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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 5. 8. 1896.

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No. 96. Read the following letter from H. E. JACOMB, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay, (General Department,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Bombay Castle, 26th June 1865, No. 1,162:—

SIR,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to request that you will be so good as to favor this Government with information as to what grants, in money or otherwise, are made by the Government of Madras in aid of the Botanical Gardens at Madras and Ootacamund.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched:—

No. 97. From W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government, of Bombay, General Department, dated 5th August 1865, No. 1,823.

SIR,

Miscellaneous.

With reference to your letter dated 26th June 1865, No. 1,162, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to annex a Statement shewing the annual expenditure incurred by this Government on account of the Botanical Gardens at Madras and Ootacamund.

Statement of grants made by the Government of Madras in aid of the Botanical Gardens at Madras and Ootacamund.

	Annual Expenditure. RS.
Allowance of Rupees 250 paid monthly to the Agri-Horticultural Society at Madras...	3,000
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Portion of the salary of Rupees 500 paid to Mr. McIvor as Superintendent of the Gardens and Chinchona plantations properly debitable to the Gardens, Rupees 200 per mensem.	2,400
Monthly allowance for the maintenance of the Gardens at Rupees 100...	1,200
Writer and Apprentices at Rupees 55 per mensem	660
	4,260
Total...	7,260

No. 1162 OF 1865.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 26*th June* 1865.

To the SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to request that you will be so good as to favor this Government with information as to what grants, in money or otherwise, are made by the Government of Madras in aid of the Botanical Gardens at Madras and Ootacamund.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Offg. Under Secretary to Government.

Memorandum showing the relation of the Botanical gardens at Ootacamund and Madras to Govt.

Ootacamund Garden.

1. The formation of the public garden at Ootacamund was first undertaken by a committee consisting of gentlemen who resided there.- They solicited the aid of Govt. towards the payment of a professional gardener from England, and on the recommendation of the Madras Govt., the late Court of Directors sent Mr. W. G. McIvor for the management of the garden.- By a covenant dated 11th January 1848, Mr. McIvor's salary was fixed at £. 150 per annum, or Rs. 125 per mensem, & this was paid by Government.-

From the Committee dated 8th March 1847.-

Ro: 1st April 1847 Public No 324.-

To Court of Dirs 29th June 1847 Public No 13-7-2.-

To do 21st Dec 1847 Public No 26-7-6.-

* From Court of Dirs 19th Jany 1848, No 1 Public.-

2. A few months afterwards, the Committee brought to the notice of Govt. that the fluctuating nature of the Society of the Hills rendered the maintenance of the Garden without some permanent assistance from Govt. impossible.- The Govr. in Council considering the undertaking to be both in a public & private light highly worthy of encouragement

From the Committee 30th May 1848.-

Ro: 20th June 1848, Public No 573.-

To 1st Augt 1848, No 713.-

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encouragement, authorized the payment of an allowance of 100 Rs per mensem subject to the confirmation of the Court of Directors. The Govt also appointed a Committee consisting of five ex officio members from among their officers & five from the visitors or residents on the Hills, & thus took upon themselves for the first time the supervision of the management of the Garden. The Court of Directors approved the grant of the monthly allowance of 100 Rs.

Public letter 7/14 May 1851 No 8 to 7 to 9

3. In 1853 the Govt after a careful consideration of several papers about the gardens placed them and their establishment entirely under the management of Mr Mc Ivor, and in lieu of the Committee which then existed they appointed the officers named in the margin "to act as visitors, to meet at the gardens as often as convenient, & once a year, collectively, to report, direct to Govt on its state & prospects." Mr Mc Ivor was at the same time ordered to keep regular accounts of the receipts & expenditure, forwarding them monthly to the Collector & to submit an annual report through the Committee. The Govt also declared that "no privileges will be accorded to subscribers nor will they have any control over the Gardens." The Govr in Council having subsequently discovered that the indulgence and confidence placed in Mr Mc Ivor by the orders of 9th Feby 1853 have been misunderstood & that his general tone and demeanor clearly show that to continue to him the independence he has enjoyed will only lead to collision & disputes with his superiors, placed him as formerly under the direct orders of a committee consisting of the members already named, & prohibited his sending any communications direct to Govt. The Committee were however not to interfere with his strictly "Professional" work.

Public order dated 9th Febr 1853, No 126.

The Collector, The officer Comg. & the Senior Medl officer.

Public order 18th April 1854 No 346.

4. On the occasion of the Govr General's quitting the Hills in Novr 1853, a letter was received from his Secy Mr [illegible]

from the Secy to the Govt of India with the Govr's ltr of 18 Novr 1853 No 276.

Mr Edmonstone, conveying His Lordship's strong recommendation that the Garden should be placed on an improved footing, and that it should be taken under the direct control of Government, dispensing with the Local Committee's form of management which, little satisfactory at any time, is particularly unsatisfactory in a community which is frequently changing." Mr Edmonstone observed that the two very large similar establishments in Bengal, viz the one near Calcutta and the other at Seharunpore are directly under the control of the Government and that "His Lordship feels very confident that if the same encouragement be extended to this establishment by the Government of Madras as has long been afforded by the Government of India to the corresponding establishments in the Presidency of Bengal, it will become of great value to the Neilgherry Hills, and even to the Presidency

Note. The Court of Directors also stated that the Garden should be made a Govt Estabt. Public Despatch dt 8th August 1857 No 51 - Para 42 -

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of Madras generally." The consideration of these recommendations was provisional till the receipt of the special report upon the Gardens previously called for. The report was received, and the Government, in ordering it to be printed, informed the Committee that arrangements for the more efficient superintendence of the Gardens are under consideration.

