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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 3186 W

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Dated 24th December 1881.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

24th December 1881, No. 3186 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers :—

No. 85.	Petition from N. I. AUDINARRAIN NAICKER, dated 16th November 1881.
No. 86.	From the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, dated 17th November 1881, No. 63 W.
No. 87.	Chief Engineer's memorandum, dated 19th November 1881, No. 2756.
No. 88.	From the Administrator-General, dated 23rd November 1881.
No. 89.	From the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, dated 1st December 1881, No. 67 W.
No. 90.	From the Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works, dated 2nd December 1881, No. 69 W.
No. 91.	Chief Engineer's memorandum, dated 6th December 1881, No. 2939.
No. 92.	From Mr. W. C. VanDERWART, dated 6th December 1881.
No. 93.	Endorsement in the Marine Department, dated 15th December 1881, No. 2011, on letter from the Master Attendant, dated 12th December 1881, No. 11085.
No. 94.	From N. I. AUDINARRAIN NAICKER, dated 20th December 1881.
No. 95.	Proceedings of the Revenue Department, dated 15th December 1881, No. 3612.

No. 96. ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1881, No. 3186 W.

In paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 2823 W., dated 7th December 1880, the Collector of Madras was requested to report the nature of tenure and amount of compensation which will probably be necessary to meet all existing claims against Government in consequence of the encroachment of the sea to the north of the harbour.

2. In compliance with these orders Mr. Barlow submitted the report recorded with G.O., No. 2130 W., dated 26th August 1881. He estimated (paragraph 8 of his letter) that, supposing the whole of the encroachment to be due to the action of the Harbour Works, a sum of Rs. 70,000 under all heads would probably be sufficient to meet claims for compensation and to acquire such land as may still be threatened.

3. The Government did not however consider that the information laid before them was sufficient to admit of final orders being passed, and they directed the Collector (paragraph 3 of the Government Order) to submit a further report on the nature of the tenure of the several holdings.

4. This report has since been received, and is recorded above under Revenue Department transfer endorsement No. 3612, dated 15th December 1881.

5. On reconsideration the Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves to waive the point raised as to nature of tenure of the claimants, and to dispose of the claims to compensation for erosion of the strand ascribed to the action of the Harbour Works on their merits.

6. The following officers will accordingly form themselves into a Committee to consider the claims and personal representations of the claimants, and will submit proposals for awarding compensation whether in the form of acquisition by Government of the property damaged or by compensation for past injury.

Members of Committee.

The Collector of Madras.
The Superintendent, Madras Harbour Works.
The Executive Engineer, Presidency Division.

7. All the papers on the subject will be transferred to the Committee.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Collector of Madras, with papers. (to be returned)
„ Superintendent of Madras Harbour Works.
„ Executive Engineer, Presidency.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Marine „

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1881} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF MADRAS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 24th.

Issued

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G.O., 24th December 1881, No. 3186 W.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 85—96.

Claims to compensation for damage done to property by encroachment of the sea north of the Harbour.—Convening a Committee to consider the question of — and to submit proposals for awarding compensation whether in the form of acquisition by Government of the property damaged or by compensation for past injury.

To
Colonel R. H. Sankey, R. E. C. B.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

On the 2nd July last I submitted a petition to the then President and Governor in Council Fort St George, complaining of the delay in the consideration and disposal of my claim for compensation in respect of certain lands at Royapoorum encroached upon by the sea by reason of the Harbor Works, and praying for early orders thereon.

A Copy of the said petition in print, toge with the correspondence had on the subject previou to its transmission, is herewith laid before you for your Kind perusal.

It is now more than four months that these papers have been before Government, and to my keen misfortune, I have obtained no relief.

2 You will observe that I began representing my case to the President of the Madras Municipality prior to November 1879, the last time I addressed that functionary being on the 4th of that month, on which date I also wrote to the Deputy Collector Madras objecting, very naturally,

naturally, to pay quit rent on the said land on the ground referred to.

3. A series of letters then passed between myself and the Superintendent of the Habor Works between the 19th November 1879, and the 9th November 1880, and for easy reference, I beg leave to quote extracts from letters from that Officer in respect of my claim.

4. On the 21st November 1879 I was requested by him "to point out or mark out the exact limit North, South, and West of my land," adding that he "must see my title to the Property, and the books or accounts," and that I should also "state the amount of my claim" to enable him "with this information to report my claim with others to Government."

5. All the information sought for was duly furnished on the 24th of the said month of November 1879, whereupon the said Superintendent wrote to me, under date the 2d December following, that my "claim for compensation for land cannot be settled yet, but it will be reported to Government in due course."

6. I then allowed an interval of six months to elapse between the time of the receipt of the last communication from Mr Thoroughgood, and my troubling him again on the subject, and having heard nothing during the said interval, I addressed him on the 9th June 1880, complaining of the delay in the settlement of my claim.

7. I received a reply dated the 12th June 1880 reminding me that "prior claims have to be settled, and that although the Superintendent has not forgotten my claim, he can take no action in the matter."

8. I again waited for four months longer, and having heard nothing on the subject, I addressed Mr Thoroughgood on the 20th October 1880, and received a reply stating that "no decisive steps have been taken with regard to my claim as the whole matter involved much consideration," adding that he would "recommend that the Collector of Madras be applied to". But you will observe from the correspondence that this suggestion is quite out of place, seeing that I had resorted to that authority, and was refered to Mr Thoroughgood by him. Thus a period of twelve months was lost in correspondence which produced no results.

9. Six months thereafter I petitioned Government for the first time, that is to say on the 16th May 1881, and again on the 2d July 1881 as aforesaid, and I regret to say that the matter is still in abeyance.

10. Not knowing better, I proceeded to carry my case to Government through the Collector of Madras, and the Superintendent of the Harbor Works, whereas, as I have lately been informed, my proper course was to have gone through you, and I feel confident that had I resorted

to

to you when I first began representing my grievance more than two years ago I would have been as fortunate as Mr Saddler and others whose claims, though similar to mine, were settled in due course.

11. In laying my case therefore before you I humbly trust that you will be pleased to afford the same your just and favorable consideration, and regard it as one which, by reason of the great hardship and loss which the long delay in its disposal, have necessarily entailed, and are entailing on me, requires early attention. In doing which act of justice, I shall always feel grateful to you.

12. It is more than two years now that I am deprived of the rents and profits of the land, a loss which has told considerably on the only other income I have, (and that is my salary) for the support of myself and a large family depending upon me.

I remain
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant,

Madras
16 November 1881

N Audenarrainsawmy
Boat Overseer
Master Attendents Office

TO

THE HONORABLE W. HUDLESTON,
PRESIDENT, & GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
OOTACAMUND.

The humble Petition of Nayapaukum Iyapaukum Audinarrain Naicker, Boat Overseer, Master Attendant's Office, Madras.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That on the 16th May last, your Petitioner ventured to trouble Government with his claim for compensation in respect of a piece of land situated on the beach of Madras, and encroached upon by the sea since the commencement of the Harbour Works, and your Petitioner humbly submits, that the non-adjustment of such claim is a great grievance to your Petitioner.

2. That although his correspondence with the Municipal, Revenue, and Harbor Works functionaries on the subject began in, or before November 1879, it was not until June 1880, that the Superintendent of the Harbour Works, in reply to a reminder from your Petitioner, intimated to him that "prior claims to his have to be settled, and that although the Superintendent had not forgotten his claim, he can take no action in the matter." But what your Memorialist has greater reason to complain of is, that it is apparent from the Memo adverted to, that his case had not until then, and perhaps not until a long time after, been referred to Government, for the said Superintendent remarked, that "he cannot support the claim himself, as he fails to see wherein the damage lies, but in due course, the case *will come* before Government."

3. Had this opinion been expressed at the early stage of the correspondence, your Petitioner would have lost no time, in justice to himself, in appealing to Government, and praying for an early settlement of his claim.

4. That your Petitioner thinks there are two important points in his case which deserve the consideration of Government, that is to say, the extent of the ground, for which he is entitled to claim compensation, and the rate per Cawny at which such compensation should be awarded.

5. That with reference to the first point, your Petitioner humbly submits, that the original area of the land, as per Collector's Certificate bearing No. 762, dated 26th February 1802, was 5 Cawnies 5 grounds and 2000 square feet. On the 8th October 1862, a portion measuring 12 grounds, and 1400 square feet was sold by your Petitioner's elder Brother to the Madras Municipality, and until the date of such sale, Quit rent was charged for the original extent, and paid by him. The remaining portion of the land was sold to one Vencatasa Chetty from whom your Petitioner re-purchased the same on the 30th November 1867. The deeds evidencing both these sales contain the measurement of the said land.

On the 25th January 1871, Messrs. King & Co. sold by auction on behalf of your Petitioner, a further portion at Rs. 185 per ground; and deducting the two portions which passed by the sales referred to, there remained 4 Cawnies 5 grounds and 600 square feet, and on this area Quit rent was, as will be proved by the records of the Collector's Office, and receipts in your Petitioner's possession, recovered from your Petitioner until a short time ago, when it was reduced to 4 Cawnies 1 ground and 600 square feet. Your Petitioner humbly submits therefore, that his claim to compensation for the said extent of land cannot now be called in question, inasmuch as the whole of it has been, or will shortly be under water by reason of the Harbour Works.

6. That your Petitioner deems it necessary to dwell upon the aforesaid circumstances, as he is informed, and believes, that it was reported to Government that encroachments had commenced in 1860, and that the land was thereafter gradually submerged. With all deference to such suggestion as aforesaid, your Petitioner would humbly crave leave to submit, that at the date of the re-purchase by him of the said land, viz. the 30th November 1867, its area was, as the Deed of sale will prove, ascertained by actual measurement, so that although seven years had elapsed between the time of the commencement of such alleged encroachment, and his re-purchase as aforesaid nothing of it was then discovered. Besides the mere fact of your Petitioner having been required by the Revenue authorities to pay Quit rent on the 5 Cawnies 1 acre and 600 square feet, and of Your Petitioner having quietly submitted to such payment would make it very unfair to him if any weight were attached to the said suggestion when awarding him the compensation he is entitled to claim from a just and impartial Government.

7. As regards the amount of compensation, your Petitioner craves leave to state that the price realized at the auction sale referred to was much below the value of the land, as the circumstances which gave rise to the sale were unfavorable to your Petitioner. Similar lands were sold at even Rs. 1000 per ground by the Municipality, and the Government have already paid one Mrs. Saddler a reasonable compensation for her land encroached upon by the sea by reason of the Harbour Works; and, in reference to his case, your Petitioner cannot but hope that he will receive similar consideration, although to his keen misfortune there has not been the same delay in settling her claim, as there has been in that of your Petitioner.

Your Petitioner humbly and earnestly prays therefore that the Government will be graciously pleased to grant him a compensation adequate to the heavy loss which he sustains by reason of the encroachment referred to.

8. Your Petitioner is an old servant of Government as the testimonials,—of which he submits copies,—will prove—and your Petitioner would add that he has always been looking forward to the land in question as a source of some help to him in his declining years. He humbly hopes therefore, that the Government will be graciously pleased to grant a favorable hearing to his prayer.

And your Petitioner shall, as in duty bound,

EVER PRAY.

MADRAS,
2nd July 1881.

N. Audenarainasawmy
Boat Overseer
Master Attendant's Office

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DEPARTMENT.

From

N. I. AUDINARRAIN NAICKER,
Boat Overseer,
Master Attendant's Office,
Madras.

To

THE PRESIDENT,
and Governor in Council,
Fort Saint George,
OOTACAMUND.

Dated

Received

No.

ENCLOSURES TWO.

No.

Complaining of the delay in the consideration and disposal of his claim for compensation to land at Royapoorum encroached upon by the sea by reason of the Harbour Works, and praying for early orders on the subject.

COPIES OF
NAYAPAUKUM IYAPAUKUM AUDENARRAINA NAYAGUR'S TESTIMONIALS.

I have known Audenarraina for upwards of five years, and can safely recommend him as a most attentive, steady, and persevering public servant. In his capacity of Boat Maistry he has performed the work of Deputy Overseer which requires much intelligence and honesty in checking the Accounts of boats engaged for the public service. They have frequently been most searchingly scrutinized, and have invariably been found correct. His salary is small, and as he wishes to obtain some situation in which there is more prospect of rising, I sincerely trust he may be successful, fully believing that he will afford satisfaction wherever employed.

(Signed) I. J. FRANKLIN,
Secretary, Marine Board.

30th June 1858.

N. Audenarraina Naick was very attentive to me during the time the "Cambrian" was in Madras roads.

(Signed) JAMES McCLEVERTY.
Commodore.

H. M. S. "CAMBRIAN,"
6th May 1861.

SIMLA, *5th August* 1868.

Audenarrainen having asked me to grant him a Certificate on my retiring from Office, I have much pleasure in testifying to the very meritorious manner in which he has conducted his duties as Deputy Boat Overseer and subsequently as Boat Overseer during the time he has been employed under my orders. He has always been most assiduous in their performance and invariably at his post when required.

(Signed) I. J. FRANKLIN,
Late Superintendent of Marine.

Certified that I have known Audenarainasawmy, Boat Overseer for 15 years, and it is with great pleasure that I bear record to the unwearied diligence and perseverance with which this Official has attended to, and carried out the harrassing duties of his Office. Day and night has he constantly been at his post at the Office, ready for any emergency, that may arise on the beach or afloat, to render assistance with his Staff of Boat and Catamaran men. In cases of Shipwreck he has proved very useful in saving life, and I feel it my duty before leaving Madras, to grant this brief testimonial of my appreciation of his valuable Services in Connection with the port.

(Signed) H. D. E. DALRYMPLE,
Master Attendant,
Administrative Dept.

MARINE OFFICE,
17th February 1874.

AUDENARRAINA NAICKER.

As I am now leaving Madras for an indefinite period I have much pleasure, in taking leave of you, to testify that having known you in connection with the Marine Department since September 1851, and also since my own connection with the Office in 1868, I have always trusted to you to supply Boats for the Shipment or landing of Government Stores and that you have never in one instance failed me. Indeed you have ever been ready on any emergency, at all hours, as well in fine or bad weather. I can only add, in thanking you for your uniform courtesy and attention to myself, I wish you every success and remain your Friend and well wisher.

(Signed) H. BURTON,
3rd Asst. Master Attendant.

MADRAS,
2nd May 1874.

Always at work early in the morning, and late at night. Is hardworking and diligent, and performs the duties of his Office very efficiently.

(Signed) I. B. CROWTHER,
Deputy Master Attendant.

I can only add to the above, that since writing same up to date, Audenarrain has continued to prove the good opinion therein expressed of him.

(Signed) I. B. CROWTHER,
Deputy Master Attendant.

30th August 1877.

No. 126.

Master Attendant's Office,
Executive Department,
MADRAS, *17th January* 1879.

I hereby certify that the duties of the Boat Overseer N. Audenarrain Naick requires his almost constant presence at this Office, or on the Beach or Pier as the case may be; both day and night, during his brother's lifetime he had some little leisure at nights, but since the death of his brother, Veerasawmy Naick, I may safely assert that he lives and sleeps at the Office; a Commodious room being expressly placed at his sole disposal for that purpose,

Given under my hand and Seal this Seventeenth day of January 1879.

(Signed) T. E. MARSHALL,
Deputy Master Attendant.

K. R. PRESS, MADRAS.

Copies of Correspondence regarding Petitioner's land encroached upon by the Sea since the commencement of the Harbour Works.

Madras, *4th November* 1879.

To

L. R. BURROWS, Esq.,
President, Municipal Commission,
Madras.

Sir,

Your honor is aware that I have frequently addressed you, relative to Compensation due to me for the large extent of land, about 5 Cawnies, situate at Attapaliem, Royapoorum, which was formerly occupied as a Palmyra Timber Depôt but which has been encroached upon by the Sea from the commencement of the Harbour Works. The value of the land has been estimated by the Revenue Officials, and the necessary information has been submitted to Government through your honor's Office. I therefore respectfully solicit that your honor will be kindly pleased to grant me the compensation due to me.

I beg to remain &ca.,
(Signed) N. AUDENARRAINSAWMY NAICKER.

Madras, *4th November* 1879.

To

A. SMITH, Esq.,
Deputy Collector of Madras.

Sir,

I have, very respectfully, to bring to your notice that I am not liable to pay Quit rent on account of land belonging to me at Attapauliem, consisting of about 5 Cawnies, close on the Beach at Royapoorum, which was formerly occupied as a Palmyra Timber Depôt but which has been rendered worthless by the encroachment of the Sea ever since the commencement of the Harbour Works. In respect to this Subject much Correspondence has transpired between the Superintendent Harbour Works, the President of the Municipality, and Government and I am now awaiting compensation for the loss of so large an extent of my land.

