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25th August 1869.*

No. 372. Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Ootacamund, 30th July 1869, No. 42t—

About the middle of June I received the enclosed letter from the Honorary Secretary to the Coonoor Branch of the Neilgherry Agri-Horticultural Society, but delayed sending in their application in hopes of receiving the survey sketch of the ground alluded to in the last paragraph of the Honorary Secretary's letter. The sketch has not yet reached me. I will forward it when I get it.

2. The Branch Society apply for a grant of the sholah below the Coonoor Church, and for a donation of Rupees 2,000, with a view to form a Botanical Garden. In support of their application they urge that they have secured a fair number of subscribers, and that the sholah, which they wish to convert into a garden, is situated in the heart of the town, and is little better than a public nuisance in its present condition.

3. Should the Government accede to their request, they further pray for a monthly allowance of Rupees 100, which, with their own subscriptions, will enable them to maintain the garden in good order, and to render it of practical value to the planting interests on these hills.

4. I have much pleasure in supporting their application, because the climate of Coonoor is so much milder than that of Ootacamund, as to render it desirable to have an experimental garden at both places. Indeed, the desirability would seem to have been already recognised by Government, since a branch garden, under the Superintendent of the Ootacamund Botanical Gardens, was long ago established in the vicinity of Coonoor, but at an inconvenient distance from the town, on which account, and from want of funds, it is now little better than a wilderness.

No. 373. ORDER THEREON, 25th August 1869, No. 2,414.

Miscellaneous.

In his letter, dated 30th July 1869, No. 42, the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills submits a letter from the Honorary Secretary to the Coonoor Branch of the Neilgherry Agri-Horticultural Society, in which application is made to Government for the grant of a piece of sholah land in Coonoor, with the view of converting it into a public garden. A donation of Rupees 2,000 for the purpose of clearing the site and laying out the garden, as well as a monthly allowance of Rupees 100 for maintaining the same, are further requested.

2. It appears from Major Hodgson's letter, that the Society has up to this time collected Rupees 344, and that yearly subscriptions, aggregating only Rupees 12, are promised.

3. Under these circumstances the Government do not feel justified in supplementing the funds of the Society in the manner and to the extent proposed.

4. The present condition of the Institution does not afford a sufficient guarantee of stability to justify a grant-in-aid; but the Government will receive favourably an application for assistance when the Commissioner is able to report

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that there is a fair prospect of a sufficient income being secured by the Agri-Horticultural Society at Coonoor. The Government would then give an amount equal to the donations and subscriptions which the Society may have received.

5. Should the Society be still desirous of obtaining the piece of land indicated in their letter, they are requested to address the Government on the subject through the Commissioner.

6. The Government suggest that, if the Municipality is in a position to afford aid in clearing the sholah, application might be made to them on the sanitary grounds which are urged in paragraph 2 of Major Hodgson's letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills,
.. the Board of Revenue.

At a Meeting of the subcommittee
of the Concor Branch of the Scitgherry Agri-
Horticultural Society.

Present.

1. Revd J. H. Kee & Co. Major Keysham.
Dr. Wilson. & Mr. Herklotz. Captain Murray.
& Major Hodgson.

2. Revd J. H. Kee & Co. is requested to take
the Chair.

3. The Honorary Secretary announces to
meeting that Donations & subscriptions
amounting to Rs. 344 have already been
received.

Resolved that as the amount of Donations
& subscriptions already collected amount to
Rs. 344 and more are expected the original
intention of the Branch Society be immediately
carried out viz. to forward an application
to Government for the sholah below the

Govt. of 1869

REVENUE.

To

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE

NEIGHERRY HILLS

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Dated August, 1869.

Recd.

And

G. O. 25th August 1869, No. 2411.

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Re. Bank of Revenue
by 31st Aug 1869

General Agri-Horticultural Society.
Raising efforts on the application for land and
money to carry on their operations.

church for a public garden and that as
soon as the sketch of the ground applied
for to Major Meysen Superintendent of Revenue
Survey is received the application be forwarded
to the Commissioner of Agriculture for submission
to Government.

For Major Meysen and Major Meysenham
are requested to draw up the application.

That in the application to be forwarded
to Government, a donation of Rs 2000 with
a monthly subscription of Rs 120 be asked.

Resolved that a £ 6-6 packet of
vegetable seeds according to the list enumerated
at page 8 of their circular be written for to
Sutton and Co of Reading with a request
that they will forward the same carefully
secured via the overland route to
Rabat and Co.

That Messrs Sutton and Co be asked
to state at the same time on what terms
they will furnish the society with seeds
from time to time.

That a 1/2 Shilling packet of flower
seeds adapted for the civil service Hills
be written for at the same time.

That the Proceedings of this day be
forwarded for publication in the South
of India Observer, Excelsior and District
Gazette.

Resolved that the thanks of the
society be voted to Doctor Allen for his
conduct in the Chair.

The Committee adjourned.

(Signed) J. Y. Meysen

Honorary Secretary

(True Copy)

W. A. Meysen

Honorary Secretary

12th June 1869

No. 2553.

From

The Commissioner, Pelly, Kory Hills.
Dated 20th July 1869.

FOR ORDERS.

The proposals deserve the
support of J. G. I would
permit the whole to be taken
up for the purpose of a further
and if the money be available
would give the 2000^l. asked
for. I would also give a
monthly sum of 100^l. which
be the expected at 1000^l.
Lunenburg, than the same
sum can be at 100^l.

W. G. L.

5/10/69

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Am. 25th July 1869 to 1870

Minutes of a Meeting
of the Civil Committee
of the Comm. Board
of the Pelly District
held on 20th June 1869

10/10/69

I don't consider myself justified
in acceding to this request. The
people of Moor ask for a grant
of Rs. 2000. and for a monthly
contribution of Rs. 1000 for the
purpose of being out & maintaining
an agricultural garden -
in effect a pleasure ground,
in the heart of their town
and they only show subscriptions
to the amount of Rs. 344 -
which I do not understand

6/4/11
to be made by an annual
but only donations. -
would fall upon Mr. Bueh for
a more detailed ^{celebration} statement
the contributions received & of
the permanent subscriptions that
might be hoped for. The Govt.
are here practically invited
to make & maintain the
garden with almost no
cooperation on the part of those
who are to benefit by it. I

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4. Letter Commencing the help being the 1st of Dec 1895

16. (13th Dec 1895)

S. J. H. Hall