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No. 48. Read the following letter from W. S. NESBITT, Esq., Secretary Ootacamund Improvement Committee, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 23rd August 1860 :—

SIR,

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to favor me with the instructions of Government regarding the question asked in the subjoined Extract of Proceedings of the Ootacamund Improvement Committee, dated 7th instant, viz., whether Government can authorise the Committee to Act under act VI of 1857 in the acquisition of land?

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"It appearing from the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to enquire into the titles 'of the property of the lower street along the margin of the lake that much of it is mortgaged 'and that although the owners might consent to sell it, yet a good title might not perhaps be "eventually obtainable, without applying the Provisions of Act VI of 1857, Resolved with "reference to such circumstances, and to the Honorable the Governor's Minute, dated 23rd "February 1860, paragraphs 22 and 23, clauses 5 and 26, that the Secretary be directed to 'ascertain from Government whether the Committee can at once act under the said Act in the 'acquisition of the land.

"The President states that he considers there is not sufficient reason for enforcing the 'Act, but that the purchase and sale should be entirely voluntary."

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. NESBITT,
*Secretary Ootacamund Improvement Committee.*

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No. 49. ORDER THEREON, 4th September 1860, No. 1,511.

The Committee will be informed that it is competent to the Government to empower their Secretary or some other of their number to act under the provisions of Act VI of 1857. Before doing so, however, the Government would require to be fully informed as to the nature of the case in which it is desired to apply the Act, and especially as to the object for which the land is wanted.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
*Secretary to Government.*

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From the Secretary to the Botacamund Improvement Committee.

Dated 23d Aug. 1860.
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Submitting a question whether Govt can authorize the Committee to act under Act VI of 1857 in the acquisition of Land.

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Fort St. Geo: 4th Sept. 1860.

By Order of the Secy to the Bd of Improvement B. Bd of Revenue