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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department.

7th July 1869.

No. 21. Read the following letter from the President of the Ootacamund Municipal Commission, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 28th May 1869, No. 2.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Proceedings of Government, Public Department, dated 13th April 1869, Nos. 123 and 124, embodying a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, (Public,) cancelling the order under date 9th February 1869, No. 180, which sanctioned a grant-in-aid of Rupees 20,000 to the Ootacamund Municipality, and offering Rupees 60,000 as a loan on certain conditions, and to inform you that the same have been laid before the Municipal Commissioners of this town, by whom I have been requested to submit the following remarks as embodying their views upon the subject matter of the Government Order under reply.

2. In paragraph 3 of their order of 13th April, the Government remark, with reference to the proposals of the Government of India, that the amount, Rupees 10,000 per annum, to be raised by increased taxation for the purpose of repaying the loan of Rupees 60,000 is *moderate*; and that the most equitable means of meeting this requirement will be by raising the tax on houses from 5 to 7½ per cent.

3. The Commissioners do not think that the Government can be aware of the peculiar condition at present of house property in this Municipality, when they suppose that the rate can be so easily augmented, and the increased charge to owners met by a slight increase of rental to tenants during the Ootacamund season.

4. In former years when sick leave to the Hills was taken for long periods of time, the house-owners found continuous tenants for their property; but all this is now changed, the facilities of the overland route take home all those who have long terms of sick certificate. The privilege leave of which so many avail themselves, only embraces terms so short that most people shrink from the expense and inconvenience of setting up an establishment for the brief period. The consequence is that, excepting those occupied by the handful of permanent residents, no houses (speaking generally) are filled save those of boarding-housekeepers and hotels. Landlords are compelled to let houses on very short leases; rents are generally lowered; no one can *calculate* upon receiving rent for his houses for more than three months in the year, (many cannot calculate even upon this,) and mere interest on the investment is barely realizable, setting aside any return to cover wear and tear. In further corroboration of these remarks, the Commissioners would mention that, at the present moment, which is the "season" of this sanitarium, there are no less than forty-two houses untenanted, and seventy-nine (including most of the largest houses in the place) are for sale.

5. Such being the true position at present of house property in Ootacamund, the Commissioners have expressed their emphatic opinion, in which I concur, that they cannot conscientiously advocate the immediate augmentation of the house-tax by raising the rate from 5 to 7½ per cent. The introduction of such a measure would, the Commissioners feel convinced, hasten the ruin of a station which even now is far from being a flourishing one. It seems, indeed, almost certain that in consideration of the marked deterioration in the value of house property, even since

the introduction here of the 'Towns' Improvement Act X. of 1865, the amount on which the various assessments have been calculated will ere long have to be lowered, if they are to represent the present values at all accurately.

6. The Commissioners fully recognise and appreciate the interest taken by Government in Ootacamund, as shown, amongst other ways, by the water supply and Swamp Reclamation Projects now being carried out in this station. It is, however, certain that, in addition to the above, extensive conservancy improvements of a permanent character are now absolutely necessary. This necessity appears with all the more force since the disrepute into which, as a sanitarium, Ootacamund has of late fallen, is not confined to this presidency, or even to India generally, but has found expression in England in the form of an Official Memorandum by the Horse Guards Sanitary Commission, while denying that this widespread stigma is justified by facts, the Commissioners yet believe, and seemingly not without good grounds, that it has already been productive of consequences prejudicial to the prosperity of this station.

7. It is undeniable that the insanitary condition of Ootacamund, which has attracted such general notice, is due to years of neglect on the part of Government servants. This was admitted by the Government in paragraph 2 of their Order, Public Department, dated 2nd September 1868, No. 1107. Government in this Order further acknowledged their sense of the efforts made by the Municipal Commissioners to remedy existing evils. Those efforts, the Commissioners can conscientiously say, have been steadily maintained, and extended, so far as the small funds at their disposal and the circumstances of the case would allow; and they have no hesitation in stating that the condition of this sanitarium has of late greatly improved. It seems but too likely that the more serious type of sickness, two cases of which occurred here last year, were due to the imperatively necessary removal of long-standing nuisances bad enough when left alone, but far more offensive when disturbed as causing for the time a more widely spread taint of the atmosphere. These nuisances, it must be remembered, had accumulated while the conservancy of Ootacamund was undertaken by the Government, and the expense as well as the blame attaching to the immediate results of their removal had to be borne by the Municipal Commissioners.

