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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
2nd April 1862.

No. 1. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 22nd March 1862, No. 635.

Resolving to issue a freehold Title Deed for each of the properties named in the printed Catalogue of sale preferred by the Receiver of the Carnatic Property in respect of the property belonging to the Estate of his late Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic at Satghur and its neighbourhood. (Vide Proceedings Revenue Department, dated 22nd March 1862, Nos. 368 and 369.)

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1862, No. 135.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from CLEMENT DALE, Esq., Receiver of the Carnatic Property, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 17th March 1862, No. 79 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to my letter and the order of Government noted in the margin, I have the honor to report for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council that after meeting Mr. Robinson at Satghur, followed by a more extended correspondence than I had anticipated, I have been enabled to prepare the accompanying printed Catalogue of sale, in respect of the property belonging to the estate of His late Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic at Satghur and its neighbourhood.

Letter from the Receiver, to Acting Secretary to Government, 30th November 1860, No 237.
Order of Government, 4th December 1860, No. 2,304, Political Department.

2. Mr. Robinson had a statement of the Nabob's property at Satghur made out; in its preparation my Agent Mr. Potter assisted, he having previously been over the property, and having prepared a list or statement for my guidance; and to which, as I am informed, the Tahsíldár had access; in forwarding me his list, Mr. Potter informed me the statement prepared under Mr. Robinson's directions was essentially the same as his own, the only difference being that he had entered more into detail in his description of the boundaries than the Tahsíldár had considered necessary. From these two statements or lists and from information subsequently obtained from the Collector I have myself prepared the accompanying Catalogue.

3. In preparing this Catalogue I have avoided as far as possible native terms, which had been largely used by Mr. Potter, the introduction of which caused great doubt and rendered several references necessary with the consequent delay; I have, however, every reason to believe that as now settled the Catalogue is substantially correct, and against any inaccuracies I have guarded in my conditions of sale. I have not submitted this printed Catalogue to the Collector as it could not be expected he could personally go through it with the view of ascertaining whether in every minute particular it was correct; and I fear the leaving it to a Native subordinate would not be likely to lead to a beneficial result, although it would certainly cause delay if not a lengthened correspondence, I however enclose Mr. Robinson's statement (requested to be returned) which forms the ground work wherefrom the Catalogue was prepared, and all the quantities there stated have been adopted by me with one exception.

4. It will be observed that the six Gardens and Punjah land, which are included under No. 1 in the Collector's statement, I have divided into three lots in the printed Catalogue, as I had reason to believe that I should get considerable competition for the Ali Baugh and the land if sold in separate lots, both being quite separate from the other five gardens. The quantity of the Ali Baugh, &c., I have obtained from the Acting Collector.

5. I now do myself the honor of soliciting that 23 Certificates may be issued to me for the several lots of land comprised in the printed Catalogue.

6. The lots in the Catalogue are arranged in different order from that adopted in the Collector's statement; with the view however of facilitating the issue of the Certificates I have made out a tabular statement in which I have taken the numbers in the Collector's statement and shown the numbers of the lots in the Catalogue, in which those lands are comprised; I have also marked in the Catalogue against each lot, the number under which the lands are comprised in the Collector's statement.

7. From this tabular statement it will be observed that four of the lots are not included in Mr. Robinson's list or statement. Those lots are situated in the Town of Satghur and (as I understand) are not consequently shown in detail in the Revenue accounts, which is the reason they were not included in Mr. Robinson's statement. The observation regarding the Ballah Killah Hill is totally at variance with the information afforded me by Mr. Robinson when we were on the spot. Several months elapsed between our interview and his furnishing me with this statement, and I conclude in signing it, it did not occur to him what had then passed.

8. In submitting to Government my applications for Certificates or Title Deeds, I have considered it my duty to furnish the fullest information I have been able to obtain, regarding the title to the premises for which I seek a Title Deed.

9. As regards therefore the properties now under consideration, I learn that these properties formerly constituted part of the Territories of the Nabobs of the Carnatic, and that so far back as, and since the time of, the Nabob Wallajah, they have been in the occupation of the Nabobs, with the exception of a short period after the demise of the Nabob Omdut Ool Oomrah, on which event they were seized by the East-India Company but restored to the Nabob Azeem Ood Dowlah about the year 1802, since which period, to the death of His late Highness, they have continued in the possession of the successive Nabobs, and have never paid any kist or tax.

10. I am likewise informed that the Nabobs have never held any Title Deeds of those properties, naturally there would not be any Deeds prior to the East India Company undertaking the management of the Carnatic; nor would the Nabobs be likely to seek for, or to receive, from the Honorable Company any Deed after they undertook that management. This as I submit satisfactorily accounts for the absence of Title Deeds.

11. The several Gardens will be competed for, the extent however of that competition will depend very much on whether the property is sold as Lakiraj or Freehold.

12. I therefore do myself the honor of submitting for the consideration of the Honorable the Governor in Council that it would be desirable that a Title Deed for each lot as described in the printed Catalogue should be issued to me under the provisions contained in the Proceedings of Government dated the 5th August 1859, No. 1,053, and 21st September 1859, No. 1,271, Revenue Department; the description of the premises inserted in each Title Deed may be taken from the several lots as described in the printed Catalogue.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1862, No. 635.

1. Under the circumstances stated in this letter and as the lands alluded to therein appear to have never paid any tax, the Government resolve to issue a freehold Title Deed for each, of the properties named in the printed Catalogue under the signature of the Secretary to Government.

2. Mr. Dale appears to have taken much pains in the preparation of the Catalogue, it is not therefore necessary to make any reference to the Acting Collector of North Arcot for the verification of the extent or boundaries of the properties as has been usual in such cases.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Receiver of the Carnatic Property.
" Board of Revenue.
" Collector of North Arcot.
" Political Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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