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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department, 11th November 1873.

Read the following papers:—

No. 29. From J. G. FERRAND, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Friend-in-Need Society, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 30th September 1873.

Upwards of a year ago the General Committee of the Friend-in-Need Society submitted, through their President, a scheme for the in-door relief of European and East Indian paupers, embracing a proposal to build an Alms-house or Workhouse, and solicited the aid of Government.

G.O., Pub. Dept., 4th October 1872, No. 1128.

Government replied that the site sought by the Society for the proposed alms-house was not its property, but that if the Society could procure a site, or indicate one which was at its disposal, the Governor in Council would be prepared to aid the Society in carrying out the design with a grant in money. The Building Sub-Committee of the Society have inspected several sites since, but the only one available, which was considered suitable both by the Building and General Committee, was not approved by Government. In consequence, therefore, of the great difficulty of obtaining a central site adequate for a large alms-house for the whole town, the General Committee now consider that, instead of having one large alms-house, it would be better to have smaller alms-houses in separate divisions of the town; they will keep in mind the necessity of arranging so that the expenditure shall not be increased by this change of plan. The Building Committee have accordingly inspected a spot of ground at Royapooram which belongs to Government; appears to be in a healthy locality; is conveniently situated and well raised; has a good soil; and offers many other advantages. The Building and General Committee think that it will answer both for the paupers of Royapooram and Black Town, although, from its not being central, it may not answer for the whole town of Madras. The spot is not too far from the Poor Schools of Black Town, and is easily accessible to the several Christian Ministers residing in Royapooram and Black Town, and to the Society's Local Committees of those divisions. I enclose copy of a plan, furnished by Ragoonath Row, when Deputy Collector of Madras, showing the spot of ground referred to; it bears No. 54, and is upwards of fourteen Cawnies in extent, and is bounded north by the Cemetery Road, south by the Railway line, east by the Monegar Choultry Road, and west by the Trivatore High Road. I am instructed by the General Committee of the Friend-in-Need Society to ask the Right Honourable the Governor in Council for a grant of three Cawnies of the site. The Committee would select about 180 feet in width from the Cemetery Road southwards, so as not to interfere with a well and washing ground on the site, and extending along the Cemetery Road westwards so far as will make three Cawnies.

G.O., dated 1st March and 25th April 1873, Nos. 209 and 421.

2. The Committee are anxious to introduce the in-door relief system in Madras without further delay, in the hope that it will prove here, as it has proved in Great Britain and Ireland, an efficient means of checking pauperism. The longer it is put off the greater will be the difficulties that will have to be contended with. If, therefore, Government has any objection to grant the spot of ground applied for, the Committee trust that His Lordship in Council will be pleased to afford them effectual help in procuring a suitable site in its stead, as they do not

see that they will themselves be able to do so, excepting perhaps at a cost which they would not be justified in incurring.

3. An estimate for the erection of a building on the ground applied for is under the consideration of the General Committee.

4. The Building Sub-Committee are looking out for sites for alms-houses for the paupers of other parts of Madras.

Referred to the Collector of Madras for report in communication with the President of the Municipal Commission.

OOTACAMUND,
3rd October 1873. (Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 30. From J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 3rd November 1873, No. 244.

With reference to the endorsement, dated 3rd ultimo, on letter from the Acting Secretary, Friend-in-Need Society, dated 30th September last, I have the honour to forward copy of a letter from the President, Municipal Commission, dated 30th ultimo, stating that he sees no objection whatever to the site being made over to the Friend-in-Need Society for the purpose mentioned.

2. I consider the site suitable and see no objection to handing it over to the Society.

3. The plan received is herewith returned.

From J. C. LOCH, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, dated Madras, 30th October 1873, G. No. 308.

With reference to the letter from the Acting Secretary, Friend-in-Need Society, dated 30th ultimo, applying for a piece of land in Royapooram as a site for an alms-house, and the inspection we made of it a few days ago in company with Mr. Ferrand, I have now the pleasure to state that I see no objection whatever to its being made over to the Society for this purpose.

2. I return Mr. Ferrand's letter and plan under reference.

No. 31.

ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1873, No. 1187.

The Governor in Council authorizes the Collector of Madras to make over to the Committee of the Friend-in-Need Society the site indicated, not exceeding three Cawnies in extent, for the erection of an Alms-house, on the condition that it is to be properly enclosed and that the building is to be erected with reasonable expedition.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the General Committee of the Friend-in-Need Society, with the plan.
" Collector of Madras.
" President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Wright,

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To

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Dated November, 11th.

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