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Government of Madras.

Political **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
for the month of December 1859.*

No. 48. Read the following letter from J. R. BOYSON, Esq., Government Solicitor ; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 6th December 1859, No. 1841.

1. I have the honor to report for the information of Government that the premises at the Adyar belonging to Government and known as Brodie Castle, were sold on the 3rd Instant by Messrs. Ashton Richardson and Co., by Public Auction, under my instructions on behalf of Government for 17,500 Rupees and were purchased by a Mussulman named Abbeeboollah Sahib, who bought them, I believe, for Auzeem Oon Niassa Bagum the Nicka widow of the late Nabob.

2. I purchased them for Government on the occasion of their being sold by the Master of the Supreme Court, on the 15th of January 1858, for Rupees 16,000.

3. I went carefully through the premises previous to the sale and found that they had been sadly neglected and were in great need of substantial repair, white ants having evidently got into some of the principal beams and the roof in many places requiring to be uncovered and renewed.

4. Bearing in mind the present state of the money market, the opportunity of investing in the public securities at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., the limited desire for investing in landed property, the downward tendency of house rent and the state as regards repair of the premises. I consider 17,500 Rupees a fair price for them and I trust Government will concur in this view.

5. I personally attended the sale and Abbeeboollah Sahib was the only *bond fide* bidder.

6. The net proceeds after deducting Auctioneers Commission and charges will more than re-imburse Government the amount they paid for the premises, and I did not let them go for that sum without previous consultation with Mr. Richardson, the Auctioneer, on the subject, and he concurred most decidedly in the expediency of my so doing.

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1859, No. 799.

The Government approve the sale of Brodie Castle as reported in the above letter.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Political 1859 Defects

From
The Government Soldier
To the Chief of Govt.

Dated 6th December
Received

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Enclosure.

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Report to the sale of 1000
Cattle on behalf of Govt.
on the 30th of Jan 1841
Messrs. Ashton & Co. London
by public auction for
£10,000, that for several
months he considers 1000
fair price for the premises
and that the net proceeds
after deducting the auction
commission & charge will be
more than enough to pay the
same; they found for the sum
namely £10,000.

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Order thereon 10 December 1841 No 120.

The first appraisement of
the "Cattle" as reported
in the above letter.

For Solicitor - D. J. 10.

J. P.

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