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Municipal Commissioners Office
Notamunda 10th December 1868
N^o 220.

From H. A. Campbell Esquire
President

Notamunda Municipal Commission
To

The Honorable
R. S. Ellis Esquire C.B.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,
In acknowledging receipt
of Order of Government, Public
Department, dated 28th October
1868, N^o 1,348, from which the
Notamunda Municipal Commission
learn with pleasure that the Govern-
ment will not insist upon the
payment of the tax, as an essential
condition to the aid which they
offered (in Government Order
dated the 2nd September last,
N^o 1,104) to this Municipality.

I have the honor, to state that the Commissioners are prepared to commence the work enumerated in para 3 of the last-named Order, and to request therefore that the necessary funds may be supplied to them at the earliest convenient date.

2. The works alluded-to are very extensive in character, and can only be undertaken by degrees and in successive portions. Since, therefore, it will be impossible to apply at once to the objects contemplated so large a sum as Rs 60,000, (the total amount granted by the Government), the Commissioners request that the sum of Rs 20,000 only, being the amount of the Grant-in-aid given in para 4 of the Order of the 2nd September last, may first be placed at their disposal.

3. With every wish that the Remedial measures may be carried out with all practicable despatch, the Commissioners nevertheless conceive that the expenditure of the Grant-in-aid (Rs 20,000) must

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must necessarily be expended over a period of several months; towards the close of which period they would again address the Government upon the subject of the loan amount being transferred to them. The immediate transfer of this latter sum would fall the practicability of an unnecessary charge upon the Municipal Fund from which the sum payable on account of principal and interest on the loan would have to be at once set apart, while the loan amount could not, for some time, be utilized.

4. As suggested in para 5 of the Order under acknowledgment, the house-tax will be hypothecated to Government for the repayment of the loan (Rs 40,000) with interest, and to this object a sufficient sum (calculated at the rate of Rs 6,000 per annum) will be ~~applied~~
 ~~applied~~
 may be paid to the Commissioners.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
K. A. Roupre
President.

Public Works Dept
New York, N.Y.
January 14, 1914.
Dear Sir,
Enclosed for receipt of
the Public Works Department
of the City of New York
are for an advance of
\$100,000.00 on account of
the New York City
Public Works Department
for the year 1914.
Very respectfully,
J. Edgar Hoover
Director

In acknowledging receipt of Order of Government, Public Department, dated 28th October 1868, No. 1348, from which the Ootacamund Municipal Commissioners learn with pleasure that the Government will not insist upon the addition of 2½ per cent. to the present house-tax, as an essential condition to the aid which they offered (in Government Order, dated the 2nd September last, No. 1107,) to this Municipality, I have the honor to state that the Commissioners are prepared to commence the works enumerated in paragraph 3 of the last named order, and to request, therefore, that the necessary funds may be supplied to them at the earliest convenient date.

2. The works alluded to are very extensive in character, and can only be undertaken by degrees, and in successive portions. Since, therefore, it will be impossible to apply *at once* to the objects contemplated so large a sum as Rupees 60,000, (the total amount granted by the Government,) the Commissioners request that the sum of Rupees 20,000 only, being the amount of the grant-in-aid given in paragraph 9 of the order of the 2nd September last, may *first* be placed at their disposal.

3. With every wish that the remedial measures may be carried out with all practicable despatch, the Commissioners never the less conceive that the expenditure of the grant-in-aid (Rupees 20,000) must necessarily be extended over a period of several months ; towards the close of which period they would again address the Government upon the subject of the loan amount being transferred to them. The immediate transfer of this latter sum would only be productive of an unnecessary charge upon the Municipal Fund, from which the dues payable on account of principal and interest on the loan would have to be at once set apart, while the loan amount could not, for some time, be utilized.

4. As suggested in paragraph 5 of the order under acknowledgment, the house-tax will be hypothecated to Government for the repayment of the loan (Rupees 40,000) with interest, and to this object a sufficient sum (calculated at the rate of Rupees 6,000 per annum) will be appropriated from the date upon which the loan amount may be paid to the Commissioners.

No. 153. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department,
dated Fort Saint George, 27th January 1869, No. 118.