I beg to remain &ca.,
(Signed) N. AUDENARRAINSAWMY NAICKER.

Madras, *19th November* 1879.

To

F. N. THOROUGHGOOD, Esq.,
Superintendent, Harbour Works,
Madras.

Sir,

I, very respectfully, beg to annex Copy of a memo sent me by the Municipal Authorities relative to the claim preferred by me for Compensations on account of lands encroached upon by the Sea owing to the Construction of the Harbour from which it will be seen that I am directed to apply to the Harbour Works Authorities for same.

In pursuance thereof I now beg to submit this application, and trust that my claim for compensation, to which, as your honor will doubtlessly admit, I am fairly entitled, may be adjusted at your earliest convenience.

The lands in question consisting of abount 5 Cawnies are situate at Attapaliem Royapoorum, and previous to their bring covered by the Sea, were used as an extensive Timber yard. Owing to the encroachment of the Sea caused, as already stated, by the construction of the Harbour, I have become necessarily a heavy loser in the rental of the lands heretofore realized by me.

I therefore respectfully solicit that after due enquiry a fair amount of Compensation may be disbursed to me.

I beg to remain &ca.,

(Signed) N. AUDENARRAINSAWMY NAICKER.

No. 621.

MADRAS, 21*st November* 1879.

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT,

Madras Harbour Works.

To

N. AUDENARRAINRAWMY NAICKER,

Boat Overseer,

Master Attendant's Office.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, with enclosure, I must ask you to point out or mark out the exact limit North, South and West of your land. This you can do either on the ground itself or on a plan in this Office.

Secondly, I must see your title to the property, and the books or accounts showing that you have lost money owing to the encroachment of the Sea, also please state the amount of your claim.

With this information I shall be able to report your claim, with others to Government, and await their decision in the matter.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Signed) F. N. THOROUGHGOOD,

Superintendent,

M. H. Works.

MADRAS, 24*th November* 1879.

To

F. N. THOROUGHGOOD, ESQ.,

Superintendent,

Madras Harbour Works.

SIR,

In reference to your honor's letter of the 21st November 1879, I beg very respectfully to submit the following information in regard to my land situate at Attapaliem. Many years ago the land was purchased by my late elder brother Veerasawmy Naicker from Yachoo Moodelly Vencatachella Moodelly Gnanapa Moodelly. The Certificate Number is 762, and the entire extent originally consisted of 5 Cawnies 5 Grounds and 2,000 Square feet. Of this 12 Grounds and 1,400 Square feet were sold to the Municipality on the 8th October 1862. He afterwards sold the entire extent to one Vencatasa Chetty from whom I re-purchased it on the 30th November 1867. Subsequent thereto I got Messrs. King & Co., to sell 4 Grounds at Auction for me which brought the low rate of Rs. 185 per Ground. My title to the property is proved, by the enclosed deed of sale duly Registered. The fact of the Certificate Number and the measurement of the land, may be readily ascertained by a reference to the Madras Collector's records after the above two sales were made there remained 4 Cawnies 13 Grounds and 600 Square feet a large portion of which has been covered by the Sea. It is bounded on the North side by confines of Tondiarpettah Village, on the South by Nayapaukum Veerasawmy Naicker's land on the West by Roman Catholic Church high road, these are the limits but in addition, I shall point them out in the plan in your honor's Office.

The 4 Cawnies and 13 Grounds make 109 Grounds and at the low rate of Rs. 185, per Ground at which Messrs. King & Co., sold at Auction there will be due to me Rupees 20,165. This is the amount of my land claim.

I beg to remain &ca.,

(Signed) N. AUDENARRAINSAWMY NAICKER.

No. 657.

MADRAS, 2*nd December* 1879.

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT,

Madras Harbour Works.

To

N. AUDENARRAINSAWMY NAICKER,

Madras.

ENCLOSURE 1.

The undersigned has the honor to return the Deed of Sale dated 25th January 1871 and signed by King & Co., for Rs. 703 and to state in reply to N. Audenarrainsawmy Naicker's letter of the 24th November 1879, that his claim for

Compensation for land, cannot be settled yet, but it will be reported to Government in due course.

(Signed) F. N. THOROUGHGOOD,
Superintendent,
M. H. Works.

MADRAS, *9th June* 1880.

To

THE SUPERINTENDENT,
Madras Harbour Works.

SIR,

Having not heard further about my claim for Compensation of land mentioned in my letter of the 24th November 1879, and your letter of the 2nd December 1879. I beg to send this as a reminder to my first letter of the above date and beg to draw your early attention to this.

I beg to remain &ca.,
(Signed) N. AUDENARRAINSAWMY NAICKER.

No. 176.

MADRAS, 12*th June* 1880.

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT,
Madras Harbour Works.

To

N. AUDENARRAINSAWMY NAICKER,
Boat Overseer, Madras.

ENCLOSURE.

Audenarrainsawmy is reminded that prior claims to his have to be settled and although the Superintendent has not forgotten his claim he can take no action in the matter.

The Superintendent would remark that he cannot support the claim himself, as he fails to see wherein the damage lies, but in due course the case will come before Government.

(Sigdned) F. N. THOROUGHGOOD,
Superintendent,
M. H. Works.

MADRAS, *28th October* 1880.

To

THE SUPERINTENDENT,
Madras Harbour Works.

SIR,

Referring to your Memo No. 176 M. dated 12th June 1880, I beg to know what further steps have been taken in regard to my claims as the ground under

dispute is being gradually washed away by the Sea which is greatly detrimental to my interest.

The favor of an early reply is requested.

I have the honor &c.
(Signed) N. AUDENARRAINSAWMY NAICKER.

MADRAS, *2nd November* 1880.

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT,
Madras Harbour Works.

To

N. AUDENARRAINSAWMY NAICKER,
Boat Overseer.

ENCLOSURE.

No. 461 M.

The undersigned has the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of N. Audenarrainsawmy's letter dated 28th October in which an early reply is requested, the letter having been apparently 5 days coming from the Marine Office here.

No decisive steps have been taken with regard to N. Audenarrainsawmy's claim as the whole matter involves much consideration. The undersigned would recommend that the Collector of Madras be applied to.

(Signed) F. N. THOROUGHGOOD,
Superintendent,
M. H. Works.

MADRAS, *9th November* 1880.

To

THE SUPERINTENDENT,
Madras Harbour Works.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 461, M. of 2nd Instant and regret to find that the matter under dispute left undecided by you. I may bring to your recollection that I have already applied to the Collector who directed me to have the register of the land in question and refer the claim of compensation to your Department.

I must also further beg to observe that Mrs. Saddler who also had a similar claim had her case disposed of by you.

I therefore humbly beg that you will be pleased to give your due consideration and render me justice at your earliest convenience before the remaining portion of the land is washed away by the Sea.

I beg to remain &c.
(Signed) N. AUDENARRAINSAWMY NAICKER.

K. R. Press, Madras.

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From

A. Masilamani Mudelliar
Revenue Inspector

To

M. R. Ry
R. Ragoonath Row
Dy Collector of Madras

The following is prepared with reference to Petition No. 1299 from the Administrator General, requesting to furnish him with a sketch, after measurement, of a piece of land Covere by Grant No. 882 and Survey No. 3002, situated on the East side of Madah Church Road in Royapuram Crow medee in the village of Tondiarpet. The Sketch is prepared for your in formation on actual measurement of the land covered by the aforesai Grant No. 822 and with reference to the records. The particulars are the two pieces marked A and B are included

included in the plan of Survey No. 2002. The Spot marked A is the portion now in existence, and that marked B is the remaining portion encroached upon by the sea on account of Harbour works.

2. It appears that under the orders of the late Deputy Collector, a sketch was submitted to the Huzur by the Revenue Inspector Damodara Mudali, detailing the portions of each No. washed off by the sea in the line in which the land under reference is situated.

3. The land referred to in the Administrator Generals petition is that covered by Grant No. 882 and the extent thereof is Cawnie 1. Grounds 12 Sqft. 78.

4. The present extent of the land under reference is Grounds 22 and Sqft. 648.

5. The extent mentioned in

in Sheriff's Bill of Sale referring to Survey No. 2002 and Grant No. 882 filed by the Administrator General is Grounds 22 and Sqft. 750.

6. The extent of the land marked A in the plan now prepared by me is Grounds 3 and Sqft. 1600.

7. I report the details for your information.

8. I herewith forward the two plans and petitions Nos. 810 and 1299.

I remain
Sir,
Your Most obedient Servant

Madras
19th April 1880 } (Sd) A. Masilamani Mudy
Revenue Inspector

A true translation as near as possible

Deputy Collector

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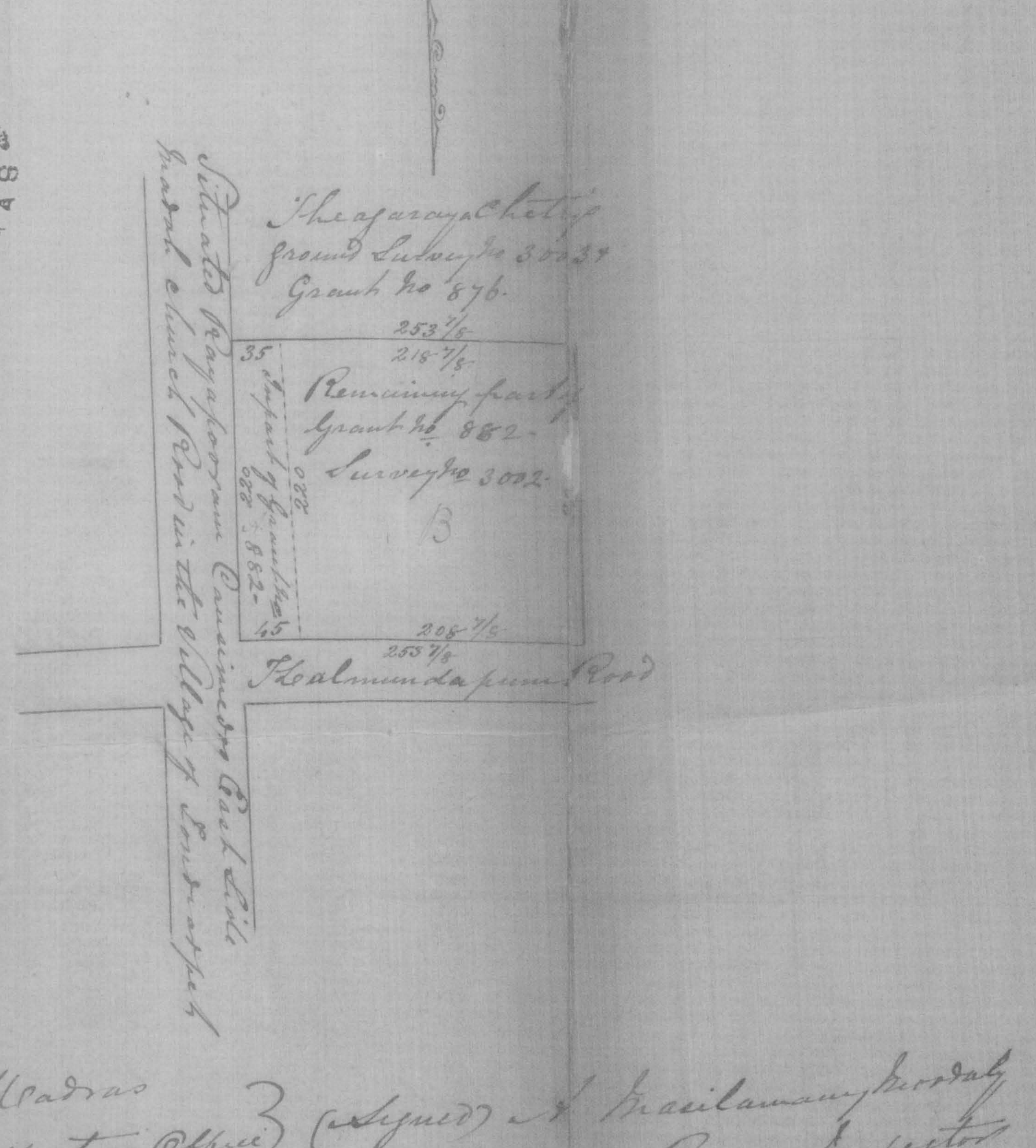
Copy of a Sketch prepared by the Reven[illegible] Inspector A Masilam[illegible] Moodaly who measured the land of Survey No 300[illegible] in Tondiarpet with reference to the Registration Department petition No 129 of 1881 from The Administrator General of Madras.

EIGHT ANNAS COURT FEE OF INDIA

7th October 1881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Situated Rayapooram Cemetery Road East Side of the Church Road in the Village of Tondiarpet

Madras
Deputy Collectors Office
19th September 1881

(Signed) A Masilamany Moodaly
Revenue Inspector

(True Copy)

Madras Deputy Collectors Office 7 October 1881

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Deputy Collector

Compared by
M. Aroomooga Moodr
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Drawn by P. Annamalay Moodaly
Surveyor

Vide application No 206 of 1881 from The Administrator General of Madras

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COPIES OF
IYAPAUKUM NAYAPAUKUM AUDENARRAINA NAYAGUR'S TESTIMONIALS.

I have known Audenarraina for upwards of five years, and can safely recommend him as a most attentive, steady, and persevering public servant. In his capacity of Boat Maistry he has performed the work of Deputy Overseer which requires much intelligence and honesty in checking the Accounts of boats engaged for the public service. They have frequently been most searchingly scrutinized, and have invariably been found correct. His salary is small, and as he wishes to obtain some situation in which there is more prospect of rising, I sincerely trust he may be successful, fully believing that he will afford satisfaction wherever employed.

(Signed) I. J. FRANKLIN,
Secretary, Marine Board.

30th June 1858.

N. Audenarraina Naick was very attentive to me during the time the "Cambrian" was in Madras roads.

(Signed) JAMES McCLEVERTY,
Commodore.

H. M. S. "CAMBRIAN,"
6th May 1861.

SIMLA, *5th August* 1868.

Audenarrainen having asked me to grant him a Certificate on my retiring from Office, I have much pleasure in testifying to the very meritorious manner in which he has conducted his duties as Deputy Boat Overseer and subsequently as Boat Overseer during the time he has been employed under my orders. He has always been most assisduous in their performance and invariably at his post when required.

(Signed) I. J. FRANKLIN,
Late Superintendent of Marine.

Certified that I have known Audenarainasawmy, Boat Overseer for 15 years, and it is with great pleasure that I bear record to the unwearied diligence and perseverance with which this Official has attended to, and carried out the harrassing duties of his Office. Day and night has he constantly been at his post at the Office, ready for any emergency, that may arise on the beach or afloat, to render assistance with his Staff of Boat and Catamaran men. In cases of Shipwreck he has proved very useful in saving life, and I feel it my duty before leaving Madras, to grant this brief testimonial of my appreciation of his valuable Services in connection with the port.

(Signed) H. D. E. DALRYMPLE,
Master Attendant,
Administrative Dept.

MARINE OFFICE,
17th February 1874.

AUDENARRAINA NAICKER.

As I am now leaving Madras for an indefinite period I have much pleasure, in taking leave of you, to testify that having known you in connection with the Marine Department since September 1851, and also since my own connection with the Office in 1868, I have always trusted to you to supply Boats for the shipment or landing of Government Stores and that you have never in one instance failed me. Indeed you have ever been ready on any emergency, at all hours, as well in fine or bad weather. I can only add, in thanking you for your uniform courtesy and attention to myself, I wish you every success and remain your Friend and well wisher.

Madras,
2nd May 1874.

(Signed) H. BURTON,
3rd Asst. Master Attendant.

Always at work early in the morning, and late at night. Is hardworking and diligent, and performs the duties of his Office very efficiently.

(Signed) I. B. CROWTHER,
Deputy Master Attendant.

I can only add to the above, that since writing same up to date, Audenarrain has continued to prove the good opinion therein expressed of him.

30th August 1877.

(Signed) I. B. CROWTHER,
Deputy Master Attendant.

No. 126.

Master Attendant's Office,
Executive Department,
Madras, *17th January* 1879.

I hereby certify that the duties of the Boat Overseer N. Audenarrain Naick requires his almost constant presence at this Office, or on the Beach or Pier as the case may be; both day and night, during his brother's lifetime he had some little leisure at nights, but since the death of his brother, Veerasawmy Naick, I may safely assert that he lives and sleeps at the Office; a Commodious room being expressly placed at his sole disposal for that purpose.

Given under my hand and Seal this Seventeenth day of January 1879.

(Signed) T. E. MARSHALL,
Deputy Master Attendant.

