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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

7th December 1880, No. 2,822 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following papers :—

No. 29. From Major A. FILGATE, R.E., Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, Account—General, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 12th November 1880, No. 466 A.—G.

In reply to your telegram of the 2nd instant, I am directed to inform you that the Government of India has been pleased to sanction the addition of Rs. 20,000 to the Imperial Grant for Military Works in Madras for 1880-81, in order to provide for the purchase of a residence for the Remount Agent at Hosúr. There will not, of course, be any charge, on the expenditure of this sum, for establishment and tools and plant.

No. 29-A. Proceedings of Government, Military Department, dated 24th November 1880, 7,372.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1880, No. 2,822 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, who will disburse the sum of Rs. 20,000 at once to the Revenue authorities for purchase of Colonel Drury's house and adjacent property at Hosúr.

2. The Revenue Department will direct the Collector of Salem to complete the purchase and adjust the accounts during the current official year.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, with seven enclosures,
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.
" Revenue Department,

Ed S. T. Austin.

8/11/80

GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Cost. of 1880. *3822*
PUBLIC WORKS.

ALL SUPERINTENDING ENGINEERS.
SECOND CIRCLE.

Dated December, 7th.

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 5th December 1880, No. 2523 W.

DISCLOSED.

Nov. 22-83.

Purchase of Colonel Drury's House and adjacent property at Hosur. The Superior Intending Engineer, Second Circle, to disburse the sum of Rs. 26,000 at once to the Revenue authorities for the same.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

24th June 1880, No. 3970.

Cantonments—Lands.

Read the following papers:—

No. 389. From Colonel A. DRURY, Agent for Remounts, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George; dated Hosur, 14th January 1880, No. 670.

In forwarding the accompanying Proceedings of the Revenue Board, relative to my application for a renewed grant of the land belonging to the house in which I reside, and which I have recently purchased, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to represent the following circumstances to His Grace the Governor in Council, and solicit such orders regarding the land in question as may be considered desirable.

2. The ground (on which the house stands) adjoins the Government land occupied by the Remount Depot and Farm. The house was built by Major Hunter, the first Remount Agent, and passed from him to Major Campbell, a subsequent Agent, who sold it to a native at Bangalore, and after several changes of ownership it is now my property.

3. I would first submit that it appears to be objectionable that these portions of land which are within the precincts of the Remount Depot should be other than Government property.

4. I believe that all officers in charge of Studs in Bengal are provided with Government buildings forming part of the establishment of the Stud or Depot. I would, however, leave the house to be considered hereafter; what I wish now to submit for the consideration of Government is the tenure of the land on which the Agent's house is situated, and I am so convinced of the inconvenience that may accrue from this being private property, that I am quite prepared to make over the land on which the house stands to Government, only asking for a grant on the same terms as is given in military cantonments.

5. With reference to the other two portions of land which are in the middle of the Government paddocks, I consider they should be taken over by Government at a valuation which may be fixed by the Collector or Superintending Engineer of the District or any other officer that Government may please to appoint. Both pieces of land may be turned to good account by the Depot Farm, and one has been utilized for the depot horses for the past two years, being the only place from which the horses of one of the lines could be watered.

6. Having expended a large sum of money upon this property, it is of course a matter of great consideration to me that the title deeds should be valid to enable me to dispose of it to the best advantage when I leave.

No. 415.

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

(By Order.)

(Signed)

J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
21st January 1880.

No. 390. *Official Memorandum from C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, to Colonel H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, V.C., C.B., R.E., Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort St. George, 3rd February 1880, No. 42.*

In returning the paper transferred with Military Department endorsement, dated 21st January 1880, No. 415, the undersigned is directed to request that the question of the acquisition of the land referred to as needful for inclusion in the Remount Depot may be decided in the Military Department.

No. 922.

Referred, with the Agent's letter, to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, for favor of opinion.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
10th February 1880.

