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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 400 Press Mis

Dated 26. 6. 19 1888

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No. 13. From J. R. BOYSON, Esq., Honorable Company's Solicitor; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 18th June 1858, No. 332.

SIR,

Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 14th May 1858, No. 311, Political Department.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the Extract from Minutes of Consultation, noted in the margin, with its enclosures.

2. I have since communicated with the Collector of Madras and the Government Agent at Chepauk, and obtained from them all such further information relative to the point in question as seemed to me necessary.

3. I have also submitted the papers for the consideration of the Advocate General and have conferred with him thereon, and I now forward a copy of his opinion.

4. I will advise the Collector of Madras from time to time as to the levying of Quit Rent on property formerly belonging to the late Nabob and especially exempted from the payment of Quit Rent so long only as it was held by the Nabob or any of his relations.

5. I return the enclosures above noted.

COPY OPINION.

I cannot see that anything is required to be done in the matter of these Grants at present, or for the next fifteen years. Then it will be for the Government of the day to consider whether it will treat these Grants as mere Building Leases and take advantage of the strict letter of the Grants, whether it will enforce payment of the sum of one hundred Pogodas in each case, or relinquish this Fine as Government did in 1834, by the 30 Pogadas Fine payable every 30 years, and consider the interests of the Grantees and their heirs or purchasers under them as perpetual subject to the payment of the Quit Rent reserved in each case. In the case of those Grants where, in favor of the Nabob and Members of his Family, Government have directed Quit Rent not to be levied on the lands whilst in the possession of the Nabob or Members of his Family; there are several Parcels of Land where this exemption at the present moment no longer applies, possession having passed away from the Family of the Nabob. In these cases the Collector might be directed to levy the usual Quit Rent, and issue Notices accordingly, but as there are Suits now pending in the Supreme Court wherein Ladies of the Nabob's Family claim the Ownership of sum of these Parcels, it may be as well to take no step till after next Term, when most of these cases will probably be decided.

(Signed) THOMAS SYDNEY SMYTH,
Advocate General.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. R. BOYSON,
Honorable Company's Solicitor.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, No. 400; dated 26th June 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Revenue Department and the Government Agent at Chepauk, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 14th Ultimo, No. 311.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Ordered to be communicated to the Revenue Department and the Govt Agent at Chapauk with reference to Lr. from Comr. of the 4th. Ultimo. No 311.

Fort St George
26 June, 1868.

To the Revenue Department.
Govt Agent at Chapauk. } Dispd 3/7
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From
The Hon.ble Comp.y's Sol.r
To
The Chief Secy to Govt.
Dated 18th June
Received 19th "
No 332
With 1 Inclosures
No 1109.

Forwarding Copy of Mr. Advocate Generals opinion regarding the Rights of the E. I. Co under Leases granted on their behalf in the Sa
that was in use prior to 1829
and under grants or Collectors
Certificates in the form that has
been in use since 1829. &c

Wm Ryder

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