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**Govt. of (1886) Madras.**  
**REVENUE.**

Communicated to the  
Supy. Engineer II Circle  
with advertence to his  
letter No 9685 dated  
16<sup>th</sup> September 1886.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt J. O. S. W.

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**Building Sites.**

Defining the terms on which the grant of  
— near Duggirala, Kistna district, was sanc-  
tioned to Public Works Department clerks.

With orders

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following G.O., dated 25th September 1886, No. 2503-W., Public Works:—

Read—the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, dated 16th September 1886, No. 968-K.S:—

Adverting to paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 1880-W, of the 27th July 1886, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter from the Executive Engineer, Kistna Western Division, stating that none of the clerks of his office are desirous of availing themselves of the sanction given for building the houses at Duggirala on the conditions proposed by Government.

2. The reasons given by the clerks for not doing so appear to be sound, and as the Executive Engineer states that this land is not likely to be required for any Government purposes, I trust the matter may once more be referred to Government for reconsideration as to whether the land in question may not be allotted to the clerks on payment.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter from G. D. WYBROW, Esq., Executive Engineer, Western Division, Kistna, to the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, dated Duggirala, 7th September 1886, No. 976.

In reply to your endorsement, No. 772-K.S., dated 2nd August 1886, on G.O., No. 1880-W, dated 27th July 1886, I have the honor to inform you that none of the clerks of my office wish to avail themselves of the sanction given.

2. The reasons given by the clerks for not availing themselves of the sanction are as follows:—

- (1) To build substantial houses would be beyond their means.
- (2) In the event of their building substantial houses, they state that when transferred, their successors might not take over the houses and they would be unable to dispose of the buildings to outsiders as the land on which they stand is Government land and is liable to be resumed when required.
- (3) It is to be regretted that Government were not pleased to grant the office members their request, namely, of being allowed to acquire the land, paying for it at the market value which is about Rs. 200 per acre. The bit of land is, as you are aware, site of the late Mr. Norris' bungalow, and the land has long been in the possession of this department and is not likely to be required for any Government purposes. A portion of the land has already been reserved for the construction of a small hospital, should a permanent building ever be required.

Order—dated 25th September 1886, No. 2503-W., Public Works.

Communicated to the Revenue Department with reference to G.O., No. 567, dated 7th July 1886, for favor of information whether there is any objection to the land in question being allotted to the clerks, as their private property, on payment of compensation, to be determined by the local authorities.

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Executive Engineer's letter No. 976, dated 7th September 1886, it is remarked that in paragraph 4 of the late Superintending Engineer's No. 2085-K.S., dated 19th February 1886, it was stated that no objection existed to the Executive Engineer's proposals "provided that the land be not considered the clerk's private property," &c. As, however, the present Superintending

Engineer is of opinion that the land may be allotted to the clerks on payment, the Government in the Public Works Department are prepared to endorse his recommendation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. McN. CAMPBELL, Major, R.E.,  
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Revenue Department.  
„ the Superintending Engineer, II Circle.  
„ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

ORDER—dated 27th October 1886, No. 930, Revenue.

Land Revenue, No. 88.

There is nothing in the terms specified by the Board and approved by Government, which requires that the land shall be resumable at the pleasure of Government. The only condition attached to the grant was payment of assessment at Rs. 2 per acre, and this annual payment can be redeemed at 25 years' purchase, upon which the sites will become the occupant's freehold property, and the cost of the whole piece of land would at this rate be only Rs. 69½. There is no need for the clerks to pay Rs. 200 per acre.

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Ag. Secretary to Government.

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