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No. 412. 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, 27th October 1860, No. 28:—

SIR,

I have the honor to submit herewith for the information of Government the Report of the Ootacamund Improvement Committee for the quarter ending 30th September last.

REPORT.

1. The Committee in submitting the Quarterly Report of their proceedings to the 30th ultimo, propose, in order to facilitate an acquaintance with the progress of their labors, to divide the Report under different heads as follows:—

2. *Meetings.*—Of these, six have been held during the quarter under dates 3rd and 25th July, 7th and 14th August, and 4th and 27th September.

3. *Sewerage.*—The question of the removal of the ordure of the bazar has greatly occupied the consideration of the Committee. Its discussion has elicited various plans and suggestions. The President advocated the continuance of almost the present system. Three Members were for removal by drainage, flushing into the lower lake. Mr. Ouchterlony suggested the use of necessaries as in Madras, whilst Mr. Rohde and Mr. Fraser considered the removal of the solid ordure and other matter by carts, or boats, and the removal of the surface drainage, only by open drains discharging into the lake as the most advisable under all circumstances. The Committee ultimately determined to try the last plan, and resolved to place for the present Rupees 500 at the disposal of the District Engineer for the purpose. The plan of the District Engineer together with a Minute thereon by the President and a letter of Dr. Mackay on the latter are forwarded by request of those gentlemen.

Papers A B and C.

4. *Drainage.*—The lower street of the bazar on the margin of the lake, being greatly in need of drainage, it will be necessary towards the effectual execution of the work to purchase up the properties along the street, and with this object an inquiry has been made into the titles of the owners and of the terms upon which they will part with their property. From the insufficiency of funds however at their disposal, the Committee must for the present be content with only the 13 holdings nearest the Willowbund, 10 of which on the lowest ground, and least built over, they have directed the immediate purchase of, but with regard to the other three, they fear that uncertainty of title, and other causes, will oblige them to again ask for the enforcement of Act VI of 1857. The Committee hope to obtain the 13 lots for about 800 Rupees, and, in some cases, an equivalent in ground to be given elsewhere. The Assistant Engineer has been requested to ascertain the nature of the foundation, and to prepare an estimate for a drain and timber bridge on the north side of the Willowbund, intended to afford a discharge for the surface drainage into the lower lake, and at the same time a passage for boats.

With regard to the swampy tracts extending from below the Church, eastwards to the Engineer's office, the District Engineer has undertaken to drain the lower portion in the occupation of his own department, and thus to facilitate the drainage of the upper part which is private property.

5. *Ornamental Improvements.*—Planting operations, as follows, have been done:—

391	Yards of fence completed	full height of 3 feet,	but not entirely capped.
253	Do.	do. of 2 feet.	do.
241	Holes dug for plants.	3 × 3 × 3	then filled in with manure.
191	Do. do.	2 × 2 × 2	
3	Do. do.	4½ × 4½ × 4½	
605	Trees and shrubs planted.		
96	Jungle plants.		

3 The President says, Speaking of the drainage

The trees and shrubs have been purchased from the Government Gardens and the jungle plants supplied by Mr. Rohde. All are as yet in a thriving condition.

6. *Allotments of land.*—Applications for land have been received from various parties and where necessary, some of the Members of the Committee have inspected and allotted the land prior to its being surveyed.

Sales.—A public sale was held on the 11th August, when the following lots were sold and realized the prices affixed respectively to them. The whole was purchased by Captain Taylor, Paymaster, Bangalore.

	Acres.	Roods.	Perches.	Sq. yds.	Rs.	A.	P.
Lot 1	4	0	31	24¼	55	0	0
2	4	0	9	3¼	41	0	0
3	7	3	11	13¼	112	0	0
4	7	3	33	24¼	100	0	0
					308	0	0

Fees.—As Government require all sales to be previously advertized, the Committee, in order to cover the necessary expenses for surveying and advertizing, have determined that a deposit of 3 Rupees and 2 Rupees additional for every acre be first made by the party applying for land. Should, however, another person eventually purchase it, the amount to be recovered from him, but in case no sale should take place owing to the absence of any bid, the amount to be forfeited by the original depositor.