(Signed) H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, Colonel, R.E.,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 391. *From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to Colonel H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, V.C., C.B., R.E., Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort St. George, 16th February 1880, No. 1367.*

In returning the documents referred to the Commander-in-Chief under your No. 922, dated 10th instant, I have the honor, by order, to state that His Excellency recommends the purchase by Government of the "two portions of land which are in the middle of the Government paddocks" at Hosur and mentioned in para. 5 of Colonel Drury's letter, No. 670, dated 14th January 1880.

2. With reference to Colonel Drury's house, His Excellency is of opinion that it is well suited for the residence of the Remount Agent and that it would be desirable to secure it for the continued use of future Agents, by granting to the present owner of the house such lease or grant of the land, on which the house stands, as shall best secure this end. The Revenue Department can best advise as to the nature of the lease or grant. Hosur is not a military cantonment.

No. 392.

No. 1941.

The Government understand from the foregoing correspondence that Colonel Drury has acquired from former owners three plots of land (included in two grants, for which he wishes three to be substituted, one for each plot), on one of which his residence stands—outside the Government Depot land, but adjoining it,—the two others being within and surrounded by the depot land. He proposes that Government shall acquire these last two plots, and His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief advocates this course, which certainly seems desirable, but the cost needs to be stated before final orders are passed by Government.

2. As regards the third plot, on which the Agent's house stands, it is not quite clear what Colonel Drury wishes. He says he is so satisfied of the inconvenience that may arise from its being private property, that he is willing to make the land over to Government, only asking for a grant on the same terms as is given in military cantonments.

3. Colonel Drury's object appears to be to ensure that the house shall be available in future for the Remount Agent's residence, and he proposes to secure this by constituting Government the owners of the site, the house occupation of it being evidenced or confirmed by a military cantonment grant, the terms of which

enable Government to ensure that houses erected on sites so granted shall be available for occupation by their officers.

4. This assurance seems to be very desirable at Hosur, but as that station is not a military cantonment, the military cantonment rules* cannot be made applicable to the case in point.

* G.O.G., No. 71, dated 17th April 1849.

5. The papers will, therefore, be forwarded to the Revenue Department, in view to the Collector being called upon to value the plots of land, and to the form which the grant or lease should take being decided upon.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
24th March 1880.

(Signed)

H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, Colonel, R.E.,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.

No. 393. *Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 12th April 1880, No. 1365.*

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th April 1880, Miscellaneous No. 3747, on endorsement of Government, Revenue Department, dated 2nd April 1880, referring to the Board's Proceedings in the Military Department, dated 24th March 1880, No. 1941.

The Collector of Salem has already been called upon in separate Proceedings, copy of which will be submitted for the information of Government, to state whether the alienation of the land to private parties is likely to be detrimental to the interests of Government, and he will now be called upon to ascertain the value of the three plots, and of the buildings standing thereon separately. If the site on which the Remount Agent's house stands is to be conveyed to Government apart from the buildings, the Government Solicitor must be asked to prepare a conveyance suited to the circumstances. The best plan would appear to be for Government to purchase the whole property from Colonel Drury; the house will be required for the Remount Agent as long as the Depot exists.

Recorded.

2. The suggestion made in the concluding part will be considered in the Military Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.

No. 2450.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with reference to the Quartermaster-General's letter, No. 1367, dated 16th February 1880.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
20th April 1880.

(Signed)

H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, Colonel, R.E.,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 394. *From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to Colonel H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, v.c., c.m., R.E., Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 3rd May 1880, No. 96.*

In returning your Reference No. 2450, dated 20th April 1880, I have the honor, by order, to state that, for the reasons given by the Board of Revenue, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief concurs that it will be advisable for Government to purchase the whole of Colonel Drury's property at Hosūr, as the house will be required for future Remount Agents and it will be convenient that it be secured permanently for that purpose.

2. In assessing the amount to be paid for the property, it is recommended that the land be valued by the Collector and the house by an Engineer Officer, in whose opinion Government may have confidence, so that no further reference may be necessary.

3. The amount of rent to be paid will, it is concluded, be determined by the military rank of the Agent according to the scale laid down in Madras Army Regulations, para. 2201.

No. 395.

The Government await the Collector's reports in reply to the two references from the Board.

No. 3077.

OOTACAMUND,
15th May 1880.
To the Revenue Department.

