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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	1249/A	Press
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Dated	7-9-	19 1869

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
7th September 1869.

Read the following papers :—

No. 34. To HIS EXCELLENCY LORD NAPIER, K. T.,
Governor of Madras.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the undersigned planters and residents of the Shevaroy's, most heartily welcome your Lordship to these Hills, and express our gratitude for the honour your Lordship has done us, especially as it has rarely happened that a Governor of Madras has visited us.

2. We would respectfully take advantage of your Lordship's presence amongst us to submit to your Lordship's consideration a few practical suggestions which, if carried out, would, in our opinion, materially improve these Hills, and render them more attractive to the casual visitor as well as to the planters and permanent residents generally.

I. The state of the roads.—The only road, exclusive of the ghauts, kept by Government is the one from the top of the Ahtoor ghaut to Nagalore. All the other roads are kept up partly by the Collector from the regular road cess, and partly from local subscriptions. But what is required chiefly now is a good bandy-road as far as the Green Hill Church at least. There are hundreds of acres of ground under cultivation in the direction referred to; and the present and only means of communication is the remnant of a road constructed by the original planters many years ago. This is a mere path which can be travelled over with difficulty by bullocks.

II. A Dispensary.—The want of a Dispensary has been long much felt here. In a place inhabited by so many Europeans, Eurasians, and Natives, the necessity for a Dispensary will be obvious to your Lordship. European medical aid is generally available from the Medical Officers who frequently visit these Hills, but no medicines can be procured at a less distance than Salem, twelve miles off. Your Lordship will, we hope, fully appreciate the absolute necessity for a Dispensary were it for no other purpose than to meet the requirements of emergent cases of sickness.

III. A Magistrate to try Civil suits.—The want of such a Judicial Officer on these Hills is attended with very great inconvenience, a want but very inadequately supplied by the periodic visits, every three months, of the District Moonsiff of Salem. With your Lordship's permission we would take the liberty to suggest that the Deputy Tahsildar on the Hills, who is permanently stationed here, might be empowered as formerly to try all Civil cases within certain limits.

IV. A Treasury and Money-Order Office.—These are also much wanted here, for at present every planter resident and casual visitor is obliged to make his own arrangements with reference to the conveyance of coin from Salem or Madras.

3. The above suggestions, which we have now submitted, we deem necessary for the public benefit of the Shevaroy Hills, and we most respectfully hope that your Lordship, while here, will make the necessary inquiries regarding them, and that they will meet with your Lordship's favourable consideration.

We have, &c.,
(Signed) L. LEMESLE,
and twenty-three others.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
7th September 1869.*

No. 35.

GENTLEMEN,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of the address which you have forwarded to his Lordship, and in reply to communicate to you the following observations:—

2. The application for a grant of money for the construction of a good bandy-road as far as the Green Hill Church, will be referred to the Collector, with a view to his submitting to Government an estimate of the cost of this road, and a statement whether it will be possible to allot any portion of the Road Cess Fund in aid of its construction.

3. I am at the same time to point out that as the proportion of the Salem Road cess, contributed by the Planters on the Shevaroy Hills, is exceedingly small, it may reasonably be expected that, at least, one-half of the cost of the Green Hill Church road will be contributed by those most interested in this work.

4. As regards the establishment of a Dispensary on the Shevaroy Hills, his Lordship observes that the necessity for such an institution arises principally on account of the coolies employed temporarily on the coffee estates, and that the cost of the establishment, dieting, and of a suitable building should be borne by the proprietors of these estates. The Government, on being informed that the planters and permanent residents are willing to bear this portion of the cost, will be prepared favourably to consider the provision of a Subordinate Medical Officer and the usual medicines.

5. As regards the request that the Deputy Tahsildar on the Shevaroy Hills should be invested with the powers of a District Moonsiff, His Excellency observes that the High Court recently considered that a District Moonsiff's Court was not required at Yercaud, and that it would be sufficient to direct the District Moonsiff of Salem periodically to visit Yercaud for the disposal of such suits as may be filed by the residents on the Shevaroy Hills.

6. It has been brought to his Lordship's notice that the District Moonsiff of Salem has omitted visiting Yercaud for a period of twelve months. This circumstance will be brought to the notice of the High Court, with a view to instructions being issued to secure the District Moonsiff's Court being held at Yercaud at least once in three months.

7. The request that a Treasury and Money-Order Office may be established at Yercaud to meet the increased requirements of the planters and residents appears reasonable, and will be referred to the Accountant General for report.

