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No. 2604 W dated 23 October 1895

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To, 1. The Collr of Madura ~~[illegible]~~
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" S. E. N. 1 Circle with 12 site plans
& a copy of G.O. 767 Public dept
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 2604 W. d/ 23rd October 1895.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

READ the following

From the Collector of Madura (St. E. No. 2200 Conl d/ 16.7.95)
do do (" " 2200 Conl d/ 31.8.95)
Proceedings Public Dept. (" " 767 " d/ 12.9.95)

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+ For orders whether the Supdg. Engr. or the Consulting Architect should prepare the plans and estimates.

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G.O., 12th September 1895, No. 767.

SEPTEMBER.

Residences for European Officials at Madura.

Passing orders in regard to the acquisition of land and the preparation of plans and estimates by the Public Works Department for constructing—.

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EFERENCE ON CURRENT No. 22 / 8

MADURA COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
16th July 1895

From

J. Twigg Esquire,
Acting Collector of
Madura.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a draft declaration and schedule for the acquisition of 54.90 acres of land for constructing residences for the Government Officers of the Head Quarter Staff of the District and to request that the Government be moved to publish the notification in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

2. Of the 27 individuals, 22 are willing to part with their lands & ~~The owner~~ and of the ~~willing to part with~~ rest, ~~land~~, one is late Zemindar of Palayampatti and the other four did not appear in spite of notices issued to them.

3. The estimated cost of the land to be taken up may be omitted when publishing the notification in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

4. The Deputy Collector, Madura, Dn may be authorized to perform the functions of a Collector under the Act and to take order for the acquisition of the land.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

J. Twigg
Acting Collector.

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P. W. CURRENT, No. 55

From

The Collector of

Madura.

No. 481 D d/ 2-7-95
480 D d/ 2-7-95
79 D d/ 1-5-95
1526 C d/ 9-4-95
980 C d/ 11-3-95

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Recd: 19.7.95

Dated 16 }
Received } July 1895.

Reference on C No. 2200/E.h. 9/95

Enclosure. one

SUBJECT.

Requesting to cause the enclosed notification regarding the acquisition of land for constructing residences for the Government Officers of the Head Quarter Staff in the Madura District to be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

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P. W. CURREN No. 55

From

The Collector of

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Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

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Under section 6, Act ~~X~~ 1 of ~~1870~~ 1894, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council measuring acres, 13.94 ~~cents~~, be the same a little more or less, is needed for a public pu and under sections 3 and 7 of the same Act, the Deputy Collector Madur directed to take order for the acquisition of the said land.

Madura District

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			Do S. No 384D	Karuppana Pillai	
			Do S. No 387A	Nagammal	
			Do S. No 387B	M. Periya Karuppan	N and
			Do S. No 387C	Andi (Pattadar No 10)	Pe ch
			Do S. No 387D	Muthu Kristna Naicken and others	
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From

the Collector of Madura

R. on C. No $\frac{2200}{Genl}$ of 95

Dated 31-8-95

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23rd October /95

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Reference on Current No $\frac{2200}{Genl}$ of 1895

Madura Collector's office
31st August 1895

From

J. Twigg Esquire
Acting Collector of
Madura

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a draft declaration and Schedule for the acquisition of 13·94 acres of land required in addition for the purpose of constructing residences for Government Officers of the Head Quarter staff of the District and to re quest that the Government be moved to publish the notification in the Fort Saint George Gazette

2. All the owners except P. Kōttaisámi Thévar Avargal, the late Sub Division Zemindar of Rámn whose property is now managed by the Court of Wards are willing to part with their land.

3. The Estimated cost of the land to be taken up may be omitted when publishing the notificat in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

4. The Deputy Collector, Madura Division, may be authorized to perform the functions of a Collector under the Act and to take order for the acquisition of the land.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

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DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE COLLECTOR, of
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Reference on Current No. 2200 of 1895.
No. Genl

ENCLOSURES. one

Dated 31 } August 1895.
Received " }

No. "

SUBJECT.

Requesting to cause the enclosed notification regarding the acquisition of land for the residence of Government Officers of the Head Quarters staff of the District to be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette. —

Lie over with reference to the Chief Secretary's Office Note No. 1882 d/ 12 Aug 95

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

om the Collector of Madura, Reference No. 2200 Genl d/ 16: July 1895.