(Signed)

(By Order.)

H. N. D. PRENDERGAST, Colonel, R.E.,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 396.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st May 1880, No. 688.
Read the following letter from H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th May 1880, No. 117:—

I have the honor to reply to Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd April 1880, Miscellaneous No. 3654, and 6th April 1880, Miscellaneous No. 3747.

In the first of these orders I am directed to report whether it would be advisable to purchase Colonel Drury's property on behalf of Government, and in the second to ascertain the value of the three plots of land and of the buildings on them separately.

2. I have lately visited Hosūr and inspected the lands in question. Colonel Drury was unfortunately absent and I have not seen the grants, which are, I presume, in his possession.

3. The plots of land are three, and particulars are given in the enclosed statement. The plots are also roughly shown on the enclosed survey map of Edayenellūr. The first lies to the east of the Denkanikōta road and is that on which Colonel Drury's house and offices stand. The second is on the west of the road. It contains no buildings, but has about fifty mango trees upon it. The third is still further to the west. It has about twenty mango trees and a portion of it is enclosed in a vegetable garden and contains a shed and a well which is said to be unfailing in its supply, and to have been of great use during the famine time in furnishing water for the horses when other sources failed. The present grants A and B include each one of the last mentioned two plots and a portion of the first. Colonel Drury, I was informed, now wishes to have a separate certificate for each of the three plots.

4. I am certainly of opinion that the second and third plots should be acquired by Government. They are almost surrounded by the Depot lands, and possession of them by a private person might be very inconvenient. The land is adequately valued at Rs. 20 per acre, and the mango trees, which are old, at Rs. 5 per tree. Plot No. 2 is therefore worth Rs. 477 (taking the true area and not that specified in the grant), or, say, Rs. 500. In Plot No. 3 the land comes to Rs. 126-8-0, the mango trees to Rs. 100, and the shed and well may be put down at Rs. 300; total Rs. 526-8-0, or, say, Rs. 550.

5. The land in Plot No. 1 is worth Rs. 800. The ownership of this land is not, in my opinion, of any importance to Government, and I consider that they should not acquire it unless they buy the house also. It appears to me that the arrangement suggested by Colonel Drury, so far as I understand it, would work rather in the interest of the separate owner of the house than of Government or future Remount Agents, unless the conveyance deed or the grant enable Government to regulate the rents and to take a portion of it as ground-rent. For the future Agent would have pressure put upon him, both because Government would own the land and would not provide other quarters for him, to occupy the present house, and would be at the mercy, as regards rent, of the separate owner of the house.

6. Whether Government should buy the house depends, in my opinion, entirely on the price. Having been directed to ascertain the value of the house and other buildings, I requested the Executive Engineer to give me a valuation, and I wrote to Colonel Drury, asking him to give Mr. Bell facilities for examining the buildings. In reply I received from Colonel Drury the letter of which copy is enclosed. He says that, as he has not received intimation that Government have decided upon purchasing the buildings, he thinks that valuation should be deferred until that matter is settled; but to save delay he has ordered that the facilities asked for should be given, but requested that no report be made until he hears something definite from Government.

7. I do not see how he can expect to hear anything definite from Government until they know the estimated value of the buildings and the sum asked for them. I regard the condition attached by Colonel Drury to permission to examine the buildings to amount to a refusal to allow a valuation, and I have therefore requested Mr. Bell to take no steps until further orders are received. In these circumstances I am unable to report the value of the buildings as desired.

8. I think that Government should not pledge themselves to buy the buildings without a valuation, or without considering whether, if it is necessary to provide quarters for future Remount Agents, it would not be cheaper and more advantageous to build afresh than to pay the price asked. The second plot of land would make a very suitable house-site. The existing buildings on the first plot consist of the house, which seems extensive, of a large bungalow, and of a multiplicity of out-houses, consisting, I believe, of ranges of stabling, coach-houses, harness-rooms, dairies, &c., on a very extensive scale. On the Public Works Department system of valuation, viz., taking out quantities and estimating the cost of construction at present rates, less cost of repairs necessary, these buildings will be valued at a very large sum and probably one that would considerably exceed what it would cost to build a suitable house with adequate out-office accommodation on Plot No. 2 or elsewhere on the depot lands.

