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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 14th April 1862.

No. 262. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 4th April 1862, No. 754:—

Requesting that the mode of carrying out the sanitary improvement of the Kurnool Fort may be considered. (Vide Revenue Proceedings, 4th April 1862, Nos. 80-81.)

No. 263. ORDER THEREON, 14th April 1862, No. 765.

Communicated to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, for report with reference to paragraph 5 of the Orders in the Revenue Department.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 1,111.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th February 1862.

Read again letter from the Acting Collector of Kurnool, dated 28th March, 1860, No. 36, reporting on the proposed levy of quit rent on the lands occupied by private persons in the Kurnool Fort.

(In Cons. 2nd April 1860, No. 1,482.)

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 14th December 1861, No. 140:—

1. I have the honor to forward a Plan of the Fort of Kurnool, and a Statement of the houses, and their present occupants, called for in the Board's Proceedings, dated May 4th 1860, No. 2,189.

2. I would propose a quit rent of Rupees 2 per Acre to be imposed on the lands occupied by the Khandan, and European residents, redeemable on the ordinary rules for holding Freehold, and building properties.

3. I beg that the plan may be returned for record in this Office.

4. The delay in the transmission of the required information has been caused by the plan having been only furnished on the 11th instant by the Engineer Department.

Enclosure No. 1.

List of Khandan's and European's houses in the Fort of Kurnool.

No. in Plan.	Area in Acres and square yards.		Name of Owners.	Name of Resident.	Remarks.
	A.	Yds.			
1	0	106	Soodeebee Mosaib...	Herself.	2 places.
2	0	230	Vuzeerumesa Bagum.	Do.	
3	0	114	Vuzeer Khanum...	Do.	2 places.
4	0	266	Abeeb Khatoon...	Do.	
5	0	55	Furkonysa Bagum.	Do.	
6	0	99	Shemsoozoha Mosaib.	Do.	
7	0	86	Sholum Khatoon.	Do.	
8	0	102	Vuzeerbee Mosaib.	Do.	
9	0	66	Zorabee do.	Do.	
10	0	105	Zummoobe do.	Do.	
11	0	71	Chota Futta Khatoon...	Do.	
12	0	135	Buda do. ... ... 1 ...	Do.	3 places.
13	0	79	Hussainbee Mosaib...	Do.	2 places.
14	0	117	Noorbagum do.	Do.	2 places.
15	0	739	Nezamkhatoon...	Do.	
16	0	169	Fuckroobee and Roshembee.	Do.	
17	0	116	Shummuth Khatoon...	Do.	2 places.
18	0	216	Mahur do.	Do.	2 places.
19	0	92	Mausoombee.	Do.	
20	0	244	Musruth Mosaib...	Do.	
21	0	166	Ruheem Khatoon.	Do.	
22	0	222	Alum do.	Do.	
23	0	172	Nuseeb do.	Do.	
24	0	2,600	Saudut do.	Do.	5 places.
25	0	121	Jumal do.	Do.	
26	0	672	Mohuddeen do.	Do.	2 places.
27	0	861	Kareem do.	Do.	2 places.
28	0	1,061	Hummuth do.	Do.	
29	0	39	Kasurma...	Do.	2 places.
30	0	82	Boram do.	Do.	2 places.
31	1	412	Hyderally Khan Bahadur.	Himself.	4 places.
32	0	923	Abbasully Khan...	Do.	2 places.
33	0	1,644	Khedurkhan Bhaudur...	Do.	2 places.