8. From paragraph 2 of the letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, (Public,) the Commissioners learn that, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor, as expressed in his Minute of 6th July 1868, the Municipality of Ootacamund *deserves no special consideration*; on this ground, and from their disinclination to establish what is called the "most inconvenient precedent" of assigning money from Imperial revenues for a *purely local* purpose, the Government of India regret their inability to sanction the proposed grant of Rupees 20,000 to this Municipality. I am desired to say that the Commissioners are unable to refrain from an expression of their utter astonishment at the remarks in the paragraph above cited. They believe it to be generally considered, and to be matter of fact, that Ootacamund is the most important sanitarium of this presidency, and for this reason especially, although others of weight are not wanting, it deserves "special consideration;" while money granted for its improvement, in

sanitary or other ways, cannot properly be looked upon as given for a *purely local* purpose. They regret greatly to see that the action of the Government of India is professedly based upon the above view of His Excellency: and this all the more because, in their letter, No. 118 of 27th January last, (written long subsequently to His Excellency's Minute,) the Madras Government submitted a proposal which could have emanated only from the decided opinion that Ootacamund did deserve special consideration, and which would, therefore, naturally lead to the conclusion that further information and subsequent reflection had led His Excellency the Governor to modify the views he had formerly placed on record.

9. In the early days of Ootacamund the Government encouraged settlers, both European and Native, at this station in every way they could; and even as the Commissioners are informed lent money to officers at five per cent. for building purposes. The Government wished to see this station available as a sanitarium for public servants. It must have been in part pursuance of such design that the Government managed the conservancy of the place.

10. It is well-known that, during this management, the medical officers regularly and pertinaciously represented the necessity for something being done to improve the condition of the place, and mitigate evils that were already arising from past neglect, yet nothing was done. The evil was allowed to accumulate unchecked.

11. Sir Charles Trevelyan's Government appointed a local Improvement Committee, avowedly to essay to remedy what, it was acknowledged, ~~arose from~~ past neglect; and, though the subsequent Government dissolved this Committee, it did not do so because it in any way repudiated the admitted obligation, but because it did not consider that public money should be disposed of by an irresponsible Committee.

12. At the time of the introduction into Ootacamund of Act X. of 1865, the Municipal Commissioners stepped into the position formerly assumed by the Government as supervisors of conservancy arrangements. The Commissioners, however, started with this disadvantage, that their chief and most pressing duty was to remove the foul collections of nearly half a century from the centre of their township. This was simply impossible with the small funds at their disposal, and experience has shown that the Commissioners can never hope with their current funds to do more than prevent further accumulation of filth. Nor does it seem probable that even this much can be effected, until after the completion of certain conservancy improvements of a permanent character, the undoubted necessity for which has given rise to the present correspondence.

13. The Commissioners have learnt with deep regret of the refusal by the Government of India to sanction the grant of Rupees 20,000, already paid in anticipation of sanction by the local Government. The Commissioners were grateful for what they considered great, but just, liberality on the part of Government; but now seeing no prospect of accomplishing the necessary improvements otherwise than by contract of a special loan, they will be prepared to borrow, even up to Rupees 60,000, should they see their way to expending so large a sum advantageously, but only in such instalments as may be from time to time required.

The improvements in contemplation are so extensive and varied that a period of two years at least will be required for their completion, and this the more especially because undue hurry in the execution of the different works might be fraught with danger to their ultimate efficiency, and to the most profitable expenditure of the amount laid out.

14. While tendering their acknowledgments of the offer contained in the Government Order under reply of a loan of Rupees 60,000, the Commissioners would express their opinion that the Government have over-estimated the outlay requisite to place the conservancy status of Ootacamund upon a proper footing.