I hereby certify that the Boat Overseer Audinarrainsawmy Naicker has, since, I joined this Department in January 1876, always helped and assisted me in the duties of my office as Landing and Shipping Agent to Government, and at time on emergency, when but for his exertions, the contract steamer would have been detained.

He has never failed me when wanted.

(Signed) C. HEATHCOLE ROWLAND,
2nd Assistant Master Attendant,
Landing and Shipping Agent to Government.

Madras,
4th July 1881.

Madras, *15th December* 1881.

On the morning of my departure from Madras I cannot refrain from recording my very high appreciation of the invaluable service rendered me on several occasions by M. R. Ry. Audinarrainsawmy Naicker, Boat Overseer, Master Attendant's Department.

I commenced acquaintance with Mr. Audinarrainsawmy in 1874, when I was first appointed officiating D. A. Q. M. G. of the Centre District. From that time, up, till this date, I have constantly had occasion to test the activity and smartness of the Boat Overseer, and I think it speaks well for his ability and through efficiency when I say that, in duties extending over seven years, we never had a moment's difficulty or trouble.

Audinarrainsawmy has such control over the Boatmen that he never experiences the slightest obstruction in carrying out the orders he receives from the Government. I consider him a public servant worthy of some special mark of favour at the hands of Government. His place will be hard to fill in fact, I question if there will *ever be* another Boat Overseer as thoroughly to be depended upon as my very respected old friend, Audinarrainsawmy I wish him every good fortune and many years of life to enjoy it.

(Signed) A. KENNEY HERBERT, Major,
Late Dy. Asstt. Quarter Master General, C. D.,
and Military Secretary to the Governor.

K. R. Press, Madras.

No 2748 a/ 18th Novr/81

Referred to the Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works for any observations he may desire to offer.

R H Sankey Col R.E.
Secty: to Govt
P. W. Dept

1881.

Department [illegible]

From P. W. C. No 6754

N. J. Audinarrain Naicker,
Boat Overseer,
Master Attendant's Office,
Madras.

To Colonel R H Sankey R.E. C.B.
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St George

Dated 16th Novr/81
Received 18th Novr 81

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— Enclosures three —
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Representing the delay which has arisen in his obtaining Compensation in respected of certain lands at Royapooram submerged by reason of the Harbor Works Madras, and soliciting an early adjustment of the claim —

Referred

No 2711 a/ 16th November / 81.

P.W.D

Memorandum

The Supdt Madras Harbour Works is requested to be so good as to submit a statement showing sums paid, if any, on account of compensation for damage to property by encroachment of the sea north of the Harbour works, and to report whether any claims of Fishermen and others similarly circumstanced ie not lease holders are still unadjusted.

Sd/ R. H. Sankey. Col. R.E.
Chief Engineer
P. W. D.

(Sd) R.P.

To
Supdt. M. H. Works

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G.O. 3186 W of 24-12-81

C.E. No 2711 of 16-11-81.

No. 63 W.

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDENT,
MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS,

TO

Colonel R.H. Sankey. C.B. R.E.
Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department
Fort St George

MADRAS, 17th November 1881.

Sir,

In reply to your Memorandum No 2711 of yesterday's date asking for a list of sums paid as compensation for damage to property caused by sea encroachment to the North, I have the honor to state that only one payment has actually been made in cash. Namely on July 7th 1880 to Mrs Sadler there was paid Rs 1,400 for her property and portion of a house (G.O. No — W dated 25th May 1880). —

2. Damage to walls &ca has been repaired by me and charged to the Harbour Works, but no sums of money have been given to any claimants whether leaseholders or otherwise. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt.

F.W. Thorowgood. M.Inst.C.E.
Superintendent
Madras Harbour Works

Cr No 2711 a/ 16-11-81.
Mis No 1713 W a/19-7-80.
Mis No 1240. a.W a/25-5-80

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No 6756

Buildings & Roads.

From
The Superintendent
Madras Harbour Works

No 63 W
Dated 17th November 1881
Recd: 18th —"—

C.E. No 2756 a/19-11-81.

No of Enclosures nil.

P.W.D. Go. 3186 W d/ 24-12-81

Entd. in Receipt Regr.

Compensation for Land.

Reports that except a sum of Rs100 to Mrs Sadler — no payments for — has been made to any one.

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Administrator General's Office
Madras 23rd November 1881

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Estate of
Mrs Agnes Josephine McDowell Currie

From
Michael Gould
Administrator General of
Madras

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council this application for compensation for the loss of certain portions of lands in my Official custody, occasioned by the encroachment of the sea at Royapoorum and Cassimode in consequence of the construction of the Harbour works.

2. The lands above referred to originally belonged to the Estate of Mr Michael McDowell a Merchant at Madras, who died at Penang on the 16th July 1857 leaving a Will committing his Estate to the Official charge of the Administrator General of Madras as the Executor therein appointed

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3. The description and measurement of these lands as contained in the title deeds in the possession of the Administrator General are as follows.

As to the Royapooram Land. It is situated on the East side of Matha Church Road bounded on the North by Sashachellum Chetty's land, South by a Road to the Beach, East by the sea and West by Cassmode Road and measures 22 Grounds and 750 square feet as per Sheriffs Bill of sale No 1871 dated 8th September 1854.

As to the Cassmadoo Land. It is situated at Tondiarpett bounded on the North by Servalinga Chetty's land, South by a Building, East by the sea and West by the Cassmodoo Road and measures as per Deed of Assignment from Mr James George Coleman to Mr Michael McDowell dated 16th December 1856. 2 Cawnies 4 Grounds and 200 Square feet.

4. These lands which were invariably used for storing timber yielded formerly a rent of Rupees 35 per month, and from the year 1871 up to the time of their sale which took place in March 1877 Rupees 30 per month. Mrs Agnes Josephine McDowell Currie née Bigwood, one of the Legatees under the Will of Mr Michael McDowell having purchased them at auction

Mrs

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5 Mrs Agnes Josephine McDowell Currie died on the 29th April 1877 and her Estate has been administered to by the Administrator General. The lands in question formed part of the assets of her Estate and they are now in the official custody of the Administrator General.

6 In the latter part of the year 1877 they yielded a net rent of Rupees 27 a month, but since then the rents fluctuated and they now yield the minimum rent of Rupees 3. 8. 0.

7 I have been informed that owing to the construction of the Madras Harbour the sea has encroached and is still gradually encroaching on these lands that a great portion of them is under water, and that the remaining portion cannot now be used for storing timber, as timber left thereon is liable to be washed away by the receding waves. Thus the submerged portion of these lands is an absolute loss to the Estate and the remaining portion is so much exposed to the ravages of the sea that Merchants will no longer rent it.—

The Collector of Madras whom I requested to survey and report on the extent of land submerged has furnished me with his report, which I have the honor to submit along with this application. It contains a sketch

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prepared by the Revenue Inspector. The Report deals with the Royapooram land only and shows the extent of the land overrun by the sea. It will be observed that the present measurement of the Royapoorum Land is only 3 grounds and 1600 Square feet out of the original admeasurement of 22 grounds and 750 square feet as appears by the Sheriffs Bill of sale above referred to. It thus appears that of the land appertaining to this Estate at Royapoorum 18 grounds and 1550 feet have been actually washed away while the remaining 3 grounds 1600 square feet have been rendered untenantable and practically valueless

The Collectors Survey and Report on the land at Cassimodoo shall as soon as it is received by me be forwarded for the information of Government.

I have been informed that land at Royapoorum and Cassimodoo is sold at the rate of Rupees 150 per ground, at which price the value of the two blocks of land for which I now seek compensation amounts to Rupees 11159. 6. 0

Under the circumstances of this case, I have the honor to request that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be pleased to take this my application

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into favorable consideration and allow me on behalf of the Estate of Mrs Agnes Josephine McDowell Currie which I represent, full compensation for the loss which has been sustained

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant

Michael Jones

Administrator General

Marine (1881) Deptt
(Harbour)

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From P. W. C. No 7110

The Administrator General of
Madras

To

The Chief Secretary to Government.

P. W. Go Amo 3186 WD/24-12-81

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Dated 23 }
Recd 24 } ~~November 1881.~~

CURRENT No. 7501

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Subject.

Applying for compensation for
loss of lands at Royapooram and Cassimodoo
encroached upon by the sea on
account of the Harbour Works.

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to the Public Works
Dept. for disposal.
2/12/81 Chief Secy

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No. 67 W.

FROM
THE SUPERINTENDENT,
MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS,

To
The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department,
Chepauk

MADRAS, 1st December 1881.

1 Enclosure

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 2756 of the 19th November, I have the honor to forward a list of those who have in any way claimed compensation for damage to property by reason of encroachment of the sea, North of the Harbour.—

2. The most recent claim before November 12th, namely that of Kithor Sahib, is simply for damage to outhouses at the extreme end of our railway line, and represents the estimated cost of repairs.—

3. To all the claimants I have replied that the question is under consideration, and to none have I held out hopes of their obtaining what they ask.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servt
F. W. Harrowgood.
Superintendent M. H. W.

Buildings & Roads

P. W. C. No 7066
From
The Superintendent
Madras Harbour Works

No 69 W
Dated 1st December 1881
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C.E. No 2939 of 6-12-81.

No of Enclosures one

Compensation for land

Forwards list of claims for — on account of sea encroachment —

Entd in Receipt Regr.

No. 69 W

FROM
THE SUPERINTENDENT,
MADRAS HARBOUR WORKS,

TO Colonel R. H. Sankey, C.B. R.E.
Secretary to Government P. W. Dept.
"Buildings & Roads"

MADRAS, 2nd December 1881.

Sir,

I have the honor to return herewith the petitions of N. I. Audinarain Naicker bearing your endorsement No. 2748 of the 18th November, with a few remarks on the case, as invited.

2. It is not necessary that I should go into the matter chiefly complained of by the petitioner, namely delay in settling his claim; as it is, no doubt, perfectly well understood that the principle

find the price at which the land was sold - Subsequently Audenarrian Naick sold 4 grounds at auction at the very high rate of Rs 185 per ground. And although in his letter to me November 24. 1879 (amongst the herewith returned papers) he studiously avoids giving a single price for any of the previous transactions, he refers to this price as "the low "rate of Rs 185 per ground" - I know from other claimants that similar and almost adjoining land sold for no more than Rs 150 per ground.

4. The balance left after the transactions above

enumerated

enumerated seems to be 4 cawnies, 13 grounds 600 square feet - and his claim is for this amount at Rs 185 per ground - The balance as shown in the books of the Collector of Madras is 4 cawnies 1 ground 600 square feet - and I think that it is probable that the Collector's figures are correct - The value claimed by the petitioner is Rs 20,165. The value shown by the Collector's office as given by the Revenue Inspector is Rs 9564.

5. I regret to state that since November 12th the whole of the petitioner's ground has been washed over by the sea

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at High Water with the exception of 1 ground approximately, or 2,500 square feet - There is therefore no question of taking credit for balance remaining. I hesitate to make any suggestion in the matter, but I think there can be no doubt of one fact, namely that the man's property has gone and he is thereby a loser - Also it cannot be doubted that much of the loss is due to the Harbour Works - Perhaps if an an amount smaller than the Revenue Inspector's valuation were offered to the petitioner it would suffice -

6. With reference to loss of

of income arising from destruction of the timber landing places I would earnestly recommend that the neighbourhood of Cassimode be abolished as a timber depôt, and that in its stead the foreshore to the South of the Harbour be offered, for this is at any rate safe from erosion, whereas the present place is under gradual destruction. The prejudice against a change of sites would probably vanish in 12 months, and by presenting those who have suffered from loss of income on this head with a suitable piece of foreshore to the South, it is hard to see whereon any claim (except for loss of property) could rest.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obdt. Servt.
J. N. Horrowgood, M. Inst. C.E.
Supdt. M. H. Work

J.W.S.

Buildings & Roads

P. W. C. No 7080

From

The Superintendent

M. H. Works,

P.W.D G.O. 3188 W dd 24-12-81

No 69 W

Dated 2nd December 1881

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No of Enclosures Two

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Returns Audenamin Petition with observations thereon

No 2939 dd 6-12-81.

P.W.D

Memorandum

The undersigned is directed to request that the attention of the Collector of Madras be called, in the Revenue Deptt, to paras 3 & 4 of G.O. 2130 W dd 26th August/81 and that he be urged to dispose of the questions remitted to him for investigation at a very early date; as, owing to the encroachments of the sea during the recent storm, the early settlement of claims for compensation has become imperative.

Sgd R.H.S.

Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

Ty R.P.

To The Secy to Govt.

Revenue Deptt.

Despd 6-12-81-

C.R. No 2711 d/16-11-81.
C.R. No 2756 d/19-11-81.
G.O. No 2130 W d/26-8-81.
G.O. No 2823 W d/7-12-80.

The undersigned is directed
to request that the attention of
the Collector of Madras be called
in the Revenue Dept to paras
3 & 4 of G.O. 2130 W d/26th August
and that he be urged to dispose
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-ment of claims for compensation.

C.R. No 2939 d/6-12-81.

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No 113. Prince Moheyuddin [illegible]
Tondiarkett
Madras 6th December 1881

CURRENT No.

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To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Department
Fort St George

Sir

With reference to my letter dated 19th September last, bringing to notice the encroachment of the Sea opposite my residence on the North Beach Tondiarkett and the Order of Government thereon dated 24th October 1881 No. 2598 W Public Works Department intimating that measures are being taken to stop the encroachment complained of I beg respectfully to state that considerable damage has since been caused by the surf washing in. I have lost the whole length of a valuable hedge running from North to South of my Compound a small Casuarina plantation an year old and a crop of ground nuts just coming to maturity, besides these, the Cocoanut trees on the ground are showing signs of decay and the out offices of the House in consequence of the close proximity of the Sea are in danger of being washed down

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The stones that were recently laid long the sea shore by the Harbour works establishment have all been nearly submerged after the recent gale and if some substantial protection is not put up without delay, I apprehend that my House and Garden as well as others along the Coast, to be very unsafe.-

3 In Consequence of the dangerous position in which my property is at present situated, it is feared it will remain untenanted, whereby I shall be a loser of Rupees 600/ per annum.

4 Under the circumstances, I respectfully beg that Government will be pleased to take my Case into their kind consideration and compensate me for the losses I have already sustained.

I beg to remain,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
W.C. VanWenvart.

No 1988

Transferred to the
Public Works Deptt

H. Davidson
Chief Secretary.

12th Dec. 1881.

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Marine (1881) Department
(encroachment of sea)

From P. W. C. No 7309

Mr. W. C. Van Derwart
Madras

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Public Department
Fort St. George

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P. W. Go. A no. 3186 W dt 24-12-81

Dated 6th } December 1881.
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CURRENT No. 766

Bringing to notice the dangerous position of his House and Garden at Tondiarpet north of the Harbour works consequent on the encroachment of the Sea and claiming compensation for the losses already sustained thereby.

To be disposed of with other claims

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Administrative Department.

MADRAS,
Marine Office,
12th December 1881.

No. 11085.

From

J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieut., R.N.R.,
Master Attendant,
~~*Administrative Department,*~~
Madras,

CURRENT No. 777

To

The Honorable ~~H. Davidson C.S.~~
Chief Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

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I have the honour to forward the accompanying three silver medals belonging to the three men named in the margin, which were presented to them by Government for meritorious services rendered by them on the occasion of the wreck of the "Aboukir", "Lutchmi" and "Serampore" in the hurricane, which swept over this port on the 27th March 1853. Another man named Cundapen also received a medal with the rest, but as it has gone into the hands of some pawnbroker, he is unable to produce it. All four men possessed houses of their own, which were unfortunately destroyed in the late storm by the encroachment of

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the sea near Casemode, and they are thus reduced to much distress. As they deserve every Consideration from Government I respectfully beg to recommend that the Superintendent of the Madras Harbour Works be authorized to inspect the locality, and estimate for the reconstruction of the houses in question, including the Cost in the grant for beach protective works.

2. I also forward the papers relating to the houses of Veeran, Pauran, and Amavasay. The Title Deeds of Cundapan's house being mortgaged are not sent.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
E W Taylor
Master Attendant
Administrative Department.

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Transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal.

A Davidson
Chief Secretary

15/12/81

G.O. 2823 W. 7-12-80
G.O. 2130 W. 26-8-81
Cr. 513 - 22-9-81
G.O. 2598 W - 24-10-81

Cr. 2711 - 16-11-81
Cr. 2748 - 18-11-81
" 2756 - 19-11-81
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Marine (1881) DEPARTMENT.
(Madras Harbour)

R. W. C. No. 7415 A no 3186 W 24-12-81

From
THE MASTER ATTENDANT,
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT,
Madras,

To
THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

R. D.
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P. W. G.O. A no. 3186 W 24-12-81

No. 11,085.

Dated 12th } December, 1881.
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No. not req'd: in R. D.