No. in Plan.	Area in Acres and square yards.		Name of Owners.	Name of Resident.	Remarks.
	A	Yds.			
34	0	722	Azmuth Khatoon...	Herself.	
35	0	3,055	Munzur do.	Do.	
36	0	172	Laulbee...	Do.	
37	0	276	Thatch Khatoon...	Do.	
38	0	287	Nuseeb do.	Do.	
39	0	394	Himmuth do.	Do.	
40	0	4,028	Abeeb Khan Meya...	Himself.	
41	0	1,114	Muroth Khatoon.	Herself.	
42	0	829	Azmuth do.	Do.	
43	2	3,264	Davood Khan Meya Bahadur... ...	Himself.	
44	0	39	Beebee Khatoon	Herself.	
45	1	2,093	Hummuth Khan Bahadur... ...	Himself.	2 places.
46	1	1,160	Hussainally Khan...	Do.	
47	0	1,266	Yakoob Khan.	Do.	
48	1	2,804	Esufally Khan...	Do.	
49	0	1,778	Goolammodeen Khan Suvyagy. ...	Do.	2 places.
50	0	4,511	Vuzeerally Khan...	Do.	2 places.
51	1	2,782	Auzum Khan Meya...	Do.	
52	0	3,873	Dauda Khan.	Do.	
53	0	3,571	Ausuffally Khan.	Do.	
54	0	2,833	Mohuddeen Khan Bahadur... ...	Do.	
55	0	297	Thurab Khatoon...	Do.	2 places.
56	0	1,166	Saheb do.	Herself.	2 places.
57	0	2,022	Moduddeen Khatoon, Assainally Khan, and Munsoorally Khan... ...	Themselves.	
58	0	3,655	Shaka Muhul...	Ruined.	
59	0	1,754	Cuttal Saib...	Himself.	
60	0	1,566	Yacoob Khan.	Herself.	
61	0	2,889	Jynub Khatoon.	Do.	2 places.
62	0	3,026	Neyamuth do.	Do.	
63	0	661	Muborus do.	Do.	
64	0	339	Maunbukush.	Do.	
65	0	1,155	Lauld Mukol.	Ruined.	
66	0	4,555	Rausub Khantoon.	Herself.	
67	0	139	Selar Khatoon.	Do.	
68	1	1,776	36th Regiment N. I.	Mess house.	
69	0	1,707	Innus Khan	Captain R. P. Phipps.	
70	0	4,168	Anuntaramsing	Colonel M. Galway.	
71	0	1,943	Cuttal Saib...	Captain J. Beatty.	
72	0	558	Goolammodeen Khan Surrafy. ...	Officers of the Irrigation and Canal Company.	
73	0	418	Hakeem Mohomud Saib.	Do.	
74	1	71	Munshee Syedally.	Ensign Grove.	
75	0	3,291	Mala Thippimmah.	Surgeon Rotton.	
76	0	866	Cuttal Saib	Unoccupied.	
77	0	4,611	Nursunnah Paul.... ...	T. C. Bird, Captain.	
78	0	90	Do.	A. C. Phillips, Captain.	
79	0	4,755	Jolapur Musta Khan.	Band Master of the 36th Regiment.	
80	1	4,282	Captain Doveton...	Captain Doveton.	
81	2	2,520	Cuttal Saib...	Dr. Delfabeck.	
82	0	1,994	Mr. R. W. Blake... ...	Mr. R. W. Blake.	
83	0	522	P. Ramanjulu Naidu.	Mr. Speechely.	
84	0	644	Do.	Apothecary.	
85	0	2,039	Anuntaram Sing...	Adjutant of the 36th Regiment N. I.	
86	0	726	Government...	Jailor.	

Acs. 35-15-94.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Kurnool,
5th December 1861.

(Signed) J. BEATTY, Captain,
Ag. District Engr. of Kurnool.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Plan.

1. Resolved that the above communications be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government, with reference to paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings, No. 1,299, dated 13th March 1860, and with their recommendation that the Acting Collector of Kurnool be authorized to levy a quit rent of 2 Rupees per acre on the lands in the Kurnool Fort, aggregating Acres 35, Square yards 15, Square feet 9½, and shown in the above Statement to be occupied by buildings in the possession of private parties.

2. The lands in question appear to have been hitherto free from tax merely from no action having been taken in the matter by previous Agents or Collectors, and Mr. Minchin now reports that no obstacles exist to their being assessed to the public revenue. The houses built on the private lands in the Fort are classified—(I.) Into such as are occupied by the Mess and by the European Officers of the Regiment. (II.) Into those occupied by different members of the late Nawab's family; and (III.) Into those of the ordinary native inhabitants, which, however, being in no respect different from the houses in the Town on which no quit rent is charged, are omitted in the above Statement with the Board's approval.

3. The houses under Class I, the Collector reports, "were for the most part originally build-"ings belonging to the late Nawab, and claimed by the Government at the time of the assumption "of the country; and as such are liable to resumption under Minutes of Consultation, 11th Octo-"ber 1842, No. 468, Political Department. They have, however, all been enlarged and improved, "if not actually re-built, and have been sold and re-sold frequently. They are now generally "held by natives and rented out."

4. Of the houses under Class II, "some were assigned during the late Nawab's time to the "present occupants, and may be almost looked on as private property, and some were assigned by "Government on the assumption of the District. They are all maintained in repair by the occu-"pants, and on some considerable sums have been expended."

5. In their Order quoted in paragraph 3 above, Government considered that the money voluntorily expended by Officers for their own convenience on Government buildings for which they paid no rent, and which were publicly declared liable to resumption or destruction, can give the parties no right to dispose of them, and that individuals should not be allowed to acquire property within the Fort, and in their later Order of 6th December 1842, No. 549, Political Department, it is stated that the Government having resumed all the rights possessed by the late Nawab within the Fort and Territory of Kurnool, all buildings formerly belonging to the Nawab must be considered the property of the Government. "It is not the wish of the Most Honorable the "Governor in Council that tenants should be ousted, but he is of opinion that no transfer or sale "should be permitted without the sanction of Government, and that the same rule should be "applied to all property within the Fort for which there are no formal grants." These orders would, however, appear to have been passed under the impression that the Fort was in a condition to be used as such, and that consequently the acquisition of private property in it would be highly inexpedient in a Military point of view; for on a subsequent representation by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief that the fortress was in a most dilapidated state, and quite unworthy of the name, the restriction was removed (Extract from Minutes of Consultation in the Revenue Department, No. 450, dated 22nd April 1853), the Agent for Kurnool being informed that "there is no "objection to grants being issued for land within the Fort."