In their Minutes* of Special Meetings held on 6th and 11th May 1868, at which meetings the Sanitary Commissioner and the then President of this Municipal Commission were present, the Commissioners, in conjunction with those officers, drew up a statement of what they believed to be the most pressing requirements of Ootacamund, the cost of which was roughly calculated at Rupees 34,000. Some of the entries in this statement will doubtless call for modification, but the Commissioners believe that in amount it is approximately correct, and that a sum of Rupees 40,000 at any rate will amply suffice for all purposes.

15. The Commissioners have every confidence that, upon a perusal of the circumstances set forth at the commencement of this letter, the Government will admit that the house property in Ootacamund cannot now possibly bear the addition of 2½ per cent. to the existing house-tax, and that thus all prospect of increasing the municipal revenues is for the present closed, and in this belief the Commissioners would respectfully solicit the favourable consideration by the Government of their request that the period for repayment of the loan contracted may be extended from six to ten years, the time formerly fixed by the Government in paragraph 5 of their Order, Public Department, No. 1348, dated 28th October 1868. Should the Government see fit to comply with their request, the Commissioners will be prepared to borrow in the course of the current year Rupees 20,000, or the equivalent, in amount, of the grant-in-aid, if such a sum can be expended. Considering that many works are dependent on the progress of the Swamp Reclamation scheme, the manner in which it is proposed to lay out this sum is shown in the accompanying revised estimate, prepared in accordance with Government Order, Public Department, No. 379, dated 24th March 1869.

16. In the event of the views above enunciated meeting with the approval of the Government, the Commissioners would suggest the following provision for repayment of the loan with interest. In estimate Statement A for the year ending 30th April 1870, (recorded in Proceedings of Government, Public Department, of 24th March 1869, Nos. 204 to 206,) Rupees 6000 had been set aside under head "I. Works." Of this sum, in the accompanying revised estimate, Rupees 3000 are devoted to part repayment of the loan with interest at five per cent.; and it is suggested that, for every Rupees 20,000 borrowed, Rupees 3000 should be similarly appropriated. There would seem to be little or no probability that a heavier loan than Rupees 40,000 in all will be required; especially when it is remembered that, out of the

ordinary receipts for the current year, Rupees 3000 will be available for the purposes for which the loan is contracted, and that the Commissioners have already in stock iron-sheeting and timber and other building material of the value of about Rupees 3000 more. The apportionment, therefore, out of the annual receipts of Rupees 3000 for every Rupees 20,000 drawn on loan, would insure the repayment of the full loan amount, if this should not exceed Rupees 40,000, with interest within ten years. Should the event show the necessity for a loan in excess of Rupees 40,000, the Commissioners would propose such special arrangements, for the repayment of the surplus sum, as the altered circumstances and actual condition of this Municipality at the time may suggest.

17. The Rupees 20,000 which it is proposed to borrow, and, if possible, to expend in the course of the current year, are shown in the enclosed estimates of receipts and disbursements. In paragraph 2 of the Government Order* the sum (derived from the ordinary receipts)

* Public Department, No. 379, dated 24th March 1869, and recorded in Proceedings of the same date, Nos. 204 to 206.

at the disposal of the Commissioners, has, it would seem, been incorrectly calculated. The Government contribution should be one-third of the amount raised by the Commissioners, first deducting from the latter figure the item of Rupees 950, which is entered in Statement A as repayable to tax-payers, and which should, therefore, be excluded from the sum on which the State has to pay a contribution of 25 per cent., (vide paragraph 4 of Government Order, Public Department, dated 19th September 1868, No. 1168, recorded in Proceedings of the same date, Nos. 164 and 165). The amount on which the Government share should be computed is thus

• 24,300
950
3) 23,350
7,783-5-4

reduced from Rupees 24,300 to Rupees 23,350 and the Government share is Rupees* 7783-5-4. Adding to Rupees 23,350 the Government share, Rupees 7783-5-4, and the balance in hand from

last year, Rupees 2066-10-8, (this item has been altered in the present estimate,) as well as the amount of the Government loan Rupees 20,000, the total amount at credit of the Municipal Fund, during the year 1869-70, will be Rupees 53,200.

18. The instructions contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Government Order of 24th March last have received attention in the estimates now submitted.

