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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

17th October 1878, No. 4,046 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers :—

No. 224. Endorsement of the Acting Chief Secretary to Government in the Political Department, dated Ootacamund, 3rd October 1878, No. 1,803.

From J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq., Acting Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Trevandrum, 27th September 1878, No. 87.

With reference to Government Order, Political Department, dated 9th July 1878, No. 360, I have the honor to forward

* No. 862, dated 21st instant. herewith copy of a letter* from the Diwan of Cochin informing what is the precise nature of the usual terms of occupancy of reclaimed lands in that territory.

From T. SHUNGOONY MENON, Diwan of Cochin, to the Acting Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated Ernacollum in Cochin, 21st September 1878, No. 862.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th July last, No. 665, and to furnish you with the information therein called for respecting the usual terms of occupancy of reclaimed land in the Cochin territory.

2. The annual tax leviable upon a parrah of land is one Cochin puthen or 10 Pies of British money for the first twelve years, and afterwards a new rate comes into force, that is to say for every first-class cocoanut tree Annas 3 and Pies 4 are levied, on a second-class tree Annas 2-6, on a third-class tree Annas 1-10, and on a fourth-class tree Annas 1-3. A further charge is made for three trees out of every hundred at 6 Annas and 8 Pies each.

3. A parrah of land is a plot ten dhenus by four, or forty square dhenus. A dhenu is four koles, the kole being equal to 28½ English inches. The parrah therefore is 394½ square yards, or .0814 of an English acre.

4. If garden land be converted into paddy-fields, the rent for each parrah of sowing ground is the same as that fixed for a parrah of cocoanut garden, namely, 10 Pies during a period of twelve years; after that a tax of 3½ parrahs of grain is leviable on each parrah of land, but if the land prove uncultivable the Sirkar reserves to itself the power of making a new assessment on equitable terms.

5. In former times the rent was payable in *kind*; but later, considering that the advance in the market value of grain would seriously affect the interests of the ryot if this condition were strictly enforced, commutation rates or, in other words, a money payment in lieu of paddy were from time to time established by this Government. The rate now stands at one gold fanam (Annas 4-7) for a parrah of paddy.

From J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq., Acting Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Acting Collector of Malabar, dated Pirmard, 7th May 1878, No. 404.

In reference to your letter, No. 407, dated 14th March 1878, enclosing copy of Government Order, Public Department, No. 151, of 8th March,

* No. 364, dated 24th April 1878. I have the honor to forward copy of a letter* from the Diwan of Cochin, from which you will learn that the Cochin Sirkar are unwilling to part with the portion of sea beach desired by the British Government, but are willing to permit the prosecution of any works necessary for the preservation of the Cochin Harbour.

From T. SHUNGOONY MENON, Diwan of Cochin, to the Acting Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated Choverah in Cochin, 24th April 1878, No. 364.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo, No. 273, with enclosures, copy of a letter from the Collector of Malabar, No. 407, dated 14th March 1878, and Government Order, Political Department, No. 151, dated 8th idem, expressive of the desire of the British Government to obtain the strip of land which lies between the backwater and the sea and extending northwards for about a mile and a half from Vypeen Point towards the Cruz Milagre dam, in view to the conservation of the harbour at Cochin.

2. The question of the transfer of a strip of Vypeen Coast for an equivalent in British territory for a similar object, has not been now raised for the first time. The point was mooted by Mr. Ballard in 1873, when the works for closing the Cruz Milagre gap were undertaken, and upon explanations offered the Madras Government resolved (*vide* G.O., 27th August 1873, No. 2,138, Public Works Department) not to press the question of exchange or sale of the coast in deference to the feelings of this Government.

3. The alternative proposition of Mr. Ballard in cases where work may have to be undertaken by the British Government within Cochin limits was thus laid down.

From Resident to Chief Secretary to Government, 18th June 1878, No. 48.

"The British Government to be at liberty to undertake such defensive works as it deems necessary on the coast between Vypeen and Nair Umbalam at its own cost; the Sirkar to give free occupation of the ground required for the works. The Government to pay compensation at the usual local rates for cocoanut trees taken up or destroyed, or loss of occupancy rights by tenants in connection with the works. Any lands reclaimed off Cochin Sirkar limits to be Sirkar territory, but to be under occupancy by the British Government as long as it desires to retain them on the usual terms of tenancy of such lands in the State." These terms were accepted on behalf of His Highness' Government in my letter of the 17th December 1873, No. 857.

