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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	<i>40</i>	~~Press~~ ~~Mis.~~
Dated	<i>10-1-</i>	<i>1857.</i>

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
10th January 1867.*

No. 95. Read the following letter from W. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 3rd January 1867.

It is the intention in certain quarters to form a Local Joint Stock Hotel Company, for the purpose of building a first rate establishment of this kind in Madras.

2. It will be generally admitted that such an Institution will be of benefit to the Public, apart from its excellent prospects as a speculation; but, in both respects, it is, of course, of the utmost importance to select a desirable site.

3. The spot selected as the most suitable is the piece of ground, facing the sea, contiguous to the Marine Villa, fenced off by an iron railing from the road, and backed on the west by some artificial water.

4. My object in this letter is to ask you to be so good as to ascertain from His Excellency the Governor in Council, whether this piece of land will be conceded to the Company, on the application of the Committee that will in due course be formed, and, if so, on what terms, *i. e.*, whether gratuitously, or on a fee simple purchase, or on payment of an annual quit rent.

5. I have the honor to accompany this communication with a plan of the proposed Hotel, which, as Government will observe, is a handsome edifice, calculated to ornament the frontage of Madras.

6. This place, as herewith submitted, will be in some respects altered, but these changes are mainly internal; for instance, the portion marked as Baths will be otherwise applied for sanitary reasons.

7. The land I solicit will be occupied merely by the Hotel and Officers. There will be no stabling attached, as it will be easy to purchase or rent those now known as Burghall's stables, and appropriate them to the use of the Hotel, and thus avoid the untidiness, more or less inseparable from stables.

8. I will venture to express a hope that Government will take a favorable view of this application, as the success or failure of the project will probably depend on the answer I receive.

9. I will thank you to return the plan together with your reply.

No. 96. ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1867, No. 40.

The Governor in Council regrets that he cannot comply with the foregoing application.

2. The whole of the ground from the Marine Villa to Pycroft's Road, including the Chepauk compound, must be reserved, in case it should hereafter be required for Public Offices, or for other Government Institutions.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To William Arbuthnot, Esq., with Plan.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Read letter from Mr. W. M. Lathrop
dated 3^d Jan'y 1867.

Order thereon 10th Jan'y 1867 p. 40.

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To William Lathrop Esq.
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