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No. 56. Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cowdally, 28th February 1873, No. 6:—

I have the honour to forward, for the sanction of Government, the following estimate for the purchase of lands to the east of the railway station of Mettapolliem, between it and the Coimbatore Road, and Soldiers' Rest House and "British Oak" Hotel.

2. I am of opinion that these lands should be acquired by Government, at the present time, with the view to prevent a greater expense hereafter, and to secure the proper conservancy of what will, in future, be a very important railway terminus.

3. Early sanction is required, as there are already many applicants for land near the railway station, and if not under Government control no interference can be made in their mode of utilization.

4. The extent I propose to purchase is Acres 39.11, and the amount Rupees 2,466.

5. Government are well-aware of the trouble and expense that have ensued from railway station lands not being sufficiently large to prevent the neighbourhood of hovels and other insanitary occupation of the precincts.

6. I may mention that, in 1868, I paid Rupees 1,810 to remove some hovels from the south of Pothanoor erected on village site; another sum of Rupees 1,414 was paid for an adjoining collection of hovels on putta land, and yet wherever there is a piece of putta land (and it was nunja in this case) the bought-out inmates squatted thereon, to the profit of the owner of the land and detriment of the health of the station.

7. After the acquirement of the land proposed, it can be let out on lease or sold, for building site, on condition; what remains can be let out for agricultural purposes only, and thus the cost can be recouped.

8. The village of Mettapolliem is increasing in size, and steps have been taken to regulate the formation of broad streets in the new part.

9. So soon as the line is open there will be a numerous class of native employés, who, unless the precaution is taken of securing the surrounding land, will squat, as elsewhere, outside the station compound to the detriment of the new station.

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1873, No. 270.

The purchase is sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rupees 2,466.

2. It will be considered in the Department of Public Works whether the charge is properly debitable to "Public Works, Railway."

(True Extract.)


Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Sanitary Commissioner.
,, Accountant-General.

Erd. J. Wright.

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the railway station at Mettupolli, at the e-
stimated cost of Rupees 2,400. 27-150.

and A. K. K. 134

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6. Public Board of Revenue, 24th