4. The objections urged in my letter, dated 7th July 1873, No. 439 (printed with the Proceedings referred to in the foregoing paragraph) to an arrangement for an exchange of territory have not ceased to exist. The line of sea board in the possession of this State is very limited in proportion to its extent, and a diminution of it is necessarily much to be deprecated. I am quite alive to the importance of preserving the British harbour at Cochin, as the benefits arising from it are participated by this State under the Interportal Convention, and it was this

From Resident to Diwan, 28th September 1870, No. 700.

From Diwan to Resident, 20th October 1870, No. 633.

consideration which induced the Sirkar to contribute the sum of Rupees 30,000 towards the harbour works and the closing of the gaps at Cruz Milagre and Mallipuram, as it would otherwise have been the interest of the Sirkar to secure an outlet from the backwater into the sea and to establish a port at Cruz Milagre.

5. Although His Highness feels himself unable to accede to a cession of land as desired in your letter under acknowledgment, I am desired to express his anxious wish to afford every facility for the prosecution of works by the British Government for the protection of the Cochin Harbour, on the basis of the arrangement proposed by Mr. Ballard and accepted by the Sirkar. Orders have already been given in order to secure free access to their works by the officers of the British Department Public Works, and that every assistance be afforded them. If it be the wish of Government that the strip of coast be planted with cocoanut trees to impart stability to the soil, arrangements will at once be made for that purpose. I shall also be prepared to allow sand to be removed from any unobjectionable spot for filling up the lagoon at Cruz Milagre should silt be required.

From D. BUICK, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated Calicut, 14th March 1878, No. 407.

I HAVE the honor to forward for your information the accompanying copy of Government Order, Political Department, No. 551, dated 8th instant, and in accordance with the instructions given to me I have the honor to request you will invite the Cochin Government to express an opinion as to whether that Government is prepared to relinquish to the British Government such an extent of the sea beach in the neighbourhood of the entrance to the port of Cochin as may be found necessary for the conservation of the harbour entrance.

2. I am informed that the portion of the sea beach requiring conservation, viz., from Vypeen Point to a short distance northwards, is a mere strip of sand; that, if neglected, it may be the cause of serious injury to the port; and that in fact the safety of the harbour depends very much on its preservation. I trust, therefore, that the Cochin Government will be able to meet the wishes of the Government in this matter. Should your application be favorably received, I shall forward at once particulars as to the extent of sea beach required. In no case of course will it be more than is absolutely necessary in the interests of the port.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department with reference to the Orders in that Department, dated 24th June 1878, No. 2,621 W.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 225. ORDER THEREON, 17th October 1878, No. 4,046 W.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council accepts these usual terms for the occupation of the reclaimed land which the Madras Government require to retain for the security of the Cochin Harbour Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

(True Copy.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Political Department.
" Marine Department.
" Revenue Department.
" District Engineer, Malabar.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of (1878) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated October 17th.

Issued

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Encl.

G. O., 17th October 1878, No. 4,046 W.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 224-225.

Cochin Harbour Works.—Accepting the usual terms for the occupation of the reclaimed land required for the security of the —.

No. 87

From

Resident's Office
J. C. Hannington Esquire *1040/3*

To

Ag. RESIDENT in Travancore and Cochin,
C. G. Master Esquire

Ag. CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR,

N. 862 dated 21st Inst.
With reference to Government Order, Political Department, dated 9th July 1878. N. 360, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter from the Diwan of Cochin informing what is the precise nature of the usual terms of occupancy of reclaimed lands in that territory.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

Hannington
Ag. Resident.

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It is a copy of
a letter from the
of Cochin informing
what is the present
nature of the annual
terms of occupancy of
reclaimed lands in
that territory.
It is enclosed.

Dated 27th September 1878
Received 19 Oct 1878

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Enclosure. 1

Fort St. George.

The Chief Secretary to Govt.

Political Department
From
Cochin
The Resident in Travancore & Cochin.

To

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No. 1803.

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Transferred to the Public Works Department
with reference to the works in that department
of 24th June 1878. No. 2621. W.

