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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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To

J. D. Bourdillon Esq.

Secretary to Government
in the Revenue & Public Works Dept.

Sir

I am instructed by the Committee of the People's Park, to acknowledge the receipt of your official memorandum, No. 254.

2. In reply thereto, I am instructed to inform you, that the Committee regret their inability to afford an exact reply as to the estimated cost of the People's Park.

3. There has not, as far as the Committee are aware, been any attempt made to estimate the probable expenditure, and it would not be possible to do this, until the Committee are favored with more definite instructions, than they have as yet received; and until it is determined to what degree the Park is to be ornamented, it will not be possible to calculate the probable expenditure which will be required.

4. The Committee would direct attention to the fact, that hitherto, their duty has been simply that of carrying out, certain general instructions, given to them in the Order of Government dated the 24th of September 1859, in compliance with which, the following

works have been undertaken. The Large Lake has been excavated, to depth varying from 3. to 7. feet; the principal Road-ways have been raised, but are not yet metalled; a Band Stand has been built; a Promenade, raised, levelled, and sodded; the greater portion of the Park has been raised & levelled; and 200, Trees have been planted;

5. The Middle Lake has been deepened to the extent of 8. feet; and the Islands in this, and the large lake, are now finished, and the former will be planted in the course of the present month.

6. A substantial House, intended eventually as the residence of the Superintendent of the Park, has been raised, and is now being finished; and the Committee hope that within the next two months, much of the raising which still remains to be done over the surface of the Park will be effected.

7. The Government are aware that hitherto the Committee have derived Funds; from the proceeds of the sale of certain ground, lying on the North Side of the Hospital Bridge; from the sale of which, a Fund of about 20,000. Rs. was placed in the hands of the Municipal Commissioners as Treasurers to the Park.

8. Of this sum there is now, about 9,500 Rs. unexpended, and the Committee were informed by the late Governor, that when this was expended, a further section of the same ground was to be sold, in building lots.

9. Should this course be adopted and should the ground hereafter sell, as well as that, which has been hitherto disposed of, there is little doubt that ample funds will be provided for the completion of the Park, as well as for the maintenance of the establishment, which will be required to be kept up.

10. The funds in hand at present, are quite sufficient, to meet the probable expenditure of the next two months, and the Committee will be happy within that time to submit to Government a detailed statement, relative to the works which in their opinion should be undertaken to complete the Park.

11. The Committee regret that the despatch of this letter should have been delayed so long, but it was impossible to ascertain the exact balance remaining in hand, until the adjustment of the Accounts for the month of June, which was only effected yesterday.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedt: Servt.

James Munro

Honry: Secy: People's Park.

By 5th 1860
Madras.

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From the U.S. Navy Secretary
Capt. C. Smith

Oct 31 July 1860
P.D. 6:30

Noting that until
it is determined to
what degree the people
will be so concerned
it will not be possible
to calculate the probable
expenditures for it.

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John H. C.