CURRENT No. 477

Subject.

Requests that the Supdt Harbour Works may be authorized to reconstruct certain houses washed away in the recent Storm.

Extracted

To

Colonel R. H. Sankey. R. E. C. B.
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

On the 16th of last month I took the liberty of addressing you in respect of my claim to compensation for the loss of certain lands at Royapooram encroached upon by the sea by reason of the Harbor Works, and of the very great delay which occurred in the disposal of the same.

2. The enclosures to my letter of the said date would no doubt have satisfied you, that for upwards of two years my said claim, which formed the subject of a lengthy correspondence between myself and the Superintendent of the Harbor Works, and eventually of my two Memorials to Government dated respectively the 16th May and 2nd July 1881, was allowed to lie dormant.

3. The more the settlement of this matter is prolonged, the greater will, I submit, be the amount of compensation which I will be entitled to claim

for

for the loss of the mesne profits of the land which I have been sustaining from the time the said encroachment began.

4 It is worthy of remark that the claims of others, whose case, though identical with mine, were settled without unnecessary delay, whilst to my keen misfortune, similar consideration was not shown to me, and this circumstance, to which I referred in my letter to you, I have no doubt has attracted your kind attention.

Humbly trusting therefore that the settlement of my claim may not be further delayed.

I remain
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant

Madras
December 20th
1881

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Boat Overseer
Master attendants office Madras.

1881

Department

From

N. I. Audinarain Naick
Boat Overseer.
Master Attendants Office
Madras

To

Colonel R. H. Sankey R. E. C. B.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort St. George.

P. W. D. G.O. 3186 W. dated 24-12-81

Dated

Received

No.

Enclosures none

No.

Requesting with reference to his letter of the 16th November 1881, no further delay may be allowed to occur in the settlement of his claim for compensation in respect of lands encroached upon by reason of the Harbor Works Madras

B. W. G.

No. 176.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 3rd February 1880.

Read the following letters :—

From the Collector	of Ganjam,	dated	12th July	1879,	No. 1,932.
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,, ,,	of Salem,	,,	29th October	,,	,, 327.
,, ,,	of South Canara,	,,	9th June	,,	,, 1,048.

WITH reference to G.O., dated 1st December 1876, No. 1,875, the Board in their Proceedings, dated 1st February 1877, Miscellaneous No. 1,480, requested Collectors to examine the registers of Government grants in their districts, to make inquiries regarding the grants to which conditions attach, and to report cases in which the conditions have not been observed. A list of the grants issued since 1774 submitted to Government with Board's Proceedings, dated 29th March 1858, No. 1,115, was also forwarded to the Collectors for their information with Board's Proceedings, dated 16th June 1877, Miscellaneous No. 8,664, and the letters read above are the replies received from some of the Collectors. Replies have not yet been received from the Collectors of the Kistna, Cuddapah, Bellary, North Arcot, South Arcot, the Nílgiris, and Malabar, but the Board will not defer passing orders on this account, but will deal with the reports which have reached them.

2. The following is a summary of the Collectors' replies :—

3. *Ganjam.*—The Board's list contains only ten grants made prior to 1827, but the records of the Collector's office show that eight more were made subsequently. The original grants are not forthcoming in some cases. Some of the lands are now held on ryotwari puttas and others pay an annual quit-rent. Portions of some are now occupied by buildings, some of them being Government buildings. The buildings for the most part are in good condition, but a few are in ruins. The compounds around several of these buildings are under dry cultivation, but no puttas have been issued for them, nor is any assessment levied. In the cases in which the grants have been produced it appears that the lands are generally to be held for ninety-nine years, some on condition of paying merely an annual quit-rent and some on condition of paying in addition a fine at the end of every thirty years, and at the end of the term of ninety-nine years or the latter only.

4. *Vizagapatam.*—The Board's list contains only eight grants, but a list furnished to the Board by the Collector in 1842 shows twenty-nine including those within Military limits, and that the aggregate quit-rent payable thereon is Rs. 72-14-11 per annum; no quit-rent, however, has ever been collected. The Board's instructions are requested as to whether it is to be levied in future. A copy of the original grant has been produced only in one case, and it shows that the site for building purposes was granted for ninety-nine years on condition of paying an annual quit-rent and a fine of 30 pagodas every thirty years and 100 pagodas at the end of the ninety-nine years.

5. *Godávari.*—No register of grants is kept in the district, but a list showing eight grants was received from the Collector of Madras in 1822, which corresponds with

that forwarded by the Board. None of the original grants are forthcoming. Portions of the lands are occupied by buildings and the rest are under cultivation. The annual quit-rent is paid in all cases except three.

6. *Nellore.*—The Board's list contains five cases, but seven are shown in a list prepared in the Collector's office in 1834. The latter appears to be correct. The lands are held on quit-rent; it is not stated whether the quit-rents are regularly paid or not. Portions of the grants are occupied by buildings and the rest are under cultivation.

7. *Kurnool.*—No information is available regarding the only grant in this district made to one Captain Wessott in 1807.

8. *Madras.*—There are 343 grants in the district, but there is nothing on record to show the conditions of the grants, no duplicates having been retained in the Collector's office, and it is not stated whether they are held subject to payment of quit-rent, and whether the quit-rents are collected.

9. *Chingleput.*—The list furnished by the Board contains 174 cases; no copies of the grants are available in the Collector's office, and documents have been produced in twenty-six cases only; these show that the grants are all conditional and similar to that in the South Arcot District which led to the present reference. The Collector requests that information may be furnished to him from the records of the Board or Government office as to whether the grants are conditional or not. No information on the point is available in this office and the Board understand that the grants are not forthcoming in the Government office.

10. *Tanjore.*—There are nine grants in the Board's list, of which two are in the French territory of Karikal. Information is available regarding four others only. The conditions in the case of two are reported to be duly observed; the land referred to in the third has been purchased by Government, and as regards the fourth it appears that the amount to be paid annually according to the grant is 25 pagodas and 10 fanams; the rent now levied thereon is Rs. 89-15-4, with land-cess amounting to Rs. 4-3-6; a fine of 30 pagodas is payable at the end of every thirty years, but no payment on this account has ever been made, though seventy years have now elapsed. It appears further that the conditions of the grant in this case have not been observed, no buildings being maintained on the land. The Collector recommends that the grant be revoked and the land fully assessed, and requests that copies of the grants in the remaining three cases may be furnished to him to enable him to make the necessary inquiries.

11. *Trichinopoly.*—Only twenty-three of the grants entered in the list could be traced and all of these except one have been fully assessed and puttas issued for them. None of the original grants are forthcoming.

12. *Madura.*—None of the grants referred to in the Board's list except three can be traced in the absence of the original grants or copies of them, and no quit-rent is levied on any of these lands. In the case of the three grants which have been identified it is reported that the terms have been duly observed and that the bungalows are in good condition.

13. *Tinnevelly.*—Some of the lands are still held on grant tenure and others have been fully assessed. As far as can be ascertained the grants appear to have been originally given for building purposes, but only portions of the lands are occupied by buildings and the rest are cultivated. No charge has ever been made on the cultivated areas, but there is no reason why they should not be fully assessed.

14. *Coimbatore.*—The Collector reports that no information is forthcoming regarding any of the grants in the Board's list with one exception; in this case the grant is not to be found and its conditions are unknown. A list of three other grants prepared from office copies of grants found in the office is forwarded; one is a grant to the London Mission Society for ninety-nine years, free of quit-rent, so long as the land is used for Mission purposes. In the other two cases the quit-rent is regularly paid.

15. *Salem.*—There are six grants in this district, two in Hosúr which have been separately reported on,* two in the town of Salem as regards which the conditions have been duly observed, and two on the Shevaroy Hills, of which one cannot be identified and the other has been mortgaged to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., who have declined to forward the documents connected with it for the Collector's inspection.

16. *South Canara.*—The Board's list contains twenty grants, but the Collector's list shows nine more. Of the twenty grants referred to in the Board's list the lands appertaining to seven have been taken up for Government purposes, three are situated in North Canara, one has been fully assessed, and of the remainder copies of the grants are available for only five; but it appears that the buildings in all cases are maintained in good order and the quit-rent paid regularly. The special payment at the end of every thirty years, however, does not appear to have been made, probably because this condition was not inserted in the rules published at pages 439 and 440 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 20th April 1849, regarding grants of land in Military Cantonments; in all the other nine cases also the quit-rent is regularly paid, but copies of the grants are forthcoming in five cases only. The documents in three cases contain no condition other than the payment of an annual quit-rent, whilst in the others there is an additional stipulation to the effect that the buildings should be properly maintained. In two cases a fine of Rs. 10 is also payable at the end of every ten years, but this has never been levied.

17. To sum up, the grants in the several districts may be divided into the following classes:—

I. Grants held on lease for ninety-nine years on condition of paying an annual quit-rent and a fine at the end of a term of years or on the expiration of the lease or on both occasions.
II. Grants held on lease for ninety-nine years subject to the condition of paying an annual quit-rent only.
III. Grants held on lease for ninety-nine years free of quit-rent.
IV. Cases in which grants are not forthcoming, and the conditions on which the grants were made are not known, but an annual quit-rent is paid.
V. Cases in which grants are not forthcoming and no quit-rent whatever is collected.
VI. Lands held for Mission purposes free of quit-rent.
VII. Grants made for building purposes on condition that the buildings are properly maintained.

18. Besides the above there are lands originally held on old grants for which ryotwar puttas have been subsequently issued. No orders are required in regard to them. As regards the several descriptions of grants enumerated above the Board beg to submit the following suggestions for the consideration and orders of Government:—

Class I.—The payment of fines at specified periods does not seem to have been ever enforced, and in the town of Madras the Government have directed that no demand should be made on this account; this order, dated 5th September 1834, No. 784, was communicated to all Collectors in 1855, but does not appear to be generally known, as it is not alluded to in any of the replies. The Board think that the fines may be remitted everywhere. It is, however, an expressed or implied condition of all such grants that at the end of ninety-nine years it is open to Government to renew the lease upon such terms and conditions as may be deemed reasonable. The Board think that these tenures may be settled at once on somewhat the same principle as that sanctioned for similar grants in Vizagapatam in G.O., dated 5th April 1862, No. 760, *i.e.*, to enfranchise them on a quit-rent equivalent to the existing quit-rent *plus* quarter or half of the difference between the existing quit-rent and the full assessment, which would be payable if the lands were held on ordinary ryotwari tenure, according as the leases have more or less than thirty years to run. For instance, if a grant is held on a quit-rent of Rs. 10, the full assessment thereof being Rs. 20, and the time to run less than thirty years, the land may be enfranchised subject to an annual quit-rent of Rs. 15, which is half of the difference between the quit-rent and full assessment *plus* the existing quit-rent. If the holders do not agree to this arrangement the lands must be held on their present tenure till the expiration of the lease when the terms must be reconsidered, but the Board doubt not that the holders will be glad to enfranchise them on the terms specified.

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* *Vide* Collector's letter, dated 20th September 1879, No. 290.

Class II.—These may be disposed of in the same manner as grants under Class I.

Class III.—These may be disposed of on the same principles as tenures under Classes I and II, but the quit-rent charged for enfranchisement in these cases should be quarter or half of the full assessment instead of quarter or half of the difference between the full assessment and the old quit-rent.

Classes IV and V.—It is the duty of the holders of grants to produce their title-deeds; when none are forthcoming it may reasonably be presumed that the tenure was a lease for ninety-nine years, as most of the grants which are in existence are of that nature; such lands may be enfranchised on half assessment without any option being given to the holders, as no clear evidence of the terms of the grant can be adduced.

Class VI.—The grants may be continued on the existing tenure so long as the lands are used for the purposes for which they were granted; when they cease to be so used they may be enfranchised on half assessment compulsorily.

Class VII.—In addition to the condition of maintaining buildings on the land some of these grants appear to have stipulated for the payment of an annual quit-rent and a fine at certain intervals during the lease, which is generally for ninety-nine years. The Board consider that the maintenance of buildings is a condition which need no longer be enforced. The lands under these grants may therefore be disposed of as if the leases did not contain any such stipulation, and enfranchised on the terms applicable to grants under Classes I, II, and III if they are held on a lease for ninety-nine years, or treated as existing freeholds if the lease is not for any specified period.

19. The existing quit-rents need in no case be reduced should they prove in any case to be higher than the full ryotwari assessment; where they are equal thereto they will of course not be enhanced on account of enfranchisement. These tenures may be registered by the Inam Commissioner and title-deeds issued by him in all cases in which enfranchisement takes place.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) S. SRINIVASA RAGHAVAIYANGAR,
Acting First Assistant.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with seventeen original letters and their enclosures, to be
returned; and copies of Board's Proceedings, 16th June
1877, Mis. No. 8,664, and 13th December 1879, No. 3,327.
„ all Collectors.
Copy to the Inam Commissioner.

1880.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February 3rd.
Printed 19th.
Received

PROCEEDINGS, 3RD FEBRUARY 1880, No. 176.

FEBRUARY.
No. 176.

Government grants of Land for building and other purposes — in Madras Presidency.—Reviewing reports from Collectors of certain districts regarding — and submitting suggestions on the subject.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

29th March 1880, No. 377.

No. 357. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd February 1880, No. 176.

ABSTRACT.—Reviewing reports from Collectors of certain districts regarding Government grants of land for building and other purposes in Madras Presidency and submitting suggestions on the subject.

No. 358. ORDER THEREON, 29th March 1880, No. 377.

Land Revenue, No. 25.

THE Government see no need to interfere with the old quit-rent leases referred to in the foregoing Proceedings, much less to deal with them as Inams. They would leave the tenure undisturbed. Collectors should see to the terms of the leases being duly observed and evidence of tenure being produced where special conditions are claimed.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with seventeen original letters and their enclosures.

, Exd. W. H. French.

130 Copies.

Govt. of (1880) Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated March 29th.

Printed April 1st.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 29th March 1880, No. 377.

MARCH.

Nos. 357-358.

Government grants of Land for building and other purposes in Madras Presidency.—Stating with certain instructions to Collectors that the Government see no need to interfere with the old quit-rent leases referred to in Revenue Board's Proceedings regarding —, much less to deal with them as Inams; they would leave the tenure undisturbed.

N. Arcot

No. 640.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 10th May 1880.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Arkónam, 31st March 1880, No. 117 :—

Chittoor.
Palmanér.
Gudiyátam.
Vellore.
Wállájá.

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st February 1877, Miscellaneous No. 1,480, I have the honor to forward herewith a statement showing the existing grants of lands for bungalows, &c., in this district compiled from the returns received from the Tahsildars of the taluks named in the margin. The statement has been carefully compared with the extract from the list of Government grants received from the Board and with the register in the Huzur records, and full explanation is given in the remark column of the statement in regard to the differences, where there is any, in the extent and amount of quit-rent, as shown in the above two documents and the taluk registers.

2. The extract received from the Board contains in all 34 items, of which the 3 items, viz., 1,377, 1,403 and 1,426, do not belong to this district, the lands comprising these grants being situated in the Chingleput District. Of the remaining 31 items, 20 items only are to be found in the present statement. As regards the other grants, I beg to state that the grant No. 1,389, the Government Bungalow at Chittoor, was cancelled during the Jammabandi of Fasli 1285; that numbers 1,392 and 1,724 are occupied by the European Church and American Mission Bungalows respectively, and no quit-rent is being or has ever been collected on their account; that No. 1,405 has been long ago resumed and a ryotwari putta issued for it; and that the grant No. 1,295, being land assigned for a burial-ground free from all demand in perpetuity, is not borne in the register received from the Vellore Taluk, as no assessment or quit-rent is levied thereon. As to the remaining 6 items specified in the margin, the Tahsildars concerned report after due inquiry that they are not traceable. It is probable that these grants have been resumed from time to time and incorporated with Ayen lands, and thus removed from the taluk registers.

1,117, 1,470, 1,404, 1,427, 1,459, and 1,461.

3. The statement now submitted contains in all 57 items, being the same as those for which quit-rent bills are annually prepared and the amount thereof duly collected. Of these, 37 do not find place in the extract received from the Board, and it will be further observed that for almost all these items the number and date of the grant are wanting, and the conditions thereof cannot be ascertained as the same is reported to be not forthcoming. The Board will observe that in the case of some of the grants the owners thereof continue to pay the original amount of quit-rent instead of the enhanced rates.