9. I return the papers enclosed in the second Proceedings under reply.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Colonel A. DRURY, Agent for Remounts, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem; dated Ootacamund, 7th May 1880.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 222, dated 3rd instant, relative to the valuing of my house and grounds at the Remount Depot, Hosūr.

As I have not received any intimation that Government have decided upon purchasing the building, I think it will be advisable to postpone putting any valuation upon them until that matter is settled.

But that there may be no delay, I wrote (upon the receipt of your letter) directing that every facility may be given to the Executive Engineer to enable him to examine the buildings, and at the same time requested that no report may be made until I learn something definite from Government.

(True Copy.)

(Signed)

C. M. MULLALLY,

Assistant Collector,
for Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Statements.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to endorsement, dated 2nd April, on G.O., Military Department, dated 24th March, No. 1941.

2. The Collector of Salem supplies fully the information required; he advises purchase of the second and third plots, which he values at Rs. 500 and 550 respectively. As regards the first plot, worth Rs. 800, the advisability of purchase depends on the price asked for the buildings standing thereon; on this point Colonel Drury intimated that, until Government have decided upon purchasing the buildings, he thinks it advisable to postpone putting any valuation upon them. The Board think that Plots 2 and 3 should be acquired by Government, but until Colonel Drury names his price for the buildings, it does not appear necessary to take any steps in regard to Plot No. 1. The Board do not see any advantage in purchasing the site alone.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed)

C. A. GALTON,

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department; Collector of Salem.

Transferred to the Military Department, with reference to the Order in that Department, dated 24th March 1880, No. 1941.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
1st June 1880.

(Signed)

C. G. MASTER,

Secretary to Government

No. 397.

No. 3550.

With reference to the letters marginally noted, the Secretary to Government, Military Department, is directed to inquire whether Colonel Drury is willing to sell his house at Hosur, together with the land on which it stands, and if so, at what price?

2. The Secretary is also directed to inquire whether Colonel Drury has any objection to the Collector of Salem causing the buildings to be valued for the information of Government.

OOTACAMUND,
7th June 1880.

To the Agent for Remounts.

(By Order.)

(Signed)

J. MICHAEL, Colonel,

Secretary to Government.

No. 398. From Colonel A. DRURY, Agent for Remounts, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, Ootacamund; dated Hosur, 9th June 1880, No. 169.

In reply to your memorandum, No. 3550, dated 7th instant, I have the honor to state that I am quite prepared to sell this house to Government, together with the land on which it stands (a trifle over thirty-nine acres.)

2. I have no objection, in fact, I should wish the buildings to be valued for the information of Government before fixing a price, and as Mr. Bell, the Executive Engineer, is now here, I have requested him to make his valuation and report as soon as possible.

No. 399.

ORDER THEREON, 24th June 1880, No. 3970.

The Revenue Department will be requested to take the necessary steps for the acquisition of Plots 2 and 3 at the prices named, viz., Rs. 500 and 550, respectively.

2. The Government await the official valuation of Colonel Drury's house, and the land on which it stands, prior to coming to any decision as to their purchase.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

J. MICHAEL, Colonel,

Secretary to Government.

To the Quartermaster-General.

„ Remount Agent.

„ Revenue Department.

„ Controller of Military Accounts.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

27th August 1880, No. 1,041.

READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER:—

No. 375. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th August 1880, Miscellaneous No. 8,712.

Read the following letter from H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd August 1880, No. 225:—

As directed in Board's Proceedings, No. 7,860, dated 17th ultimo, I have the honor to enclose herewith, for the approval of the Board and transmission to Government, a draft notification under Act X of 1870, for the acquisition of the two plots of land, Nos. 2 and 3, in the Remount Depot, Hosur. I suppose the acquisition under the Act has been ordered to obviate any difficulty which may arise as to title. I have communicated with the Executive Engineer for the valuation of the buildings on plot No. 1. I shall report when the valuation is received.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.
Acquisition of Land.

