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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
18th September 1862.*

No. 46. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 12th September 1862, No. 1,945.

Communicating letter from the Home Department of the Government of India, transmitting for guidance Extract from a Despatch from the Secretary of State in regard to the practice of giving grants of land in reward for services rendered to the State. (Vide Proceedings Revenue Department, dated 12th September 1862, Nos. 185 & 186.)

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, 18th September 1862, No. 375.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from A. M. MONTEATH, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India (Home Department, Legislative), to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 22nd August 1862, No. 4,444:—
SIR,

I am directed to transmit to you for the information and guidance of the Government of Fort Saint George, the accompanying Extract, paragraphs 4 to 7, from a Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 21, dated the 9th ultimo, in regard to the practice of giving grants of land in reward for services rendered to the State.

Extract from a Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, Legislative, No. 21, under date the 9th July 1862.

4. I must, however, observe that the practice of giving grants of land in reward for services rendered to the State, has come into very extensive operation since the Mutinies of 1857-58. These grants have, for the most part, consisted either of property in land confiscated by Order of the Government for the misconduct of its proprietors, and made over to the grantees upon the same terms in regard to the payment of Revenue to the Government as those on which they were held by their former owners, or of lands previously held under temporary or permanent settlement, but granted to their new proprietors with a partial abatement or entire abandonment of the Government dues. In the one class of cases, there was a mere transfer of the proprietary right, and the Government Treasury was not affected. In the other, the transfer of the proprietary right was accompanied by a relinquishment of a portion of the Revenue heretofore paid to the Government, which suffered a corresponding loss.

5. In regard to the first class of cases, Her Majesty's Government have no intention of interfering with the course which has been hitherto followed. In the disposal of property which has come into the possession of Government under an award, or under orders of confiscation, you will, as heretofore, act at your own discretion, your Proceedings being subject to the general control vested in the Home Government over the acts of the authorities in India. The grants in such cases will continue to be made under the authority of the Governor General in Council, or of the Local Government as the case may be.

6. The second class of cases, in which a surrender is made of a portion of the Revenue of India, ought to be subjected to the same check as is applicable to the grant of pensions, or other charges on the Revenue of India. There should be no relinquishment of any portion of the Government Revenue, without previous communication with the Home Government, nor should grants which involve any loss of Revenue, whether for a limited term or in perpetuity, be made, except with the consent and approval of the Secretary of State in Council, to whose control the expenditure of the Revenues of India, both in India and elsewhere, has expressly been made subject by enactments of the Imperial Legislature.

7. I have, therefore, to request that you will not initiate any grants involving loss of Revenue, or hold out expectations of such grants being made, without obtaining the previous sanction of Her Majesty's Government.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) A. M. MONTEATH,

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1862, No. 1,945.

Ordered to be communicated to the several Departments of the Secretariat and to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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