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14th February 1870.*

Read again Proceedings of Government, under date 25th August 1869, No. 2,414.
No. 120. Read also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated
3rd November 1869, No. 8,145:—

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills, to the
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th
September 1869, No. 135.

In reply to Government Order of 25th August 1869, No. 2,414, I have the
honour to state that the Coonoor branch of the Neilgherry Agri-Horticultural
Society requested my attendance at a meeting of the Managing Committee of the
Society on Monday the 13th instant, and I went accordingly.

2. The Honorary Secretary showed me the Society's subscription book, in
which were entered the names of thirty members, who had each paid 10 rupees
entrance donation, and promised 12 rupees per annum subscription.

	Rs.
Entrance donation...	300
Annual subscriptions ...	360
	660

3. They also informed me that they had every reason to believe that the
Coonoor Municipality would be willing, on sanitary grounds, to give Rupees 300
towards the expense of converting the land applied for into a public garden or
People's Park, and Rupees 20 per mensem towards up-keep.

4. These circumstances, I think, afford the Society a fair guarantee of stability,
and as the object in view is to convert a very dirty bit of waste in the heart of
the town into a public garden, I hope the Government will see reason to give
substantial aid. The Society requests as follows:—

(1.) That the Government will give the Society the land originally
applied for.

(2.) That the Government will give a grant-in-aid of Rupees 1,500 to clear
the site and lay out the garden.

(3.) That the Government will allot Rupees 100 a month to aid in the
up-keep.

(4.) That Government will allow Mr. Jamieson (the Deputy-Superintendent
of Cinchona) to give four days a month to aid the Society in laying out the gardens
and maintaining them afterwards in good order, for which aid the Society are
willing to pay Mr. Jamieson Rupees 40 per mensem.

5. I have been in communication with Mr. Jamieson and Mr. Melver, his
immediate superior, and I have no reason to apprehend any difficulty as far as they
are concerned. If Government accede to the request of the Society, they calculate
their present fixed income and expenditure per mensem as follows:—

	Rs.	Expenditure.	Rs.
Income.			
Government allowance	100	Mr. Jamieson	40
Municipal do.	20	Head Gardener	40
Society's do.	30	And Native Gardeners	70
	150		
Total	150	Total	150

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6. The Committee are very sanguine that the number of subscribers to the Society will steadily increase, and I think this is probable. But if the Government grant Rupees 100 per mensem towards the up-keep, the Government contribution will always represent the lion's share, and it seems to me therefore desirable to take the opportunity of closing the Government Garden, removing the few fruit-trees therein to the Society's Garden, of which a small part might be expressly set aside for the use of the Ootacamund Botanical Garden. By this arrangement the Ootacamund Garden would be saved an expenditure of Rupees 12 a-month, which it can ill-afford.

As regards the four requests made by the Society, I may perhaps be excused if I strongly urge upon the Government the desirability of aiding the Society to the extent proposed, except perhaps with regard to the grant-in-aid which I think might be fixed at Rupees 1,000. It seems to me only fair that the Society should raise the remaining Rupees 500 by a special subscription from the residents, who will be especially benefited by the garden, and from casual visitors who are more or less interested in the attractions of the place.

8. It would, I think, be desirable to give the grant-in-aid on condition that the Commissioner was fixed President of the Society.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board observe that Government have already (in paragraph 4 of their Order of 25th August 1869) expressed their readiness to give an amount equal to the subscriptions and donations received by the Society, should the Commissioner report as he has now done.

3. The Board would recommend that the land originally applied for be given, and also a yearly grant-in-aid equal to the joint contributions of the Municipality and the permanent residents and visitors.

4. The Board cannot support the other requests of the Society, as they consider that they involve a needless outlay. Neither the services of Mr. Jamieson nor the Head Gardener on Rupees 40 appear necessary, as a Head Maistry on Rupees 15 a month with a well-chosen member of the Committee to direct him would be quite sufficient. The abolition of the present garden, costing 12 rupees a month might, as proposed by the Commissioner, be effected, and the sum saved.

No. 123. Order in Council, 14th February 1870, No. 208.

Miscellaneous

On re-consideration of the question referred to in the foregoing papers, the Right Honourable the Governor in Council reports that, in the present condition of the Imperial finances, he does not

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feel at liberty to recommend that a grant-in-aid of the funds of the Coonoor Agricultural Society should be sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYFLL,
Secretary to the Government.

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

Edw. F. R. Bantleman.

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Under date the Nov. 1869.

Read the following

Pro. of the Board of Revenue.