Ordered that the notification as amended by Government, be published in the Fort St. George Gazette.

2. The Superintending Engineer will submit an application for such fund as may be required.

CWBS
22/7/95

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To
The Collector of Madura.
" Superintending Engineer VI Circle
" Revenue Department
(notification to Gazette)
(10—1,000—14-3-95.)

To

The Secretary to Government } for favour
Revenue department }
The Hon: the Chief Secretary } of
Public Department } Confidential

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT,

Ootacamund, 12th August 1895.

OFFICE NOTE. No. 1882.

From

THE CHIEF SECRETARY,

To The Secry to Govt
P. W. dept.

In returning the accpg draft the undersigned has the honour to request that the issue of the G.O. and Note: may be held over for the present as it has not yet been definitely decided what land is to be acquired. The matter is under consideration in the Public dept.

Fredrick Price

Chief Secretary

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Public Works Department.

Engineer, Madura Division, inspected the
new quarters for European officers should
es at present occupied by them, and have
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our has in no way exaggerated the deterio-
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past I had not paid any particular atten-
and was then astonished to see how the
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wable, but will probably be enough.

7. I have included the Collector in this list although he is at present provided with a residence at the "Tamkam"; I believe successive Collectors have protested against being compelled to occupy this house, and a more inconvenient residence for a married man can hardly be conceived; it is, however, by no means ill-suited for a bachelor and might be occupied by one of the four last-named officers on the list.

8. There is one point which will require very careful consideration before any large expenditure is incurred in this direction; in Colonel Kilgour's note stress is laid on the fact that officers are now unwilling to keep their families in Madura, but it must be borne in mind that the proximity of Kodaikánal is almost, if not quite, as powerful a factor in this direction as the unhealthiness of Madura; most men would prefer to keep their children at Kodaikánal however good the accommodation provided for them in Madura might be, and it is probable that any quarters which may be built will be occupied for the most part by bachelors or by married couples without children, and as the occupation of quarters once built must be made compulsory, every effort should be made to keep down the cost, and consequently the rent, of such quarters.

9. Assuming that the Tamkam is retained for the use of one of the officers named above, a fresh house being built for the Collector, I should say the total expenditure to be incurred need not exceed Rs. 60,000

Madras,
7th March 1895.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

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Endorsement No. 980-C.

Transferred to the Public Department.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Col., R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

11th March 1895.

Endorsement No. 765.

[File regarding residences for European officials at Madura.]

Forwarded, with notes in original, to—

(1) the Local and Municipal Department,
(2) the Revenue Department,
(3) the Public Works Department,

with the request that the requisite action may be taken in each department concerned and the papers passed on without delay and eventually returned to the Public Department.

It is further requested that copies of the orders issued may be communicated to this department.

Fort St. George,
5th April 1895.

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

G.O., Mis. No. 656 M, Local and Municipal, dated 10th April 1895.

Order—dated 10th April 1895, Mis. No. 656 M., Local and Municipal.

The Chairman, Municipal Council, Madura, will be requested to report whether the portion of the race-course which now belongs to the municipality was originally Government property and was handed over to the municipal council or whether it was acquired by the municipality by purchase or otherwise from private individuals. In the former case the number and date of the Government Order granting it should be given, and in the latter the price paid for the land should be stated. It should also be reported whether the land is still required by the municipal council, and if so for what purpose, and whether if it was purchased the council is willing to part with it, and if so for what price.

2. The reply to this communication should be submitted through the Collector.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Madura, through the Collector.
„ Public Department.
„ Revenue Department (with papers in original).

G.O., Mis. No. 1570, Revenue, dated 22nd April 1895.

Read—Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

Order—dated 22nd April 1895, Mis. No. 1570, Revenue.

The Government proposes to acquire the old race-course near Madura for the purpose of constructing residences for the Government officers* of the head-quarter staff of the district. About one-half of the race-course, or the portion of it to the west of the Alagarcoil road, is stated to be in the occupation of private individuals and should be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act. The Collector will be instructed to take the requisite steps with this object and submit the usual notifications for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette.* Action is being taken in the Local and Municipal Department for the acquisition of the remaining portion which appears to be now vested in the Municipal Council of Madura.