Government restriction under order dated 6th September 1860, No. 1,537, paragraph 5, to five cawnies for building allotments. The Committee being in some doubt as to the meaning of this order, wish to know whether it is the intention of Government to impose on the remaining lands at Ooty available for land any restrictions which shall have the practical effect of causing a new building to be erected on every five cawnies of land.

New Road.—731 yards traced on Fern Hill and formed 3 feet wide; 992 yards traced on the hill at the back of the Church. Level taken of an improvement in the road at the western end of the lake and trace locks pitted.

Surveys—Main bazar in progress.—Longitudinal Section taken of the stream leading into the upper lake from the Willowbund to the small lake above Charing Cross and of a branch towards the Nilgiri Range office completed.

A portion of the upper and lower lake and lower bazar street on the margin of the lake plotted on a large scale.

Land Surveyed.—Besides the General Survey of the station, and about 75 acres, there have been surveyed on applications from various parties about 120 acres.

Executive arrangements.—These have been under Mr. Brosnahan and Mr. Williams. On communicating however to the former the order of Government dated 20th September 1860, No. 1,963, withdrawing Mr. Williams suddenly from the Committee, they were surprised to learn from Mr. Brosnahan that he had received no local information from Mr. Williams, and that from himself having been unaware of the order of Government dated 13th June, No. 1,235, had he considered Mr. Williams as his Assistant, as also that it appeared from certain inspection reports of Mr. Williams that only a portion of his time had been occupied in the work of the Committee. As a copy of the order of Government dated 13th June, No. 1,235 was sent immediately on its receipt to Mr. Williams the Committee called on him to state what he had done relative thereto as to placing himself under Mr. Brosnahan, but not having received a satisfactory reply, have called on him for further explanation in this matter. The Committee would wish to bring to the notice of Government that Mr. Brosnahan has not only the duties under the Committee, but likewise those of the *whole range of the Nilgiri Hills* to attend to, and it being therefore impossible for him alone to execute the ordinary surveys of the Committee, they would solicit sanction for the employment of a competent Surveyor on a *moderate* salary for that purpose.

7. From a copy of Mr. McIvor's bill amounting to Rupees 151-3, the Committee find that his charge for trees, &c., is in excess of that which was proposed, that the pines supplied instead of being such as were ordered are for the most part of the kind which have been found to succeed the least on the hills. The matter was brought to his notice, and they trust that Government will order the supply *without* charge from the public gardens of any plants required by them of which there may be a sufficiency.

8. As Government may be desirous of knowing the opinion of the Committee regarding the letter and plan of Captain Taylor, suggesting certain improvements at Ootacamund which was referred for their consideration, they would state that having given as full consideration as the absence of all details allows to Captain Taylor's paper and its accompanying plan, they consider that many of the suggestions are beyond their province to entertain; while of such as belong to the objects they are required to deliberate upon, viz., the erection of public necessaries, the drainage of the bazar, and the construction of a broad road over the swampy ground below the bazar, the whole have already engaged and are now occupying their attentive consideration. Captain Taylor's allusion to all these measures is so vague as to convey no correct idea of the peculiar views he may entertain, and his plan, where intelligible, seems to be ill-judged.

9. *Secretary's duties.*—Mr. Nesbitt having explained that his more immediate duties as Assistant Collector and Magistrate require far too much of his time to enable him to satisfactorily discharge the duties of Secretary to the Committee, and that Major Wapshare has kindly expressed his willingness to serve on the Committee and to undertake the duties of Secretary. The Committee beg, under these circumstances and as Dr. Mackay is also absent on leave, that Government will be pleased to place Major Wapshare on the Committee.