4. The subjoined statement shows talukwar particulars of the number of grants appertaining to this district and alluded to in the Board's extract and that as per present statement :—

Taluks.	Number as per Board's Extract.	Number resumed, cancelled, &c.	Number not traceable.	Number accounted for by the Tahsildars.	Number not shown in the Board's Extract.	Total as per Statement now submitted.
Chittoor ...	14	4	1	9	3	12
Palmanér ...	1	...	...	1	1	2
Gudiyátam ...	1	...	...	1	...	1
Vellore ...	11	1	1	9	31	40
Wálájá ...	4	...	4	...	2	2
Total ...	31	5	6	20	37	57

5. The cause of the delay in the submission of this report is the pressure of famine work when the Board's Proceedings were received and the necessity for frequent correspondence with the Tahsildars concerned, the returns furnished by them being often found incomplete and the information supplied very meagre. Besides this no little care and attention were necessary in the scrutiny of the grants and the records connected therewith.

The Collector will be requested to report what is meant by enhanced rates referred to in the last sentence of paragraph 3 of the letter above read, and under what authority the rates were enhanced.

2. The Collector of Chingleput is requested to state why Nos. 1,403 and 1,426 referred to in paragraph 2 of the above letter were not included in the list of grants of lands for bungalows furnished by him.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of North Arcot.
" " of Chingleput.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

1880.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

To
THE COLLECTOR OF NORTH ARCOT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated May 10th.
Printed 12th.
Received

PROCEEDINGS, 10TH MAY 1880, No. 640.

MAY.
No. 640.

Grants of Lands for Bungalows, &c.—in North Arcot District.—Requesting further information with reference to Collector's letter submitting a statement of —, and requesting Collector of Chingleput to report why certain grants were not included in the list furnished by him.

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Salem

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No. 946.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th July 1880.

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th October 1879, No. 327:—

WITH reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 1st February 1877, Miscellaneous No. 1,480, I have the honor to report as follows regarding the several grants in this district referred to in the list which accompanied Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 8,664, dated 16th June 1877:—

2. *Grants Nos.* 1,546 *and* 1,547 *in the Town of Salem.*—These grants were issued in 1820 in the names of Mrs. J. Carpenter and Mr. Heath for site occupied by two buildings and the adjoining ground situated within the old Commercial compound. They are now in the possession of Mrs. J. Foulkes, Zemindar of Salem, having been by a deed of assignment transferred to her by her father to whom they had been alienated along with other property by the above persons. The Tahsildar of Salem has reported that the buildings with the surrounding lands forming the grants are kept up according to the terms of the grant.

3. *Grants Nos.* 1,756 *and* 1,757 *situated on the Shevaroys.*—In 1827 two grants were issued in the name of Mr. Fischer. A history of these grants is contained in Board's Proceedings, dated 1st February 1847, until one of them (No. 1,757) came into the possession of Messrs. Ashton, Richardson, and Co., the other (No. 1,756) having been considered as non-existent for reasons given in the Proceedings referred to. Messrs. Ashton, Richardson, and Co. were not granted any putta or title-deed for the grant No. 1,757, but were ordered to be furnished only with acquittance rolls. The whole property of Messrs. Ashton, Richardson, and Co. on the hills then came into the possession of Messrs. Lecot and Co., who have mortgaged it to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. All the documents relating to the grants in question are now with the latter. As they (Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co.) object to forward the documents for my inspection, I have the honor to request the Board will, if necessary, communicate with them direct and obtain all the needful information regarding the finale of the grant No. 1,757.

4. *Hosúr Grants Nos.* 66 *and* 67.—Besides these there are two grants (formerly one) in the village of Oodénellúr (Remount Depôt), Hosúr; full information connected with these is given in my letter, No. 290, dated 20th September 1879.

THE assessment on grants Nos. 1,547 and 1,546, referred to in paragraph 2 of the foregoing letter, should be collected.

2. The extent and assessment of grants Nos. 1,756 and 1,757 situated in the Shevaroys were modified (*vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 1st February 1847, No. 270). These two grants were in reality cancelled by the Board and the lands transferred to the head of Putta. The Collector should collect the assessment hitherto levied.

3. The two grants referred to in paragraph 4 are held on permission certificates, and the quit-rent or assessment hitherto paid should continue to be collected.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Salem.

Copy to the Collector of Madras.

Exd J. Wright.

1880.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF SALEM.

Dated July 12th.
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Received

PROCEEDINGS, 12TH JULY 1880, No. 946.

JULY.
No. 946.

Government Grants.—in Salem District.—Passing orders on letter from Collector furnishing information regarding —.

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South Kanara

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No. 968.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 15th July 1880.

Read the following letter from W. H. COMYN, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 9th June 1879, No. 1,048 :—

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 1st February 1877, Miscellaneous No. 1,480, I have the honor to enclose a list of Government grants issued in this district.

2. For convenience of reference the list is divided into three sections and the grants are numbered consecutively.

3. *Section I* comprises the twenty grants specified in the extract from the list of Government grants forwarded to me with the Board's Proceedings, dated 16th June 1877, Miscellaneous No. 8,664. Of these grants, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, and 18 are no longer in force, the premises having been long ago taken up by Government for public offices, &c., or converted into Military lines, &c., as shown in the remark column of the list.

4. The lands forming the subject of grants Nos. 8, 15, and 20 are situated in North Canara.

5. The premises comprised in grant No. 17 appear to have been purchased by Government for the Collector's Office, which was destroyed by fire during the Coorg insurrection; the site was afterwards sold to the late Collector Mr. Blair and a putta issued for the same on taram assessment in Fasli 1252. The land is now occupied by the German Missionaries at Mangalore who have erected various buildings on it.

6. Grants Nos. 1, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, and 16, which appear to have changed hands more than once, are now held by the individuals mentioned in Column 9 of the list. The conditions attached to Nos. 7, 9, 10, 11, and 14, as ascertained from the copies of grants recorded in this office, are briefly stated in column 10. The quit-rent is paid annually and the buildings are maintained in good condition, but the payment of a special sum at the end of every thirty years does not appear to have been enforced owing probably to the omission of this condition in the rules published by Government in 1849.

At pages 439 and 440 of the *Fort St. George Gazette* dated 20th April 1849.

7. Buildings are also maintained and quit-rent is paid by the holders of grants Nos. 1, 6, and 16, but copies of these grants are not forthcoming in this office. I beg therefore to request that the Board will be pleased to obtain from the Office of the Registrar of Government Grants and forward to me copies of these grants as well as of No. 19, the quit-rent whereof is not collected at present and the site of which cannot be identified in the absence of a copy of the grant.

8. *Section II.*—The five grants embraced in this section are not included in the extract received with the Board's Proceedings quoted above; copies of these grants are however recorded in this office. The quit-rent on these is regularly paid by the present holders and suitable buildings are maintained on the grounds forming the subject of Nos. 21, 22, 23, and 24, though this condition is attached only to the first two of these grants, the remaining three containing no other stipulation than the annual payment of the fixed amount of quit-rent. As in the case of grants Nos. 7, 9, and others included in Section I, the decennial payment of Rs. 10 does not appear to have been made by the holders of grants Nos. 21 and 22 of this section.

9. *Section III* contains four grants which are not mentioned in the extract above referred to and copies of which are not forthcoming in this office. The quit-rent specified in column 8 is however paid and buildings are maintained by the holders. I beg that I may be furnished with copies of these grants for record in this office. Their numbers and dates are given in the enclosed list as ascertained from the holders.

THE Collector reports that out of twenty grants entered in the list sent from the Board, Nos. 895, 1,150, 1,151, 1,188, 1,518, 1,557, 1,604, and 1,663 have ceased to exist, the properties covered by them having been purchased by Government for public purposes, and that properties covered by three grants, Nos. 1,300, 1,564, and 1,372, are situated in the North Canara District transferred to the Bombay Presidency. These eleven grants may be removed from the list of grants of South Canara.

2. The quit-rents hitherto collected will continue to be levied on the properties covered by grant Nos. 884, 1,252, 1,258, 1,456, 1,487, 1,514, 1,558, 1,565, and 1,665, as well as on the Collector's No. 27, which is an out-zillah grant registered as No. 22 in the Office of the Registrar of Government Grants. No reserved rents of thirty pagodas need be demanded.

3. The property covered by No. 1,665 (Collector's No. 19) is identical with that numbered by the Collector as 26. It is bounded on the north by waste ground and Circuit Judge's compound, on the south by ground in front of the Roman Catholic Church, on the east by the High Road, and on the west by the town of Mangalore.

4. Nos. 21, 22, 28 and 29, on the Collector's list relate to leases granted in the Military Cantonment of Mangalore, and the rules published at pages 439 and 440 of the *Fort St. George Gazette* of 1849 are applicable to them. The Collector will continue to collect the quit-rents hitherto levied, but make no demand for the decennial payment, as the aforesaid rules are silent on the point.

5. Nos. 23, 24, and 25 on the Collector's list refer to permission certificates, and the Collector will continue to collect the quit-rents as hitherto.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of South Canara.
Copy to the Collector of Madras, with copy of enclosure.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

1880.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

To
THE COLLECTOR OF
SOUTH CANARA.

Dated July 15th.
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Received

PROCEEDINGS, 15TH JULY 1880, No. 968.

JULY.
No. 968.

Government Grants—in South Canara District.—Passing orders on letter from Collector furnishing information regarding —.

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S Arcot

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No. 1,034.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 27th July 1880.

Read the following letter from P. VARADACHARRY, Deputy Collector in charge of Treasury, to A. CRUICKSHANK, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, dated Cuddalore, 28th June 1880, No. 163:—

IN forwarding herewith a statement of all the grants made in this district prepared in the form received with your letter, No. 1,571, dated 17th September 1879, I have the honor to state that of the forty-three grants entered in the statement, No. 18 is only a fresh grant in lieu of No. 1,677, and refers to identical property, and No. 1,189 has no existence. Excluding these two numbers, the remaining forty-one may be classified as below:—

Marked A in red ink in the statement.	1. Grants, the conditions of which are observed and continue to pay the original quit-rent...	22
Do. B in do.	2. Grant, the conditions of which are observed, but pay less amount of quit-rent than was originally fixed	1
Do. C in do.	3. Grant, the conditions of which are not observed, but continues to pay the original quit-rent...	1
Do. D in do.	4. Grants, the conditions of which are not observed, but being held on putta pay the taram assessment	5
Do. E in do.	5. Grants, of which portions are held on putta and pay taram assessment and portions pay quit-rent	8
Do. F in do.	6. Grants which pay neither quit-rent nor taram assessment	2
Do. G in do.	7. Grant given free of quit-rent on condition that it will be resumed when required by Government for public purposes	1
Do. H in do.	8. Grant sold in public auction and the sale-proceeds carried to the credit of Government.	1
	Total ...	41

2. It will be seen that the property in B pays now a quit-rent of Rs. 52-3-9 only against the original quit-rent of Rs. 94-9-9. It does not appear from the records when and why the original quit-rent was reduced, but papers, if any, in possession of Rev. Tarbes, who is in charge of the property on account of his Mission School, may throw light on the matter.

3. Of the two properties in F which pay neither quit-rent nor taram assessment, the present owner of No. 1,704, Bava Mercayer, should be called upon to produce any documents in his possession to explain why nothing is paid to Government in the shape of quit-rent or taram assessment, and if he fails to do so, the subject of taxing the property may be considered. The other, No. 1,409, is now a small bit of waste land, and the taluk officials should be called upon to explain why no putta was issued in the name of its owner, Parvathi Ammal.

4. The correspondence noted in the margin of your letter under reply and the twenty-one documents received with the above are herewith returned.

5. The delay in the submission of the statement called for was unavoidable, as old records had to be referred to in several cases, and information had to be called for from the Tahsildars.

No. 230.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue with reference to paragraph 2 of their Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 1,480, dated 1st February 1880.

2. The Treasury Deputy Collector was requested to investigate and report on the subject, as the bills issued for grant lands were prepared in the Treasury Account Department, and as the Divisional Officers were not able to identify several of the lands comprised in these grants and make a satisfactory report on their present condition.

3. The further inquiries suggested by the Deputy Collector have been ordered to be made.

Cuddalore,
1st July 1880.

(Signed) A. CRUICKSHANK,
Collector.

Enclosure No. 1.—List.

Nos. 1,122 and 1,677.

The grants noted in the margin should be considered as cancelled.

1,182, 1,204, 1,291, 1,292, 1,294, 1,668, 1,688, 1,689, 1,694, and 1,697.

2. It is not clear from the Collector's letter and its enclosure whether the whole quit-rent on the lands covered by grant numbers noted in the margin is collected or not. The Collector will explain. It should be clearly shown that the full Government revenue on these grant lands is paid, whether it is termed quit-rent or taram assessment, and that the amount collected does not fall below the sum fixed in the grants.

3. The land covered by Grant No. 1,189 is situated in Paddycooppam, about four miles to the north-east of Cuddalore, in the Cavalry Cantonment, bounded on the north by some fields lying between it and the high road from Trevanandapuram to Tripasore, on the east by Paddycooppam village, on the south by a nullah leading from the Garuda river, and on the west by some fields lying between it and the road that leads to Colonel St. Leger's and Colonel Sheriff's bungalows.

4. The Collector will report from what year Rs. 52-3-9 have been collected from the holder of Grant No. 1,371 instead of Rs. 94-9-9, the amount of quit-rent mentioned in the grant, and the present holder will be called upon to show reason why he should not pay at the latter rate; if he refuses to pay the originally-fixed quit-rent, the case should be reported for the orders of the Board.

5. The Collector will similarly issue notice to the holder of the Grant No. 1,409 calling upon him to show reason why he should not pay the quit-rent charged in the grant, and collect it from Fasli 1289, if the person holding the land fails to show satisfactory cause for exemption. If in the Collector's opinion sufficient cause be shown, the records of the case should be sent to the Board for final orders.

Nos. 1,323, 1,384, 1,465, 1,524, 1,525, 1,572, 1,573, 1,611, 1,612, 1,660, 1,667, 1,678, 1,690, 1,692, 1,693, 1,695, 1,713, 1,716, 1,736, and 1,764.

6. The quit-rents hitherto levied on the lands covered by grants noted in the margin will continue to be collected in future as hitherto.

7. It is reported that out of Acres 7·56 relating to Grant No. 1,704, Acres 6·19 have been washed away. If so, the present holder should be called upon to pay from Fasli 1289 quit-rent on the remainder Acres 1·37, which he is reported to have been enjoying without the payment of any quit-rent.

18, 25, 28, and 32.

8. The numbers in the margin refer to out zillah grants. The assessment hitherto levied thereon should continue to be collected.

9. The Collector will be so good as to procure and transmit to the Board a copy of the Grant No. 24, dated 25th May 1832, and also copies of grants numbered in the Collector's list as 43 and 118.

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10. There is another Grant, No. 7, of the out zillah register. This land is situated in the town of Porto Novo, bounded on the north by a public road, south by the Porto Novo river, east by a public road, and on the west by a lane leading to the river. The Collector will report on this grant also.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary,

To the Collector of South Arcot.
Copy to the Collector of Madras.

Exd. A. Grubert.

1880.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF SOUTH ARCOT.

Dated July 27th.

Printed August 5th.

Received

PROCEEDINGS, 27TH JULY 1880, No. 1,034.

JULY.

No. 1,034.

Grant Lands — in South Arcot District.— Passing orders on letter from Collector submitting a statement of —.

Madura

No. 1,035.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 27th July 1880.

Read the following letters :—

From H. J. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th July 1879, No. 310.

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 1st February 1877, Miscellaneous No. 1,480, I have the honor to state that it is reported by the Acting Sub-Collector, Madura, that neither the Extract A nor the form of grants sent with Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 1,399, dated 15th April 1878, furnished to him any additional information enabling him to make an inquiry on the subject of the grants referred to in the above extract, and that, as his inquiries and examination of records did not help him in identifying the lands alluded to in the grants, it is impossible for him to trace the grounds in the absence of the original grants or copies thereof.

2. It will be observed that in his letter sent with this office endorsement, dated 7th January 1878, No. 8, it has been stated that no quit-rent is being collected from any one with reference to the terms of these grants.

From the same Officer, dated 21st October 1879, No. 496.

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 1st February 1877, Miscellaneous No. 1,480, I have the honor to state that the General Charge Deputy Collector, Madura, in whose division the buildings to which the grants mentioned in the accompanying copy of the extract from the list of Government grants issued since the year 1774 relate are situated, reports that the terms of the said grants have been duly observed and that the bungalows are in good condition.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Extract from List of Grants.

IT does not appear that the local officers have made proper inquiries in the matter of Government grants referred to in the Board's Proceedings, dated 1st February 1877, Miscellaneous No. 1,480, and the reports sent in by the Collector are in consequence incomplete.

2. The list which accompanied the Proceedings above referred to showed that there were nineteen localities covered by Government grants in seven places in the Madura District, viz., three at Dindigul, one at Neroor near Dindigul, two at Teppakulam, two at Shellore near Madura, seven at Ramnad, three at Madura, and one at Thumcum near Madura. On none of these is quit-rent now collected. Unless they are exempt under the terms of the grant or by a special order of Government quit-rent is undoubtedly payable by the holders of the lands.

