

7TH JUNE 1884, No. 719, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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With reference to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 1567, dated 20th February 1884, communicating G.O., No. 193, Revenue Department, of 7th idem, I have the honor to state that, on the day fixed for the sale, Messrs. Franck and Co. declined to knock down the land because only one bidder appeared, and it did not appear to them advisable under these circumstances to sell. I am advised by the Government Solicitor that Messrs. Franck and Co.'s action in this respect was not illegal. Sir T. Madhava Rao, the only bidder who appeared, however, contends that he ought to have had the land as his bid was above the upset price.

2. I propose now to publish an advertisement for the sale of the land on some date in next month; but I wish to know whether I am bound to adhere to the principle laid down in G.O., No. 419, dated 22nd April 1873, establishing the upset price at 25 times the quit-rent. Under the special circumstances, I am of opinion that it would be advisable to fix the upset price at Rs. 65-4-0, being three-fourths the price at the rate per ground at which the adjoining lands were purchased by Sir T. Madhava Rao. If the Government is pleased to approve of my suggestion in this case, I would respectfully urge the amendment of the Government Order referred to, by the insertion of the words "not less than" between "of" and "25."

Resolution—dated 23rd May 1884, No. 1741.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board agree with the Collector.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue
Department.

Copy to the Collector of Madras.

ORDER—dated 7th June 1884, No. 719, Revenue.

Land Revenue, No. 78.

The Government consider that as the land was put up to public auction, and as Sir. T. Madhava Rao's bid was above the upset price, it should be accepted, and the land should be made over to him.

2. On the general question of upset price, the Government are pleased to give the Collector the discretion of fixing it at not less than twenty-five times the quit-rent in all cases in which he is competent to order sale. In cases requiring the sanction of Government, he should, when applying for it, state the upset price he would propose and his reasons therefor for the orders of Government.

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Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.

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