10. The accounts of the Committee are as follows:—

Receipts.	Rs.	A.	P.	*Expended.*	Rs.	A.	P.
From the Collector of Coimbatore	1,000	0	0	July, paid to Mr. Dawson for manure	25	11	0
From sale of land to Captain Taylor	308	0	0	September to Mr. Brosnahan for cooly labor	32	15	7
				Do. do.	198	15	10
				For repairing and fitting an office.*	107	0	0
					364	10	5
				Balance in hand...	943	5	7
Rupees.	1,308	0	0	Rupees...	1,308	0	0

Paid subsequently for cooly labor in September. Rupees 187-2-6.

* As this work has been for the improvement of a Government building, though immediately in furtherance of the labors of the Committee, they trust that Government will sanction this expenditure, exclusive of the sum of Rupees 3,000 placed at the disposal of the Committee. The estimate for this work is submitted.

No. 413. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1860, No. 2,223.

1. The Ootacamund Improvement Committee submit their Report for the quarter ending 30th September last.

2. The Government have perused the Report with satisfaction. The Committee have been doing useful work during the quarter; and definite and apparently judicious operations have been resolved on in the matter of sewerage, drainage, and some other. A few points call for orders or notice.

Paragraph 6—Fees. 3. The fee proposed on applications for land seems quite fair, to meet necessary preliminary expenses; the payment to fall on the ultimate purchaser at auction, whoever he may be.

Building Allotments. 4. In reply to the Committee's inquiry as to the meaning of the order of September 6th, No. 1,537, regarding the size of building lots, the Government observe that nothing more was intended than that the Committee were not to sell lots of more than five cawnies without the previous permission of Government.

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* *June 13th* 1860, *No.* 1,235.

5. Explanation will be called for from Mr. Williams through the Chief Engineer, as to his failure to put himself under Mr. Brosnahan as ordered.*

Surveyor.

Order 1st May 1855, *No.* 512.

6. With reference to the latter part of the remarks under the head "land surveyed," the Government observe that there is a sanction of Rupees seventy for a Surveyor for the hills, which has hitherto been dormant because the amount by itself was too small. That amount is therefore available; and the Committee will be able to add something to it from the fees referred to above in paragraph 3 so as to obtain the services of a man competent to survey under Mr. Brosnahan.

7. As requested in paragraph 7, the Government grant permission for the supply of trees to the Committee gratis for public avenues or other purposes of public use or ornament; when required for other purposes they must be paid for. This order will apply to supplies already received but not paid for.

8. In compliance with the request in paragraph 9, the Government nominate Major Wapshare to be a Member of the Ootacamund Improvement Committee.

9. The Government are unable to accede to the request in paragraph 10 for payment of the sum of Rupees 107 expended in repairing and fitting the Committee's office. The Committee refer in that paragraph to the Rupees 3,000 received from Government as if it was a donation; but it is expressly stated in the order to be an advance repayable out of the first receipts for land.

May 4th 1860, *No.* 715.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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A 11th August 1860 3

Memorandum by Mr. Fraser District Engineer.

On receipt of the Several Minutes, on My letter to the Secretary, on the 8th instant, and perceiving that the Majority of the Committee were in favor of Acting on my Suggestion about removing the filth from the Bazar, and of erecting Privies, and New Slaughter Houses as proposed by Mr. Rohde, I thought it best in order to save time, to confer with him, at once, as to the best means of practically carrying out the object in view.—

2 Before detailing what we have agreed to recommend, I have one or two remarks to make about the Presidents 2d Minutes—

He says "Let it be openly Lo Spent, not under "the idea of Manuring Trees"

I did not put my proposition under the idea or cover of "Manuring Trees" In the 1st Para I state openly "As it is very desirable that, in the mean time, Something Should be done to remedy the Existing dirty "State of the Bazar" &c. but if Manuring Trees be necessary and Mr. Rohde and Mr. Dawson, both Experienced Planters, consider that it is, it is better to make use of the filth of the Bazar for that purpose, than to purchase Manure from private parties.—

3 The President Says, Speaking of the drainage of

of the Bazar into the Lake I have brought it to the Notice of the D.P.W. long ago" he is aware that we never had either power or funds to do any thing in this Matter; and that the question was referred for the decision of the Chief Engineer, who decided that we could not undertake such work.

