

No. 2463 T.J.

Srinagapoly 10th March 1881.

From

Lt. Col. J. Beatty R.E.

Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle,

Buildings
and Roads

To

Col. J. H. Laukey C. B. R.E.
Chief Engineer S. W. D.

Sir,

Encls. 3

1. Executive
Eng's letter
No 453 of 1st
inst.1. Letter from
missionary
S. P. G. Tanjore1 Copy of old
Deed of Sale.

In forwarding the enclosed letter from the Executive Engineer Tanjore Division with its enclosures regarding the old building formerly used as a Range office at Tanjore, I have the honor to request instructions.

2. The land and buildings in question are of no use to this Department, but may possibly fetch a considerable sum in public auction owing to their good position on one of the Main Streets of the town of Tanjore, which is called "Mission Church Street."

3. I entirely dissent from the opinion of the Executive Engineer that the building and its site should

be handed over to the S. P. G. Missionaries at the original cost. The Rev. W. H. Hay states that the "Compensation the Mission then received (i.e., in 1853) was more nominal than real," but I consider this a mere assumption. There is nothing in the deed of sale to show that the sum paid was not the full value of the property and I cannot recollect having ever heard of a Mission selling property below its real value.

4. Moreover it is well known that property in the Bangalore District has risen in value greatly since 1853, so that if Rs 228 was less than the full value then, the property must be worth very much more now.

5. The Rev W. H. Hay states that if this house and land be transferred to the Mission, it will, ipso facto, be "devoted to a charitable purpose"; but opinions probably differ on this point, and I

cannot see that the Mission has any "prior claim" on the property. And it would hardly be in accordance with the Royal Proclamation to show special favor to the Mission.

6. I would propose, therefore, to offer the property for sale by public auction (after notice has been given in three issues of the *Tribunopolis* and *Bangalore Gazette* and in the *South India Post*) at an upset price of say Rs 250; and if no bid of that amount be made for it, it should remain the property of Government.

7. Its maintenance costs Government nothing, and on the Rev W. H. Hay's own showing it must be worth more than Rs 228.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

W. H. Mearns. Lt. Col. R. E.
Suff. Engineer 3rd Circle

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P.W.C. No 1601

P. W. D. 3RD CIRCLE.

From

The Superintending Engineer,

3rd Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

M 2134/81

No. 2463 T.J

Dated 10th March 1881
Received 14th

Enclosures. 3.

No 703
Referred to the
Collector of Tanjore
for report as to the
original acquisition
of the property by Govt.
(By order)

And by S. Thapal.
Under Secy to Govt.
17 March 1881

Old Range Office
at Tanjore -

Request to instruc-
tions to sell the — by
public auction with
a fixed upset price.

To be returned with reply.

No 1801

Tanjore Collector's office
Tanjore 1st April 1881.

From

The Collector of
Tanjore,

To The Under Secretary
to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to endorsement No 703

* herewith returned
with enclosures.

of the 17th Instant, on
the Superintending Engineer's

letter of the 10th idem No 2463 T.J, I
have the honour to report as follows:-

2. On the 2nd November 1852 (No 77)
the Collector reported to the Board of
Revenue that the Rajah had made
over to him, for the erection of a
new Hospital, the site on which
the old hospital building stands.

This, however, it afterwards appeared
the Rajah had no power to do, as

Collector to Board
of Revenue, 4th March
1853, No. 25.

the land belonged to
the Church Mission
Society. The Society

then agreed to sell it for Rupees 228,
being the price fixed after a valuation
had been made. The purchase of
the land for Rs 228 was sanctioned

* Extract from the minutes
of Consultation 6th June
1853, No. 1286, Military Depart-
ment, communicated in
G. O. Revenue Department,
17th idem No. 666.

by Govern-
ment in
June 1853,
and the Reverend
Mr. Pope,
who was in

charge as representing the Mission
Society, executed a deed of sale of the
site in favour of
Mr. Forbes, the then

* Copy accompanies
the Rev. Mr. Kay's Petition.

Collector.

3. There is not the smallest foundation
for the Reverend Mr. Kay's statement
that "the compensation then received
for it was more nominal than
real". The land was valued, the
price put on it was paid and it
was sold to the Government without
any reservation whatever.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obed^t serv^t,
Foster Welcher
Collector.

Camp
J.H.

(1881) Depo

From C. H. C. No. 2

The Collector,
Sams.

To
The Under Secretary
to Government
P. W. Department,
Madras.

Dated 15th April /81
Recd 4th 3

No 1801.

Enc 4.

Old Range Office
at Sams - See -
mitting report called
for in endorsement No 703
dated 17th March 1881, as to
the original acquisition
of - by Government

Collector.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following:—

from the S. E. 3rd Circle H.S. No 2463 J. J. 9/10 March 1881.

Land to be sold at this
lot, ask (pvt. & report)
on moving & acquire.

It appears the Sams. Range
right comprises the land
as Sams. Range
on the Mission. & the Govt.
debenture purchased from
them a portion with a lot
on it from Hospital. It
was reported. It is clear
the Govt. used as a P.W. Office
for it. It is no longer required
I think the Mission have it back
on report. What they need is
to be S. E. 3rd Circle
with 3 acres
a Sams. Range

The Govt. approve the
proposal of the Supt. Engr.
to offer the old range office
at Tanjore for sale by public
auction at an upset price
of Rs 250; the building
to remain the property of
Govt. if no bid of that
amount be made for it.

L. 15/

Att.

15/3/81
Sh. try to make a
profit out of the transaction
L. 15/

Hon. W. B. Sullivan

What a fine day
of Tanjore improved
on the Mission as
Lionel Manning -

I think the tone of
Col. Brath's letter is
very objectionable
L.R.

9/4/81

Re-circulated
with the reply (C. No.
2134) of the Collector
of Tanjore.

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Sum. I don't let the Mission
have the lot back on
24th of Jan. has right
paid them for it.
The 1/2 sum is now due to
them if the land has
acquired more value
by lapse of time. I
don't think it is the
sum for the Govt.
I make a profit out

R.C. 24. R. 11.4.
C. 15.2. R. 17.3.

There

B
Sullivan

Hoggew PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 12 April 1881

Read the following:—

From the Supply Engr. 3 Circle No. 2463 TJ d/10 March 1881.
From the Collector of Tanjore No. 1801 d/1 April -

The Govt direct
that the building
formerly used as
a Range Office at
Tanjore, with its
^{site} ~~estimated~~ be transferred
to the P. P. G. Society
on payment of the
amount for which
it was originally
bought from them
viz Rs 228.

The tone of the
Supply Engineer's letter
is very objectionable.

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The Supply Engr. 3 Circle is
with 3 enclos.
Engr. P. W. Acety. of Road
Per Sept. 19-3-81 CU
Para one of order only

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