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Coimbatore Magistrate's

Office Coimbatore

30 June 1866

From

P. Grant Esq.

Magistrate of Coimbatore

To

A. D. Sim. Esq.

Acting Chief Secretary

to Government.

Sir,

As directed in Proceedings of Government Public Department dated 9th May 1866 regarding the introduction of the Towns Improvement Act into Ostacumund, I have the honor to transmit a draft of the notification directed to be prepared in para 3 of the order which accompanied the above Proceedings.

In my letter to Government of the 30th January 1866, the following resolutions were proposed by the Municipal Committee.

The Special Assistant Collector

Mrs. Duckertony

do Miller

Messrs. Elme, Woodhouse,

Major of Tramp's old term.
Muddiah
Cool Mohamed
Abdullah

3 Government excluded the
Special Assistant Collector
from the list, and added the
names of the following gentlemen.

Mr. Noble.
Mr. R. N. Dawson.
Mr. Beaumont
Col. Denison.
" Radfield.

Mr. Noble will act as a member
of Committee. Mr. Beaumont
I regret today has been compelled
to go home on account of ill health.
Mr. Dawson declines to become a
member of the Committee, but
expresses his willingness to give
the Committee the advantage
of his experience and advice.

Colonel Radfield and Denison
~~have their share to~~ must take

up with the management of
their private affairs. To admit of
their joining the Committee, and
Col. Radfield I am sorry to add
finds that with advancing years,
his strength is failing and renders
it necessary that he should not
tax it too much, which he would
perhaps be liable to, were he to
undertake the duties of a member
of the Municipal Committee.

* The following gentlemen
I requested to meet me at the
Office of the Special Assistant
Collector in view to discuss with them
the objects of the Act, such as the
maintenance of the Police and the
Sanitary improvements demanding
most immediate attention, as
well as the sources from which
it is proposed to derive funds
to carry out the necessary measures.

Messrs. Duckertony
Kuyappadas
Mussanah
Gool Mohomed
Hossein and
Major Farewell
were present. Mr. Woodhouse
was absent from Ottacamund.
He had, I was told, gone to
Bangalore. Mr. Steene had
private business, which precluded
his attending. Dr. Miller & New
was engaged with his immediate
duties, and Mr. Mohde, I believe,
was absent from Ottacamund,
or too busy to attend.

5 Mr. Duckertony and the
natives present declined to act
as Members of the Committee
for the present at all events.

6 Mr. Duckertony stated that
a very general feeling prevailed
amongst the residents of Ottacamund

that to throw on them the expense of
maintaining the Police would
entail on them a burden which
would press on many with great
severity, that Ottacamund from
the fact of its being one of the great
Sanctaria of India to which so
many strangers resorted should
be specially dealt with and
excepted from the maintenance
of its Police, and that if it was
forced on the station, so much of
the funds raised would be swallow-
ed up that the balance would
be insufficient to cover the expenses
of the most necessary sanitary
improvements.

7 Mr. Duckertony also explained
that when the subject of sanitary
improvements in Ottacamund was
formerly discussed and approved

by the public at Ottumund,
it was never contemplated that
the maintenance of the Police
would be undertaken by the state,
that a petition praying Government
to relieve the station of the proposed
maintenance of the Police was in
circulation in view to its eventual
transmission to Government,
and that until the receipt of
their reply he would prefer not
to move further in the matter,
and say whether he would or
would not eventually join the
Committee. This feeling persuaded
the minds of the other members
present, as well as that of Mr. Stearns
whom I saw subsequently. —
Mr. Woodhouse I have not seen.