CAMP ADAMANCOTTAH,

22nd July 1869.

To Messrs. Lemesle, Lechler, and others,

I have the honour to be, &c.,

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,

Chief Secretary.

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1869, No. 1249.

With reference to the address above recorded, and the reply thereto by His Excellency the Governor, the Government resolve to request the Board of Revenue to call upon the Collector of Salem for an estimate of the cost of the proposed extension of the road to the Green Hill Church, and for a statement of the amount that can be allotted for this purpose from the Road Cess Fund.

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7th September 1869.*

2. The Honourable the Judges of the High Court will be requested to issue such orders as they may think necessary to the District Moonsiff of Salem to insure his regularly visiting Yercaud, for the disposal of suits filed by the residents on the Shevaroy Hills.

3. The Accountant General will be requested to state whether the establishment of a small Treasury and Money-Order Office at Yercaud can be carried out within reasonable limits as to expenditure, should its establishment on inquiry be found necessary.

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

No. 36A. To the Honourable Sir C. H. SCOTLAND, Kt., Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature, Madras; dated Fort Saint George, 7th September 1869, No. 1249A.

I am directed to transmit copy of the enclosed Proceedings of this Government,

Dated 7th September 1869, No. 1249.

and to request that the Honourable the Judges of the High Court will be so good as to issue such orders as they may deem necessary to the District Moonsiff of Salem to insure his regularly visiting Yercaud on the Shevaroy Hills for the disposal of suits filed by the residents there.

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

Gentlemen

I am directed by His Excellency
the Governor, to acknowledge
the receipt of the address
which you have ^{presented} ~~addressed~~
to his Lordship and in
reply to the ^{request} ~~request~~ which
is brought by you to return
to inform you as follows.
contained in the address
to communicate to you
the following observations.
The application for a
grant of money for the
construction of a good

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TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE
OF THE CHIEF COURT

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G. O. 7th September 1869, No. 120A.

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To receive the Honorable the Judges of the
High Court with reference to the proceedings of
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and a statement whether
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contribution of the ^{Road} ~~Cep~~
Fund in aid of the
its construction.

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as the property of the
^{Infant} Road ceps, contributed
by the ^{on the Shevany Hills,} ~~Planters~~ is exceedingly
small, it may be reasonably
be expected that at least
one half of the cost
of the Green Hill Church ~~road~~ ^{work} will
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by those most interested
in this ~~road~~ ^{work} —
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to consider the provision of a
subordinate Medical officer and
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Tahildar on the Shevaroy Hills
should be invested with the
powers of a District Miff ~~does not~~
His ~~Excellency~~ Excellency observes

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considered that a District
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such suits as may ^{from time to time} ~~have~~
been filed by the residents
on the Shevaroy Hills.
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at Yerevan to meet the increased
requirements of the Planters &
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Accountant General for report.

I have the honor
to be gentlemen

Yours obediently

R. S. M.
Chief Secretary

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W. H.

Hunter's grievances

Hunter

Collector & Magistrate

1. Wants a small sum
treasury at Yercaud to
enable the Planters to
get Accountant General's
bills cashed - (5000 Rs)

Collector thinks this reasonable
and that it will be a great
convenience to the Planters.

2. Site for a small
settlement, artisans
& other workmen.

End of Fraser's land
joining on to Macfarlane

2 Collector approves & is
willing to allot land provided
they build according to a
reasonable plan

3 Dr. Smith's proposal
about a Corby Dispensary

3. Reasonable if the
Planters who attract the
Corby's contribute

4. That the Sub-Mag be
invested with powers of MfF
That his Magisterial powers
be increased to 1st class.

That he appointed Sub-
Registrar of Assurances.

4. The collector is of opinion
that a MfF court is unnecessary
& will lead to increased litigation
between Mulialis & Major Hunter
As regards Magisterial powers states
that the Magistrate's file does not
point to the necessity of increased powers
would rather send at short intervals
an App. to hold a Magisterial Court
for grave cases. Has no objection in

difficulty by bullocks.

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respect of registration. The
Registration Office has only
recently been removed as unseparated.
The distance is not excessive to say
& the registrations exceedingly
^{not frequent & scarce} scarce. All these three demands
are made exclusively for Major
Hunter.

5-
An order has been issued
forbidding his leaving except
to the Sub Judge's Court at
Gereah.

