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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
24th February 1865.*

No. 232. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Lakadi, 13th February 1865, No. 24.

I have the honor to report that, notwithstanding the agreement reported in my letter to the Board of Revenue, dated the 18th ultimo, No. 9, submitted to Government with the Board's Proceedings, dated 25th ultimo, and on which, G. O., dated the 4th instant, No. 228, was passed, Mr. Glasson, on my communicating that Government had sanctioned my proposal to take up the 46 acres, more or less, for the Vytry town land, now writes that he must decline to give the extent of land required.

2. The site is certainly by far the best I know for a most important public purpose, that of securing a well arranged town in South Wynaad. Portions of it are now halting places for passing pack bullocks; the rest is grass, with a few scattered trees and a little jungle. A few temporary bazaars, which will have to be removed at any rate in a month or two, when the high road is widened in the course of operations now going on, are the only tenements on it.

3. In fact, if the public offices are not built here, though a few bazaars and struggling Native dwellings may spring up, the land is only valuable for pasturage, and of this there is abundance elsewhere in the immediate vicinity.

4. If the public offices are built here, the immediately surrounding land will of course acquire a value it does not now possess. It is, I imagine, to secure prospective advantages from this source that the opposition now raised is made.

5. The hill is decidedly the best site for the public offices anywhere about; but, as I have already said, I think it a *sine qua non* that, under the circumstances of South Wynaad, we should acquire ground for well arranged bazaars and dwellings about any site we determine on.

6. I have therefore the honor to request that declaration, under Section 2, Act VI of 1857, may be made that the land is required for a public purpose. The boundaries of the land may be described as towards the West, by the high road from Lakadi to Kalpetta; towards the North, by the belt of jungle running from the said road to the Konuth stream; towards the East, by the said stream to some 20 yards beyond the path crossing to the Remington Estates; and towards the South, by a slightly irregular line drawn from the point just indicated back to the high road.

7. I would solicit early orders.

No. 233. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1865, No. 309.

The Governor in Council is not prepared to resort to the provisions of Act VI of 1857, in the matter referred to in the foregoing letter. If there be no other site available at Vytri, the Collector must select a site for the public offices in question somewhere in the neighbourhood.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

„ Revenue Department.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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On Circuit Lakadi 13th February 1865

From

G. A. Ballard Esq.

Collector of Malabar

To

The Honble A. J. Arbuthnot

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