Although there is a strong feeling
~~in Ottumund~~ against the cost

Mr. Arkde
Mr. Duckertlong
Mr. Stearns
Mr. Woodhouse
Knowles of Chicago
Ed. Kimi.
Messrs. and
Gov. McKim
Attorlaid.

of the Police being thrown on the
Municipality, ~~state~~ that
the marginally noted pattern,
even in the event of the decision of
Government on the point being
adverse to the wishes of the
Community, will not decline to
aid by becoming members of
the Municipal Committee in
carrying out measures, which
altho' somewhat distasteful
must ultimately tend to the
improvement of the station. I
therefore recommend that until
the petition of the inhabitants of
Ottumund is received and
disposed of, and I shall have
further opportunity of meeting
the proposed Committee, the
final orders of Government regard-
ing the appointment of a

Municipal Committee be postponed.

Sources from which funds have to be raised.

8 The following estimate may be looked on as fairly accurate. Of course until the Laws Improvement Act is declared to be in force, it is not possible to obtain correct data on which to base calculations. There are in Ottawa,

numbered 206 houses and Bungalows large and small, the actual and estimated rents of which amount to Rspees 14666 per mensem, or Rspees 175992 per Annum, which at 5 per cent yields Rspees 8800.

The native houses and shops are 1403 in number. their monthly rent is estimated at Rspees 2114, or Rspees 25368 per Annum, yielding at 5 per cent Rspees 1268. 8. Thus

the houses and bazars yield at 5 per cent Rspees 10068. 8. per Annum. The maximum rate at which rents can be valued is $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, but it will be well, I think, if it can be avoided, not to demand more than 5 per cent for the first year in which the Act is brought into operation.

Profession and Trades are estimated to yield under the Schedule Rs 3400.
Horses.

It is difficult to form an estimate of the number of horses and Carriages in Ottawamund, but taking the horses at 100 and the ponies at the same rate, we shall get under the former head Rspees 900, and under the latter Rspees 300 per Annum, or Rspees 1200 on the whole.

Taking all the Carriages drawn by horses, Ponies and Bullocks they will be about equal to 100 two wheeled Carriages, or Rupees 600 per Annum. The above estimate of the number of horses and Carriages is merely an approximation, and in excess, rather than under the real number. I think the Bandies or carts may be put down at 50 in number yielding Rupees 100 per Annum for registration fees. It is very questionable whether the imposition of a Toll on carriages and animals entering the Municipal limits would yield returns of any great amount. There are but few Carriages in the Mills belonging to parties who do not reside within the Municipal limits, not half a dozen I believe and

as residents within Municipal limits are not liable to the toll, the returns are likely be small indeed.

9 The Indian Carrying Company who run a number of vehicles between Orsacumund and Soanor, would doubtless Compound with the Municipal Committee for their whole establishment. The funds raised under all the various sources of taxation will then be as follows.

1 Bungalows and houses, large and small	8800-00
2 Native houses and shops	1268-8-
3 Professions and Trades	3400-00
4 Horses, Ponies &c	1200-00
5 Carriages & Carts	700-00
Rupees	15368-8-

or say Rupees 15300 per Annum as the total amount that can be raised.

The amount under No. 1 can be raised if the assessment is taken at $7\frac{1}{2}$ instead of 5 per cent at which rate it has now been calculated. Under Nos. 2, 3, 4 & 5 I am impressed with the idea that the sums estimated are rather over than under the mark.

10 The next thing to be done is to ascertain how the funds can be laid out to the best advantage in terms of the Act.

First then there is the Office which will cost the Municipality Rupees 4776 per annum. vide Proceedings of Government Public Department 9 May 1866, and leave a balance of Rupees 10724 for Sanitary improvements.

The most obvious demands in

a sanitary point of view are the provision of Latrines for both sexes, and the means of collecting and removing all kinds of filth from the Town.

Regarding the construction of Latrines and other improvements, I have communicated personally with Mr. Farrell, and we have ~~the~~ reached the conclusion with which I think most persons will concur, that whatever constructions are undertaken they should be made with a view to permanency. For instance, a Latrine which may ultimately cost Rupees 2000 if constructed this season, should be so built as to form a part of the complete building. The laying out of funds in temporary buildings

should be avoided as much as possible.