5. Magistrate
The Collector explains that
finding that the Sub Judge
was unable to cope with Major
Hunter. he directed that cases
in which that gentleman
was concerned either as Plaintiff or
Defendant should be referred to
the Magistrate.

The plan of deputing an assistant
to try these cases will obviate
any practical inconvenience
to Major Hunter.

This plan is in force.

6
Complains that Mr. Shukla
remained without working
Gereah for a year. from April
to April.

6.
Beyond Magistrate's control
but believes his absence was
owing to their being no suits to try
at B. This might be mentioned to
Revenue Office Court.

7.
Hunter who is anxious to
extend plantation complains
that the Collector refuses to
give him land which he
is anxious to convert into
paddy by redemption of
the Land Revenue.

8 Delay in the issue of
Pattahs for land which Major
Hunter has purchased from
private individuals.

7.
Collector explains, that the
lands to which Major Hunter applies
for are lands with wood &
streams (sholaks) or where
there is a thoroughfare. The
objection to giving there - is
the difficulty of controlling Major
Hunter in the matter of cutting
wood, diverting the stream, and
closing thoroughfares. -

8.
In order to the issue of a fresh
pattah it is necessary that
the original pattah due should
present a release. The purchaser
gives in his application for
a pattah & the document
namely the new pattah can
then be issued.

Mr. Pochin explains that
altho' Major Hunter is in possession
& pays the revenue. he is forbidden
to issue a fresh pattah unless
the original holder comes forward
with deed of release. -

difficulty by taluqas.

9.

Complaint of removal of his plants, grown on forbidden limit on border of stream.

10. ^{applied for a pottah for} Has ~~applied~~ a bit of land at the Shev arvy Hill station for which he can't get a pottah or get the land identified.

9.

The Collector will forward the report which he has submitted to the Board who have approved his proceedings. The case has now become in connection with that of the Malialis (Moollee village, the subject of a suit in the Appellate Court) having applied to be made a deft.

10. Collector explains that Marn Hunter applied for a piece of land all round the station but did not get a pottah for it from the Collector, because it was necessary to give the Railway Company the land they required round their station. The remaining land not required for the Railway ^{has} been given to Marn Hunter, if he ~~has~~ ^{can} have the pottah for it on application.

11

Denies permission to fire the bamboo jungles & grapes - in order to benefit Malialis & for sanitary objects to keep off fever.

11

There are no bamboo jungles near Marn Hunter's own property.

Collector objects to the firing it is not required for the settlement of Europeans & the bamboo jungle is not near them.

The bamboo jungle is useful & some begin burning there is no limit to the mischief done.

12. Maliali grazing grounds

12. Collector states that there are plenty of places - unfit for coffee - suitable for grazing - rocky hill sides &c. &c. which may justly be reserved for the hill people. -

over with difficulty by bullocks.

Attn
Major Hunter's
Case.

To

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Your Lordship's most obedient Servants

L. Lusscock
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C. Graham.

J. Brown

J. Daly

H. Spencer

J. H. W. R.
Edgar

B. L. L. L.

J. Robert Viscardi

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Adm. R. C. Priest

J. R. P. L. L.

Charles L. L.

J. R. L. L.

G. L. L.

C. W. L.

C. L. L.

R. L. L.

C. L. L.

Chas. Grant
Grant
A. A. Winton

20. 12. 1869

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Public Department.

Read the following letter *address from*
the Planters and Residents
of the Shevaroy
Read reply thereto
dated 22nd July, 1869.

Order thereon no 1249. 7th Sep/69.

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I am disposed to doubt the necessity of this & would modify the para on account
Wry

To
The Honble Judges of the High Court
Board of Revenue
Accountant General
Messrs. L & Meade, Leckler & others

Sept 9/9

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Public
Judicial Department.

No 1249 A.

To

The Honorable Sir Colley Harman Scotland.
Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature
Madras

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Dated 7 September/69. No 1249

Govt. of 1863 Minutes.

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To
The Honorable the Chief Justice of the
High Court.
Madras

Dated Sept. 7. } 1869, No. 1249.

Nos. 34. 36.

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Passing orders with re.
ference to an address
presented by the planter
& residents of the place
- viz. Hills to His Excellency
the Governor on the occa-
- sion of his late visit to
that station.

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Hills for the disposal
of suits filed by the
residents there.

I have recd.

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Fort St George.
7 September/49.

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To the Honorable the Chief Justice
of the High Court

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Respecting the Honorable the
Judges of the High Court,
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there.