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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 122 Press Mis.

Dated 28 . 3 . 1862

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
28th March 1862.

No. 56. Read the following letter from Messrs. ASHTON, RICHARDSON and Co.; to THOMAS PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 10th March 1862.

A demand having been made by the Collector of Madras on account of quit rent due on the Premises called "Pater's Garden" which were lately purchased by us, we deem this a fit opportunity to bring to notice certain circumstances connected with this property and to request you will do us the favor to submit them for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council in support of our application to be relieved from the present demand.

2. Both Sterling and Pater's Gardens were acquired by His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic in 1819 and were properly liable to quit rent; but we understand that in compliance with a proposition made by His Highness, the Madras Government consented to forego the demand and to exempt the properties altogether from it, on the Nabob relinquishing to them a Garden at Poorsewalkum, the Marine Villa in front of the Government House and a piece of land at Saint Thome. Under these circumstances, we would respectfully submit that we are entitled to a like exemption from the demand of quit rent on "Pater's Garden," which is now our property, and which from the consideration tendered to and received by the Government has become permanently exempt from such assessment; and we trust that His Excellency in Council will give our claim his favorable consideration, and issue the necessary orders to the Collector of Madras for exempting the said premises from all demand of quit rent.

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, 28th March 1862, No. 122.

The Government observe that Messrs. Ashton, Richardson and Co., are in error in supposing that Sterling and Pater's Gardens were acquired by the Nabob in 1819 and were exempted by Government from quit rent on the Nabob relinquishing to them a Garden at Pursewalkum, the Marine Villa, and a piece of land at Saint Thome.

2. Under date 19th June 1819, the Government granted exemption from quit rent to the houses and gardens at that time held by the Nabob and by the immediate members of his family according to a list which His Highness was directed to furnish. His Highness was at the same time advised to make no further purchases as the indulgence could not be extended.

3. Pater and Sterling's Gardens were purchased by the Bhow Begum subsequent to that order, and consequently were liable to quit rent. The garden house and ground at Pursewalkum was purchased by Government on the 18th October 1822, the Marine Bungalow was given up to Government in 1827 as well as two cawnies of land in Saint Thome.

4. In 1836, the Government, 13th December, exempted Stirling and Pater's Gardens from quit rent, not on the Nabob relinquishing to Government the properties above mentioned, for they had been sold or given up some years before, but simply because by allowing the two former properties to be exempt from the payment of quit rent in lieu of the latter which the Nabob had ceased to possess, the number of properties held by him and exempt from quit rent would be much what it was in 1819.

5. Such being the case, there seems no reason for exempting Stirling and Pater's Gardens from quit rent, more than any belonging to the Nabob and his family which were exempted in 1819. His Highness was at no time entitled to the exemption as a matter of right. It was granted to him in deference to his feelings and in regard to his peculiar position—considerations which no longer hold good, now that the Nabobship is extinct and the properties held by the Nabobs have passed into other hands.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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