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8th August 1866.*

No. 68. Read the following letter from Messrs. OUCHTERLONY and DAWSON, Ootacamund, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 7th July 1866.

We are requested by the house-holders of Ootacamund to forward to you the accompanying petition in relation to the proposed Municipal Enactment for this station, and we have accordingly the honor to beg that you will bring the same under the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE LORD FRANCIS, BARON NAPIER, K. T.,
Governor in Council, Fort Saint George,
The petition of the undersigned house-holders of
Ootacamund.

HUMBLY SHEWETH.

That your petitioners have been made acquainted with the conditions under which the Towns Improvement Act is proposed to be introduced into this station, and that they pray your Lordship's attention to the following considerations before carrying the same into effect.

2. That in reference to other towns within this Presidency, Ootacamund holds a perfectly exceptional position. It has no commerce, no permanently resident population in the usual acceptation of the term; and is, in fact, a simple sanatorium, the chief recipients of the benefits of which are the Members of the Public Service.

3. That in the early days of Ootacamund, the Government strove to induce parties to build houses to subserve the above object, by even advancing money to those who would engage in it. This marked the exceptional character of the place, and the object designed to be promoted still remains a primary one.

4. That it must be ascribed to this view, that under Sir Charles Trevelyan's Government, the Local Improvement Committee was formed by him, for the express purpose of putting the station in a proper state of conservancy, before handing the management of this over to Municipal rule; and that Sir William Denison, as Governor, when abolishing this Committee, and urging the immediate establishment of a Municipality in preference, held out the expectation of most liberal assistance from Government in furtherance of this scheme.

5. That your petitioners now learn that the first burden to fall upon them is to be the maintenance of the Police Force at Ootacamund (less a proportion of one-fourth to be borne by the Government), and this they deem that Ootacamund, under its actual circumstances, is quite unable to bear.

6. That it is to be remembered that house property here labors under very great disadvantages. The necessities of the situation require all houses to be let furnished; houses with the rarest exceptions are only rented for a portion of the year; and the cost of repairs is now trebled by the rise in artizans' wages, owing to the extensive public works that have of late years been carried on and are still in progress for *general*, not local, purposes, which may be named as the costly barracks at Wellington, the erection of the Jail for Europeans, and the extensive works for the Lawrence Asylums.

7. That your petitioners still consider that management by a Municipal Board, is the most efficient mode of carrying out the pure conservancy of the station; but they are, at the same time, decidedly of opinion, that to burden the property of the place with the extra expense of supporting the Police, would alike defeat this object, and tend to bring about the ruin of the sanatorium. Progress in building is already entirely arrested for the reasons above given, and the infliction of an impost which would leave a surplus of Municipal taxation utterly inadequate to the accomplishment of any useful end in those measures of sanitation which Medical Officers so urgently press upon attention, would put a final stop to the extension of house accommodation for the health-seeking visitors of Ootacamund.

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8. That your petitioners see but one mode in which the severity of the burden might be removed, and which may with justice be termed a legitimate one. It is well known how the produce of the Akkary over these Hills has increased, until now the contract has, it is understood, been sold, for about Rupees 73,000. The chief consumers of the spirit are notoriously the servants of those who visit the Hills, and it can equally not be denied that the consumption of Alcohol leads to consequences that are a fertile source of occupation to the Police. Under this consideration, Ootacamund might be allowed to enjoy a sufficient grant from the above impost to cover the cost of a Police Force, over which, moreover, the Municipality will have no control whatever.

9. That finally, if your Lordship in Council should not deem the foregoing proposal to be tenable, then your petitioners humbly pray that, under the entirely exceptional circumstances of Ootacamund, a special Act may be passed for its regulation as a Municipality; leaving objects of simple conservancy and maintenance of station roads, and those alone, what the levy of a rate on its property is designed to meet.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

OOTACAMUND.

7th July 1866.

(Signed) J. OUCHTERLONY.

(„) H. R. DAWSON.
and 39 others.

No. 69. ORDER THEREON, 8th August 1866, No. 795.

The Governor in Council has carefully considered the arguments set forth in this Memorial, and regrets that he cannot recognize in them sufficient reasons for exempting the Community of Ootacamund from the application of the Municipal Act, while Native Communities of very inferior resources are required to undertake the same duties and undergo the same sacrifices. His Excellency in Council trusts, on the contrary, to find in Ootacamund sufficient public spirit to carry the Municipal Act into operation with energy and success, and hopes that the largest, wealthiest, and most intelligent European Community in the interior of this Presidency will afford a valuable example in this respect.

2. The Magistrate will submit his final proposals without delay.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Coimbatore.
To J. Ouchterlony, Esq.
To the Inspector General of Police.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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H. I. Governor in Council

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[Signature]

We are requested by the Householders of Oskameum to forward you the accompanying petition in relation to the proposed annexation of Oskameum for this station, and we have accordingly the honor to beg that you will bring the same under the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council. We have the honor &c

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J. Buckenbury Esq.
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