

Political (1896) Department.

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G.O. No. 642

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Wm. H. D.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Venkatapati Razu, Palkonda Pensioner.

Approving the proposals of the
Comr. of N. Arcot re: the occupation
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shd. be laid down.

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G.O., No. 642, 15th September 1896.

SEPTEMBER.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

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In forwarding herewith copies of the marginally-noted letters received from the Sub-Collector and the Chairman, Municipal Council, Vellore, respectively, I have the honour to say

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No. 250-W.

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for favour of obtaining orders of Government, if necessary, as to whether this department is to pay the tax on the buildings in question.

27th May 1896.

(Signed) J. C. LARMINIE,
Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

No. 327-D.

Referred to the Political Department.

4th June 1896.

(Signed) D. McN. CAMPBELL, Col., R.E.,
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(1) Whether the adopted son of Viziamam Razu should be permitted to reside in the mahals at Vellore, rent free;

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† G.O., No. 1245, Judicial, dated 30th July 1869.

12th August 1896.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of North Arcot.

From S. H. WYNNE, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of North Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chittoor, 2nd September 1896, Dis. No. 2659-Acct.

In reply to memorandum No. 1626, dated 12th August 1896, I have the honour to report that as the adopted son of Viziamam Razu has been permitted to continue in occupation of the mahal in Vellore Fort since his adoptive father's death in 1888 without question and without demand for rent, I do not think rent should be asked for now. His occupation should, of course, be subject to the condition that it will continue only so long as the mahal is not required for other purposes, and I think he should be called on to pay the municipal taxes during his occupation.

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ORDER—No. 642, Political, dated 15th September 1896.

The Government accepts the proposals of the Collector of North Arcot in his letter read above. The Palkonda pensioner will be required to pay the municipal taxes on the building occupied by him in the Vellore Fort.

2. The Collector of Vizagapatam will be requested to report whether, if the adopted son of Viziam Razu is at any time called upon to quit the mahals at Vellore, any restrictions should be placed on his choice of a locality in which to reside and whether any conditions, similar to those *
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(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
 Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
 " Collector of North Arcot.
 " Collector of Vizagapatam.
 Copy to the Accountant-General.

H. P. The Governor

Political Department

Palkonda Pensioner

Read gain G.O. No. 164, Judicial, d/2-3-1870 (A)

" " 1138, Military, d/28-1-90 (B)

688, Public, d/16-8-95 (C)

G.O. No. 755 (A of everything)

G.O. No. 869 A (B)

G.O. No. 938 (B)

1111 (C)

Reference to the Collector, N. Arcot No.

1626 (A)

G.O. No. 1192 (A)

G.O. No. 642 of 15th September 1896
 P.S.

The Government accepts the proposals of the Collector of North Arcot in his letter read above. The Palkonda pensioner will be required to pay the municipal tax on the building occupied by him in the Port of Vellore.

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The P.W. Dept. "
 Collector N. Arcot 8
 Collector, Vizagapatam 8
 Copy to the Accountant-General.

C No 753

This Paleonda pensioner resides in a large house called "Tippu Mahal" in the Vellore Fort - vide page 1 of go. no. 202 of 13-4-81 printed - The Fort was in 1878 taken over by the military authorities - Vide go. no. 289 of 30-5-78 mis. - It is not known whether they still retain it. The quickest way of ascertaining this is, it is submitted, by telephoning to the L. G. C. - A telephonic message is submitted for approval -

From the C.S.
To the Dy. Adm. Genl.
~~the L. G. C.~~

Will you ^{please} kindly let me know if the Fort at Vellore is still in charge of the military authorities and if so who looks to the repairs &c of the buildings therein. The

7/12/81

Municipality of Vellore have ~~had~~
demanded payment of a tax of
Rs 150 on the building occupied by
in the Fort occupied by the Palkonda
prisoner ~~who~~ who is a state
prisoner.