Under the provisions of Act X of 1870, His Grace the Governor in Council of Fort St. George hereby declares that the two plots of land described in Schedule hereto annexed, situated in the village of Yeddianullore in the Hosur Taluk, Salem District, containing by a recent admeasurement 17.27 acres and now in the possession of Colonel A. Drury, Agent for Remounts, Hosur, are required for public purposes, viz., for the Remount Depot.

SCHEDULE.

No.	District.	Taluk.	Village.	DESCRIPTION OF LAND.				DESCRIPTION OF BOUNDARIES.			
				No.	Peimaish Extent.	Present Extent.	Peimaish Assessment.	North.	South.	East.	West.
1	Salem.	Hosur.	Yeddianullore.	Mango Tope. 196, 197, 198 199, 200, 201 194, 202, 203 204, 205, 206	6 24 15 11 14	0 9 4 8		Seyyopollem. (Farrier's Lines).	Sakanna and Ramanna road or the road leading to the central line from the Hosur-Denkani-kota road at a point opposite Colonel Drury's gate.		
									Hosur-Denkani-kota Road.		
2	Salem.	Hosur.	Yeddianullore.	Mango Tope. 233, 234 235, 236 230 & 231	5 16 10 6 13	0 15 1 2		The Depot grass.	Grass land of the Depot.		
									The Depot grass land and the road leading from the central line to the gram godown.		
									Survey No. 223, Channel.		
									The Depot road leading from the Remount from the central line.		

SALEM,
3rd August 1880.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Collector.

Respecting the Revenue Department, the Remount Depot, Hosur, and the following Council Drury that should be considered and the land on which it is situated, and to coming to any decision as to their purchase.

JUNE.
Nos. 350-353.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

2nd July, 1880.

THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT, 27TH AUGUST 1880, No. 1,041.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 7th July 1880, No. 2,344.

2. The Board inferred from the orders of Government that it was the intention to take the land up under the Act, which is in accordance with the recent instructions of the Government of India regarding the acquisition of land for public purposes (G.O., dated 12th August 1878, No. 1,299).

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

No. 376.

ORDER THEREON, 27th August 1880, No. 1,041.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that the declaration be published in the *Port St. George Gazette* and that the Collector of Salem be authorized to take order for the acquisition of the two plots of land therein specified.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Military Department.

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For the Hon. Secy to Govt. of Madras, Madras.
Private, Madras, dated 12th Nov. 1880. - O.S. 11th Nov. 1880.
The following is published in the Fort St. George Gazette, and each collector is authorized to issue order for the registration of the same.

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getting R.S.
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C.M.

Please send

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By P.

These are the
papers. They have
been awaiting some
papers you required
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to this dept.
and which we

C.S.W

We cannot find
the money this year
and have not
entered it in the
Budget. In 81-82

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I ask them to
add the item either
to the or next
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Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Public Works Department
Pondicherry, 12th November, 1880

In reply to your telegram of the 2nd
directed to inform you that the
India has been pleased to sanction
Rs 20,000 to the Imperial grant
works in Madras for 1880/81 in
for the purchase of a residence
agent at Khoros. There will not
any charge, on the expenditure of
Establishment and Tools and Plant.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

A. F. White Major P.W.D.
Offg. Secy to Govt of India

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The above
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For Part of Jan 5, 1881, the
Public Works Department, Madras.
Declaration has been published in the Fort St. George
Gazette, and that the collector be authorized to
take order for the completion of the same.

All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

No. 466 Hg

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.

General

To The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Public Works Department
Simla, 12th September 1887

Sir,

In reply to your telegram of the 2nd
Instant, I am directed to inform you that the
Government of India has been pleased to sanction
the addition of Rs 20,000 to the Imperial grant
for Military works in Madras for 1880/81 in
order to provide for the purchase of a residence
for the permanent agent at Kooner. There will not,
of course be any charge, on the expenditure of
this sum, for Establishment and Tools and Plant.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

A. H. M. Major R.E.
Offg. Secy to Govt of India

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

24th November 1880, No. 7372.

Cantonments—Lands.

