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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 8 -11- 1861.

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No. 110. Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 18th May 1861, No. 25:—

SIR,

1. Sir Charles Trevelyan was pleased to appoint me President of the Improvement Committee here, I respectfully beg to be relieved from that office.

2. I am obliged to differ from some of the Members of the Committee, in my honest opinion, on portions of their proposed expenditure and "improvements;" and it leads to unpleasant and lengthened discussions, as the Government will see by late Minutes.* I have also less time to give from a heavy office than the other Members.

* Of the Improvement Committee.

3. I regret to be compelled to differ, but I really cannot think, after twelve years experience here, that the Ootacamund bazar, is, or is likely to be more unhealthy or dirty than any other bazar in the country, *nor* that the system now proposed for disposing of the *sewerage* of the bazar in *boats* is either practicable or advisable (besides being very costly at the outset, and requiring a large *monthly* expenditure, the present "Latrines" answering every purpose, a very similar one being adopted at Wellington; flushing by water); *nor* can I consider that a fresh survey of the station is required, ignoring a sufficient one already existing, made by Captain Ouchterlony during eight years labor and residence here, and at considerable expense to Government, *nor* that under the present scarcity of funds for important and necessary Public Works, 7,000 Rupees can be spared, or wisely expended, in buying up Native houses, with a view to make an ornamental pleasure drive, in a locality (below the bazar and close to the lake) which few will use when made.

And near where the Committee propose to place the new boat "Latrines."

4. I can only refer to my Minutes on most of the points mooted, giving the grounds on which I differ, and I think an inspection by the Chief Engineer or any other competent Officer, would show the reasonableness of my objections.

5. I should say the improvements *really* and most practically useful in the place would be—

(1.) The selection of a new church-yard, the present being nearly full.

(2.) A good pump, at the church spring, from which so many houses are supplied.

(3.) A site for an additional bazar, not too far removed.

(4.) A public slaughter-house in a selected locality, perhaps on the borders of the lake (screened by trees or otherwise).

(5.) The better drainage of the present bazar (all of which could be accomplished at a moderate cost).

6. I subjoin a rough estimate.

No. 111. ORDER THEREON, 8th November 1861, No. 2,142.

As in separate Proceedings of the 22nd ultimo, No. 2,025, the Government have resolved on the dissolution of the existing Improvement Committee at Ootacamund, no orders are necessary on this letter.

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

Estimate for certain Improvements at Ootacamund.

A new Church Yard, enclosed, if with a good ditch and fence (not wall) Rs. 500 " "

Cast Iron Pump Cost and erection — 200 " "

(I put one up 6 years back near the market place for 150)

Lines and purchase of land for a new Bazar — 1000 " "

A Slaughter house — 500 " "

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E. R. Thomas.
Collector.

Rs 1550 Rs

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In a letter from the Collector of Ornitabore Dt 18th May 1861. No. 25.

Estimate for certain improvements at Ostacamund.

Rs 1226/67

Shall the honorable
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servant
P. S. Thomas
Collector

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As in Separate Proceedings of this
22d Ulto
day, No 2025 the Govt have resolved on the
dissolution of the Society's Improvement Com-
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Fort St George
8th Nov 1861
To the Collector of Coimbatore
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R Pro. 28th May 1861 No 247-248

No 110 & 111

31st October R 4th Novr
27th June R 1st July C 5th October
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Pro. of Govt for Novr
No 1226
The Collector of
Coimbatore
To
The Secy to Government
Fort St George
Dated 18th May 1861
Received 22d

No 25

With one enclosure
Requests to be relieved
from the office of
President of the Improve-
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suggests certain improve-
-ments to be made at
Ootacamund

No 2142. 8th Novr
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