* The Collector.
„ District Judge.
„ Executive Engineer.
„ Civil Surgeon.
„ Superintendent of Police.
„ District Forest Officer.

2. The Collector will also be requested to report whether it is necessary to build a new residence for the Collector in place of the building now occupied by him, and whether in that event this building may conveniently be occupied by any of the other officers at head-quarters. He should also report after consultation with these officers for which of them residences should be built first.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
„ Public Department.
„ Public Works Department, with notes in original.
„ Local and Municipal Department.

G.O., No. 79 D., Public Works, dated 1st May 1895.

Read—G.O., Mis. No. 1570, Revenue, dated 22nd April 1895.

Order—dated 1st May 1895, No. 79 D., Public Works. Flag 20

Communicated to the Consulting Architect, who has already proceeded to Madura and inspected the land in question in view to preparing plans for laying it out in house sites. A sufficient portion of the ground should be assigned for a club, lawn tennis grounds, a racket court, &c., and some spare sites should be reserved on which additional houses can be built at a future date.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. H. B. BURLTON,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Public Department, with papers returned.

Order—dated 10th May 1895, No. 360, Public.

Recorded. Further communications from the departments concerned will be awaited.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Local and Municipal Department.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Public Works Department.
Copy to the Collector of Madura.

G.O., No. 615, Public, dated 20th July 1895.

Read—the following papers :—

G.O., Mis. No. 826-A., M., Local and Municipal, dated 14th May 1895.

Order—dated 14th May 1895, Mis. No. 826-A., M., Local and Municipal.

In continuation of G.O., No. 656 M., dated 10th April 1895, the Chairman, Municipal Council, Madura, will be requested to report, through the Collector, whether the lands marked in the accompanying plan as "park lands" and "farm lands" which now belong to the municipality were originally Government property and were handed over to the municipal council, or whether they were acquired by the municipality by purchase or otherwise from private individuals. In the former case the number and date of the Government Orders granting them should be given, and in the latter the price paid for the lands should be stated. It should also be reported whether the lands are still required by the municipal council, and if so for what purpose, and whether, if they were purchased, the council is willing to part with them, and if so for what price.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Madura,
with a plan (to be returned).
„ Public Department, with papers.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 20th May 1895, Mis. No. 2542.

Endorsement to the Acting Collector of Madura, dated 13th June 1895, No. 1375, Public.

From H. IRWIN, Esq., C.I.E., Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 27th June 1895, No. 1263.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 1526-C, dated the 9th April 1895, and G.O., No. 79 D., dated the 1st May 1895, I have the honour to state that I visited Madura and inspected the race-course site in company with the Executive Engineer and now submit a plan showing how the ground may be laid out in house sites.

2. The sites marked as spare are the least desirable ones; the others have been allotted to the officers mentioned in the list. The club site has been selected as being the most convenient and is somewhat larger than the others so as to leave plenty of room for out-buildings and for recreation ground.

3. The whole of the ground is commanded by the water-channel and arrangements can be made for watering all the grounds as well as supplying water to the houses for domestic purposes.

4. A circular drive is provided for all round the inside of the race-course, which also should be kept in order as a ride.

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Endorsement No. 481-D.

Transferred to the Public Department with reference to the correspondence ending with G.O., No. 360, Public, dated 10th May 1895.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Col., R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

2nd July 1895.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 9th July 1895, Mis. No. 3401.

Read—the following papers :—

From J. TWIGG, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 17th June 1895, Ref. on Cur. No. 2200-Genl.

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., Mis. No. 1570, dated 22nd April 1895, forwarded to me for report with Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 2248, dated 4th May 1895, I have the honour to report as follows :—

(*a*) A new residence for the Collector is urgently necessary. The Tamkam is not only phenomenally inconvenient, but positively dangerous for a man with a family. The accommodation is of the poorest; there is no place for the Collector to work or see his visitors but the drawing-room, and there is only one bed-room that can be occupied in the day-time. In a letter to Government detailing some of the above objections to the house, I remarked that I would rather have the Tamkam repaired and extended than have a new house built. In the light of further experience of the house I consider that no extension would make it a suitable habitation and that a new building is necessary.