19. A few remarks appear necessary upon the item of latrines entered under "Buildings" in head "I. Works." In paragraph 7 of their Order,† Public Department, dated 28th October 1868,

† Recorded in Proceedings of same date, Nos. 153 to 155.

No. 1348, the Government sought their approval of the plan of the latrines submitted by the Commissioners, suggesting at the same time some slight alterations. The estimated cost of each of such latrines was Rupees 1800, and it provided the requisite accommodation for twenty persons at one time. Latrines of the dimensions originally contemplated must necessarily have been erected at considerable distances apart from each other, and the Commissioners are now convinced that it is absolutely essential for the regular and general use of latrines, that they should

be within easy access to all for whom they are constructed. The Commissioners, therefore, consider that the best plan would be to construct latrines of a small size, and erect them in such close proximity to each other, that no one would have any objection to resorting to them, merely on the score of their remoteness from his dwelling-house. The latrines now estimated for are identical in style of structure with those formerly approved of by the Government. With regard to the absence of arrangements for washing in the original plan, it is to be remarked that every native, when satisfying the calls of nature, takes with him a small pot containing water, unless the place resorted to be one where water is naturally at hand. The Commissioners, therefore, do not think that special provision for washing will be needed, but, should experience prove them to be wrong in this idea, they will introduce the necessary requirements, as soon as the advanced state of the water-supply project will admit of their so doing.

20. The Commissioners desire me to say that they observe with pain the remarks with which the Government order concludes, and especially the grounds upon which these remarks appear to be based; or, in other words, the assumption by the Government that the Commissioners are not prepared to do their duty by the Municipality of which they are the representatives. The Commissioners desire me also to express their surprise and regret at the entertainment by the Government of views involving serious reflection upon the Commissioners as a body: views, moreover, for the expression of which, albeit impliedly only, the Commissioners feel constrained to observe, no justification can be found, either in the attitude taken by the Commissioners upon the question discussed in this letter, or in their conduct of municipal business generally. They desire me to add that if, while labouring conscientiously to carry out an onerous and thankless public duty—a duty emphatically rendered the more onerous by past Government neglect—the Commissioners are to receive only such a recognition of their services as is conveyed in paragraph 5 of the Government Order, it cannot be expected that gentlemen will be found to undertake the office with any readiness or satisfaction. The Commissioners are fully alive to, and have always freely admitted, the necessity for the expenditure of a large sum of money if the reputation of Ootacamund as a sanitarium is to be at all effectively maintained; and they are unable to see why the Government should express their wishes in the manner they have done, as to carrying out improvements, the necessity for which the Commissioners have always recognised, and for the speedy and effectual furtherance of which they have ever been anxious to do their utmost, consistently with paying due regard to the peculiar circumstances, and claims to Government assistance, of the residents at this sanitarium.

A.

DETAIL of estimates for new works and improvements proposed to be carried out by the Municipal Commissioners for the town of Ootacamund during the year 1869-70, for the purposes specified in Section 25 of Act X. of 1865, (Madras).

Description.	Amount of estimate.			Proposed expenditure for 1869-70.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
I. WORKS—						
<i>Buildings—</i>						
Seventy-four latrines, (thirty-seven for each sex,) 8×6, corrugated iron sides and roofing, brick and asphalt floor with trench, at Rupees 200 each	14,800	0	0			
Beef Slaughter Lines	3,000	0	0			
<i>Roads —</i>						
In part obliteration of the old deep drains, and part construction of improved surface-drainage and re-shaping of roads in the main bazaar	5,000	0	0			
<i>Drains—</i>						
In various parts of the town	200	0	0	23,000	0	0
II. REPAIRS—						
<i>Buildings—</i>						
Including cost of lime-washing Police Lines, Station, Market, &c.	200	0	0			
<i>Roads</i>	3,729	9	3			
<i>Drains</i>	200	0	0	4,129	9	3
III. CONSERVANCY.—						
Purchase of cart-boxes (iron) for night soil, six at Rupees 100 each				600	0	0
Repairs of carts (eleven)				300	0	0
Digging pits for night soil and clearing acacia, &c.				454	0	0
Hire of sixteen (about) pairs of bullocks, at Rupees 1-4-0 per pair per day, (about)				3,660	0	0
Conservancy Inspector	50	0	0	600	0	0
Four Maistries	60	0	0	720	0	0
One Head Sweeper... ..	9	0	0	108	0	0
Twelve 1st Class Sweepers	96	0	0	1,152	0	0
Do. 2nd do.	84	0	0	1,608	0	0
Eight 3rd do.	48	0	0	576	0	0
Four 4th do.	20	0	0	240	0	0
Sundries, cumblies, baskets, brooms, ropes, grease, &c.				136	0	0
IV. POLICE—						
Total expenditure for the year ending 30th April 1870				7,662	6	9