I am directed to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council, the Proceedings of this Government marginally noted.

Proceedings, 19th July 1864, Nos. 117—119.
 Do. 17th April 1866, „ 105—108.
 Do. 2nd September 1868, Nos. 54—59.
 „ 153—155.

Proceedings, 19th July 1864, Nos. 117-119.
 Do, 17th April 1868, " 105-108.
 Do, 2nd September 1868, Nos. 64-59.
 Do, 28th October " " 153-155.
 Letter from the President, Ootacamund Municipality, dated
 10th December 1868, No. 220.

papers that the attention of the Madras Government has, for some time past, been anxiously directed to the improvement of the sanitary condition of Ootacamund, the most important sanitarium of this Presidency.

2. It will be perceived from these

Mr. Combs & wife

Sanitarium

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3. The reports of the Sanitary Commissioners contained in the Proceedings, dated 19th July 1864, and 2nd September 1868, contain a detailed description of the evils requiring immediate correction, and contain, also, proposals for the remedial measures which should be adopted.

4. The Act for the improvement of Towns and Villages, No. X. of 1865, Madras, has been applied to Ootacamund since November 1866, and the Government look to a very considerable portion of the cost of the necessary works, for the protection of the public health of Ootacamund, and for the maintenance of efficient conservancy, being borne by the Municipality. But I am to observe that there are circumstances connected with this station, which, in the opinion of the Governor in Council, render it equitable that the efforts of the Municipality should be assisted by the State. It would, in the opinion of the Government, be unfair to expect from a Municipality which has so recently been called into existence, and which has not a large revenue at command, that it should speedily correct the evil effects of years of neglect of sanitary precautions. At the same time the recent prevalence, at Ootacamund, of typhoid fever, clearly indicative of sanitary neglect, makes it urgently necessary to take immediate action, if the advantages of Ootacamund as a sanitarium are to be preserved.

5. The total annual income at the disposal of the Municipality is Rupees 31,450, the greater portion of which is required to meet the current charges for the Police, for conservancy, with an increased and efficient establishment, for the repair of roads, clearing jungle, &c., thus leaving no sufficient funds available for the rapid completion of those permanent works of improvement which are shown to be essentially necessary, and of which the cost is estimated at Rupees 60,000. On the other hand the only tax which, under the Act X. of 1865, can be increased beyond the present rates, is the house-tax, which could legally be raised from 5 to 7½ per cent.

6. But it has been represented to Government, with considerable force, that the owners of house property on the hills cannot, without undue pressure, pay more than they do at present; and while the Government are of opinion that the residents might make greater efforts and sacrifices in increasing the Municipal revenue, they are not prepared to press hard upon an interest which they have reason to know is in a depressed condition. It is, therefore, proposed to make a grant to the Municipality of Rupees 20,000 from the Imperial revenues, as representing the contribution which should, in fairness, be borne by the State in consequence of the unsatisfactory condition in which the station was made over to the Municipality in 1866, and in consideration of the general interest at stake in the preservation and welfare of the place. The Government further propose to advance the remainder of the sum required, namely, Rupees 40,000, as a loan to the Municipality, bearing current interest at 5 per cent., and repayable in six years, by the application of a sinking fund. As security for this advance it has been arranged with the Municipality of Ootacamund that the house-tax, which amounts to Rupees 12,500, shall be annually charged with Rupees 6,000 on account of this loan.

7. The Government would have much preferred to have shortened the period fixed for the repayment of this loan; but they trust that, under the circumstances

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above detailed, the proposal now submitted will meet with the approval of the Government of India.

8. The total expenditure of the sum of Rupees 60,000 will, probably, be spread over a period of three years; and the Governor in Council has, in anticipation of the approval of the Government of India, sanctioned the payment to the Ootacamund Municipality of Rupees 20,000, the amount of the proposed Government grant.

9. I am to request sanction for this grant, and for advancing, under the conditions noted above, a sum of Rupees 40,000 to the Municipality in such instalments as may seem advisable.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

Mr Comm & Mr

Sanitarium

Public Department.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.

Honourable Department.

