

Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 190 w

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Sale of sites. Pro. Rev. Dep. passing
orders on the question of the — of certain
military buildings at Samalkot,
Godwar & Co., Comd. to Deputy Engineer,
D. W. Co., for guidance.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings

of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) dated 22nd November 1895, No. 5872 Mis on the following letter from the Collector of the Godavari District, dated 1st November 1895, Ref No. 1647:-
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I have the honor to state that the Superintendent Engineer I Circle sent to me with his letter dated 16th March 1895, No. 2461 G.D. a copy of G.O. dated 16th February 1895, No. 397 W Public Works, sanctioning the sale of the Military buildings at Samalkot and requested me to arrange for their sale together with the sites on which they stand. I considered it inadvisable to sell them along with their sites - in fact thought "with sites" must be a mistake for "without sites", when referred to on the point just before the sale by the Deputy Collector who conducted it - as most of them stand in the center of a large piece of Government land which was not to be sold whilst to sell a sentry box or a well with its site, for instance, appeared to be ridiculous. I accordingly directed the Head Quarter's Deputy Collector to sell only the materials of the buildings.

2. The Head Quarter's Deputy Collector reported that he sold for Rs. 185 the materials of the buildings Nos. 1, 3, 10, and 11 of the list printed in the G.O. above referred to, that he was unable to obtain any bids for Nos. 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, and 15, that the so called latrines had no roofs and that he found no traces of Nos. 5 and 6. He suggested that buildings Nos. 2, 5, 6, 7, 14, and 15 and the wells Nos. 12 and 13 might be allowed to remain as they are. On a reference to the Superintending Engineer, he remarked that the latrines Nos 14 and 15 were sold by some Military officer from Vizagapatam on 8th -

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December 1895 and that only their mud walls were to be found without any roofs.

3. With the exception of buildings Nos. 8 and the rest are not in good condition. The President of the District Board is willing to purchase building No. 8 (tent room) for Rs. 300 along with its site for the use of the L. F. Overseer at Samalkot.

4. As most of the buildings & stand in the center of a large piece of Government waste, the sale of the same with their sites would, I fear, be tantamount to transferring for nothing a portion of the adjoining Government waste land also to be used as backyard & and the temptation to the purchasers to enclose and occupy permanently the unoccupied waste so used would be great and the complete prevention of such encroachment virtually impossible.

5. I request therefore that the Board may be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government to the sale of only the materials of the buildings Nos. 1, 3, 10, and 11 and to allow the rest (for the materials of which purchasers are not forthcoming) to remain as they are. Except building No. 8 which may be sold to the District Board for Rs. 300 which is its full value including the site.

6. It may be that it was not the intention of the Public Works Department that these buildings should be sold with the bare sites on which they stand, but that the Government land over which they are scattered should be divided into blocks and these blocks sold together with the buildings in the sale list that might be included within them. If so, I think that the present is a very bad time to sell and that to adopt this course which would mean throwing a large block of land suitable for house sites but little else, on the market all at once would result in only a very poor price comparatively speaking, being obtained. Samalkota as the station on the East Coast Railway, where the main line and Cocanada branch line join, has become a rising ~~place~~ place and if the proposal to construct a light railway from it to Eleswaram now under the consideration of the District Board ever comes to anything, its importance and prosperity will be increased. Under these circumstances, in place of throwing away its property here by selling it all at once at any price, it will pay Government very much better to wait and dispose of it in small blocks

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from time to time as and arises for it for the extension of the town. Sold thus it will probably be possible for Government to sell it in time subject to a quitrent of Rs. 10 per acre, for as much as its immediate sale would realise subject to an assessment of 8 annas. Meanwhile Government are losing nothing, for the land over which these buildings are scattered like the old parade ground & can be let out for grazing and in this way realize as much as or more than would be obtained by assessing them and giving them out for cultivation.

Resolution.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

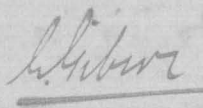
2. In the circumstances stated, the Board supports the collector's proposals in para 5 of his letter.

3. Government Order No. 397 W dated 16th February 1895, quoted in para 1 of the Collector's letter has not been communicated to the Board.

Order thereon, dated 8th January 1896, No. 21 M.S.

The sale of the site of building No. 8 is sanctioned. As regards the others the Government is of opinion that, for the reasons stated by the Collector, the sale of the sites is undesirable.

(True Extract)


Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue)
To the Public Works Department. ✓

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REVENUE.

To

The Public Works Dept

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SUBJECT.

Passing orders on the question
of selling the sites of certain
military buildings at
Mintalah, Coorg Dist.

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