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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	613	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	24-10- 1859	

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No. 3. Read the following letter from J. R. BOYSON Esq., Government Solicitor ; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 17th October 1859, No. 1678.

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that arrears of rent, &c., up to the date on which Government purchased the Chepauk premises are still due from 428 persons who have occupied, or are still occupying land or buildings within the walls of the Chepauk compound, and that these arrears amount in the aggregate to Rupees 4,255-2-7.

2. It will be the duty of the Receiver of the Carnatic property, unless he can realise these arrears by other means, on behalf of the Nabob's Estate, to sue those debtors in the Court of Small Causes.

3. I doubt very much whether by so doing he would succeed in recovering any considerable portion of these arrears, most of the debtors being wretchedly poor, but it will nevertheless be the Receivers' duty to make the attempt.

4. I am aware that it is the wish of Government to avoid the use of coerceive measures against these parties as far as may be possible.

5. I would therefore beg to suggest for the consideration of Government whether it would not be the more expedient course for Government to pay to the Receiver the abovementioned sum of Rupees 4,255-2-7, and take an assignment from him of the arrears forming that aggregate with power to sue ; and leave me to recover as much as I can of these arrears in settling with the owners of the buildings in respect of which arrears may have arisen, the compensation which Government has authorised to be disbursed to them on vacating such portions of the arrears as I cannot recover in this way, being left for future consideration and adjustment.

6. From personal inspection of several of the buildings within the Chepauk walls and the result of enquiries which I made as to their value, and the manner in which the valuations comprised in the estimates prepared long since we arrived at, I came to the conclusion that I could not safely rely or act upon these estimates ; that many of the buildings were more or less over valued and that I must have the whole of them revalued to ascertain the amounts of compensation which I should be authorised in disbursing to the respective claimants.

7. I was especially anxious to have those revaluations made by a native maistry named Moottoosawmy, whom I have known for many years past, in whom I have great confidence and whose valuations from his long experience and his performance of duties of a similar character on the purchase of buildings or land by the Municipal Commissioners or their taking them for public purposes under the acts authorising that course, necessarily carry more weight and are less likely to be questioned than if made by a person not so well known to the native community.

8. Moottoosawmy being maistry to the Civil Engineer, and assessor to the Municipal Commissioners, I applied to Colonel Silver who obligingly permitted him to bestow a portion of his time on the duty I wished to entrust to him. Owing to his other necessary duties Moottoosawmy has only been able to devote a comparatively small portion of his time to me, and the revaluations have not therefore been made with such rapidity as I could have wished although I have done all in my power to promote dispatch.

9. Up to this date 93 separate buildings in the North-west corner of the compound and forming what is termed the Hubshee Wadah have been valued by Moottoosawmy at an aggregate amount (inclusive of fruit trees, &c.,) of Rupees 13,994-14-2, I shall verify these valuations by personal inspection and enquiry (as far as I can) before I disburse compensation.

10. I now beg to request that the Sub Treasurer may be authorised to advance me upon my application and responsibility such sums as I may from time to time ask him for, not exceeding in the aggregate Rupees 18,500, to enable me to adjust the proposed compensation, as well as to meet the payment of Rupees 4,255-2-7 to the Receiver of Carnatic Property should Government sanction this.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 24th October 1859, No. 613.

The Government approve and sanction the course suggested in paragraph 5 of the above letter in respect to the arrears of rent, &c., due by persons occupying land or buildings within the Chepauk Palace walls, and accordingly authorise the sum of Rupees (1,255-2-7) Four thousand two hundred and fifty-five, Annas two and Pice seven being paid to the Receiver of the Carnatic Property, and an assignment taken from him of the arrears forming that amount, with power to sue. It will be left to the Government Solicitor to recover as much as he can of these arrears in settling with the owners of the buildings the compensation which has been ordered to be disbursed to them on vacating.

2. Resolved, that the Sub Treasurer be authorised to advance to the Government Solicitor upon his application and responsibility such sums as may from time to time be required, not exceeding in the aggregate Rupees (18,500) Eighteen thousand and five hundred, to enable him to adjust the proposed compensation, as well as to meet the payment of Rupees 4,255-2-7, to the Receiver of the Carnatic Property.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. W. J. Boyton.

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