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Detail of estimates for new works and improvements, &c.—(Continued).

Particulars.	Salary.						Total.
	Per mensem.			Per annum.			
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	
V. ESTABLISHMENT—							
<i>Supervision and management—</i>							
Office establishment	167	0	0	2,004	0	0	3,576 0 0
Collector's do.	131	0	0	1,572	0	0	
<i>Miscellaneous charges—</i>							
Office rent	...	...	...	378	0	0	1,328 0 0
Furniture, stationery, postage, printing, &c.	...	...	...	450	0	0	
Plant and tools	...	...	...	500	0	0	3,950 0 0
Refund to tax-payers	...	...	...	950	0	0	
In part re-payment of Government loan with interest at 5 per cent.	...	...	...	3,000	0	0	8,854 0 0

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
OOTACAMUND, 28th May 1869.

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,
President.

B.

ABSTRACT of charges under all heads to be incurred by the Municipal Commissioners for the town of Ootacamund during the year ending on the 30th of April 1870.

	Estimated expenditure.		
	Amount.		
	RS.	A.	P.
1. New works and improvements	23,000	0	0
2. Repairs	4,129	9	3
3. Conservancy	9,554	0	0
4. Police	7,662	6	9
5. Establishment	3,576	0	0
Miscellaneous charges	1,328	0	0
For purposes other than those specified in Section 25	49,250	0	0
	3,950	0	4
Total...	53,200	0	0

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
OOTACAMUND, 28th May 1869.

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,
President.

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7th July 1869.**

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C.

ESTIMATED receipts for the year ending on the 30th April 1870.

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Rates on houses and buildings	11,500	0	0
2. Tax on arts, trades, and professions	4,500	0	0
3. Tolls	3,000	0	0
4. Tax on carriages and animals	200	0	0
5. Registration of carts and vehicles without springs	2,100	0	0
6. Fees for licensing slaughter-houses and offensive trades	800	0	0
7. Fines and other miscellaneous receipts	2,200	0	0
Market tolls			
Total...	24,300	0	0
Deduct refunds to tax-payers, (about)	950	0	0
	23,350	0	0
Add Government contribution at 25 per cent. on the total amount to be raised and expended (less the above deduction)	7,783	5	4
Balance on hand from last year, (about)	2,066	10	8
Amount of Government loan under Government Order, Public Department, No. 480, dated 13th April 1869	20,000	0	0
Grand Total...	53,200	0	0

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
OOTACAMUND, 28th May 1869.

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,
President.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 7th July 1869, No. 913.

Before considering the several points touched upon in the foregoing letter from the President of the Ootacamund Municipal Commission, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves that the Municipal Commissioners be informed that, as the conditions proposed in paragraph 16 of their President's letter for the repayment of the loan of Rupees 40,000 within ten years, are not likely to be accepted by the Government of India, it is desirable that they should limit the loan to such an amount as they can, without interfering with other arrangements, repay, with interest, in six years.

2. From paragraph 14 of the President's report it appears that by a rough calculation there is reason to hope that a sum of not more than Rupees 34,000 will be sufficient to meet the most pressing requirements of the station. Assuming that Rupees 30,000 will be an adequate amount, it is suggested that the Commissioners might arrange for the acceptance of a loan to that extent, and for its repayment in six years.

3. It appears to the Government that the means at the Commissioners' disposal will admit of their making this arrangement, especially as, by a correct computation, the Commissioners will receive a larger contribution from Government than they have reckoned upon.