Read the following papers:—

No. 419. *Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 7th October 1880, No. 3428.*

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd September 1880, Miscellaneous No. 10,329, on endorsement of the Acting Collector, Salem, dated 10th September 1880, on letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, dated 2nd September 1880, No. 510-S.L.:—

With reference to your letter, No. 79, dated 21st July, I have the honor to inform you that I consider the present value of Colonel Drury's house, with the out-buildings attached to it, to be as follows:—

	RS.
Main building	11,944
Detached bungalows with gardens	3,242
Clerks' office and place of arms	1,364
Stables	1,710
Coach-house and harness-rooms	1,678
Godown	116
Cook-house	1,293
Cow, servants' and bullock lines	1,553 2 0
Fowl-house	198 0 0
Gram-boiling house	174 12 0
Total	23,273

2. The plans, statement of details of valuation, &c., have been sent to the Chief Engineer.

(True Copy.) Submitted to the Board of Revenue, with reference to Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 7860, dated 17th July 1880.

Submitted to Government, with reference to G.O., dated 7th July last, No. 2344.

No. 3428.

Communicated to the Military Department, with reference to para. 2 of that Department G.O., dated 24th June 1880, No. 3970.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.

No. 6510.

Referred to the Public Works Department, with advertence to the concluding paragraph of the letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
15th October 1880.

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

C. G. MASTER

No. 420. *Memorandum from Colonel R. H. SANKEY, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to the Military Department; dated 21st October 1880, No. 568.*

Forwarded to the Military Department, with remark that if it be decided to buy the house, the Superintending Engineer's valuation appears to be unobjectionable.

2. The source from which funds are to be provided requires determination.

From Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department; dated Coimbatore, 31st August 1880, No. 215.

The Collector of Salem having called on me to give him a valuation of Colonel Drury's house at Mudigherry, the Remount Depot near Hosur, I directed the Executive Engineer, Hosur, to prepare plans, &c., and collect the necessary information, and when at Hosur at the beginning of this month, I examined the buildings and prepared a rough valuation. As, however, there were errors in the statement, I had to leave them with the Executive Engineer for completion.

2. He has forwarded a statement in which he has considerably reduced some of the rates, and I consider his valuation lower than it should be; it amounts to Rs. 21,400.

3. I have prepared a revised statement (in it the Executive Engineer's rates are entered in red ink) that amounts to Rs. 23,273, and have sent an abstract of it to the Collector for his information.

4. I have the honor to forward to you, for information, the revised statement and the plans of the buildings and copy of the Executive Engineer's letter, and I request the plans may be returned as soon as the question of purchase is settled. I forward these to you, as the valuation has not been called for in the Public Works Department, but in the Revenue Department.

From J. M. BELL, Esq., Executive Engineer, Salem Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle; dated Hosur, 11th August 1880, No. 228.

I have the honor to forward the accompanying plans and statements relating to the valuation of Colonel Drury's bungalows:—

Sheet No. 1.—Plan elevation and section of Colonel Drury's house.

Sheet No. 2.— Do. do. do. detached bungalow with out-houses.

Sheet No. 3.—Clerks' office, place of arms, stables, coach and harness houses and godown.

Sheet No. 4.—Cook-house.

Sheet No. 5.—Servants' houses, cattle stalls, fowl-house and gram-boiling house.

Sheet No. 6.—Tracing of survey, shewing the position of above and surrounding lands, &c.

Sheet No. 7.—Statement giving the description of each part of the several buildings, their condition and probable value.

Sheet No. 8.—Detail measurements of above.

The buildings have been valued at a rate per square foot. This has been arrived at after taking into consideration the description of material in construction and their condition.

House.—This building is in very good order; the materials appear to be first-class.

Foundations.—From the bottom are 2 feet of stone in mud, and above that to top of basement 1½ feet is brick in mud.

Flooring.—The front verandah is laid with concrete plastered over and surface to represent colored square brick work. The other rooms are simple concrete plastered, with exception of those in north wing and the pantry, as well as the verandah in rear, which are laid with square bricks and tiles.

