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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 18*th May* 1861.

No. 121. Read the following letter from Major W. J. WILSON, Commissioner of Police ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 7th May 1861, No. 53.

On the 30th ultimo Lieutenant Tulloch, Acting District Engineer, forwarded for my perusal *Enclosure No.* 1. a letter to his address from the Collector of Madras regarding a piece of land in Chintadrepettah, lately purchased for Constables' quarters.

2. In this letter it is stated that closely adjoining this piece of ground there are three small shops, in which the trade of rice-beating is carried on, and that the Proprietors request that this trade may not be interfered with by the Police, as the shops are too small for any other calling, and that the Proprietors will be losers if the rice-beating is put a stop to.

3. On receipt of this letter, I requested the Engineer not to take any further steps, until I had time to communicate with the Collector.

4. The next day after visiting the spot, I wrote to the Collector on the subject, pointing out that the trade of rice-beating is generally carried on between the hours of 2 and 5 A. M., and was a most serious objection to the occupation of the adjoining site as Constables' quarters.

5. This business is not carried on with a common mortar and rice-beater, but with stone mortars sunk in the ground, the rice being pounded by a large beam, worked much in the same way as a Pacottah. The noise is therefore very great, and particularly objectionable owing to its occurring at such untimely hours.

**Enclosure No.* 2. 6. I have this day received a reply* from the Collector, in which that Officer states, that the ground and shops in question might be purchased for the sum of three hundred Rupees or thereabouts, and I have therefore the honor to submit this plan for the favorable consideration of Government.

No. 125. ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1861, No. 661.

The Government sanction the purchase of the ground and shops referred to, at the estimated cost of (300) three hundred Rupees. Such quantity of the ground as may not be required should be re-sold to parties, whose location there may be unobjectionable.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No: 661 dated 18 May 1861

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