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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 28th February 1862.

No. 456. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th November 1861, No. 6,334.

Read the followigng letter from Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq., Officiating Collector of Trichinopoly, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated 28th October 1861, No. 197 ;—

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1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Board's Proceedings, Nos. 5,640 and 5,683, dated the 15th and 16th of this month respectively, calling on me to report on the Chief Engineer's letters to Government in which he brings to notice that no steps appear to have been taken for the purchase of the Jahannamah for the purpose of converting it into a Civil Dispensary and Hospital as contemplated in paragraph 11, Minute No. 2 (dated 28th of January 1860) by the late Governor Sir C. Trevelyan.

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Collector to the District Engineer, No. 112, dated 3rd July 1861.

2. The subject of the purchase of the palace of the late Nabob of which the Jahannamah forms a part, was fully discussed by the late Collectors Messrs. Walhouse and Bird in the correspondence noted marginally ; this was prior to Sir Charles Trevelyan's Minute ; it does not appear, however, that on any occasion final orders, regarding the purchase of the palace, were ever communicated to this Office.

3. Paragraph 11 of the Minute above referred to, did not convey any authority for the purchase of the Jahannamah, which forms a portion of the palace ; it would appear to have been Sir Charles Trevelyan's desire that the whole palace property should be purchased by Government, and the entire grounds laid out as public gardens.

4. On reading the Minute on my joining this District, I did not for a moment suppose that authority was thus conveyed for any public Officer to purchase the palace and grounds on behalf of Government, but merely looked upon it as an expression of Sir C. Trevelyan's own views on the subject after personally visiting the property, and I was further confirmed in this view on reading the Board's Proceedings, No. 1,960, dated the 21st of April 1860 (forwarding copy of Sir C. Trevelyan's Minutes) in which in paragraph 2 the Collector of Trichinopoly is directed by the Board to attend to paragraph 10 of the Minute which has reference to other arrangements, regarding making a road round the Fort, and the re-purchase of the old bomb-proof barracks, which re-purchase has accordingly been effected and the barracks razed to the ground.

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In Cons. 7th October 1861, Nos. 6,360 and 6,364.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary*.

No. 457. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1862, No. 333.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to Æ. R. McDonell, Esq., Officiating Collector of Trichinopoly.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Submitting a letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly explaining why no steps were taken for the purchase of the Jahannama to convert it into a Civil Dispensary and Hospital.

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