Original outlay.

Three Latrines at least will be required, and it is proposed to set apart Rupees 500 for the construction of each Latrine. It is

to be remembered that in a climate like that of Ootacamund where for several months of the year rain and high winds prevail, the structures must be so made as to protect people, otherwise they will not be made use of.

Shed for the bullocks and cattle will be necessary. This will cost a good sum ultimately, but for the present Rupees 500 may be set aside for it.

To carry away night soil from the Latrines, and filth from the Town &c. & Bandies with a pair of Bullocks each will be wanted. Their original outlay will cost at least Rupees 800. that is Rupees 150 or 160 for each pair of Bullocks, and 40 or 50 Rs for each Bandy.

Monthly expenditure.
The estimated cost of keep of a pair of bullocks is as follows.

2 Bullocks at 2 measures of grain per diem from being 5 measures per rupee	12
Grass per diem 4 Annas	7-8
Shoeing per month	7-8
	21
4 pair of Bullocks per month	84
4 Bandies at 9 Rupees	36
4 Sweepers at Rs 8 one per bandy	32
5 Latrine Sweepers at 8 Rupees	40
Rent of a house for Municipal Committee	50
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There is no doubt that it would be of great advantage to the Municipal Committee and facilitate business if they could afford to have a well-paid European Secretary of intelligence, to see that the various duties which will devolve on them properly carried out, but as the entertainment of an individual possessing the requisite qualifications would be expensive, I think that with the following establishment, the Committee would be able, with the assistance of the Sahildar to get on for the present.

Two writers at 40830 Rupees	70
4 peons at 10 Rupees per month	40
Contingencies	10
Monthly cost of Indian Drivers	120
~~Swampy~~	~~30~~
~~Annual cost~~	~~270~~

The proposed expenditure for the first year would then be as follows.

Original outlay in 6 latimer	2500
Cart and Bullock shed	500
Purchase of Bullock and	
Bandies	800
Annual cost of establishment	4244
	8144
Cost of Police	6368
	14512
Estimated funds	15300
Balance	988

To the balance Rupees 988 will have to be added Rupees 3875 or 25 per cent of the Rupees 15300, thus raising the available balance to Rupees 4863, with which the repair of roads, bridges &c will have to be carried out. It strikes me that the Sahildar name I Kameah Kaisoo may with advantage be added to the Committee.

13. Reports regarding the
Economic and Foundational Com-
mission shall be transmitted
shortly.

Have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most obedt Servant

J. H. Hart
Magistrate

Received
of the
Commissioner
of the
General Land Office
for the
Department of the Interior
the sum of
\$100.00
on account of
the purchase of
land for the
Indian Reservation
at
Fort Snelling
Minnesota
this 1st day of
January 1881

1881
J. H. Hart
Magistrate
at Fort Snelling
Minnesota

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1866 Sept

From
The Magistrate of
Comblat

To The Asst Secy to the
Government

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Dated 30 June
Received July 3/86

No 58

With one enclosure
N^o 803

Submits propositions
for the introduction of
the Towns Improvement
Act into the Town of
Ootacamund.

~~The mag will
defer ~~passing~~ coming
to a decision on
this subject.~~

~~The mag. consents
to defer passing
order on the mag's
letter until the 1st
of August three weeks.~~

Public Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

~~at which the following
letter from the Magistrate
of Comblat
[then sent 30th June 1866
N^o 58]~~

Order thereon 5 July 1866 N^o 672.

N.
The Governor in
Council will defer passing
orders on this question
for 3 weeks, in order that
the memorial which the
inhabitants of Ootacamund
are said to be preparing
may be submitted for
his consideration.

2. His Excellency in
Council cannot hold
out ^{any} the slightest hope
that

W. G. H.

16-5-27 ✓

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 5th July 1866

Relative to the
introduction of the
Laws Improvement
Act into Ostacumund.

29-30.

29 July
1866