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Gobt. of (1884) Madras.

REVENUE.

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Communicated to
the Supty. Ingr. V Circle.

(Signed) *JWS*

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15TH SEPTEMBER 1884, No. 1042, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from Colonel H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E., Superintending Engineer, V. Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepāk, 31st March 1884, No. 4528 :—

In returning your endorsement No. 212-D, dated 30th January 1884, I have the honor to report that there are no papers to be found in the records of the Presidency Executive Engineer regarding the land alluded to in A. C. Moorogappah Chetty's petition.

2. If the land is the property of the Government, it should be so shown in the Collector's pymaish accounts, whether or no the present holder came into possession of the land upon orders given by the Chief Engineer, as stated in the petition. The matter appears to be under the notice of the Deputy Collector of Madras as seen by his advertisement at page 471 of Part II of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 25th instant.

Endorsement, No. 816-C.

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

CHEPAK,
3rd April 1884.

(Signed) C. BOWEN, Major, R.E.,
Under Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Revenue Department.

Endorsement, No. 394, R.P.

Referred to the Collector of Madras for report through the Board of Revenue.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
19th April 1884.

(Signed) J. D. REES,
Under Secretary to Govt.

To the Collector of Madras, with petition and enclosures.

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th July 1884, No. 2444 :—

Read—the following letter from C. F. MacCARTIE, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department (through the Board of Revenue), dated 3rd July 1884, No. 916 :—

I have the honor to submit the report on Government Petition from A. C. Moorogappah Chetty called for on endorsement, No. 394 R.P., dated the 19th April last,* Revenue Department, herewith returned with its enclosures.

* *Vide* also subsequent reminder No. 28 R. P., dated 27th June 1884.

2. With the exception of letter No. 630, dated the 27th November 1857, from the Civil Architect to the Collector of Madras, a copy of which is enclosed, no paper is forthcoming either on the records of this Collectorate, or in those of the office of the District Engineer or the Consulting Architect, having reference to the exchange of land brought to notice. Nor can the present C. V. Cunniah Chettiar, son of the late Cunniah Chettiar, or any of his employes, afford any satisfactory information.

3. One thing however is clear, viz., that a piece of land in Goojely bazaar, Survey No. 787, measuring Grounds 3 Square feet 894, and entered in the Deputy Collector's Office books as Government land, has been in the possession of the family of the late Cunniah Chettiar apparently for the past 25 years, and has been built upon by the present Cunniah Chettiar and enjoyed by him, while, on the other hand, a larger, though less valuable, block C. 1 G. 9 Sq. ft. 254½ in extent in Tondiarpet, near the Basin, registered as C. V. Cunniah Chetty's land, has been treated and enjoyed as Government land, no compensation having been paid to him when in 1883 a large portion of it was appropriated for the improvement of the Basin. From this fact and from the Civil Architect's letter quoted above, it may be inferred that the exchange referred to did take place in 1857, though there is nothing, except the statement contained in the petition, to show that the exchange was conditional. Nevertheless, Cunniah Chetty continued to pay quit-rent on the Tondiarpet land till Fasli 1291 (1881-82) when a major portion of it was appropriated to Basin improvement while he paid none on Goojely land.

4. Under these circumstances interference with Cunniah Chetty seems inadvisable. Should this view commend itself to the Board and Government, I beg that sanction may be accorded to class and register, as Government property, the land which Government now occupies in Tondiarpet, that in Goojely bazaar being registered in C. V. Cunniah Chetty's name and the usual quit-rent charged and collected from Fasli 1292.

5. This report has been delayed by the time occupied in the search of records.

Resolution—dated 16th July 1884, No. 2444.

Submitted to Government.

2. The Board recommend that the Collector's suggestion be adopted.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) G. MACKENZIE,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with three original enclosures and a plan returned.
Copy to the Collector of Madras.

READ—also Office Note from the Secretary, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 22nd August 1884, No. 528-E:—

With reference to the office note from the Revenue Secretary, dated 12th August 1884, the papers specified below, which have been obtained from the General Record Department, Fort St. George, are herewith forwarded. They explain the circumstances under which C. V. Cunniah Chetty was placed in possession of a piece of land in the Goojely bazaar, Black Town, Madras.

2. The Memorandum, dated 7th November 1857, from the Assistant to the Chief Engineer to the Civil Architect cannot be traced. The papers now collected will perhaps afford all the information required.

Documents accompanying.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Public Department, No. 1030, dated 28th August 1856.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Public Department, No. 1252, dated 16th October 1856.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Public Department, No. 1426, dated 2nd December 1856.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, Public Department, No. 1830, dated 24th December 1857, with the deed therein referred to.

ORDER—dated 15th September 1884, No. 1042, Revenue.

Land Revenue, No. 121.

