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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th April 1861.*

No. 490. Read the following letter from Major W. H. WAPSHARE, Secretary, Ootacamund Improvement Committee, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 18th April 1861, No. 7:—

SIR,

With reference to a Minute by E. B. Thomas, Esq., President of the Ootacamund Improvement Committee (on the subject of my letter to your address, dated 20th ultimo), forwarded by him direct to Government, a copy thereof having been furnished by him to the Committee, I am instructed to transmit for submission to the Government the enclosed Extracts from the Proceedings of a Meeting held on the 16th instant.

Extracts from the Proceedings of the Ootacamund Improvement Committee, 16th April 1861.

9. A Minute by E. B. Thomas Esq., the President, on the subject of the letter, dated 20th March, to the address of the Secretary to Government regarding the authority desired for the investigation of Pattas together with Minutes *on it*, by Messrs. Rohde and Ouchterlony were read.

Mr. Ouchterlony proposes the following Resolution:—

With reference to the Minute of the President, dated the 2nd instant, and a copy of which Mr. Thomas states has been sent direct to Government, the Committee deem it necessary to explain to Government that their letter of the 20th ultimo had no reference whatever to the land represented in paragraph 2 of the President's Minute as having been sold to Maddena.

Many of the Members were unaware of any application having been made respecting this land, and Mr. Rohde has minuted that he never requested its *sale*, and that all that was sought was to allow Maddena the temporary use of a piece of waste land during the term of his wood contract. It seems to the Committee that any sale of land made since the disposal of land was vested in them must be invalid unless specially sanctioned by Government.

Mr. Thomas moves the following amendment:—

I have explained to the Committee that I understood Maddena's land to be alluded to, that it was not sold at auction, but allotted conditionally to Maddena as a safe place to store his wood, a benefit also to the community. On Dr. Cleghorn's (and as I understood on Mr. Rhode's) request, and without the slightest wish to ignore the Committee, that I have since got Maddena to give up the land again; and that, therefore, further discussion on it is unnecessary.

Resolved that both proposed resolution and amendment be submitted to the Government.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) W. H. WAPSHARE, Major,

Secy. Ootacamund Improvement Committee.

OOTACAMUND,
18th April 1861.

No. 491.

ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1861, No. 968.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

No. 7.

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St George.

Sir

With reference to a Minute by
J. B. Thomas Esq. President of the
Botanacarnand Improvement
Committee (on the subject of my
letter to your address dated 21st
October) forwarded to him direct
to Government, a copy thereof
having been furnished by
him to the Committee, I am
instructed to transmit the
submission to the Government
the enclosed & to acknowledge the
proceedings of a meeting held
on the 18th instant
I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
W. G. Wapson Esq. Major
Botanacarnand Improvement
Committee

Botanacarnand
18th April
1861.

W. C. Spence 1861, b. 23-
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From
The Secy to the
Asst Commr
Superior Court
Committee

dated 18th April
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Submitting an Encl
from the Proceedings of
the Committee to 16th
1861.

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