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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
8th August 1861.*

No. 14. Read the following letter from *Æ. R. McDONELL*, Esq., Officiating Collector of Trichinopoly; to *J. D. SIM*, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 5th August 1861, No. 15.

I do myself the honor to address you with reference to the Public Notification of the sale of the Nawab's property in this District.

2. In the first seven lots advertised for sale which comprise the Palace and grounds situated in the heart of the Fort, it is specified that the wall of such and such portion is included. This wall completely encircles the Palace grounds, it is some twenty-seven feet in height and prevents the free circulation of air. I would here beg to refer you to paragraph 11, paper No. 2 of Minutes by the late Governor Sir Charles Trevelyan on his tour in the south. All hope of improving the state of the Fort and its sanitary condition must be abandoned if this wall is allowed to stand. It is most desirable on every account that this wall be razed to the ground. The Arsenal is in the Fort, with but a small guard of Europeans; and if this large walled enclosure is allowed to remain as at present, any mischief may be brewing inside without attracting the attention of any person outside.

3. I propose therefore that parties purchasing the wall, in different portions, be called upon to cut it down to four and a half feet, and that before the sale, purchasers are distinctly made to understand, that the wall will not be allowed to remain in its present state.

4. The District Engineer, who visited the Palace grounds with me, has furnished me with the following Estimate for removing the wall:

Removing and taking down wall twenty-seven feet high...	Rupees	4,000	0	0
Scaffolding	"	1,000	0	0
Removing debris ...	"	1,500	0	0
		6,500	0	0
Deduct amount to be realized by sale of materials...	"	700	0	0
	Rupees	5,800	0	0

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 8th August 1861, No. 353.

This letter will be forwarded to Mr. Dale for his early consideration and report. The Government would wish the sale of the lots mentioned to be deferred until they arrive at a decision on the point.

2. The Officiating Collector is to blame for not having brought this matter forward at an earlier period.

(Signed) *J. D. SIM*,
Secretary to Government.

Passed in Council
7th Aug 61

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