3. Of these nineteen grants the Collector reports that Nos. 1,381, 1,104, and 1,105 have been found out and that the whereabouts of the rest are not known. A statement showing their boundaries is herewith forwarded, and the Collector is requested to have the remaining sixteen localities identified with the aid of the fresh information furnished in this statement and from local inquiries.

4. Unless any of these grant lands has been specially exempted from payment of quit-rent the Collector will collect it from Fasli 1289 from its holders.

5. The Collector is requested to report the result of his inquiries and the amount of quit-rent he has ordered to be collected for Fasli 1289.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Madura, with a statement.
Copy to the Collector of Madras.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

35 Copies.

1880.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF MADURA.

Dated July 27th.
Printed August 3rd.
Received

PROCEEDINGS, 27TH JULY 1880, No. 1,035.

JULY.
No. 1,035.

Grant lands—in Madura District.—Passing orders on letter from Collector furnishing information regarding —.

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Nellore
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No. 1,076.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 3rd August 1880.

Read again the following letters :—

From J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th April 1878, No. 1,490.

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Board, No. 1,480, dated 1st February 1877, I have the honor to submit the following report on the subject of Government grants of land in this district.

2. According to a statement prepared in this office in 1834, there should be seven cases of such grants in this district, whereas the statement furnished by the Board contains only five of them. The details of the items common to both very nearly correspond, except that the areas in Nos. 1,262 and 1,261 in the Board statement are revised in the statement of 1834, which seems to be the correct one.

3. Copy of the statement above alluded to is herewith submitted. Column 5 of it shows the purposes of the grant in each case.

4. Six out of the seven cases relate to the Nellore town, and the seventh to Padamati Kambampaud in the Atmakúr Taluk. In the former cases the lands are reported to be appropriated to the purposes of the original grant. The original grantees have sold them to others for the same purposes. Translation of a statement submitted by the Tahsildar of Nellore, showing the details of these lands, is submitted.

5. As regards the land in Padamati Kambampaud, the Tahsildar of Atmakúr states that the present area of the land is 14·03 acres, the settlement assessment being Rs. 14-3-0. The original grantees in this case were Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., who seem to have lately sold the land to another party. Application has been made by their agent to have the land transferred to the new purchaser. Further information has been called for from the Tahsildar as to how the land is being used at present, and it will be submitted to the Board in due course.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

From the same Officer, dated 18th July 1878, No. 2,912.

IN continuation of paragraph 5 of my letter, No. 1,490, dated 12th April last, I have the honor to submit the Atmakúr Tahsildar's letter, No. 179, of the 25th ultimo, which gives all the available information regarding the grant of land made to Messrs. Arbuthnot in the village of Padamati Kambampaud.

2. According to the Tahsildar's report, the area of the land in question is 14·03, the settlement assessment being Rs. 14-3-0; but according to the statement of 1834 already submitted to the Board, the area should be only 13·11 cents. The difference being small, no steps need be taken towards adjusting it. The land was held by the original grantees, subject to the payment of an annual quit-rent of Rs. 19-4-0.

3. It appears further from the Tahsildar's Arzi that the land is now being used for purposes of cultivation.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

THE Board resolve to forward to the Collector a revised list of seven grants in Nellore and to request him to report whether the amounts of quit-rent therein shown are regularly collected from the present holders. If not, the Collector will be so good as to collect them from Fasli 1289 in accordance with the revised list.

2. The Collector is right in collecting water-rate on such of these grant lands as have recently been irrigated with Government water.

3. Transfers of these properties may be allowed so long as the purchasers engage to pay the fixed quit-rent with water rate, if any, due to Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Nellore, with a list.
Copy to the Collector of Madras.

Exd. A. Grubert.

2-3570

1880.

Board of Revenue.

MADRAS.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF NELLORE.

Dated August 3rd.

Printed 10th.

Received

PROCEEDINGS, 3RD AUGUST 1880, No. 1,076.

AUGUST.

No. 1,076.

Grant Lands—in Nellore District.—Forwarding to Collector a revised list of —, and requesting him to collect quit-rent in accordance therewith.

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Tinnevelly

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No. 1,077.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 3rd August 1880.

Read the following letter from J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 10th May 1879, No. 324:—

WITH reference to Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 1,480, dated 1st February 1877, I have the honor to forward two statements, one showing the lands now held on the "grant" tenure, and the other showing those that were once held as "grants" but were subsequently brought to full assessment.

2. As far as it can be ascertained the grants appear to have been originally given for building purposes, but the Board will see that only portions of the lands granted have been occupied by buildings while the remainder are either cultivated with wet or dry crops or are fit for such cultivation. No charge has ever been made on the cultivated area, but there is no reason that I can see why it should escape when it is permanently turned into rice land.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

THE Board observe that the Collector is under the impression that the quit-rents specified in the grants were intended to be less than the full assessments; such, however, is not the case; the quit-rents represent the commutations at the time being of the Sircar share of the annual produce of the lands.

2. The Board's list sent to the Collector with their Proceedings, dated 1st February 1877, No. 1,480, relates to sixteen grants assessed at Pagodas 210, Fanams 37, and Cash 39, or Rs. 738-0-11, but it is not clear from the two statements which accompanied his letter read above whether the aforesaid sum is now collected or not. He is therefore requested to complete the statement herewith sent to him and return it to the Board with explanations should the amount collected prove smaller than the total sum of the quit-rents.

3. The Collector's lists refer to twelve more grants; of these, one at Tuticorin, in the possession of the Cotton Press Company, relates to No. 19 of the Permission Certificates. Its extent is Cawnies 2, Grounds 17, and Square Feet 1,464, assessed at Rs. 1-2-5 per annum. From the Collector's list it does not appear that this quit-rent is collected; if so, the Collector is requested to report upon what authority exemption is allowed.

4. Four grants relate to leases in the military cantonments and are assessed at Rs. 3-8-0 each. The Collector will report whether the assessment or quit-rent of Rs. 14 is collected from the parties in possession.

Lease No.	Names of Present Holders.	Gulis.	Ft.	Extent. Cents.
13	Minachi Ammal...			21
20	Paul Router and Nagore Mira Router...			98
22	Akulandam Pillay			98
21	Arumugum Pillay and others	20	2,310	= 31

5. The Board are unable to trace out the numbers of the remaining seven properties entered in the Collector's lists and therefore request the Collector to submit a statement for these properties similar to that referred to in paragraph 2.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly, with two statements.
Copy to the Collector of Madras.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

See No 451 of 21-3-1881

1880.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF TINNEVELLY.

Dated *August 3rd.*

Printed *14th.*

Received

PROCEEDINGS, 3RD AUGUST 1880, No. 1,077.

AUGUST.

No. 1,077.

Grant lands — in Tinnevelly District.—Passing orders on letter from Collector submitting lists of —.

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Tanjore

No. 1,078.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 3rd August 1880.

Read again the following letter from H. J. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 4th December 1878, No. 4,449:—

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 1st February 1877, Miscellaneous No. 1,480, and the list of Government grants forwarded with Board's Proceedings, dated 16th June 1877, I have the honor to report that out of the nine grants therein referred to, two, viz., Nos. 1,367 and 1,516, refer to lands situated within the French Territory of Karikal. No inquiry has therefore been made about them. Of the remainder, information is available in the records only about the four marginally noted.

Nos. 1,246, 1,263, 1,288, and 1,735.

2. The conditions of Grants Nos. 1,263 and 1,735 are reported to be duly observed, and no interference is necessary on the part of Government.

3. The ground referred to in the Grant No. 1,288 appears to have been purchased by Government under Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 23rd January 1878.

4. The Grant No. 1,246 given to Monsieur Lestache in 1808 refers to 17 cawnies, 3 grounds, and 602 square feet, equivalent to about 3 velis, 8 mahs, and 55$\frac{1}{6}\frac{3}{4}$ gulis of land in the village of Prataparamapuram, Negapatam Taluk. The amount to be paid yearly according to the grant is 25 pagodas, 10 fanams, and 8 cash. At present the rent of Rs. 89-15-4, together with land-cess, amounting to Rs. 4-3-6, is collected thereon. Thirty pagodas, or Rs. 105, should be paid at the end of every 30 years; but, though seventy years have elapsed since the grant was made, nothing appears to have been paid on this account. The land was inspected by the late Acting Sub-Collector Mr. Cruickshank, and he has reported that the conditions of the grant have not been observed. No buildings are maintained on the land; but there are some remains of indigo vats and store-houses. The land has passed through several hands, and the person now in possession of it is one Gnanadikka Thevar. It appears there is a difference of 18 velis, 15 mahs, and 47 gulis between the extent of land in his possession and that entered in his grant. It is impossible to ascertain the cause of this difference as it has not arisen lately, but dates as far back as the time of the pymaish accounts. Prataparamapuram is a Kattuguttagai village. The assessment due on the land actually held by Gnanadikka Thevar aforesaid according to the settlement for the whole village is Rs. 98-5-4. It seems to me that this grant may be revoked and the present holder of the land made to pay the land assessment above mentioned.

5. Of the three grants regarding which no information is forthcoming here, I beg that I may, if possible, be favored with copies from the records of the Board or Government office so as to enable me to make the necessary inquiries.

THE Collector reports that the Grant No. 1,288 appears to have been purchased by Government* and Nos. 1,367 and 1,516 refer to lands situated within the French Territory at Karikal. These will be removed from the list of grants in Tanjore. The Collector is requested to give the number of the Government Order referred to.

* Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 23rd January 1878.

2. The quit-rent hitherto levied on the lands covered by Grants Nos. 1,246 and 1,263 should be levied. The reserved rent of 30 pagodas need not be demanded.

3. The Board resolve to furnish the Collector with a statement showing the boundaries of the grant lands noted in the margin, to enable him to identify the localities about which he could not obtain information from his records.

Nos. 1,180, 1,237, 1,376, and 1,737.

4. As regards Grant No. 1,735, no quit-rent should be collected as long as it is used for religious purposes.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Tanjore, with a statement.
Copy to the Collector of Madras.

Exd. A. Grubert.

30-4-1078 & 2964

1880.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF TANJORE.

Dated August 3rd.

Printed 11th.

Received

PROCEEDINGS, 3RD AUGUST 1880, No. 1,078.

AUGUST.

No. 1,078.

Grant Lands — in Tanjore District.—Forwarding to Collector a statement showing the boundaries of certain —, and directing the levy of quit-rent on Grants Nos. 1,246 and 1,263.

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Godavari

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No. 1,146.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th August 1880.

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godávari District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 26th October 1878, No. 316:—

REFERRING to the Board's Proceedings, dated 1st February 1877, Miscellaneous No. 1,480, communicating the Proceedings of Government, dated 1st December 1876, No. 1,875, I have the honor to inform you that in the records of my office there is no register of Government grants in the district other than an extract from the register of Government grants forwarded to this office in 1822 by the Collector of Madras at the request of the then Collector, from which I find that no conditions were specified as attached to the grants other than the payment of a certain amount of quit-rent fixed thereon. The grants entered in it are the same as those named in the list received with the Board's Proceedings, dated 16th June 1877, Miscellaneous No. 8,664. I beg to enclose a memorandum showing the result of my inquiry as regards the conditions attached to these grants, their state and present holders, as well as the realization of quit-rent.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

Grant. No.		Quit-rent.
		RS. A. P.
817	... ...	3 8 0
818	... ...	3 8 0
		P. F. C.
1,383	... ...	17 19 55

THE amounts of quit-rents hitherto paid should be collected on the grants noted in the margin.

2. The Collector will report whether the quit-rent, Rs. 70-10-0, hitherto collected on grant land No. 819 is credited to Government, or whether any portion of it is paid to the ryots as indemnification for the loss of produce. If so, he will explain how these amounts are exhibited in the accounts.

3. If the land covered by grant No. 953 be situated in the Zemindari of Pithápoor, and the land and buildings thereon have been in possession of Government for the use of the Collector's office, this grant may be considered as cancelled.

4. It is reported that the land covered by grant Nos. 1,532 and 1,538 pays no quit-rent, but there does not appear to be any order exempting it. The Collector will issue a notice to the present holders to show cause within three months why they should not pay the quit-rent thereon, and should they fail to satisfy the Collector that the quit-rent has been remitted by any order of Government, or to adduce any other sufficient reason for exemption, the Collector will levy it from the current fasli.

5. The correct amount of quit-rent leviable on grant land No. 1,090 is Rs. 28-10-0, but Rs. 24-10-10 only appear to be collected. The cause of this difference should be explained, and if no sufficient reason for the reduction is forthcoming, the correct amount should be collected from Fasli 1290.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of the Godávari District.
Copy to the Collector of Madras.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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1880.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF THE
GODAVARI DISTRICT.

PROCEEDINGS, 12TH AUGUST 1880, No. 1,146

Dated August 12th.

Printed 19th.

Received

AUGUST.
No. 1,146.

Grants of Lands for building purposes — in Godávari District.—Passing orders on letter from Collector furnishing information regarding —.

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Chingleput

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No. 1,147.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th August 1880.

Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidápet, 7th July 1879, No. 449 :—

IN reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 1st February 1877, Miscellaneous No. 1,480,* I have the honor to report that I am unable to furnish, in anything like a complete and satisfactory manner, the information required, owing to the absence of proper data on which to base inquiries, and to the imperfect materials which Tahsildars have been able to obtain.

2. No copies of grants being available in this office, it has not been possible to ascertain whether any of those shown in the register kept here, or in that furnished by the Board with their Proceedings, dated 16th June 1877, Miscellaneous No. 8,664, had conditions attached to them similar to that referred to in G.O., No. 1,875, of the 1st December 1876.

3. Tahsildars were therefore directed to institute careful inquiries into the matter and to furnish statements showing the extent and assessment of the land held under each grant, the conditions attached thereto, and the names of the parties in enjoyment. They were furnished with extracts from the register of grants and instructed to send for the present holders of the land and call upon them to produce their original deeds, and if on inspection of these it was found that the terms had not in any particular been complied with, to make a full report, forwarding at the same time the explanation of the parties in enjoyment.

4. The following is a summary of the replies received :—

Madurántakam Taluk.—The Tahsildar reports that there are no lands held on grant in his taluk and this statement is borne out by the register kept in this office and the list furnished by the Board.

Tiruvallúr Taluk.—The registers show that there are two grants in this taluk. The Tahsildar has been unable to procure the original deed in either instance, and it is therefore not possible to state whether these are conditional grants or not.

Chingleput Taluk.—The list furnished by the Board exhibits only three grants in this taluk, whilst that kept in this office contains record of six. The Tahsildar has not been able to obtain the original grants or copies of any of them.

Conjeeveram Taluk.—Though the register furnished by the Board does not show any grants in this taluk, it has been found from the register kept in this office that there are three in the old Military Cantonment of Wálajábád. The Tahsildar has not succeeded in procuring the grants for inspection. An old piece of an MSS. section book was found among the records of the office, in which a few grants have been copied, but these are not authenticated by any one. It appears from this that one of the grants at Wálajábád is of the kind referred to in the Government Order communicated with the Board's Proceedings under reply. I conclude from what the Record-keeper states, and from the appearance of the book alluded to above, that it was merely intended as an Office Memorandum of the grants, and was written by the clerk in charge of the department for his own information. Every document seems to have been entered in the office of the Chief Secretary to Government.

Ponnéri Taluk.—The office register shows eleven grants in this taluk. The Tahsildar was only able to procure one from the present holder, and this on examination is found to be a conditional grant similar to that noticed in the Government Order. It has not been possible to obtain the grants or copies of them in the other cases.

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* Directing inquiry to be made as to grants for building purposes to which conditions were attached, and calling for report in regard to those cases in which the conditions had not been observed.

Saidápet Taluk.—The Tahsildar has only been able to procure the grants in seventeen cases, and on inspection eleven of these are found to be conditional and similar to that noticed in the Government Order. From the old MSS. book referred to above it appears that seven other cases mentioned in the list were also conditional grants.

5. The list of grants furnished by the Board contains 174 cases, and in respect of these, documents are available in only twenty-six instances as shown above. Without the originals or copies to refer to it is impossible to say how many of them are conditional. To enable me, therefore, to supply the information required by the Board, I beg to enclose a revised list of all grants in this district, excluding those in which I have already procured the original deeds, and I shall feel favored by the Board's returning it to me with a note opposite to each case, showing whether the grant is conditional or not. It is evident from the papers which I have procured that most, if not all, the grants were in a printed form and contained but one class of conditions. It would be therefore necessary only in cases in which the terms may be of an extraordinary character to state them. The words "conditional" and "unconditional" would give me all that, as a rule, I should wish to know.