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7th July 1869.*

4. In the estimates submitted by the President the contribution is entered at Rupees 7783-5-4. The exact amount, however, is Rupees 11,652-8-0, which is obtained thus:—

	RS.
Expenditure as per Statement B. for purposes under	
Section 25.....	49,250
<i>Deduct</i> —Cost of Beef Slaughter-houses.....	3,000
Total...	<u>46,250</u>

Twenty-five per cent. or one-fourth of this amount is, as above shown, Rs. 11,562.

5. Markets and slaughter-houses are not provided for in Section 25 of the Towns' Improvement Act, and Government do not, therefore, pay any contribution on expenditure incurred in their erection or repair.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the President of the Ootacamund Municipal Commission.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE OOTACAMUND
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.

Dated July, 7th.

Recd.

G. O., 7th July 1869, No. 913.

JULY.
Nos. 21-22.

Suggesting a reduction of the loan required
by the Commissioners to Rupees 30,000, and its
repayment within six years.

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My dear Ellis,

You will have got my letter
sending up the opinions of the
Municipal Commissioners on
the order of Govt^y regarding the
20000 grant.

It would be greatly appreciated
if the Govt could still under
the Municipality some aid
in addition to the loan - and
it strikes me that this might
be done in the shape of a
gang of Consts (say 40 or 50)
to be maintained by Govt in
the jail here and to be held
permanently at the disposal
of the President of the Mun:

Commission for municipal
work.

In levelling, in filling up pits,
in making & cleaning Bazar
^{road} drains, in removing the accumulation
undergrowth and in a too
ways a gang might be of great
service to the Municipality.

I have been over the jail here
and do not think there will be
any difficulty in housing 40
or 50 additional long-sentenced
men, if the Govt thought the
plan desirable.

The Senior Med. Officer has
reputed very favorably of the
effect of the municipal work
during the last year - & there is
no question about it - but to
fight with so stinking &
reflected a place requires
constant effort - considering

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and the enormous extent
of roadway & drains & that
the place is the Sanitarium
for the S. of India, to which
the Railway goes annually,
increasing facilities of access
it seems to me that Govt
might with advantage sanction
the maintenance of a permanent
gang such as I have suggested
by way of rendering the Municipality
some assistance in keeping
the currency of the place
up to the mark —

Mr Munford

3 months to be wanted

1 at 14 M. a month	=	168 per an
2 at 10 "	=	240
		408

This charge with the m. costs

Expenditure for station &
hill clothing might amount
to Rs 1000 per an - which
would represent the money
value of the aid rendered by
Govt -

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Asst. Secy. C.B.

Chief Secretary

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Note: ~~Just~~ Brooks' calculation of the
fund contribution is incorrect. He
makes it out to be no more than
Rs 7,783-5-4, basing the calculation on
the amount (Rs 23,350) to be received

The expenditure on works coming
under Section 25 of the Income Tax
provision Act is, of the amount
(Rs 3,000) set ~~at~~ for "Beef Slaughtering
Liners," Rs 46,250-, & twenty
per cent of that amount is Rs 9,250-
11-5-2-8- or Rs 38,79-2-8 the
sum entered in the ~~list~~ of

Brooks.

The cost of whitewashing
the market is not given separately
or that too should be deducted

Notes on
the history of
the Office
Municipal

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II
Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
President Botacammund
Municipal Commission.
(Here enters 28th May 1894 No. 2).

Order thereon 7th July 1894 No. 913

Before considering
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bution from ~~the~~
than they have asked
upon. In the estimate
submitted by the ~~the~~
the Contribution is
entered at Rs 7783-5-
The exact amount,
however, is Rs 11652-5-
which

which is obtained thus.
Expenditure as per
Statement Rs. 46,250
for purposes under
Section 133 Rs. 10,000

Deduct
Rs. 10,000
Rs. 46,250

25 per cent. or one-fourth
of this amount is, as
stated above, Rs. 11,562.
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Shanghaikow houses are
not provided for in
Section 133 of the Towns
Improvement Act, &
Government do not
therefore pay any contribution
towards any expenditure
incurred in their erection
or repair.

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To The President of the
Ootacamund Municipality

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To
The Presb. Church Cong.
Cotacumana.

Dated July 7 } 1866, No 913.
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Long standing resolution
of the Com. required
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