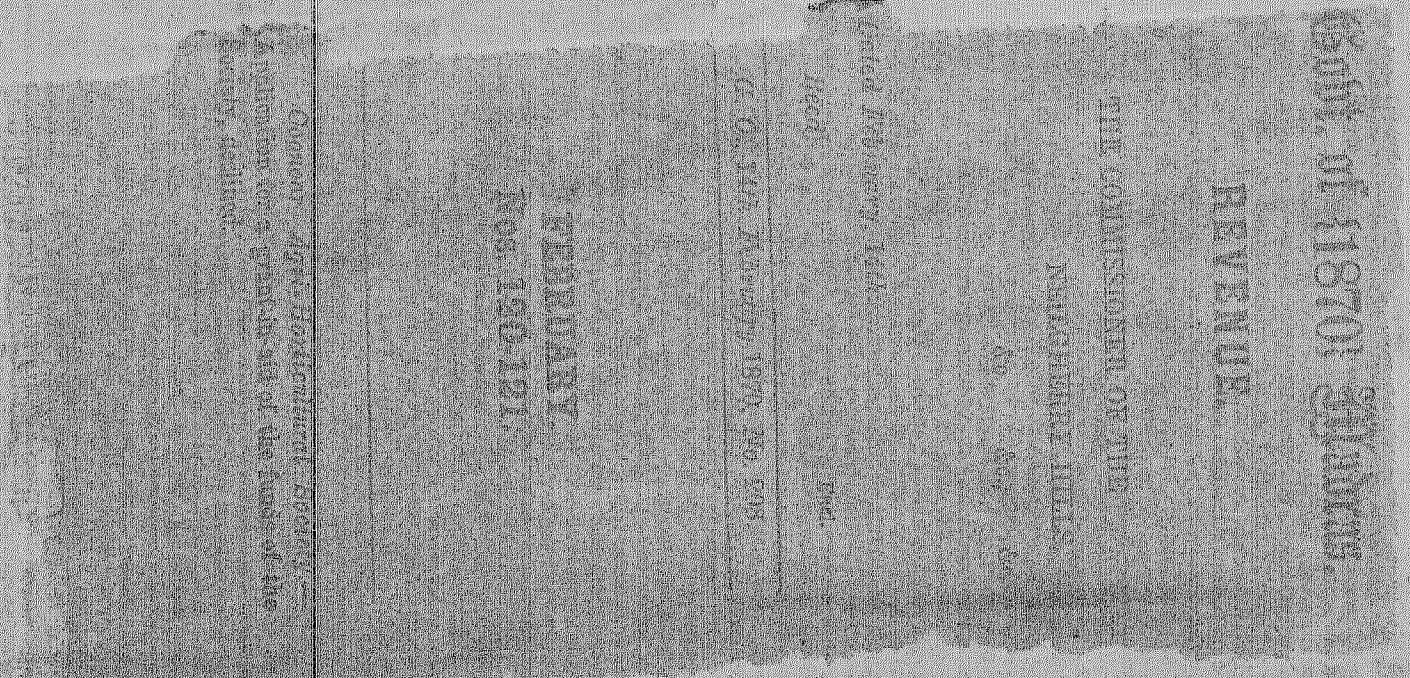
We cannot make these grants without the sanction of the Govt of India. A reference should be made in the first instance to the Govt General as to the source from which funds are available for this purpose during 1870-71. If he can find the money, application may be made to Govt of India.

Subj. letter from the Nilgherry Commr. forwarding, for favorable consideration, certain requests made by Society regarding the land applied for by the Coonoor branch of Nilgherry Agri-Horticultural Society, with recommendation that land, & a yearly grant in aid, be granted.

A.E. 3rd Nov. 1869. N^o 8145.

This matter has been discussed by our Ld. Magistrate, & we cannot promise a monthly grant in aid without the sanction of the Govt of India and this is hardly a good time for applying for it.

The Commr. of the Nilgherry Hills in his letter dated 25th Sept. 1869, N^o 135, reports with reference to G.O. dated 26th Aug. 1869, N^o 2414, that the Coonoor branch of the Nilgherry Agri-Horticultural Society have collected the sum of Rs 300



is requested to inform the Govt on this point as soon as the Municipality have arrived at a formal decision.

With reference to the monthly allowance applied for by the Commr, the Govt do not consider that the extent of the aid afforded by them should exceed the sum raised by local contributions. They are, however, prepared to sanction the allotment of an equal sum upon learning the determination of the Municipality.

5. Regarding paras 4 and 5 of the Commr's letter, the

I have included the Govt
subscriptions of the
in the calculation but
the monthly subscription
of the Commr is beyond
the scope of the Govt
aid. The Govt do not
hold out by Govt in their
former order to all the
Commr's letter. The
Govt do not consider
it expedient to
subsidize the
Commr's letter.

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manager of the
garden but the
Society do with
their funds. They
please pending
experience of their
proceedings.

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the Govt do not concur
in the opinion expressed
by the Board. They believe
that Mr. Janieson's coopera-
-tion especially at the
outset, would prove of
material advantage to the
Institution, and they have
no objection to his devoting
four days a month to the
service of the Society at
noon, if the funds available
permit of his remuneration.
This is a question upon
which the Society itself
is competent to decide.
6. The Government
approve of the proposal
relating

relating to the Coonoor
Govt gardens which is
embodied in para 6 of
the Commissioner's letter.
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Certain Requests
made by the
Common Council
of the Am. Anti-Slavery
Society



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Read again Proceedings of Feb under
date 25 Aug 1869 to 2414.

Read also Mr. Stealy's.

In re. consideration of the
motion referred to in the
Aug paper the Rt Hon. the
Gov. in Council report
that in the present
condition of the Imperial
finances, he does not
feel at liberty to recom-
mend that a grant
in aid of the funds
of the Common Agri-
cultural Society
should be sanctioned

Let from
under in Council
JMS

3 Letter Commemoration of the Abolition of
the Slave Trade

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