4 Mr. Pohde and I have agreed to recommend

I. That no excrementitious matter should be discharged into the Lake — but that it should be removed to some distant place, where it should be deodorized and Mixed with earth to fit it for use as Manure —

II That nothing but the ordinary Surface drainage of the Bazar should be allowed to enter the Lake.—

III That a Privy for Males, and one for Females, be erected for every 10 or 12 Houses:

IV Each Privy to contain a Vessel about 4 feet long by 18 inches wide to accommodate two persons:— The Vessels to be of one Shape and Size, so that a certain Number of Covers would fit them all air tight:—

V Two or three Carts, Made low, with bent Axles; each large enough to hold say 5 of these Vessels, to be provided for the purpose of removing them:

VI The process of removal would be thus— Each Cart would have 5 Spare Vessels and 5 Covers: The Cart to be brought Convenient to the first Privy, a cover to be brought in and fastened down upon the Vessel, which could then be removed to the Cart:

Then on to the next, and so on, until 5 Vessels had been removed and 5 clean ones left in their Stead:—

Each returning Cart would bring back 5 clean Vessels and Covers, when the same process would be gone through until all the Vessels were removed:— This removal need not be daily, but only when required:—

VII — For the accommodation of those of the inhabitants whose Females would not go to the Privies it is proposed to erect a Sufficient Number of Places provided with Vessels Similar to those described above, and into which their own Vessels might be emptied:

5 The Walls of the Privies, until the Experiment had been tried, might be made of Bamboos and Mats: but as the Success of the Experiment would greatly depend on the Vessels being removed without offensive Smell, they should, at the first, be

carefully

carefully Constructed: The Carts also should be made for the purpose:-

The Privies may if desired be kept free from offensive smell, by placing in them Vessels Containing Peat Charcoal properly prepared and renewed from time to time -

6 Should there be any insurmountable difficulty in getting the people to make use of the Privies, the latter might be used as receptacles in the manner explained in Clause VII, the people making use of their own vessels -

In this case the Number of Privies need not be so great -

7 If however, proper sites for the Privies be selected, and that the people are managed properly, I would expect very little difficulty, - The Steady Support we are certain to get from Captain Tennant, will remove many of the difficulties -

8 The same Carts used for removing the Vessels could be used for removing the Street Sweepings: and when not required for either duty, they might be employed in Connection with the Street repairs &c.

9 As to who shall have the Management of the cleansing of the Streets and Rivers, I need hardly say

say that if the Police will undertake it, We, of the D.P.W. have no desire to do it: My offer to place it under Mr. Brenahan's Management, as the Executive Officer of the Committee was made because no other mode of accomplishing the object then presented itself; And the offer was the result of a consultation with the Assistant Magte and Captain Tennant -

Slaughter houses

10 Mr. Rohde is supported by the Committee as to the removal of the Slaughter houses - And he Considers that they should be removed to some Convenient place on the Stream below the Lake -

This Seems to be a long way to Send them, and if any nearer place could be had free from Serious objection, I think it should be adopted:-

