	Anthony
برہان دین صاحب	Buraudeen Sahib
[illegible]	Abdul Rhyman Sahib
عبد الحق صاحب	Abdul Hack
[illegible]	Sulayman Sahib
محی الدین صاحب	Mohideen Sahib
[illegible]	Mahomed Mastan
M. K. Adimulam Pillai	
Srisitaram	
17.7.97.	
Mundalamuni	

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Evelyn Nicholas

C. W. Thomas

C. A. Steele

T. Rungiah Naidoo

T. Somasundaram Moodr

M. Chintamani Iyengar.

Soobbiah

P. Vallaswami

P. T. O.

Mr Habibullah [illegible]

[illegible] Pillai

[illegible]

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The Ooty Terminus site.

H.E. The Governor

I do not know whether your Excellency will care to reopen the question of the best site for the terminal station at Ooty after the very full discussion with the leaders of Ooty opinion, in Council, and the decision that was then arrived at to adopt the Metuchery site.

I met Mr Weightman yesterday at Coonoor, and he told me that his survey will not be ready for about a fortnight and that he will then come up here with plans. I propose then to go over the ground with him from here to Coonoor.

Mr Weightman has received full instruction from the Ch. Engr. about preparing a detailed plan of Metuchery, and he will submit this in due course.

Meanwhile perhaps Mr Clarke, who is naturally disappointed that his property is not to be purchased, had better be sent a copy of the recent G.O. and be informed that the decision which was come to was arrived at after full consideration.

F. H. S. 27/8/97

I see no reason for re-opening the question. My own opinion will certainly not be changed.

A.H.
30.8.97

Reg K.

I think Mr Clarke should be so informed.

A.H.
30.8.97

Reg Q.

H.P. R/1.9.97
27/8/97

No. 620. R dated 2/8/97

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Railway
~~IRRIGATION~~ BRANCH.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

READ the following

Letter from Mr. E. Clarke with enclos: } A. E. No — d/ 22nd July 97

A copy of G. O.
SNo 65
No. 416/A R d/ 25th June 1897
will be forwarded to Mr.
Clarke with the intimation
that the decision of Government therein expressed, ~~which~~ on the subject of the best site for a Terminal Station at Ootacamund, was
~~was come to therein was~~
arrived at after very full con-
sideration of the ~~question~~ arguments
adduced by the various persons and public bodies who took part
~~of a terminal Station~~
in the discussion, whether in the press, or by letter, or verbally.
~~for Ootacamund~~ –

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N.B. This seems to close the question of the best site for a station. This file should therefore be made "tidy" and indexed, and a new file opened, to be called the Ootacamund [illegible] Terminus, because I foresee that we shall have a good deal of special business about the terminus &c. that would make the "Coonoor–Ooty" file too bulky.

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