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Government of Madras.

Revenue. **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 7,725.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 29th October 1868.

Read the following letter from J. W. BREEKS, Esq., Commissioner of the Neilgherries, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 24th September 1868, No. 31:—

I AM in receipt of Government Order of 10th September 1868, No. 2,355, Revenue Department, directing me to confer with Major Farewell, and report upon the advisability of Government allotting building-sites, and undertaking the erection thereon of new houses for the occupants of the present houses, required for the Ootacamund Swamp Reclamation Project. I was also to state the amount of outlay incurred up to date.

2. The outlay incurred up to date is Rupees 4,213-5-6 for material, excavations, temporary Jail for convicts, and huts for Police Guard.

3. I have gone again over the ground, and inspected the houses which are required for the project. The holdings for which compensation is sought number 104, namely—

Tiled-houses	40
Thatched-houses	35
Vacant grounds	29
	104

Only thirteen of these are subject to assessment, amounting altogether to Rupees [illegible]-12-5 per annum. The extent of land to be reclaimed is about 15 acres, of which five only are taken up by the holdings.

4. Of the 21,000 Rupees applied for (in Collector of Coimbatore's letter of 19th June 1868, No. 176, in Proceedings of Government under reply) in order to compensate the holders, 15,000 Rs. refer to buildings. The twenty per cent. (see paragraph 3 of letter of Collector of Coimbatore of 19th June 1868, No. 176, and paragraph 4 of Special Assistant Collector's letter of 17th June 1868 No. [illegible] sale of building-materials, had better be calculated upon the latter sum. I shall be glad if this last proceeds bring anywhere near 3,000 Rupees.

5. I have conferred with Major Farewell, as directed and he is strongly opposed to the Government undertaking the erection of new houses for the ejected holders. He assures me that he could not do the work for 30,000 Rupees.

6. I confess that it seems to me altogether unnecessary for Government to attempt such a task. The houses are of every sort, some tumble-down mud-huts, some tidy substantial buildings, some tiled, some thatched, some new, some old, it will be impossible to build fresh houses, on a uniform plan, so as to satisfy the 104 householders.

7. With regard to the 3rd paragraph of the Collector's letter above quoted, where he says the people "could not be expected to move until they had built new houses," I do not think the people themselves entertain any such notion; on the contrary, I believe they would prefer to receive compensation in money, and to be left free to build again or not, as they choose. The Tahsildar has made special inquiries upon the point from some of the parties concerned, and he is quite of opinion that they would not make the least difficulty about leaving the houses within a reasonable time after receipt of compensation.

8. The principle upon which the compensation amounts have been calculated, in paragraph 3 of Special Assistant's letter above quoted, seems to me most liberal. In paragraph 10 the Special Assistant adds, that the majority of the proprietors have expressed their assent to the terms proposed. Under these circumstances I question the possibility of our satisfying their claims with a less sum than 21,000 Rupees.

9. I would propose, however, that Major Farewell be requested to mark out sites for the new houses, on a suitable block of land (which I will show him) with a view to sanitation requirements, leaving it to the ejected householder to build a suitable house for himself on the site, subject merely to some such general restriction as, that all houses must face one way, and drain in the directions required by the Engineer.

10. Each new house should be charged a moderate quit-rent.

11. When making terms with each householder on the principle to which the majority of them have expressed their assent, the proffer of an eligible site to rebuild should go in diminution of the amount of money-compensation. With the money in hand I might possibly be able to make a somewhat better bargain with each proprietor than I now contemplate.

Submitted for the information of Government. The Board would not advocate the plan of building in opposition to the views of the Commissioner and Executive Engineer.

2. They concur in the proposals made in paragraphs 9 and 10.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Commissioner of the Neilgherries.

Read J. Welsh

Read Copy of Proceedings of Board of Revenue 1868. Oct. 29. No. 3482.

BOARD OF REVENUE, MADRAS.

1868.

Proceedings, 29th October 1868 No. 7,725.

Read Copy of Letter from Collector of Coimbatore, dated 19th June 1868, No. 176. Enclosure Received 4th Nov.

Ootacamund Swamp Reclamation Project.

OCTOBER.

No. 7,725.

Ootacamund Swamp Reclamation Project—Letter from Commissioner for Neilgherry Hills raising objections to proposal that Government should undertake erection of new houses in lieu of those required for,—and recommending that Executive Engineer be requested to mark out sites for new houses leaving it to the ejected party to build for himself, subject to certain restriction, submitted to Government.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th January 1869.

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1. SUBMITTED for the information of Government. The Board would not advocate the plan of building in opposition to the views of the Commissioner and Executive Engineer.

2. They concur in the proposals made in paragraphs 9 and 10.

No. 111. ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1869, No. 53.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council concurs with the Commissioner, and authorizes him to carry out the proposals made in paragraphs 9 and 10 of his letter. His Lordship in Council relies upon Mr. Breeks to effect the most economical arrangement he can on behalf of Government.

2. The Commissioner, in sanctioning the construction of houses on the ground which he intends to appropriate to this purpose, will be careful to make ample

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9th January 1869.

provision for access to the site by wheel carriages, for drainage for ventilation, and for some regularity in the distribution of the buildings which should all be roofed with tiles, and constructed of tolerably substantial materials.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 9 January 1869

Read the following Pro:
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Revenue.

Submitting to Govt letter
from Commissioner for Neilgherry
Hills, raising objections to proposal
that Govt should undertake erection
of new houses in lieu of those required
for Ootacamund Swamp Reclama-
tion Project, and recommend-
ing that Executive Engineer be re-
quested to mark out sites for new
houses leaving as to size & cost
entirely to Board for himself sub-
ject to certain restriction
with the Com
pleted Bill
Panels on cattle to
be erected - he reads also
wants that the houses
will take by hegira
etc shall fall
way I think
we ought to adopt
Govt Resy to the
order - the
have indicated below

(P.C. 29 October 1868 - 7123)

The Right Honble
the Governor-in Council
concurs with the Commission-
-er and authorizes him
to carry out the proposals
made in paras 9 and 10 of
his letter - His Lord-
-ship in Council relies
on you

GOVT. OF MADRAS
REVENUE.
To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE.
&c, &c, &c.
Dated Fort St. G.
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G. O. No. dated January 1869. No 53.
JANUARY.
Nos. 110-111.
Building sites in connection with swamp
Reclamation Project on the Neilgherries—
Commissioner's proposals with reference to this
subject, ordered to be carried out.

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Government.

June Add.

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