

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Police DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	346	Press ~~Mis~~
Dated	18. 3	19 1869

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
18th March 1869.

No. 140. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 9th March 1869, No. 759.

Funds for the repair of the Civil Hospital
at Ootacamund, Coimbatore District, } (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Dept.,
promised to be provided from the } dated 9th March 1869, Nos. 245 & 246).
Reserve of 1869-70.

No. 141. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1869, No. 346.

Communicated to the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills.

(True Extract).

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

To the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th March 1869.*

No. 245. Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Ootacamund, 24th February 1869, No. 6:—

1. I have the honour to enclose a letter from the Chairman of the Ootacamund Hospital Committee regarding the leaky state of the new Hospital building, and the urgent necessity that exists for putting it into repair before the next monsoon.

2. From the Proceedings of Government, forwarded herewith, it will be observed that an estimate for the erection of the Hospital was framed by the Executive Engineer, who was subsequently directed to execute the work. He did so, and the building, as he himself describes it, (see his letter, 9th J-ly 1868, No. 73,) "leaks in all directions."

3. I regret that I cannot come to the same conclusion as the Executive Engineer, as to the cause of this state of things. The situation of the Hospital is, I should say, rather sheltered than otherwise. It certainly is not more exposed than half the houses of Ootacamund. I can only, therefore, come to the conclusion that materials must have been used which, if not bad altogether, were certainly inadequate to the purpose; and the Committee feel very strongly (and as it seems to me with justice) that they could not be expected to exercise any control over the Executive Engineer in such a matter.

4. The Superintending Engineer estimates the necessary repairs at Rupees 1,940. I can assure the Government that the Committee have not funds at their disposal to meet even a quarter of this sum. But even if they had funds I respectfully submit that, under the circumstances, the Committee seem to me to be justified in looking to Government to repair the roof so as to render the wards habitable.

5. There are but two-and-a-half months before the monsoon weather sets in, and it is of the utmost importance, as the Chairman says, that the repairs should be taken in hand at once, or we shall have to pass another season like the last, when, as I am informed, at each heavy fall of rain, the patients' beds had to be dragged hither and thither to avoid the drip.

—

From the Chairman of the Civil Hospital Committee, to the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, dated Ootacamund, 23rd February 1869.

1. By desire of the Hospital Committee, I have the honour to address you on the subject of the lamentably leaky condition of the new Hospital at this station.

2. The question was brought directly under the notice of Government in my letter of the 5th August last, when the existing action of the south-west monsoon made it painfully apparent that no European patients could be kept in the wards devoted to that class without actual danger. It was then pointed out that the Engineers considered no effectual remedy could be applied, save in the removal of the pan tiles, and substituting continuous roofing iron for the flat tiles below them; that the Hospital funds were wholly inadequate to meet the expense of this; and reasons were advanced why the extra expenditure ought not to fall upon the Hospital funds.

3. The Government was pleased in its Orders of 4th September, No. 1,117, in the Public Department, and of 18th idem, No. 2,958, in the Public Works Department, to order the provision of funds for making the alteration, above recited, in the roof of the Hospital; but it was observed that funds were not, at the latter date, at the disposal of the Public Works Department for the work in question.

Oot. of 1869 24th Mar.

PUBLIC.

To

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE
NEILGHERRY HILLS.

Dated March, 18th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 18th March 1869, No. 346.

MARCH.
Nos. 140-141.

Communicating from the Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department, regarding funds, for
the repair of the Ootacamund Civil Hospital, from
the Reserve of 1869-70.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th March 1869.*

4. The Committee would now ask you to bring under the serious consideration of Government that the season for working operations at Ootacamund is fast passing away—scarcely more than two months remaining in which it would be safe to remove a roof—and that it will be a most deplorable state of things if a third season should come upon us and find the Hospital unfitted to accomplish the benevolent object for which it was erected.

5. As you are yourself a Member of the Hospital Committee, you will be fully aware of the inefficient character of the roof of the building, and of the utter absence of funds to enable the Committee to remedy it in any degree. It is unnecessary, therefore, that I should dwell more particularly on these points. But the Committee venture to entertain a confident hope, that when the facts are pressed upon Government, with the confirmation of your personal knowledge, it will be induced to consider whether a Reserve Fund may not be drawn upon to meet the expense of a work which is of such pressing and critical emergency.

No. 246.

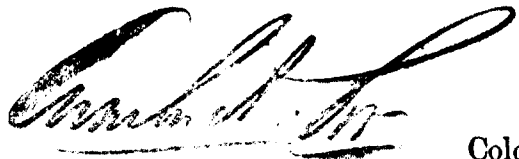
ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1869, No. 759.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 34.

The Government regret that no funds are at present at their disposal for appropriation to this work. A grant for

it will however be made from the Reserve of next year, and the Superintending Engineer will include the amount required in his demand statement to be submitted after the 1st April, and will instruct Major Farewell to put the work in hand on that date.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

„ Accountant General.

„ Public Department.

*Pro 3^d October 1868 Nos. 10 & 11 -
- 24 Sept - 78-79 -*

hit of 6 April

Govt. of 1869, Madras.
Public
Pro 400 PUBLIC WORKS. Sept

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

7TH DIVISION.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 9th.

Recd. — " — 15 — *Encl.*

G. O., 9th March 1869, No. 759.

MARCH.

Nos. 245-246

Pro 346 - 18 March/69
Communicated
to the Commissioner
of the Pulicherry Hills.

MU

No 413

Civil Hospital at Ootacamund.—Funds
for the repair of the Civil Hospital at
Ootacamund, Coimbatore District, promised
to be provided from the Reserve of 1869-70.

With an order

to the Commr. of the Hills depts 1869
1869-70.

Govt. of 1869 Madras.

Public

To the Commissioner of the
Nilgherry Hills

Dated March 18th

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 18th March 1869, No. 346

Nos. 140-141

Conveyance of Govt. P. & T. Dept.
providing funds, for the repair
of the Government Civil
Hospital, from the Reserve
of 1869-70.