(*b*) The Tamkam when vacated by the Collector would serve as a residence for a single man. Mr. Medlicott, Executive Engineer, has signified his willingness to occupy the house. I doubt, however, whether any married man would ever willingly occupy the Tamkam.

(*c*) Mr. Baudrey wishes the Police Superintendent's house to be built first, as he has no house in Madura and "the only two empty houses available are out of repair and situated in most insanitary surroundings." Dr. Reeves thinks the Collector's and Civil Surgeon's houses should be built first, and Mr. Medlicott the Collector's, Police Superintendent's and Civil Surgeon's houses. Mr. Peake, Forest Officer, is in no hurry for a house, and I know that the District Judge (who has not replied to my letter) is in no hurry either, but only desires that his present residence should be put in repair.

2. I consider that the Collector's house is the most necessary, and next the Civil Surgeon's and the Police Superintendent's houses. I should give the preference to the Civil Surgeon, as he keeps his family in Madura while Mr. Baudrey does not.

From J. TWIGG, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Madura, 6th July 1895, Ref. on Cur. No. 2200-Genl.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 2248, dated 4th May 1895, instructing me to take steps to acquire the portion of the race-course lying to the west of the Alagarcoil road, I have the honour to suggest that it would be advisable to acquire also the land lying between the race-course and the Periyár channel on the north and bounded on the west by the Nattam road—the portion coloured yellow in the accompanying plan. The extent is 13 acres 78 cents, of which 75 cents marked with red dotted lines is Government poramboke, and the rest in private holding—dry land like the race-course.

2. The western portion of the race-course is the highest and the best for building, and the Survey No. 389 is perhaps the best site of all. The advantages of acquiring the land right up to the channel from which the houses are to draw their supply of ordinary water are, I think, too obvious to require further explanation, and No. 405 might be acquired, too, in order to secure a compact block, though this is not so important.

3. The statement accompanying the plan shows the extent to be taken up in each survey field.

4. I have the honour to request that, if the Board agrees with me, the matter may be laid before Government for very early orders.

Resolution—dated 9th July 1895, Mis. No. 3401.

Submitted to Government, with reference to G.O., No. 1570, dated 22nd April 1895.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with two letters and one plan (to be returned).

Endorsement, Mis. No. 2796.

Transferred to the Public Department with reference to its order, No. 360, dated 10th May 1895.

Ootacamund,
13*th July* 1895.

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary to Government.

Order—dated 20th July 1895, No. 615, Public.

The Government agrees with the Collector that it is desirable to take up the land lying between the race-course and the Periyár channel. The Collector will prepare the requisite notification.

2. Before further steps are taken in the matter, the Government awaits full information from the Madura Municipal Council, both as to the eastern half of the race-course and the lands designated "park lands" and "farm lands", called for in G.O., Mis. No. 656 M., dated 10th April 1895, and G.O., No. 826-A, M., dated 14th May 1895.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Madura (with copies of two G.Os. and one plan returned).

Read—also the following papers :—

From M.R.Ry. SELVARAJ NAYUDU Garu, Chairman-delegate, Municipal Council, Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Collector of Madura), dated 7th June 1895, No. 32.

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 656 M., dated 10th April 1895, I have the honour to inform you that the portion of the race-course belonging to and in the possession of the municipality amounts to Gulies 89–3–3 or Acres 52·88. Out of the extent Gulies 19–15 or Acres 11·80 were acquired under the Land Acquisition Act by the municipality in the year 1887 for Rs. 1,196–4–0 at Rs. 60 a gulie, and the rest, comprised of Government waste and inam lands, appears to have been granted by Government about the same time, after giving other lands to the inamdars. There are no records available in this office to show when these lands were actually assigned; I have, however, addressed the Tahsildar of Madura taluk to furnish me the information on referring to his records of Tellakulam village which are said to have been produced in the District Munsif's Court.

All these lands were obtained for annual cattle market during the Chitra festival, but after a time it was removed to the site around the Tamkam, where the same was previously held for a long time. A sum of Rs. 6,800 was spent on constructing a water-tank for supplying water to the cattle, planting avenue trees and maintaining establishment for looking after them.