11 We agree that there should be 3 Slaughter houses or at all events, 3 Seperate Com:partments

One for Cattle

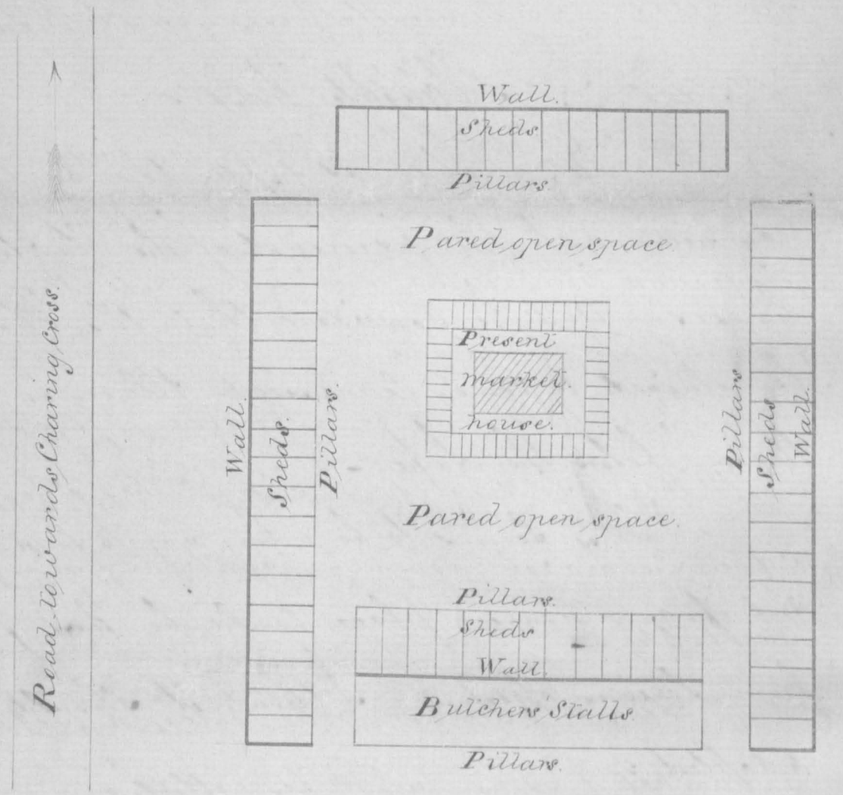
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One for Sheep and
one for Pigs.

These to be temporarily erected for
the present.-

12 We also think there should be
erected in the Bazar, proper Stalls in which
alone meat should be Exposed for Sale -

These might be erected in Connection
with the improvement of the Market place thus-



The improvement of the Market
place will probably be some what as Sketched
above
say

above, the red lines showing the addition, in
the form of Sheds built around the present
Market house, opening inwards, and enclosing
a wide rectangular Space:

The side next the Bazar to be
double, the outer half to contain the Butchers
Stalls; — Opening outwards.

The several Varieties of Goods, Grain,
Vegetable &c. to be exposed in the Shed only
in places permanently assigned to them -
The open Space to be kept free -

No Cattle to be allowed to remain in the
Quadrangle: For their accommodation a piece
of ground might be enclosed on the Stream
flowing into the Lake -

12 If this plan be approved of the Butcher's
Stalls might be erected at once: the other sides
of the Quadrangle could be built, as funds were
available —

The Stalls might be rented or Sold, or
a Market Custom might be Collected -

13 The outer part, all round, of the present
Market house, Could be Converted into a Conve-
nient place for the Exposing of goods for Sale
in the same Manner as in the Sheds -

W Harris

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Copy in a letter to Lieut Col Elliot 25th Aug 1876

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Memorandum by the President on the Resolutions sent to the 18th August

The Majority of the Committee can, of course, decide on the "Reserves, Slaughter Houses" as they think right. I was not able to be present, or State the views, which, (Seven) Years local experience of Catacamund, and some effort to improve it enable, and entitle me to offer.