6. If the Board consider that the plan suggested would give their office too much trouble, I can, if permission of Government be accorded, send one of my clerks to the Government Office with the instructions necessary to enable him to take the required notes.

7. As soon as I know the nature of the grants I will send out the Assistant Collector to examine each property, and will then submit a statement with the desired particulars.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—List of Grants.

THE Collector is requested to furnish a list of those grants which have been excluded from the statement forwarded to the Board with his letter read above, and to state whether the quit-rents entered against all the grants in his district have been duly collected. If in any case the full quit-rent is not levied, the reason should be explained.

2. Copies of grants need not now be procured, as the grants were in a printed form and contained but one class of conditions, as observed by the Collector in paragraph 5.

3. Pending further orders no inquiry into the condition of these grants need be made, but the quit-rents payable annually and collected hitherto will continue to be levied.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of the Chingleput District.
Copy to the Collector of Madras.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

1880.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

To
THE COLLECTOR OF THE
CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT.

Dated August 12th.
Printed 21st.
Received

PROCEEDINGS, 12TH AUGUST 1880, No. 1,147.

AUGUST.
No. 1,147.

Grants of lands for building purposes — in Chingleput District.—Passing orders on letter from Collector furnishing information regarding —.

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Ganjam

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No. 1,392.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 24th September 1880.

Read the following letter from W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chatrapur, 9th August 1880, No. 1,765 :—

IN reference to paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 7th June 1880, No. 6,077, I have the honor to state that the lands covered by Grants Nos. 893 and 894 belong to the Kallikót Zemindari and were granted by the Zemindar to Mr. Thomas Snodgrass, Collector; and the grants were simply recognized by Government in their Orders, Nos. 893 and 894, Revenue Department, dated 11th March 1803. The holders do not therefore pay any quit-rent to the Government.

2. *Paragraph* 6.—The Cabooleat for Grant No. 1,755, filed in the records of this office, has been referred to. The amount of quit-rent fixed on this grant is Rs. 20 and not 20 Pagodas.

3. *Paragraph* 7.—Copies of Grants Nos. 48 and 58 are enclosed.

4. The rest of the information required in the Board's Proceedings will be furnished on its receipt from the Divisional Officers to whom references have been made.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Copies of Grants Nos. 48 and 58.

THE lands covered by Grants Nos. 893 and 894, being situated in the Zemindari of Kallikót, may be removed from the list of grants in Ganjam.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the foregoing letter, the Collector will continue to collect the quit-rent of Rs. 20 and not 20 Pagodas.

3. The items referred to in paragraph 3 are lands held on permission certificates. The Collector will continue to collect the quit-rents thereon as hitherto.

4. The further information promised in paragraph 4 is awaited.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Ganjam.
Copy to the Collector of Madras, with copy of
Board's Proceedings, No. 6,077, dated 7th June 1880.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

1880.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF GANJAM.

Dated September 24th.

Printed 30th.

Received

PROCEEDINGS, 24TH SEPT. 1880, No. 1,392.

SEPTEMBER.

No. 1,392.

Grant Lands—in Ganjam District.—Passing orders on Collector's letter furnishing information regarding certain —.

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No. 1,489.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th October 1880.

Read the following letter from J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 15th September 1880, No. 3,570:—

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 1,076, of the 3rd ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the revised list of grants received therewith does not agree with the statement of grants prepared in this office in 1834 as particularized below:—

	As per Board's Statement. Extent.			As per Statement of 1834. Extent.		
	C.	G.	SQ. FT.	C.	G.	SQ. FT.
Grant No. 1,261	6	7	$421\frac{7}{8}$	13	11	2,200
Do. " 1,262	13	11	2,200	6	7	$431\frac{7}{8}$
Do. " 1,761	9	17	2,092	7	17	2,092
	Quit-rent.			Quit-rent.		
	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
Grant No. 1,761	17	8	0	4	44	78

2. The extent of Grants Nos. 1,261 and 1,262 appears to have been entered one for the other. The extent of Grant No. 1,761 is given as 9 and odd cawnies instead of 7 and odd, which seems to be the correct figure, and the quit-rent is shown as P. 17, F. 8, C. 0; according to the statement of 1834 it should be P. 4, F. 14, C. 78, which is equal to Rs. 17-8-0. So that it would seem that in the Board's statement pagodas are entered whereas rupees are meant.

3. The quit-rent on all the grants except No. 1,089 was collected up to Fasli 1288, and demands have been issued for 1289.

4. The bungalow in Grant No. 1,089* was purchased in Fasli 1286 by Government, and the Collector resides in it. Previous to its purchase the quit-rent was collected and credited to the head of "Miscellaneous," "Land Revenue." But since the purchase the quit-rent has not been collected. The house-rent, Rs. 117-8-0 per mensem, is paid to the Public Works Department, and Tirvajasti, Rs. 3, to the village officers. I doubt whether the quit-rent should be credited and debited in the accounts.

* Paying quit-rent of Rs. 7.

THE Collector is informed that the extent of Grant Nos. 1,261, 1,262, and 1,761 as given in the Board's list is correct. By a clerical error the quit-rent of No. 1,761 was entered as pagodas instead of rupees. The correct quit-rent is Rs. 17-8-0.

2. The Grant No. 1,089 may be considered as cancelled, the property having been purchased by Government, and the quit-rent thereon need not be adjusted in the accounts.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Nellore.
Copy to the Collector of Madras.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

1880.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF NELLORE.

Dated October 9th.

Printed 16th.

Received

PROCEEDINGS, 9TH OCTOBER 1880, No. 1,489.

OCTOBER.

No. 1,489.

Government Grants of Land—in Nellore District.—Passing orders on letter from the Collector explaining the discrepancies noticed in the revised list of —.

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Chingleput

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No. 1,689.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 8th November 1880.

Read the following letters :—

From J. F. PRICE, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidápet, 2nd September 1880, No. 517.

ADVERTING to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, No. 640, dated 10th May last, I have the honor to state that Grant No. 1,403 was omitted from the list furnished with my letter quoted in the margin because what I submitted was merely a list of those in which I was not able to procure the original deeds.

No. 449, dated 7th July 1879.

2. Grant No. 1,426 is not entered in the register found amongst the old records of this office nor in that forwarded with Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 8,664, dated 16th June 1877.

3. I directed the Tahsildar of Ponnéri to ascertain and report full particulars as to the latter grant, but he reports after inquiry that nothing is known or can be traced regarding it. It is therefore possible that the grant in question was resumed several years ago, probably before the village (Pulicat) was transferred to this district.

From the same Officer, dated Saidápet, 16th September 1880, No. 552.

ADVERTING to paragraph 1 of the Board's Proceedings, No. 1,147, dated 12th ultimo, I have the honor to submit a list of grants which have been excluded from the list forwarded with my letter, No. 449, dated 7th July 1879, and to state that the necessary report regarding the levy of quit-rent will be made on receipt of information from the Tahsildars, to whom instructions have been issued on the subject.

ENCLOSURE No. 1—List of Grants.

THE Collector will be informed that the locality and boundaries of the land covered by Grant No. 1,426 are as follow: "At Pulicat, in the Sativade Taluk, in the Northern Division of Arcot; bounded on the north by Sircar Anadee Bunger and the Pulicat River; on the south by Sircar Anadee Bunger and a small inlet of the sea; on the east by Sircar Anadee Bunger and a grain choultry; and on the west by Sircar Anadee Bunger and Pulicat Fort on the north and west," measuring ten cawnies and having a quit-rent of 10 pagodas. The Collector is requested to identify the land with the aid of this further information, include it in the list of grants in Chingleput, and furnish the Board with a supplemental list of the same.

2. The report promised by the Collector in his second letter is awaited.

3. The Collector is requested to furnish the Board with the boundaries of Grant No. 1,324 and to correct his register as per memorandum appended.

4. The correct date of Grant No. 1,403 is, as remarked by the Collector, 6th November 1812 and not 1802.

5. Grant No. 1,369 was cancelled by Military Cantonment Lease No. 102, dated 18th December 1846, and registered on the 22nd January 1847. This fact appears to have been communicated to the Collector of Chingleput on the 11th December 1849. An extract from the Register of the Leases is now enclosed and the Collector is requested to modify his registers accordingly.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A .GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of the Chingleput District,
with an extract from the Register of Leases.

Copy to the Collector of Madras,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, 10th May 1880, No. 640.
" " " of North Arcot.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

1880.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF THE
CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT.

Dated November 8th.

Printed 15th.

Received

PROCEEDINGS, 8TH NOVEMBER 1880, No. 1,689.

NOVEMBER.

No. 1,689.

Government Grants—in Chingleput District.—Passing orders on letter from Collector furnishing a list of —.

MEMORANDUM showing the correct Extent and Quit-rent of the undermentioned Grants.

Grant Number.	Extent.	Quit-rent.
	CAWS. G. SQ. FT.	P. F. C.
1,446	0 15 1,440	...
375	...	8 13 70
695	6 5 504	...
1,304	...	2 33 60
		RS. A. P.
Military Cantonment Lease No. 102	10 11 1,075	5 4 0 per cawny.

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Tinnevelly

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No. 471.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st March 1881.

Read the following letter from J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 8th February 1881, No. 72:—

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,077, dated 3rd August 1880, I have the honor to forward two Statements, A and B, giving the particulars for the grants referred to in paragraphs 2 and 5.

2. It will be seen that eight out of the sixteen grants specified in A have been resumed, two are held rent-free, and quit-rent is levied on the remaining six. There is a great difference between the quit-rent entered in the Board's Statement and that actually levied on Grant No. 1,260, which cannot be accounted for; but the difference of quit-rent levied on the remaining properties is so slight that it calls for no explanation.

3. Out of the twelve grants alluded to in paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 of the Proceedings, one standing in Bishop Sargent's name is held rent-free, four have been resumed, and fixed assessment is being levied on the others as explained below.

4. Quit-rent is being levied on the ground in the occupation of the Cotton Press Company at Tuticorin as well as on Grants Nos. 13, 20, and 22 in Palamcottah. The grant which stood in the name of M. C. Master in that town and three of the seven grants referred to in paragraph 5 of the Proceedings have been resumed.

5. Such of the particulars as I have been able to gather from the records are given in Statement B for the seven grants.

Enclosures Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

The lands covered by Grants Nos. 990, 991, 1,092, 1,120, 1,121, 1,148, 1,243, and 1,259 having been resumed may be removed from the list of grants.

2. The quit-rent hitherto levied on Grant No. 1,260 will continue to be collected.

3. The numbers noted below should be brought on the register kept by the Collector of Madras:—

Number of the Grant.	Names of the Grantees.	Situation of the Ground.	Extent of Ground.	Yearly Quit-rent.	Remarks.
			ACRES.	RS. A. P.	
Not traceable.	Mr. G. A. Hughes ..	Chattram Pudukulam.	60 63	150 0 0	This has been measured with property No. 1,260 in the late survey. The correct extent of this is not known.
Do.	Bishop Sargent ..	Palamcottah	11 78	Free of quit-rent.	
Do.	Vengu Mudali ..	Do.	1 66	3 8 0	

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly.
Copy to the Collector of Madras, with copies of two statements.

Exd. A. Grubert.

1881.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF TINNEVELLY.

Dated March 21st.

Printed April 1st.

Received

PROCEEDINGS, 21ST MARCH 1881, No. 471.

MARCH.
No. 471.

Grant Lands—in Tinnevelly District.—Passing orders on letter from Collector furnishing further information regarding certain —.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th June 1881.

No. 982.

Read—the following Board's General Received Register No. 500 of 1881—Letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 19th January 1881, No. 24:—

WITH reference to Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 6,021, dated 5th June last, I have the honor to forward herewith my Treasury Deputy's letter, No. 807, dated 15th ultimo, containing full information on the several points noticed by the Board in paragraphs 2, 4, and 5 of the above Proceedings.

ENCLOSURE No. 1 to Board's General Received Register No. 500 of 1881.

From J. A. MARJORIBANKS, Esq., Deputy Collector in charge of Treasury, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated Chittoor, 15th December 1880, No. 807.

WITH reference to your letter, No. 880, dated 16th June 1880, I have the honor to inform you that I have issued the necessary instructions to the Tahsildars of Chittoor, Palmanér, Gudiyátam, Vellore, and Wálajápet Taluks to give effect to the orders of the Board of Revenue contained in paragraphs 1 and 3, and in the first clause of paragraph 2 of their Proceedings, dated 5th June 1880, Miscellaneous No. 6,021, which accompanied the above letter.

2. As regards the information called for in the second clause of paragraph 2 and in the paragraphs 4 and 5 of the above Proceedings I beg to submit the following report.

3. *2nd Clause of paragraph* 2.—The Board remark that Nos. 4 and 12 in the statement of quit-rent grants submitted from your office are not held on grants, but are probably cases of leases in a Military Cantonment and in consequence they found no place in the Board's register, and call upon you to report on what authority Nos. 2,137 and 1,398 were respectively given to those items. The Tahsildar of Vellore, in whose taluk the bungalows and gardens comprising these two grants are situated, is unable to state how the latter two numbers came to be given to these two items, but from a statement submitted by him under date the 11th October 1880 it appears that the original grants in these two cases were produced before him by the parties concerned and that they bear Nos. 19 and 46, dated 19th May 1831 and 18th June 1835, respectively. There seems to be some mistake as regards the date of these two grants as now given by the Tahsildar, the dates originally given by him being 10th May 1831 and 9th June 1835 respectively, and it seems probable that the latter dates are the correct ones. It will be observed from the entries made by me against No. 4 in the remarks column of the statement submitted to you with my letter, No. 821, dated 22nd October 1879, that the former of these two grants, viz., Item No. 4 (Grant No. 2,137) has been identified as No 19 in the Collector's register, and the date of this number both according to the Tahsildar's original statement and as per Collector's register is the 10th May 1831. The grant finds place in the extract from a schedule received from the Board of Revenue with their Secretary's letter of the 21st July 1834 of grants issued to individuals within the limits of Military Cantonments and the Board's surmise, that this is probably one of the cases in a Military Cantonment, is therefore correct. It is also very probable that the other number is likewise a case of this kind, and I infer this from the lands in such cases bearing a different series of numbers from those assigned to the regular quit-rent grants.

4. *Paragraph* 4.—The Board herein remark that in the entries (32 in number) in your statement, viz., 13 to 40, 46, 47, 54 and 55 do not refer to grants, and request to be informed on what authority they have been entered in the above statement and to refer the Board to the correspondence connected with them. Of these 32 items, Nos. 13 to 40 or 28 items in all relate to the Vellore Taluk, Nos. 46 and 47 to Chittoor, No. 54 to Wálajápet, and No. 55 to Palmanér Taluk. In regard to the items relating to the Vellore and Chittoor Taluks I beg to state that they were entered in the statement submitted to you with my letter, No. 821, dated 22nd October 1879, as they were all shown as quit-rent grants in the returns submitted by the several Tahsildars and there was no specific information to the contrary. As regards the circumstances under which they have been hitherto recorded as quit-rent grants in the several taluks I have simply to report what I have reported to you in my letter quoted above, to the effect that the Tahsildars concerned cannot explain how "these grants came to be borne on their registers beyond saying that these items are shown year after year in the annual statements furnished by them to this department for the preparation of quit-rent bills." I may add that the Tahsildar of the Vellore

—	Number in the Statement sent to the Board.	Number as ascertained from the original Grant.	Date as per original Grant.
1	14	33	10th May 1834.
2	24	51	21st January 1836.
3	27	39	20th October 1834.
4	28	56	31st January 1839.
5	29	57	Do. do.
6	32	59	17th May 1839.
7	34	33	10th May 1834.
8	35	26	23rd January 1833.
9	36	18	19th May 1831.

Taluk now reports to me that of the 28 items relating to his taluk the original grants have been produced before him in the marginally-noted nine cases, and they bear the numbers and dates specified against each (none of these are traceable either in the Board's extract or in the Collector's register), that the original grants are not forthcoming in seventeen cases, viz., 13, 15 to 23, 25, 26, 30, 37, 38, 39, and 40, and that in the remaining two cases, 31 and 33, he cannot say whether or not the original grants are to be had, as, in spite of the notice issued by him to the parties concerned, they have not presented themselves before him.

The Tahsildar has forwarded to me a Mahratta measurement account prepared in Fasli 1259, at the instance of the officer then in charge of the Cantonment of Vellore, of bungalows and gardens within the limits of the said Cantonment in which almost all the twenty-eight cases alluded to above find place, though with some difference here and there in the extents of the lands comprised, and I infer from this fact that these likewise are cases of leases in a Military Cantonment.