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View - 29 July 1864 - 107-109.
" - 17 Aug 1864 - 105-106.
Public Dept. 2 Sept. 1868. Nos 52 & 59.
" - 12 Oct. " - " 100 & 101.
Letter from the President of the Council
Municipality. 27/10 Dec. 1868 No 220.

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From Government

From St. George

Dated 24 Jan 1869.

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JANUARY.
NO. 132-153.

Request for sanction to the gift of Rs. 20,000
and a lot of books (1,000 to the Government
Museum) for the purpose of the sanitary condition
of the staff.

Sanitarium of this Province.
3. The reports of
the Sanitary Commis-
sioners contained in
the Proceedings dated
19th July 1863, and
2nd September 1863,
contain a detailed
description of the work
requiring immediate
attention, and contain
also proposals for the
remedial measures
which should be adopted.
The cost for the
improvement of towns
and villages, &c. &c.,
however, has been
estimated to amount
to £100,000, and the
Commis-
sioners have submitted a
very considerable
portion of the cost of
the

a day or two ago
Mr Dawson told
me that they did
not.
Should we not be
shown in this
part before
going up to the
Gov. of India.

A. J. S.
I think it would be
better to determine
the matter before going

the necessary arrangements
for the protection of the
public health of the
Province, and for the
maintenance of efficient
conservancy being borne
by the Municipality.
But I am to observe
that there are several
stances connected
with this matter, which,
in the opinion of the
Governor in Council,
render it equitable
that the efforts of the
Municipality should
be assisted by the State.
It would, in the opinion
of the Government, be fair
to expect from a Munici-
pality which has been
recently been called
into existence, and
which

which has not a large
revenue at command,
that it should speedily
correct the evil effects
of years of neglect of
sanitary precautions.

At the same time the
recent ^{at Ootacamund} prevalence of
typhoid fever, clearly
indicative of sanitary
neglect, makes it urgently
necessary to take imme-
diate action, if the
advantages of Ootacamund
as a Sanitarium are
to be preserved.

a. The total annual
income at the disposal
of the Municipality is
Rs. 3,450, the greater
portion of which is required
to meet the current
charges for the Police,
for Conservancy, with
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establishment, for the
repair of roads, clearing
jungle, &c., thus leaving
no sufficient funds
available for the rapid
completion of those
permanent works of
improvement which
are shown to be essential
necessary, and of which
the cost is estimated
at Rs. 60,000. On the other
hand, the only tax which,
under the Act-X of 1882,
can be increased
beyond the present
rates, is the house tax,
which could legally
be raised from 5 to 7 1/2
per cent.

b. But it has been
represented to Government
with

with considerable price
that the owners of house
property on the hills
cannot, without undue
pressure, pay more than
they do at present and
the Government do not
consider that additional
taxation is desirable.

It is therefore proposed
to make a grant to the
Municipality of Rs 20,000
from the Imperial
Revenue as representing
the contribution which
should in fairness
be borne by the State
in consequence of the
unsatisfactory condition
in which the Station was
made over to the Muni-
cipality in 1866. The
Government further propose

and while the
Government are of
opinion that the
London Municipality
make greater sacrifices in
increasing the
Municipal Revenue
than we are prepared
to keep hard upon
an interest which
the Government have
been in the habit of
depicted as a

and in consideration
of the general interest
at stake in the
improvement of the
Place.

to the application
for raising funds.

to advance the remainder
of the sum required
namely Rs 1,00,000, as a
loan to the Municipality
bearing ^{current} interest at
5 per cent., and repay-
able in six years.

As security for this
advance it has been
arranged with the
Municipality of Botaca-
mund that the house
tax, which amounts to
Rs 12,500, shall be annually
charged with Rs 6,000 on
account of this loan.

7. The Government
would have much
preferred to have
shortened the period
fixed for the repayment
of this loan, but they
trust that, under the
circumstances

not submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "BM".

For Geo
27 Jan 69

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To
The Secretary to the
Government of
Department.

Dated

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S. J. L.
H. L.

C. J. L.

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From Government of

Port St. George.

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 L. T. } 8/10/1865.

No. 152-153.

2/10/1865

Requesting sanction to
the gift of Rs 20,000, and
the loan of Rs 40,000 to the
Briacannand Municipality
for improving the sanitary
condition of that station.