CS
16/6/46

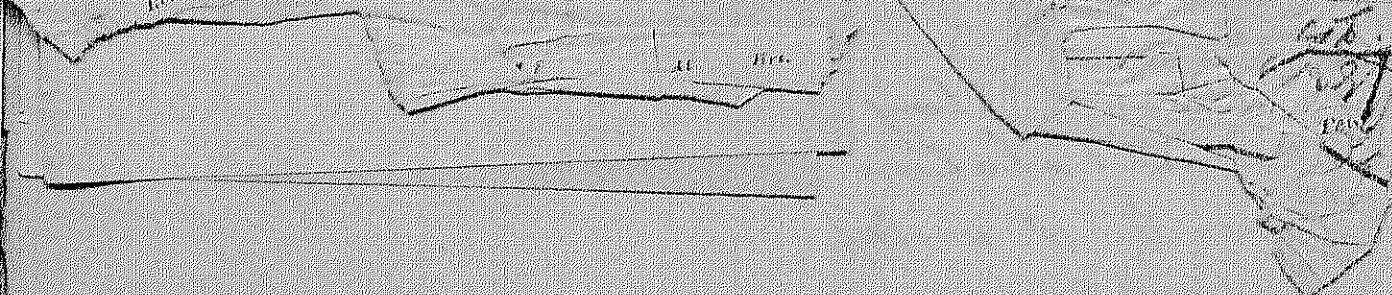
CS

INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. Monthly Number.					
To		From		Telephone	
Words.		Day.	Hour.	Minute.	Official Instructions.
11		29	15	42	

To	From
Chief Secy to Govt	Bylight

32 Word Form.

112 252 W. S. 1946.
Refer your telephone message of 15.6.29.
Vellore Fort and baily buildings at that station
handed over to Public Works Dept on the 15th Apr
for purposes of maintenance - This office was
on 19th inst but omitted to be sent to
through which which is regretted.



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NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY ^{ass.}

The D.A. G. has not yet
replied to this telephone.

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118 2,000-184-95.

TELEPHONE MESSAGE.

From

Chief Secy.

~~Chief Secretary~~

To

S. A. G.

Dated 25/6/1896.

Will you please let me have
an early reply to my telephone
of the 18th instant regarding
buildings in the Fort at Vellore.

[Signature]
for C.S.

Current No. 2272

P. O. DEPARTMENT.

Telephonic message
From the D. C. G.

No. 252 M

Dated 28-6-96

Received 28-6-96

Registered

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Stating that the
Vellore Fort and Military
buildings at that station
were handed over to P. W. Dept
on the 1st April 95

Requisition for ~~the~~ 2nd
papers re the Vellore Fort sent to P.W.D 27-6-96
Reminder sent 7-7-96 marked E
Very urgent reminder sent 11-7-96.

Urgent Rem. sent 24-7-96

17. " " " 30-7-96.

the received from P.W.D to the requisition

Government { 1896 } of Madras.
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(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
 „ Collector of North Arcot.
 „ Collector of Vizagapatam.
 Copy to the Accountant-General.

Ext. C. M. Thambuswamy.

CURRENT No.

REMINDER.

No. 327 D
 1

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

To
 The Chief Secretary,
 Political Dept.

Attested
 -Madras, 8 July 1896.

The undersigned has the honor to invite attention to the ~~Order~~ Memo. noted on the margin, and to request the favor of an early reply.

No. 327 D dated 4 June 1896
 referring to the Political
 Department letter from the
 Suptg. Engineer IV Circle request-
 -ing orders as to whether
 the P.W.D. is to pay the
 Municipal tax on the Govt
 buildings in the Vellore
 Fort occupied by the Rajah
 of Palannda.

J. R. Pauline
 Colonel, R.F.,
 Joint Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

Requisition for paper relating to
 Vellore Fort was sent to P.W.D. 27/6/96
 Reminder sent 7-7-96
 do do marked for requisition
 sent on the 11th July 96

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24.]
200-12-12-96.

Pol DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.

Current No. 928 of 1896, dated 8 July, from the P.W.D.

" " " 189 , " , "

" " " 189 , " , "

CHIEF SECRETARY
11 JUL 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Memo. No. 1402
15-7-96.
The Public Works Dept is
informed that the disposal of the
question referred to in Memo No. 327J,
dated 4th June '96 is being delayed
owing to the non-receipt of the
papers relating to the Vellore Fort
called for in requisition dated
29th June '96. Subsequent reminder
thereon of the 7th + 11th instants.

To
the P.W.D. (21507) 21/7/96

Memo to PROD

11/15/76

Note for the SA.