6. Under all the circumstances stated above, the Board believe that the most expedient and advantageous course is that proposed by the Acting Collector of levying a quit rent of 2 Rupees per acre on the whole of the lands shown in the Statement, which is the rate assessed on the lands already held in the Fort under public grants, and to permit their ostensible owners to redeem it under the Freehold Rules on production of good *prima facie* evidence of title.

7. The Acting Collector states that in some of the above grounds occupied by both Europeans and by the Nawab's relatives, "there are wells which are looked on as Government property," and that he does not see how the Government can retain their property in the wells when the fee-sim-

ple in the lands is sold. He does not, however, state whether the permanent alienation of any of the wells would be productive of serious inconvenience to the public ; but should Government accede generally to the recommendation in paragraph 6, each application under the Freehold Rules will come under the Board's consideration, and the Collector will be afforded the opportunity of reporting fully on such cases in which it would be expedient not to sacrifice the public right to the use of wells which may now be of general utility to the community.

8. The state of the Fort walls and ditch is also noticed by the Acting Collector in the earlier letter above recorded. It appears that when the Fort was dismantled, the stone-facing of the walls and counterscarp was permitted to be taken away by the Officers of the Department of Public Works, and has been almost entirely removed and used in building the bridge over the Hindry and other public works, leaving the debris of the wall a lofty mass of loose earth, which prevents the free circulation of air in the Fort, and the ditch as a receptacle for filth of all kinds. The late Acting Collector proposes, as the most economical plan, that the site should be divided into lots, and made over as freeholds to any private individuals who will engage to clear and level them. The Board would, however, recommend that the District Engineer be directed in the first place to state what the expense of levelling the site would be, and also to furnish a rough sketch of it divided into lots as proposed by the late Acting Collector, so as to enable Government to decide at once on the plan that it would be most advisable to adopt.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with a Plan (to be returned).

Copy to J. I. Minchin, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool.

Exd. J. Wright.

Dated 17th February 1862.
Despatched.
Received.

No. 1,111.

Submitting for consideration and orders a letter from the Collector of Kurnool and recommending that he be authorized to levy a quit rent of Rupees 2 per acre on the lands in the Kurnool Fort.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

No.

1862. Department.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue :—

Submitting for consideration and orders a letter from the Collector of Kurnool, and recommending that he be authorized to levy a quit-rent of Rupees 2 per acre on the lands in the Kurnool Fort. (Here enter 17th February 1862, No. 1,111.)

ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1862, No. 754.

1. The Government concur in the recommendation made by the Collector and the Board of Revenue for the treatment of the lands in the Kurnool Fort, specified in the foregoing Proceedings. The amount of assessment is small and of no importance, but a clear principle is followed, and parties who have, and have not, obtained ground under Government grants, are placed on an equal footing.

2. The imposition of a quit-rent, moreover benefits those persons at present holding by sufferance, inasmuch as it gives them a clear title to what at present they have no title to at all : for the Government makes them proprietors when it levies an assessment from them and gives them the option of redemption.

3. The rate of quit-rent proposed, viz., 2 Rupees an acre, is very light for building ground within a town, but as it appears from paragraph 6 of the Collector to be the sum usually assessed, it may be so settled.

4. Care must be taken not to give away the public wells alluded to by the Board in paragraph 7, such of these as are required for public purposes should remain the property of Government, and be kept available for the use of the general community.

5. With regard to the dilapidated mud rampart and ditch, the Government are of opinion that the best course would be to throw the [illegible] to the latter after which the ground thus gained could be sold by auction in lots as site [illegible] houses. The sanitary improvement of the Fort would be effected most quickly and surely [illegible] way, while the outlay would be more than recovered. The question as to the mode of carry[illegible] out this resolve will be considered in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
Department of Public Works.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Public Works 1862 Department
Proc: of Govt for April
No 1026

Proceedings of the Madras
Govt in the Revenue Department

Dated 4th
Rec'd 7th } April 1862
No 754

Requesting that the remarks
pursuing on the Sanitary
Improvement of the Burmah
Fort may be considered

No 765 dated 4th April
1862 from the Chief Engineer
& Secretary to Govt
with enclosures
Rec'd 7th ditto

Engineer & Surveyor
Commanded to the Govt
ordered in the
Chief Engineer & Secretary to Govt
with the Revenue Department.

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