Discontinued

1st October 1878.

to the Public Works Department.

Master
Ag. Chief Secretary

No 862.

To

J. C. Harrington Esquire
Ag. British Resident in
Travancore & Cochin

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the 30 July last, No 665
and to furnish you with the information therein
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2. The annual tax leviable upon a parrab
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English acre.

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I have &c.
Signed / S. Shungoony Menon
Diwan

(True Copy)

Manu Gupta
Ag. Resident

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N^o 404

Resident Office
On Circuit, Pinard,
7th May 1878.

From
J. C. Hamington Esq.
Esq. Resident in Travancore & Cochin

To
D. Buick, Esq.
Esq. Collector of Malabar,

Sir,
In reference to your letter N^o 407 dated
14th March 1878 enclosing Copy of G. O. P. D.
N^o 151 of 8th March, I have the honor to
forward Copy of a letter from the
Dewan of Cochin from which you
will learn that the Cochin Sirkas
are unwilling to part with the portion
of sea beach desired by the British
Government, but are willing to permit
the prosecution of any works necessary
for the preservation of the Cochin harbour.

I have &c
/s/ J. C. Hamington
Esq. Resident
(True Copy)

W. H. Jones

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Enclosed in a letter
from the Ag. Resident
in Travancore & Cochin
to the Ag. Chief Secretary
to Government with a copy
of a letter dated 27 September
1878.

From the Dewan of
Cochin to the Ag.
Resident in Travancore
& Cochin No 862
dated 27th September 1878.

Copy of a letter from the
Dewan of Cochin re-
pecting the naval
harbour of Cochin
in Cochin territory.
L. H. Jones

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11th 1878 Malabar Collector's Office
Calicut 14th March 1878.

Sir,

J. E. Manayngton Esq.
Cdg. Resident in Travancore & Cochin,
Travancore.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward
for your information the accompanying
Copy of G. O. Political Department,
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request you will invite the Cochin
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is prepared to relinquish to the
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Extent of the Sea beach in the
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the port of Cochin as may be
found necessary for the Conservation
of the Harbours Entrance.

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W. D. B. B. B.
Collector

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Muzos Cutchery, Chaveral
in Cochin, 24th April 1878.

To
J. C. Warrington Esq.
Mg. Resident in
Travancore & Cochin.

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G. O. 27th August 1873 N^o. 2138 Public
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From Resident to
Rasool 23 Sep: 1870
no 700.

From Rasool to
Resident 20th
October 1870 no 683.

From Rasool to
Resident 20th
March 1878 no 263.

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should still be required.

I have cc.

Sd/ J. Shaugoomy Murrum
Diwan

(True copy)

Sd/ J. C. Mannington
Chg. Resident

(True copy)

W. C. Mannington

Collector

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Endorsement of the Ag. Chief Secretary
N^o. 1803 d/ 3rd Octr 1878 on letter from the
Ag. Resident in Travancore & Cochin N^o. 87
d/ 27th Sept. 1878.

FOR ORDERS.

Circulated with
reference to para 2
of G.O. 2621 W dated
24th June 1878.

EA and Col. R.E.
Sd/- to Govt. P.W.D.

I do not accept these usual terms
for the occupation of the
inclined land in connection
with the Cochin Harbour 5th Octr 1878.
Sd/- S. B. S.
Sd/- S. B. S.

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Sd/-

Mrs

GO. 2621 W-26-6-78

Enclosure

In a letter from

the Secretary of Madras

to the Chief Secretary

to Govt. Madras

N^o 574 dated 6th June 1878.

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Copies of Correspondence
with the Resident in
Travancore & Cochin

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FOR ORDERS.

~~Hon. Mr. Anstey~~
~~Hon. Mr. Robinson~~
~~Hon. Mr. Carnarvon~~
~~Hon. Mr. ...~~

*List of
 minor orders*

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His Grace the Governor
 in Council accepts these
 usual terms for the
 occupation of the reclaimed
 land which the Madras
 Government require to
 retain for the security
 of the Cochin Harbour
 Works.

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G. O., 17 Oct. 1878, No. 446 W.

Nos. 224 to 225

Lochin Harbour Works

Accepting the usual terms
for the occupation of the reclaimed
land required for the security of
the —.

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