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No. 55. Read the following letter from Major W. H. WAPSHARE, Secretary Ootacamund Improvement Committee, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 9th May 1861, No. 13 :—

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government the Report of the Ootacamund Improvement Committee, for the Quarter ending the 31st of March 1861.

Report of the Ootacamund Improvement Committee for the Quarter ending 31st of March 1861.

1. The Committee are unable to report that any measure of importance has been carried out during the Quarter ending 31st March 1861.

2. It was not until the 18th of March 1861, that the Orders of Government of the 14th of March 1861, No. 593 on the Committee's letter of the 24th December 1860, were received ; and Government Orders of the 4th of April 1861, No. 737, on their Report for the Quarter ending 31st of December 1860, did not reach them until the middle of April in the present year.

3. The measures in contemplation by the Committee regarding the general survey of the station, and the drainage of the bazars and upper portion of the lake being dependent on these orders, the action of the Committee was necessarily suspended until their receipt.

SURVEY.

4. The Committee have now ordered the general survey to be proceeded with under the direction of Captain Farewell.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

5. A comprehensive plan and Estimates for draining the bazars and for removing the ordure thereof by boats is in course of revision by the Committee, and will shortly be submitted to the Government.

ALLOTMENTS OF LAND.

6. Sales of land have generally been suspended under the sanction of Government until the General Survey has been in whole or in part completed ; some few lots, mentioned under the head of sales, have been sold in localities already surveyed by the Committee, and wherein it did not appear that the disposal of them would affect in any way the general system of allotment.

SALES.

7. Public sales were held on the 14th January and 25th March 1861, when the following lots were sold and realized the prices affixed to them :—

	Lots.	Acres.	Roods.	Perches.	Sq. feet.	Price.	
						Rs.	
January 14th	1	7	2	12	233	80	paid.
	2	6	2	6	226	70	,,
	3	1	1	37	7½	50	
March 25th	1	6	1	14	19½	65	
	2	5	0	9	27½	202	
	3	6	5	3	0	198	
	4	7	0	35	16¼	97	
	5	7	0	17	7	75	
	6	6	4	11	22½	68	
	7	5	3	6	22½	58	
	8	8	1	0	10½	81	
	9	1	2	2	108	11	
	10	4	0	7	104	41	
					Rupees.....	1,196	

GENERAL WORK.

8. The surface drains of the bazar have been opened out and cleaned ; some small drains have been dug in the low ground below the market place running into the central stream which

feeds the lake and the course of the stream itself, which was much choked up with sedge and mud, has been thoroughly cleansed.

9. The trees and plants set by the Committee have been constantly watched and watered.

10. The accounts of the Committee are attached.

(Signed) W. H. WAPSHARE, Major,
Secretary Ootacamund Improvement Committee.

Accounts of the Ootacamund Improvement Committee for the Quarter ending the 31st of March 1861.

1861.		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
January 1st...	To balance in hand last account ...	545	14	3			
„ 9th...	Fees by Mr. Nesbitt	3	0	0			
„ 12th..	Ditto by Captain Godfrey	3	0	0			
Feb. 13th...	Fees by E. B. Thomas, Esq.... ...	60	0	0			
„ 19th ..	Ditto by S. N. Ward, Esq.... ...	4	0	0			
March 25th...	Fees by A. C. Campbell, Esq. ...	69	0	0	684	14	3
	Deduct payments as per contra ...				198	10	2
	Balance...				486	4	1

1861.		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Feb. 1st.....	Paid to the "Electic" for advertizing	19	4	0			
„ 6th.....	To Mr. Bennett for writing for Jan.	6	0	0			
„ 6th.....	To Mr. Williams' coolies for Jan...	10	15	0			
„ 26th.....	To the "Electic" for advertizing...	17	12	0			
March 6th....	To writer and half a peon for Feb.	9	0	0			
„ 13th.....	To Mr. Williams' coolies for Feb....	13	4	0			
„ 30th. ...	To writer and half a peon for March.	9	0	0			
„ 30th ...	To Mr. Williams' coolies for March...	113	7	2	198	10	2
					486	4	1

(Signed) W. H. WAPSHARE, Major,
Secretary Ootacamund Improvement Committee.

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The Ootacamund Improvement Committee in account with Government, 31st of March 1861.

		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
January 1st	Balance due to Government as per account last rendered.....	1,586	0	0				March 12th	By Land sold to J. Rohde, Esq.....	150	0	0			
March 12th	Paid to Collector.....	150	0	0	1,436	0	0						150	0	0
	Balance due...				1,436	0	0								

(Signed) W. H. WAPSHARE, Major,
Secretary Ootacamund Improvement Committee.

No. 56.

ORDER THEREON, 5th June 1861, No. 1,154.

Ordered to be recorded.

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

No 13.

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to forward for
Submission to Government the
Report of the Octacamund
Improvement Committee
for the Quarter ending the
31st March 1861

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient Servant
W.H. Cartwright Major
Secretary Octacamund Improvement
Committee

Octacamund
9th May 1861.

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