Walls.—Are built with brick in chunam, the principal rooms are plastered inside and papered, while outside is plastered and color-washed, the verandah being of polished chunam. The dining room has a stone arch (plastered) in centre. The rooms forming the two wings are chunam-plastered, whitewashed inside, and outside color-washed.

Doors, Windows and Ventilators.—There are four double doors (outside venetian, inside glazed) and eleven double windows; the remainder consist of five half-doors or screens, and thirteen ordinary panelled and venetian. The ventilators are eight in number, all glazed, with moveable shutters and have weather boards. The rooms in the wings have panelled and batten shutters to the doors, with glazed and venetian shutters to windows and ventilators.

Roofing.—The main rooms are terraced, the beams and joists being of teak and selected jungle wood, varnished. The front verandah is covered with a Bengal terrace. The rear wings have a pent roof, the couples and rafters being jungle wood. The whole of the superstructure is in very good condition. The foundations appear to be older than the other parts and not so carefully constructed. As the basement is low, masonry drains have been laid to take off any rain water and surface drainage.

Detached Bungalow.—These foundations are 2½ feet of stone in mud, above this to basement is 2½ feet of brick in mud.

Flooring.—In good condition, as well as masonry of steps. Walls are built with brick in mud plastered with chunam, white and color-washed. The two doors in front are double and the rest single, some panelled and others glazed shutters. Windows are double.

Roofing.—Is the ordinary hip roof, the verandah in front has a flat Bengal terrace. The building is altogether in moderately fair order. The wood-work to roof is a little decayed, the cross walls to bath-rooms and end wall are slightly cracked, but repairable. The basement is well raised.

Out-houses.—These are used for storing garden implements, &c. The roof is in fair condition and the doors and windows are in need of a little repair.

Pandals.—These are supported by upright granite stone slabs. The roof appears in pretty good order.

Clerks' Office and Place of Arms.—Foundations fairly built, flooring a little uneven. Windows and doors require some repair. The roof leaks in places, and that over the clerks' office has sagged and wood-work is a little decayed.

The arms room has pegs in wall for hanging accoutrements, and rack for rifles. The doors to coach-house require repairs, roof seems substantial. The harness-room is provided with frames and pegs for harness and saddles.* The godown attached is all in fair order, flooring a little uneven.

* These are not fixtures.

Cook-house.—The whole is in good order except the tiled portion of roof, which is said to leak in places.

Servants' and Cattle Houses.—These are all in a fair condition and stalls well drained. Whitewashing requires to be renewed. The walls of fowl-house slightly cracked, but repairable; roof in fair order.

Gram-boiling House.—Requires whitewashing, otherwise in good order. I have not included in the statement the value of land attached; I believe the Collector has already settled this.

No. 421. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1880, No. 7372.

His Grace the Governor in Council sanctions the purchase of Colonel Drury's house and adjacent property at Hosur on the terms named by that officer, viz., Rs. 20,000.

2. Funds will be provided by the Public Works Department from the assignment under* Original Works—Military.

* Chapter XI, paras. 1401 and 1402, Public Works Code, 1879.

(True Extract.)

Minister

Colonel,

Secretary to Government.

To the Quartermaster-General.

„ Remount Agent.

„ Public Works Department, with 7 enclosures.

„ Revenue Department.

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Sanctioning the purchase of Colonel Drury's house and adjacent property at Hosur for Rs. 20,000, and requesting the Public Works Department to provide funds from the assigned work under Original Works—Military.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 419-421.

Dated November, 24th.
Recd. 29th
G.O., 24th November 1880, No. 7372.
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Colt. of 18801
MILITARY.
To THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.
&c., &c., &c.

No. 2822 W.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 4th Decr/80
Read the following:—

From.
The Government of India (H.C. No. 466 A.G. a/12 Nov/80)
Proc: off: Military (No. 7372 — 24 —)
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Communicated to
the Supg Engineer, 2^d Circle
who will disburse the sum
of Rs. 20,000 at once to the
Revenue Authorities for
purchase of Colonel Drury's
house and adjacent pro-
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2. The Revenue Dept^l
will direct the collector
of Salem to complete the
purchase and adjust
the accounts during the
current official year.

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