As regards "Reservoirs" I can only repeat, that I think the proposals of private parties (by Mr. Rohde and Mr. Fraser) 2 for every 12 Houses, will be costly, Expensive, and impracticable - requiring Carts and a Special Establishment, at Considerable expence, to keep them clean, removal by night on the Hills, not practicable - and by day, 3 Years - while I doubt if the people will adopt them and they cannot be forced - No one uses the Water of the Lakes nor is it, perceptibly, in any degree, defiled by the public Privies, which have

existed upon it for 6 or 7 Years and which are I submit, the best modes of disposing of a difficault question - and if all "Surface drainage" (of the filths of the Bazar) is to be admitted into the Lake, why not the heavy? Every heavy Shower and consequent flow of water in the Lake, carries off 9/10ths of all the night Soil in Solution and where else will the committee carry it? and how dispose of it? and tho' the Committee may devote 500 of the Rs. 3000 grant (on which point I am doubtful of the meaning of Government) to the purchase of night carts and making of privies, from what fund is the necessary Establishment to be paid? The people much prefer the present plan, and cannot fairly be expected to pay for the new Establishment and arrangement proposed to be carried out against their will and amongst their own houses - The Scavenger tax now paid (to the Magistrate at his Special Request) barely maintains the 9 Toties and 2 carts kept for the express purposes of clearing the Sweepings and other refuse of the Streets, daily - the night

Soil must be otherwise provided for - The Community declines to give up this fund or their carts and 9 men long devoted on express understanding, to the Bazar only, in clearing Candel, I know fully the wishes and expectations of the Native Community, from enquiry personally - especially when lately on the Hills as regards the Lake I refer to my report to Government of the 9th June 1860 in which Dr. Dawson one of the oldest residents entirely concurred.

As regards Slaughter houses, I did arrange them away from the Bazar on the Borders of the Lake - the Bones, Skins and all offal to be carried away, out of the Station - the blood only, to be washed into the Lake - a Slaughter house was built, and on the point of being used, the Butchers having acceded to all I proposed - it was never used, and so remains, in deference to Dr. Mackay, who objected, and tho I entirely differ I shut it up. I still think it is the best Site & plan

As regards the District Engineer's remarks, that he had neither power nor funds, to drain or improve the Bazar I can only remark that I really cannot think the Chief Engineer would refuse to sanction any well digested and moderate Estimates for such a purpose, and it was such, I requested. The cleansing of the Bazar has always been the duty of the President Magistrate and should, I think, so remain - Captain Tennant the Superintendent of Police, declines it at Cotacamund, where I offered to make it over to him.

I am for all practicable, practicable and economical improvements and plans. I am only against costly, refined, and impracticable, ones - unsuited to Native castes and habits, which we cannot coerce, tho' we may palliate and amend. The Bazar is no dirtier than any other Bazar - rather cleaner and in an atmosphere where a little dirt is innocuous, as to "tempting Providence" (a strong expression meant,

I conclude to indicate danger, it is a ridiculous visionary fear). There are no healthier natives families than those in the midst of the Bazar: and no European children to be compared to those which live low down on the border of the Lake & of Mallotts, Hubbards, Wilsons all large families, and all healthy; in fact "Miasma and Malaria". We do not and cannot exist in a hill regions and pure atmosphere, like Cotacamund. It is a needless fear. with all deference to the Committee, I have known and observed it, longer than they have - and I therefore honestly State my views not for the sake of differing, but because I really think the Committee are magnifying fancied evils and proposing needless expence to Government.

I have &c.
(Sgd) E. B. Thomas
President

(True Copy)

W. Sterritt
Secretary Cotacamund Improvt Committee

Copy in a letter to Capt. D.
dated 25th January 1861.

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Remarks by Lieut. — Aug 1860 —

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The President having in his Minute on the Resolutions passed by the Committee at their Meeting on the 11th Augt. requested remarks on the Sanatary condition of Potteeamund, present and prospective. I beg to be allowed to record my opinion on this important Subject, and request that it may be forwarded to Government with the Presidents minute

1st I have had much correspondence with the Collectors on this Subject, and I invariably bring forward as an argument that the Potteeamunds Bazar "is not dirtier than any other Bazar" From my experience of Native Bazars in general, this appears to me a Strong argument in proof of its requiring much to be done to make it as clean as it should be.