Considering all this outlay, the annual kist of Rs. 53 which has been paid to Government for these lands, the gradual rise which has already taken place in the price of lands, the expected increase in their market value on the completion of the Periyar project and the loss of interest on the capital laid out by the municipality, the council have decided to part with the whole extent in their possession for a sum of Rs. 5,000 at the rate of Rs. 56–0–6 a gulie; and the price demanded does not in these circumstances seem to be high.

Copy of resolution of the municipal council, No. 164, dated 3rd June 1895, on the subject, is herewith forwarded for the information of Government.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Madura, passed at the special meeting held on 3rd June 1895.

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164. Read G.O., Mis. No. 656 M., dated 10th April 1895, calling for certain particulars regarding the portion of the race-course which belongs to the municipality.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. R. Muthusawmi Pillai Avargal and seconded by M.R.Ry. Selvaraj Nayudu Garu that the portion of the race-course belonging to and in possession of the municipality be sold to Government for Rs. 5,000 at the rate of Rs. 56–0–6 a gulie.

An amendment, proposed by Surgeon-Major F. C. Reeves and seconded by the Chairman, that the land be sold for Rs. 3,000, was put to the vote and lost.

Resolution.—Resolved that the original proposition be carried.

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From J. TWIGG, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 19th July 1895, Dis. No. 2503-C.

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., Mis. No. 656 M., dated 10th April 1895, I have the honour to forward letter, No. 32, dated 7th June 1895, from the Chairman-delegate, giving cover to a resolution of the Madura Municipal Council offering to sell the portion of the race-course that belongs to the municipality for the sum of Rs. 5,000.

2. The extent is 52·88 acres, of which 11·76 acres were purchased by the municipality, and the balance—41·12 acres—handed over by Government as a site for the Chitra cattle fair. The municipality spent Rs. 6,800 in constructing a water-tower and planting trees, which is given as a reason by the Chairman for the high price asked. Both tower and trees are useless to the municipality, as the place has been found unsuitable for holding the cattle fair, and will be equally useless to Government. The expenditure on the trees was Rs. 5,630, and the value of the trees now on the ground is estimated by the Deputy Collector to be Rs. 215 only.

3. The Deputy Collector values the land as follows :—

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11·76 acres acquired by the municipality at a cost of Rs. 1,196–4–0	1,196	4	0
41·12 acres assigned by Government at Rs. 50 an acre ...	2,056	4	0
Value of trees	215	0	0
Value of water-tank	1,000	0	0
Total ...	4,467	8	0

Fifty rupees an acre is a high average for land assessed at one rupee an acre, much of which is too rocky and gravelly to be of use for cultivation, but now that the Periyar water is to be brought within a few yards of it, it might fetch that or more if it came to acquisition under the Act, and the value of the rest of the land might be raised too. Whether the municipality ought to charge anything at all for land which was assigned to it free for a particular purpose for which it has since been found unsuitable is another question, but, granting that the municipality is entitled to make the best bargain it can, I doubt whether we should be able to acquire the land for much less than the Deputy Collector's estimate, and it may be thought best to accept the offer of the municipality. It will be observed that an amendment to the effect that Rs. 3,000 should be fixed as the price was lost.

4. I have the honour to return herewith the demi-official correspondence regarding the race-course received with Government endorsement, No. 1375, (Public Department), dated 13th June 1895.

Endorsement No. 1041-A.

Transferred to the Public Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
29th July 1895.

(Signed) W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Under Secretary.

From R. FISCHER, Esq., Chairman, Municipal Council, Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Collector of Madura), dated 20th July 1895, No. 48.

In continuation of my letter, No. 32, dated 7th ultimo, I have the honour to state that the Government waste and inam lands forming a portion of the race-course were handed over to the municipality in 1887.

E.C. No. 3133-Genl.

Submitted, in continuation of this office Disposal No. 2503 of 1895, dated 19th July 1895.

MADURA,
24th July 1895.

(Signed) J. TWIGG,
Acting Collector.

G.O., Mis. No. 1350 M., Local and Municipal, dated 17th August 1895.

From R. FISCHER, Esq., Chairman, Municipal Council, Madura, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Collector of Madura), dated 31st July 1895, No. 55.