From the papers received with the last communication read above, it appears that in 1857 the Government expressly declined to part permanently with the land referred to, but agreed to lease it from year to year and on certain conditions to Cunniah Chetty for Rs. 50 per mensem. The lease was to be determinable at six months' notice by either of the parties. It does not appear whether any rent was ever actually collected, but it is quite possible that it was not, inasmuch as the Collector would seem to have been very imperfectly informed of the terms of the transaction.

2. The papers referred to will be communicated to the Board of Revenue, who, after further reference to the Collector and, if necessary, to the Law officers, will report what course should now in their opinion be pursued.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with four original documents.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. W. H. French.

60 Copies.

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NOTES.

REFERENCE TO MADRAS P. W. D. CODE.

CHAPTER XIV.—PARAS. 1829 TO 1832.

1. The object of this Return is to place before Government an analysis of all shortcomings in matters of financial regularity in the operations of each month with a view to their being remedied. It should be submitted to Government on the first day of the third month succeeding that to which the accounts relate.

2. There should be a separate statement for each separate Fund—Imperial, Provincial, Local, and Irrigation.

3. The Provincial statement will be posted from the Divisional Statements of Objectionable Expenditure. The statement need not be delayed in order to embody the remarks of the Superintending Engineers if these do not reach the Examiner's Office in time. It is desirable, however, that the Superintending Engineer's opinion should be recorded as far as may be practicable, and, in order to ensure this being done, the Divisional Statement of Objectionable Items should be checked immediately on receipt and sent to the Superintending Engineer for his remarks before the audit of the other accounts is proceeded with.

4. All Executive Officers who have failed to submit their Divisional Statements of Objectionable Items with their Monthly Accounts, as well as those whose statements are generally incomplete, should be specially brought to the notice of Government under "General Remarks" at the end of the statement.

5. Items of irregular expenditure which are left uninclosed by Executive Engineers in their Divisional Statements of Objectionable Items should be distinctly noted as such either in a separate supplementary statement or in the original statement in red ink.

6. Columns under all the heads should be filled up in each case so as to bring out clearly where estimate or appropriation exists and where it does not.

7. In the case of large projects such important features as the following should be stated with precision:—

A. Lump sum estimate. 1. Submitted to Chief Engineer.
B. Abstract detail estimate 2. Submitted to Superintending Engineer.
by sub-heads, and so on. 3. Not yet submitted.

8. A large work which is proceeded with on merely a lump sum sanction is still objectionable till an abstract and detail estimate by sub-heads is submitted and sanctioned for it by competent authority.

9. Special mention should be made of works being carried out in portions by authorities, beyond whose powers of sanction it would be to sanction the expenditure as a whole.

10. An important point to notice is the duration of a serious irregularity.

11. Voluminous masses of detail, when their practical significance could be given in a few lines, should always be avoided as a rule. If, for instance, the state of matters as to sanction in one month does not materially differ from that of a preceding month, it will answer all practical purposes to say so, instead of sending another full report.

12. Too much stress can never be laid on the fact that this statement is not to take place of special reports, then and there, of works on which serious irregular expenditure is being largely incurred, either without estimate or appropriation.

What is the objection to the
work in holder Div. here?
There is nothing to show why they
should have been brought specially
to notice

P. W. D. Madras.
Form No. M 64 a.

CENTRAL OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS.

CIRCLE 2nd

FUND Imperial & Provincial

Provincial Statement of Objectionable Items
in the Accounts of Executive Engineers
for the Month of July 1884.

No. —
MADRAS,
Dated 20 Sept. 1884.

FORWARDED for orders to the Secretary to Govern-
ment, Public Works Department, Madras.

No. 2457W May 4 Oct 1884

D. L. Cursons

Examiner of P. W. Accounts,
Madras.

Provincial Statement of Objectionable Items in the Accounts requiring the

Item No.	Particulars of each Item.	Month in the Accounts of which Objectionable Expenditure first appeared.	COMPARISON WITH ESTIMATE.			COMPARISON WITH APPROPRIATION OF THE YEAR.			Expenditure during the Month.
			Amount of Estimate.	Expenditure up to Date.	Excess over Estimate.	Amount of Appropriation.	Expenditure of the Year.	Excess over Appropriation.	
	Provincial Miscellaneous Irregularities Works Completed and for which Completion Reports are due								
1	Myllore Division Works costing Rs. 2500 and under each	2	1855	1893					

of Executive Engineers for the Month of orders of Government.

July 1884

Opinion of the Superintending Engineer, with final Remarks by Examiner.

Orders by Government.

The Executive Engineer states that the Sub Divisional Officer has been requested to expedite these Reports.

Item No. 1 The S.E. will see that completion reports for these works are submitted to the Examiner without delay.

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