2d I cannot conceive on what grounds Dr Ronan comes to the conclusion, that a Hill Region is to be exempt from the evils Known to arise in all other countries and

Situations, from a neglect of Sanatary arrangements.

3°. I admit that the Natives in the Potacamund Bazar are wonderfully healthy - but it is quite contrary to my experience to say that no epidemics have ever prevailed among them - Fever, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Hooping Cough, Small Pox, and Pneumonia have all prevailed epidemically, at different times during the last four Years. The two diseases most common in the Bazar are Fever & Dysentery. The former prevails chiefly during the Months of April and May before the S.W. Monsoon sets in - the first Showers of Rain increase the Number of Cases. after a good fall, and all the filth is cleared away, the people become more healthy - When the Monsoon is late, or the Rain slight, fever is more prevalent than occurred during the present year

Two years ago under Similar circumstances the Cases of fever were very Severe, the disease assumed a typhoid and dangerous form, more common in temperate climates.

Drainage and cleanliness would protect the inhabitants against Swamp Miasmata, and render them more healthy independently of the weather, which is at all times so variable on the Hills - More than once during the last four years, it has been reported to me that the Natives in different parts of the Station were Suffering from Cholera, On enquiry I found it to be a very Severe and fatal form of Diarrhoea - One undoubted Case of Cholera originating at Potacamund, has come under my notice during the past year - Cholera in an epidemic form was unknown in Great Britain, and other European Countries a few years ago - it has in my experience prevailed within Seven Miles of Potacamund (at Kulkutty.) I can see no reason why it should not do the same here, when the preparations for its reception are completed. Were preparations are now in progress over crowding and filth.

One of the most distinguishing features not only of Cholera but of a large Class of diseases is that they become most widely diffused & fatal

in these localities where the laws of Hygiene have been violated - Even if Dr. Thomas could prove that no Epidemics has hitherto occurred, "prevention is better than cure" and on this ground I would urge on the Committee the propriety of carrying out their views for the improvement of the Bazar and other parts of the Station.

4th The President instances contain European families mentioning their names, who are particularly healthy, though they live "low down, on the borders of the Lake". This has nothing whatever to do with the health-ness of the Bazar - These people lives at some distance from it - Still one of the families he names has suffered very much from Sickness during the past year.

5th I would again urge on the Rotas of the Committee the importance of recommending that a Register of Births & Deaths among the Natives be kept according to the form which accompanies my letter to the Secretary No 122 dated 29th May last.

Rotas annexed }
29th August 1860 } [True Copy] [Sd] Leo Mackay M.D
Sr Med. Offr. Rawalpindee

L Merbitt
Secy to Station Committee

Statement of the movable cost of Hospital Furniture &c. for the Station Committee at Murree for the month of August 1860

Murree =
Public Safety
Br. Hosp. Corps

Dr. Assistant

		Price	Rate	Amount	Rs.
300	Sq. ft. Brick flooring	0 4	per Sq. ft	12	
800	Do. Whitewashing	" 5	do	4	
1	Cannonded door	16	Each	16	
2	Glazed Windows	15	do	30	
	Sundries			2 4	
1	Large Office Table	14	Each	14	
1	Small Do	5	(2)	5	
2	Office Stools	2 8	(2)	5 8	
2	Do Chairs	3 8	(2)	7	
1	Bench Boy	5 8	(2)	5 8	
				50	
				37	
		Total Rupees		107	

Allegheny Range Office
Murree 2nd Sept 1860

[Sd] Lt. Col. Lake
Offg Asst Qr Mr Genl Sec Dept

x There is no provision to keep a Register of Births & Deaths among the Natives

Revenue Dept.

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Under date the 24th Novr. 1860.

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* June 13th 1860 No 12.

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