Adverting to G.O., Mis. No. 826-A. M., dated 14th May 1895, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of the resolution of the Municipal Council, No. 202, dated 23rd July 1895, declining to sell the lands therein referred to, as they are required for the use of the public.

2. These lands, measuring about 73½ acres in extent and bearing an annual assessment of Rs. 78–3–4, were partly obtained by purchase and partly by gift and were handed over to the municipality in the year 1884; out of the 73½ acres, nearly 32½ acres were given to the Farmers' Club on the distinct understanding that the same shall revert to the municipality free of all claim on account of improvements executed and buildings raised in the event of the abandonment of the farm.

3. The price paid for the lands is Rs. 4,020–9–6, of which Rs. 2,407–8–3 was met from public subscriptions, and the balance, Rs. 1,613–1–3, paid by the municipality in 1891.

4. Apart from the said sum of Rs. 1,613–1–3, the municipality has since incurred an expenditure of Rs. 8,047–12–8 towards the payment of the establishment maintained for looking after the park and of other sundry expenses.

Copies of all available papers on the subject are herewith sent.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Madura, passed at the meeting held on the 23rd July 1895.

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202. Read G.O., Mis. No. 826-A. M., dated 14th May 1895, calling for certain information regarding the park lands and farm lands and requesting to state if the council is willing to sell them and if so for what price.

Resolution.—Resolved that the Government be informed that, as the lands are required for the use of the public, they need not be sold.

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Endorsement on Cur. No. 3361-Genl.

Submitted.

2. No material papers bearing on this subject are to be found in my office, in spite of careful search, and it is believed that, if any existed, they were handed over to Mr. Thomas' Commission. Some papers have been found in the District Board's office, and from these and the papers submitted by the Chairman, it appears that the park and farm lands belong to the municipality, having been obtained partly by gift from the Park Committee and partly by purchase.

MADURA,
22nd August 1895.

(Signed) J. TWIGG,
Acting Collector.

ORDER—dated 12th September 1895, No. 767, Public.

A notification for the acquisition of that part of the race-course at Madura which is owned by private persons will be issued without delay by the Public Works Department. Orders in regard to that portion of the race-course which is in the occupation of the municipal council will issue hereafter.

2. With reference to G.O., No. 615, dated 20th July 1895, the Collector of Madura will be requested to take immediate steps for the acquisition of the additional land lying between the race-course and the Periyár channel.

3. The Collector's proposals, submitted in his letter of the 17th June last, as to the order in which the houses for officials should be built, are accepted. The Public Works Department will be requested to proceed at once with the preparation of the necessary plans and estimates.

(True Extract.)

W Francis

for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Public Works Department.
" Collector of Madura.
" Local and Municipal Department.

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SEPTEMBER.

Residences for European Officials at Madura.

Passing orders in regard to the acquisition of land and the preparation of plans and estimates by the Public Works Department for constructing—.

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SEPTEMBER.

Fifty-five Years' Rule.

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Order—

Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all Local Governments and Administrations; to the Departments of the Government of India; to the Comptroller and Auditor General, and to all Accountants-General and Comptrollers for information.

(Signed) R. NATHAN,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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(True Extract.)

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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G.O., No. 853, Financial, dated 17th October 1894.

Abstract.—Issuing certain instructions in regard to casual leave.

From Commander W. J. POWELL, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 14th August 1895, G. No. 1732—224.

I have the honour to suggest a reconsideration of G.O., No. 853, Financial, dated 17th October 1894, limiting the grant of casual leave to five days at a time and not more than (10) ten days in a year. I think the concession would be more appreciable if the maximum is raised to twelve days and it is left optional to take twelve days at once in a year or take it in instalments not exceeding in the aggregate twelve days in the year. In the case of light-keepers and other inferior servants of the Port Department the limit of (5) five days at a time operates as a hardship, especially as they are not entitled to privilege leave on full pay (G.O., No. 104, Marine, of 21st March 1894), while persons in superior service also frequently find the five days insufficient for their purposes.

Order—dated 20th September 1895, No. 714, Financial.

The Government is not prepared to alter the limits laid down in paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 853, dated 17th October 1894.

2. Gazetted holidays and Sundays should not be included in the five days' limit.

(True Extract.)

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