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FROM

THE HONOURABLE R. S. ELLIS, C.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
 HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In your letter, dated the 24th March last, No. 1636, you intimated that His Excellency the Governor General in Council was willing to treat the payment of Rupees 20,000 made by this Government to the Municipal Commissioners for the town of Ootacamund as a loan, and that he was also prepared to lend the Municipality Rupees 40,000 more, on the condition that the whole amount of Rupees 60,000 be repaid in full within six years, with interest at five per cent., by annual instalments.

2. In reply, I am directed to transmit copies of the Proceedings of this

Dated 13th April 1869, No. 480.
 Do. 7th July 1869, No. 913.
 Do. 11th August 1869, No. 1112.

Government noted in the margin, from which it will be observed that the grant of Rupees 20,000 made to the Municipal

Commission of Ootacamund was withdrawn immediately on the receipt of your letter, and that the Commissioners were urged to raise the tax on houses from 5 to 7½ per cent. as the most equitable means of meeting the repayment of the loan of Rupees 60,000.

3. Adverting to this suggestion, the President of the Municipal Commission in paragraphs 3 to 5 of his letter, dated

Proceedings, dated 7th July 1869, No. 913.

the 28th May last, No. 2, brought to notice the peculiar condition, at present, of

house-property on the Neilgherries, and the difficulty which presented itself in raising the tax on houses from 5 to 7½ per cent. He added that a loan of Rupees 40,000 would be sufficient for all purposes, and that it would be repaid with interest within ten years.

4. As this arrangement was not likely to be accepted by the Government of India, it was suggested to the Commissioners that a loan of Rupees 30,000 might be found adequate, as it appeared from paragraph 14 of the President's letter, that, by a rough calculation, there was reason to hope a sum of Rupees 34,000 would be sufficient to meet the most pressing requirements of the station. It was also suggested that the loan, with the means at the disposal of the Commissioners, might be repaid with interest in six years.

5. The President in his letter, dated the 2nd instant, No. 15, states that the

Proceedings, dated 11th August 1869, No. 1112.

Commissioners accept the suggestions of this Government, and wish to borrow at once Rupees 20,000, and draw the

balance, Rupees 10,000, during the year 1870-71.

6. His Excellency the Governor in Council considering this to be the best arrangement that can be effected, has, subject to the decision of the Government of India, sanctioned the redisbursement to the Commissioners of the sum of Rupees 20,000, in order that they may arrange for carrying out such works as are urgently necessary for the improvement of the town. This Government have also engaged to make a payment of Rupees 10,000 in 1870-71.

7. The loan of Rupees 30,000 will be repaid with interest at five per cent. in six years.

8. I am to request instructions as to the extent to which this Government may sanction applications from other Municipalities for loans repayable with interest at six per cent. in six years. The Government have now before them an application from the Municipal Commission of Masulipatam for a loan of Rupees 10,000 repayable with interest in five years, and several other such applications are expected from Municipalities who find it necessary to construct works of a permanent nature connected with the drainage and other improvements of towns.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
30th August 1869.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Chief Secretary.

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From Government of Fort St. George.

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Requesting instructions to the extent to which
 this Government may sanction applications from
 Municipalities for loans repayable with interest
 at six per cent. in six years.

Public Department

No. 22

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.

Home Department

Sir,

Wd
In your letter dated the 24th March last, which you intimated that His Excellency the Governor General in Council was willing to meet the payment of Rs. 25,000 made by this Government to the Municipal Committee for the town of Botacemund as a loan, and that he was prepared to lend the Municipality Rs. 40,000 more on the condition that the whole amount of Rs. 65,000 (will) be repaid in full within six years, with interest at 5 per cent, by annual instalments.

2. In reply, I am directed to transmit copies of the Proceedings of this Government.

Government noted in the margin, from which it will be observed that the grant of Rs. 20,000 made to the Municipal Commission of Aotacamund was withdrawn immediately on the receipt of your letter and that the Commissioners were urged to raise the tax on houses from 5 to 7 1/2 per cent. as the most equitable means of meeting the re-payment of the loan of Rs. 60,000.

8. ~~According to this suggestion,~~
the President of the Municipal Commission in paragraphs 3 to 5 of his letter dated the 28th May last No. 2 brought to notice the ~~present~~ condition, at present, of house property in the Nellyheries, and the difficulty which presented itself in raising the tax on houses from 5 to 7 1/2 per cent. He added ~~and stated~~ that a loan of Rs. 40,000 would be sufficient

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sufficient for all ~~purposes~~
and that it would be repaid with interest within ten years.

4. As this arrangement was not likely to be accepted by the Government of India, it was suggested to the Commissioners that a loan of Rs. 80,000 might be found adequate, as it appeared from paragraph 14 of the President's letter, that by a rough calculation, there was reason to hope that a sum of not more than Rs. 24,000 would be sufficient to meet the most pressing requirements of the Station. It was also suggested that ~~with~~ the loan, ^{with} the means at the disposal of the Commissioners, might be repaid with interest in six years.

5. The President in his letter dated the 2nd Instant No. 15, states that the Commissioners accept the suggestions

suggestions of this Government
and wish to borrow at
once Rs 20,000, and draw
the balance Rs 10,000 during
the year 1940-71.

6. His Excellency the
Governor in Council con-
sidering this to be the
best arrangement ^{that} ~~which~~
~~that~~ be effected, has
subject to the decision of
the Government of India,
sanctioned the re-disburse-
ment to the Municipalities,
of the sum of Rs 20,000;
in order that they may
arrange for carrying out
such ^{as} works ~~which~~ are urgently
necessary for the improve-
ment of the town, and
the payment of the sum
of Rs 10,000 in 1940-71.

7. The loan of Rs 20,000
will be repaid with interest,
at five per cent, in six

His Govt. have also
agreed to make a

years.

8. I am instructed to
~~avail myself of this opportunity~~
^{request instructions as to the}
to enquire whether this Govern-
ment may sanction applica-
tions from other Municipalities
for loans, repayable, with
interest at six per cent, in
six years. The Government
have now before them an
application from the Muni-
cipal Commission of Muzul-
patam for a loan of Rs 10,000
repayable with interest
in five years, and several
other such applications are
expected from Municipalities
who find it necessary to
construct works of a
permanent nature connected
with the drainage &
the improvements of towns.

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To
The Secretary to the
Government of
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Dated 186 .

Home 1869 Dept.

From Government of S. S.

Fort St. George.

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6 per cent, in five years.

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