GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following G.O., dated 14th June 1889, No. 373, Financial:—

Read—the following papers:—

From the Accountant-General, dated 4th May 1889, No. 1420.

The Madras Municipality include in the bill for assessment on the buildings classed as the "Chepauk Palace and Garden" the cricket pavilion on the Chepauk grounds, and the proportionate assessment paid to the municipality by the Secretary to the Board of Revenue on account of the pavilion for the official year 1888-89 was Rs. 50-4-0.

2. The Consulting Architect to Government having reported that he believed the building to be the property of the Madras Cricket Club, by whom it is used, a reference was made to the Honorary Secretary of the Club, and I enclose for the information of Government copies of the replies from Dr. Thurston, No. 117, dated 14th February and 15th April 1889, from which it will be seen that the building was erected by the members of the club on land which is the property of Government. As the site was not leased by Government to the club, the pavilion would appear to be the property of Government, which is, therefore, technically liable for the assessment, but I have thought it right to lay the facts before Government, as it seems probable that, under the circumstances stated, it may see fit to require the members of the club to pay the assessment as a condition to their using the pavilion.

ENCLOSURES.

From Mr. E. Thurston, Honorary Secretary, Madras Cricket Club, to the Accountant-General, dated 14th February 1889, No. 117.

With reference to your No. 189, dated 24th January 1889, I have the honor to inform you that the "cricket pavilion" was built by subscription among the members of the Cricket Club and is the property of the Cricket Club, except in so far as it is built on ground belonging to Government.

From the Honorary Secretary, Madras Cricket Club, to the Accountant-General, dated 15th April 1889.

With reference to your letter, No. 655, dated 5th March 1889, I have the honor to inform you that, so far as I am aware, the ground used by the Madras Cricket Club was simply lent by Government, and I do not know of the existence of any lease or agreement referring to the cricket pavilion.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (General Buildings and Roads Branch), dated 1st June 1889, No. 261-D.

I do not think that the Madras Cricket Club can consider it a hardship to be called upon to pay the annual municipal assessment on the pavilion as a set-off for the use of the same. As regards the history of this pavilion and the ground on which it stands, attention is invited to a memorandum, dated 16th October 1887, by the Honorary Secretary of the Cricket Club, which will be found in the file of G.O., dated 29th October 1879, No. 2721 W. (enclosed to be kindly returned).

Order—dated 14th June 1889, No. 373, Financial.

Orders will be issued in the Revenue Department, declaring the tenure of the land used as the cricket ground, viz., that it is Government land, granted free of rent or land-tax to the Madras Cricket Club for a cricket ground, and that, if the club ceases to exist, the land will revert to Government.

2. The tenure being such, it is for the Madras Cricket Club to pay the municipal assessment on the pavilion.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Revenue Department, with the file of papers to be returned to the Public Works Department when done with.

ORDER—dated 19th July 1889, No. 605, Revenue.

Land Revenue, No. 66.

The land in the occupation of the Madras Cricket Club is Government land granted free of rent or assessment for a cricket ground subject to reversion when it ceases to be used for that purpose.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department,
with one enclosure returned.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

Exd. A. D. Xavier.

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REVENUE.

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Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 19th July 1889, No. 605.

JULY.

Cricket Ground at Chepauk.

Declared to be Government land granted to the Madras Cricket Club free of rent or assessment, subject to reversion when it ceases to be used as such.

No. 2222 W d/15 August 1889

Communicated
to the Consg: Architect
for information.

(Sd) R. R. E. D. B.

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C. A. to Govt.