5. The Tahsildar of Wálajápet has now forwarded a copy which he obtained from the owner concerned of the grant appertaining to Case No. 54, which is the same as No. 1,459, dated 1st May 1815, in the extract register received from the Board. The extent of this grant as given in the Board's register is C. 2, G. 19, square feet 2,400, whereas that given in the said copy in the return originally received from the taluk and in the Collector's register is C. 2, G. 19, square feet 2,100; the latter extent appears to be correct.

6. As regards entry No. 55 the Tahsildar of Palmanér reports that the records relating to grants prior to Fasli 1280 have been destroyed; there is nothing in his office records to show how this item came to be borne on the grant registers of his office, and that the owner of the bungalow himself cannot give him any information on the subject. On a further reference to the Collector's register of grants, an extract from which is enclosed, I find therein a grant bearing the same number, date, month, and assessment as that of the above Item No. 55, but differing only in the year of the grant and extent of land as shown below:—

	As per Tahsildar's Return and Statement sent to Board.	As per Collector's Register.
Number of grants	19	19
Date and month	8th September.	8th September.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Annual rent	22 13 9	22 13 9
Year of grant	1835	1831
	C. J. SQ. FT.	C. J. SQ. FT.
Extent of land	11 13 1,800	11 20 1,728

It is possible that the difference in the last two cases is due to some mistake in recording the particulars of the land in the taluk register, and if, as the Board remark, the item does not refer to grants it is probably one of the cases of land held in permission certificates alluded to in the concluding part of the first clause of paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings quoted above.

7. *Paragraph* 5.—From the report received from the Tahsildar of Chittoor it is clear that the entry of No. 1,389 against Item No. 43 is a mistake committed in Fasli 1283 and continued since then, and that the number properly belongs to the bungalow and garden comprising the grant issued, as the Board indicate, for cawnies 20-13-2,100, assessed with a quit-rent of pagodas 44-16-42. The Tahsildar cannot explain how the grant in Case No. 43 came to be borne on the registers of his office, the registers appertaining to faslies prior to 1280 having been destroyed.

8. As regards the circumstances under which the grant bearing No. 1,389 was resumed in Fasli 1285, I beg to refer you to G.O., Judicial Department, No. 1,550, dated 20th August 1874, and to state that, under the sanction therein conveyed, the bungalow and lands comprising this grant wêre purchased from the Zemindar of Kangundi and is at present the property of Government. As no quit-rent is therefore collected on that account since Fasli 1285 the same has been removed from the register of quit-rent grants.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Collector.

Resolution—

The Collector is informed that Nos. 4, 12 to 40, 46, 47, 54, and 55 in the statement of grants submitted by him with his letter, dated 31st March 1880, No. 117, refer to leases granted to occupiers of land in Military limits. [illegible] ~~They~~ are dated 10th May 1831 and 9th June 1835, respectively. Such leases are governed by the rules published at pages 439 and 440 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 20th April 1849.

2. The Collector will continue to collect the quit-rents fixed thereon as hitherto, but will make no demand for the decennial or other payment, as the aforesaid rules are silent on the point.

3. While admitting in paragraph 7 of his letter, dated 15th December 1880, No. 807, (enclosure to the Collector's letter read above) that the entry of No. 1,389 against Item No. 43 of the Collector's list is incorrect the Deputy Collector has failed to state what is the proper number of that item. If no records are forthcoming from which it can be ascertained the party in possession should be called upon to show his title-deeds or otherwise to state how he came by the land and on what title he holds it. Its situation should also be stated, whether it is within the limits of any Cantonment or in the Civil limits.

4. The Collector will also furnish the Board with the extent, quit-rent, situation, &c., of the land numbered 1,389, and bought by Government in pursuance of G.O., dated 20th August 1874, No. 1,550, Judicial Department.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of North Arcot.
Copy to the Collector of Madras, with copy of Boa[illegible]'s Proceedings,
dated 5th Jun[illegible]381, Miscellaneous No. 6,021.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

1881.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

The COLLECTOR of
NORTH ARCOT.

Printed June 17th.

Received

Proceedings, 4th June 1881, No. 982.

Government Grant Lands — in North Arcot District.—Passing orders on letter from Collector furnishing information regarding —.

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No 3612 W

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Enclosed G.O. No 3612 Mis dated 15-12-81

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C A W

All that can for the moment be done is to send reminder about G.O. 26/8/81 No 2130 W urging necessity for any early disposal as owing to encroachments of the sea during the storm of the 12th ~~inst~~ ultimo the early settlement of the claims for compensation has become imperative.

C A W

The claims are held in abeyance pending receipt of the information called for in para 3 of G.O. 2130 W. d/26 Aug. 81

R.S.
15-11

C. A.W.

It would be as well to send a reminder about this — at the same time I am rather thinking of the fishermen and others who probably had no leases — It might be as well to enquire from Mr. Zummergood whether such persons as having their property destroyed have been compensated, and if there are outstanding dif. claims in this connexion

15-11-81

CAW

I should like to know whether the claims for compensation on account of the crossing north of the Harbour works have yet been met—

/ If we have not the information in Office ascertain the precise position of matters for Mr Thorowgood

15/11/81

Cr. No. 2756 a/19-11-81.

120 C

To the Supdt. of the Harbour Works

Sir

With reference to your No 63 W of yesterdays date I have the honour to request information as what claims for compensation large & small have reached your Office and how they have been disposed of

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Report on a Communication with the Supt. of the Harbour works

2/12

R.K.

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R.S.

Herewith

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CAW

Did not Mr Barlow on a previous occasion investigate the claims?

In any case we must suggest to Govt: to refer these at once to some competent Civil authority to ~~[illegible]~~

C No: 7066.

120E

W

It will be seen from G.O. 2130 W. d/ 26 Aug: 81 that the Govt: are not disposed to deal finally with the claims till the question of tenure has been properly investigated. It is almost time now that the Collector submitted his report.

R.S.
3.12.

W

C No: 7080.

120.F

This case might be disposed of with the other file containing a complete list of claimants sent up this morning?

R.S.
3.12.81.

Yes

5/12/81

Keep with C No 7066.

Put in

C. No: 7110
I

1205

W

This will have to await the decision of Govt. on the Collector's report separately called for?

R.S.
5-12.

Yes

RHH

5/12/81

Ref:—
J.C. No. 2130 W. 26.8.81.
C.L. " 2939. 6.12.81.

List of papers accompanied
with G. O. No. 3186 R d/ 24th Decr/81-

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Petn from N. I. Audinarain Naicker d/ 16th Novr/81.

Letter from the Supdt: M. H. Works No. 69 R. 2d Decr/81-

do - do - " 63 R. 17th Novr/81.

Chief Engr's Memo: 2756 d/ 19th Novr/81-

" " " 2711 " 16th Novr/81.

G. O. 2130 R d/ 26th Augt/81.

" 2823 R " 7th Decr/80.

Letter from the Supdt: M. H. Wks - No. 67 R d/ 6th Decr/81.

Chief Engr's Memo 2737 d/ 6th Decr/81-

Letter from the Administrator Genl of Madras
d/ 23d Novr/81 with 2 Enclos:

" " Mr. Van Derwart d/ 6th Decr/81
" " do - do - " 16th Septr/"
" " Supdt: M. H. Works " 10th Octr/81 with 1 Plan.

B. No. 2598 R d/ 24th Octr/81.

Letter from the Master Attendant, Madras
No. 11085 d/ 12th Decr/81-

Petn from N. I. Audinarrain Naicker d/ 20th Decr/81.

Pro: of the Rev: Departt d/ 15th Decr/81, No. 3612
En: 11 & 12 originals papers as
specified-

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

READ the following :—

Proceedings of Government. Revenue Dept. No. 3612 dated 15th Decr 1881

FOR ORDERS.

The above contains the Collector's report on the nature of the tenure of holdings North of the Harbour, information on which was called for in para 3 of G.O. 2130 W dated 26th August 1881.

2. The individual claims to compensation were circulated separately a day or two ago, and are now with the Honble Member.

R. H. Sankey Col. R.E.

Secy to Govt P.W.D.

R.S.

Wd. say that the Govt. resolve to waive the point suggested in para 3. G.O. 26 Aug 81. No. 2130 W. P.W.D. & will deal with the claims to compensation for erosion etc ascribed to the effect of the Harbour works on their merits.

I passed the other papers some days ago.

20th Decr 1881

FOR ORDERS.

The Hon W. Huddleston

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~~Read the following~~ :—

Subject. Claims to compensation for damage done to property by encroachment of the sea north of the Harbour.

FOR ORDERS.

The demands are so large & likely to be so increased that I really think Govt. must be quite sure of its liability before it creates precedent for insisting on admitted responsibility & I don't see how this can be done till we learn from the Collr. what the nature of the title is in each case. Legal liability is one thing & considerate treatment in view of circs. is another.

In para 3 of G.O. 2823 W. d/ 7th December 1880, the Collector of Madras was requested to report the nature of tenure and amount of compensation which will probably be necessary to meet all existing claims against Government in consequence of the encroachment of the sea to the north of the Harbour.

In compliance with these orders, Mr. Barlow submitted the report recorded with the

G.O. 2130 W of 26th August 1881. He estimated (para 8 of his letter) that, supposing the whole of the encroachment to be due to the action of the Harbour works, a sum of Rupees 70,000 under all heads would probably be sufficient to meet claims for compensation and to acquire such land as may still be threatened.

The Government did not however consider that the information laid before them was sufficient to admit of final orders being passed — and they directed the Collector (para 3 of the G.O.) to submit a further report on the nature of the tenure of the several holdings. This information has not yet been received, and the Collector has since been reminded through the Revenue Department.

Meanwhile, however, the claims of the persons whose property has been damaged or wholly washed away remain unadjusted, and considerable hardship is entailed on the poorer class of sufferers, some of them Fishermen and Boatmen. The following is a summary of these claims and it seems desirable that some early action should be taken in connection with them:—

FOR ORDERS.

Where no claim is urged as of right. I don't see why we shd. not dispose of the cases on the distinct understanding that any concession is of grace.

The Boatmens Huts seem of this class. I imagine these men have no claim of legal right — they were mere unauthorised squatters & if the damage to their petty huts was admittedly traceable to the Harbour Works — the admission may entail very serious consequences but shd. not be withheld if warranted by facts — then I think the question of compensation to them shd. be dealt with without delay.

I think too that the question of owners of the timber landing sites to south of the Harbour shd. be referred for remarks to the [illegible].

Attention shd. be given to the Harbour Trust Bill as modified in Com: The proposal now is to include in the Trust all the foreshore within Port limits. These stretch from S. of the Adyar to North of Casimode I think. — L. H.

Name.	Amount claimed			Remarks.
	Rupees	As	P	
(1) N. Andewarran Naiker	20,165	.		The claim is for land, rendered useless as a timber depôt, and is for the whole property – the rate being set down at the very high price of Rs 185 per ground. The Supdt of the Madras Harbour Works in his letter No 69 W of 2d Decr 1881, para 4, points out that the value of the land as shown by the Collector's office as given by the Revenue Inspector is Rs 9564.
(2) Parthasarthy Chetty	7,251	12	-	Values his property at Rs 150/ per ground.
(3) Parlayuthan Chetty	4,636	10	8	The claim is doubtfully worded. Rupees 1836-10-8 seems to the Harbour Supdt to be all that is actually demanded.
(4) D. Rajoo Chetty.	1,866	1	1	It is considered that Rupees 1821-1-1 would suffice in this case.
(5) Sala Meah Sahib	No value given		-	Claims for 1 cawnie - 16 grounds of land lost.
(6) Pan Ram Veera Chetty	Do			Claims for 10 grounds lost.
(7) Kithen Sahib	1363	.	.	Claims for the simple value of damage to buildings and will accept Execution of repairs by Government in lieu of compensation. The above claims are all dated prior to the storm of November 12th.
(8) P. Moonesawmy Pillay	No value given		-	Claims for 3 cawnies, 6 grounds, 300 feet of land damaged or destroyed.
(9) Mr W. C. Vandewart	Do			States that he has lost the whole length of a valuable hedge, a small Casuarina plantation a year old, and a crop of ground nuts, and that his Cocoanut trees are shewing signs of decay – while his out-offices are threatened – fears that his house will remain untenanted, whereby he will be a loser of Rs 600/ per annum.
(10) The Administrator General as Executor to the estate of the late Mr Michael Mc Dowell	11159	6	.	There are two properties

Name	Amt. claimed	Remarks
		affected, both Timber Depôt. (1) at Royapooram where 18 grounds 1550 feet have been actually washed away, while the remaining 3 grounds 1600 sq. feet have been rendered untenantable and practically useless. (2) at Cassimode - The Collectors Survey of this land has not yet been obtained - It will, it is stated, be submitted hereafter. Compensation for both blocks is claimed at the rate of Rs 150/ per ground.
(11)(a) Beeman (b) Sanpen. (c) Amavasay (d) Cundapen.		These are four Boatmen whose claims are sent up to Government by the Master Attendant in his letter No. 11085 dated 12th Decr 1881. Their houses have been washed away - It is requested that

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they be reconstructed at the cost of Government.

R. H. Sankey
Col. R.E.

Secy. to Govt. P.W. Dept.

R.S.

17th December 1881

Circulated with the following papers:—

From the Master Attendant No. 11085 d/ 12.12.81
" " Administrator Genl. d/ 23.11.81
" Mr. Vandewart — d/ 16.12.81
" " Supdt. M.H.W. No. 69 W d/ 2.12.81
" " C.E. No. 3939 d/ 6.12.81
" " C.E. No. 2756 d/ 19.10.81
" " A. I. Audinarain Naick d/ 20 Dec. 81.

The Hon W. Huddleston.

3186 W

Recirculated with reference to the Report of the Collector of Madras on tenure of lands since received, and circulated yesterday.

22 - 12 - 81.

I submit proposals for awarding compens.n to the claimants: agree. whether in the form of acquisition by Govt of the property damaged or of compens.n for past injury.

C.B.

22/12/81

I have noted on the Collr's report that Govt. waives the point raised as to nature of tenure of claimants. & disposes of the claims on their merits.

The question now is how best to do this. I incline to appt. the Collr. - Mr Crowsford - & perhaps the Dr. Engt. - to be a committee to consider the claims & personal representations of the claimants.

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B. of R. c. Marks.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 24th Decr/81

Read the following :—

Petition from N. I. Audinarrain Naicker }	H.C. —— d/16th Nov. 1881.)
From the Supdt. M. H. Works —	(" No. 63 W — 17th ")
Chief Engineer's Memo: —	(" 2756 " 19th ")
From the Administrator Genl.	(" —— " 23d ")
" " Supdt. M. H. Works	(" 67 W — 1st Decr. ")
" " —— do do	(" 69 W — 2d ")
Chief Engineer's Memo:	(" 2939 " 6th Decr.)
From Mr. W. C. Van Derwart —	(—— " 6th ")
Endorsement in the Marine Dept. on Letter from the Master Attendant No. 11085 d/12/12/81 }	(" 2011 " 15th ")
From N. I. Audinarain Naicker	(—— " 20th ")
Pro: Revenue Dept. ——	(" 3612 " 15th ")

In para: 3 of G.O. 2823 W dated 7th Decr. 1880, the Collector of Madras was requested to report the nature of tenure and amount of compensation which will probably be necessary to meet all existing claims against Government in consequence of the encroachment of the sea to the north of the Harbour.

2. In compliance with these orders, Mr. Barlow submitted the report recorded with G.O. 2130 W. dated 26th August 1881. He estimated (para: 8 of his letter) that, supposing the whole of the encroachment to be due to the action of the Harbour works, a sum of Rs 70000 under all heads would probably be sufficient to meet claims for compensation and to acquire such land as may still be threatened.

3. The Government did not however consider that the information laid before them was sufficient to admit of final orders being passed - and they directed the Collector (para: 3 of the G.O.) to submit a further report on the nature of the tenure of the several holdings.

4. This report has since been received, and is recorded above under Revenue Department transfer endorsement No. 3612 dated 15th December 1881.

5. On reconsideration the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council resolves to waive the point raised as to nature of tenure of the claimants, and to dispose of the claims to compensation for erosion of the strand ascribed to the action of the Harbour works on their merits.

6. The following officers will accordingly form themselves into a Committee

to consider the claims and personal representations of the claimants, and will submit proposals for awarding compensation whether in the form of acquisition by Government of the property damaged or by compensation for past injury.

Members of Committee

The Collector of Madras
The Supt. M. H. Works.
The Executive Engr. Presidency Dn.

7. All the papers on the subject will be transferred to the Committee.

R.P.

G.O. 2130 W. 21-8-81
3186 W. 24-12-81
24/12/81

To,
The Collr. of Madras with papers (to be returned)
" Supt. M. H. Works.
" Ex: Engr. Presidency
" Revenue Dept.
" Marine "

G. Ed.

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Govt. of (1881) Madras.

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