Public Trans. d/21st Nov/55, N°1486.

Public order d/2d Nov/55, N°1415.

From the Secretary to Govt. d/27 Dec/55 Public order d/4th Feby/56

5 In 1857 the Garden Committee were requested to submit their reports through the Conservator of Forests, and this officer was directed to look upon the Gardens as a portion of his charge, corresponding on all subjects connected with them with the Secretary to Govt. in the Revenue Department. The separate Committee was apparently dispensed with afterwards, and the Senior Medical Officer at Ootacamund was requested to check the accounts of the Superintendent, previously to their transmission to the Conservators office instead of to the Collectors as previously ordered. This duty was afterwards

Public order d/11th March 1857, N°281.

Rev. order d/29th Dec/60, N°2516- afterwards assigned to Major Burlton, 3d Class Assistant Conservator.

Public Despatch d/12 January 1859, N°3, para 25-

6 The Court of Directors alluding to the increase in the receipts of the Gardens from the sale of produce, authorized the raising of Mr McIvor's salary from £150 to £200 per annum, & approved the placing of the Gardens under the control of the Conservator of Forests. Mr McIvor's salary was raised accordingly to Rupees 200 per Mensem, and subsequently to Rupees 500 with travelling allowance of Rupees 3 per diem on account of Cinchona Plantations.

*Rev. order d/15 March 1859 N°323.

*order d/12 d/p 1863 N°1687- Do d/5 Nov 1863, N°1993. 15 March/64 N°465.

7 Another item of expenditure incurred by Govt on account of the Gardens, is a small establishment consisting of one Warder & 3 apprentices at a monthly cost of Rupees 55-

Warder —— 20
1. Apprentice —— 20
2. Do at 7½ Rs 15
each — 3
Total Rs 55

Ordered d/24th July 1860 N°1232.

8- From the above summary of the correspondence it will be clear that the Ootacamund Gardens though commenced as a private undertaking

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undertaking, has been made a purely Govt. institution with the exception of the Govt. of India and the Home Authorities. They are in fact now called "Govt. Gardens, Colocamund"

The Imperial Budget shows only a charge of Rupees 1200 separately against the Gardens, the other items being annexated with the Chinchona Plantations establishment.

The total expenditure incurred by Govt. on account of the above may be stated at Rupees 1260 per annum as shown below exclusive of the large sums which have been spent from time to time for providing land, buildings and implements—

Superintendents salary debitable to the garden	200-
Monthly allowance for the maintenance of the garden	100
Writer and apprentices	55
Total Rupees 355 per	

Annum or Rs. 1,260 per annum.

1. The Government granted the land for the Agri-Horticultural Gardens at Madras and subsequently authorized a

Agri-Horticultural Society's Gardens at Madras

Public order d/ 31 March 1855 No. 1136.

From the Society dated 31st May 1836.

2. The Society who had the management of these Gardens applied for pecuniary assistance, and the application was sent to the Government of India with the recommendation that a sum not exceeding 10,000 Rs. may be granted. That Govt. expressed considerable doubt as to the success of the society as the corresponding society in the Bengal Presidency failed, but they allowed discretion to the Local Govt. to grant the sum applied for, and added that they will not object to a grant of Rs. 1,000 per annum for a limited period. The payment of the annual grant for three years was at once authorized and premiums for improvements in agriculture were promised.

To Govt. of India d/ 16th June 1836 No. 866, Public. — d/ 10th January 1837. No. 54, Public

To the Committee of the Society d/ 23d June 1837. No. 993 Public.

From the Honorary Secretary to the Society d/ 15th April 1844.

3. In 1844 the Society submitted an application for the grant of a small monthly allowance for the Gardens, and it was forwarded to the Govt. of India with the recommendation of the Madras Govt. They authorized a monthly allowance of Rs. 150 which was afterwards raised to Rs. 250 per mensem which continued to

To Govt. of India d/ 1st May 1844.

From Govt. of India d/ 14th July 1855 No. 2654.

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to be paid up to the present date - Provision is made in the Budgets under H.V "Education, Science and Art" for the donation of Rs. 3000 paid to this Society, and the Govt do not appear to have any control over the management of the gardens.

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Memorandum showing the
relation of the Botanical
Gardens at Ootacamund
& Madras to Govt.

Revenue Department

3 Copies despatched

No. 1823 Date 2nd Augt. 1865

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of Bombay,
General Deptt.

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3. The Agri-Horticul
-tural Society's Gardens at
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Madras are under the sole management of a private committee.—

Statement of grants made in money by the Government of Madras in aid of the Botanical Gardens at Madras and Ootacamund.

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No 1873
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Forwarding to Govt. of
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