The St. Clerk, PROD, says that papers called for in our requisition dated the 29th June have not yet been received from Madam & that he has ^{asked} the Record Keeper there to expedite them. Orders are solicited ^{as to} whether any ~~more~~ reminder should be sent now.

JS.

Emergency
Rem. sent
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1,600-21-8-95.

Proposed

30 Committee

For

Roll Sept 18

MEMORANDUM.

L. No. 869 A

Requested for reference the under-mentioned papers:—

- 80. 590 W dated 12th March 95.
- " 2145 W dated 28th August 95
- " 1018 W dated 30th April 95
- " 2245 W dated 9th Sept. 95.

Called for in my requisition of the 29th June 96.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT,

27th July 1896.

To

The Under Secretary,

P.W.D.

W. H. H. H.

Assistant Under-Secretary.

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N. 22450. D. 9-9-95
3274, 34-6-96.

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recompiled
from
Madras (1/8)
For the remainder that issued to
P.W.D. please see ^{one} docket sheet
of No. 869 A. in the file.

Aug 30-9-96

11-28/7

CURRENT No. 1057

N. 962 D. of 4th August 1896
Copy of No. 22450
dated 9th Sept. 1895 is
supplied - the other paper
cannot be found after
exhaustive search -
the search is being
continued.

8/10/96
11/11

John Parryhill Coroner
of 28/11
3/1/97

Political (1896) Department.

CURRENT No.

From
The Public Works Department

Order

No. 1101 D

Dated 18th August 1896

Received

Registered 18-8-96

Enclosures

Spare copies.

SUBJECT.

Military Buildings, Vellore Fort

Forwarding a copy of G.O. No. 2145
W., dated 28th August 1895 re-
garding the

Ref 10/18

To await receipt of reply to
Ref No 1626 of 12-8-96 from the
Comr of Narcot.

9/11/96 please

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

No. 11010

Government of Madras. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MEMORANDUM.

As Commanded
Dated Madras, 18th August 1896.

P.W. Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following:-

From the Superintending Engineer IV Circle, No. 315
W dated 16th August 1895:-

Order thereon No. 2145 W dated 28th August 1895.

The buildings in question should be maintained from
Imperial Military Funds so long as they remain unoccupied. If
utilised for any Provincial purpose the cost of maintenance
will fall on Provincial funds.

(True extract)

(s/d) F.W. Fowler.

Under Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

To

The Superintending Engineer,
IV Circle.

Copy of G.O. No. 2145 W dated 28th August 1895 is
forwarded to the Political Department in continuation of
endorsement No. 962 D dated 4th August 1896.

C. R. Bourlan

Under Secretary.

[P.W.D.] The Political Department.

Political (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 1192

From The Collector of
Nabot

Order

SECRET
7 SEP 1896
Dated 2nd September 1896
Received } 7th September 1896
Registered }

Enclosures 2
Spare copies 2
2 copies of the
Ord. No. 753 of 1896 with
the returned
encl. stitched in their places
in the file 119

SUBJECT

Reporting that the adopted Sec.
of Vizianagaram Raju should occupy
the mahal only so long as it is not
required for other purposes, that
he should be called upon to pay
municipal taxes during his
occupation de

BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

H. P. The Governor.

Political Department

G. Nos. 755, 869 A, 928, 1111, and 1193

Residence of the Palkonda pensioners
at Vellore.

FOR ORDERS

The above currents relate to the question of the payment of the ^mmunicipal tax of Rs. 150 for 1895-96 on the building in the Vellore fort occupied by Venkatasami Razu, the adopted son of the late ex-zamindar of Palkonda, and his family. The delay in submitting them for orders is due to the difficulty in obtaining ^{papers} from the Public Works Department. All of these have not yet been received and abstracts of some of them are put up.

2. [The fort and the Military buildings at Vellore were in 1895 transferred to the charge of the Public Works Department - vide G.O. No. 1135, Military, dated 28th February 1895. ^{Vellore}One of the buildings in the fort known as Tippoo's Mahal is occupied by the adopted son of the late ex-zamindar of Palkonda and his family.

3. A history of the Palkonda family will be found in the now flagged . It will be seen that the zamindari was resumed for rebellion and the zamindar detained as a state prisoner at Vellore. The pension of the ex-zamindar (Visiaram Razu), which was originally fixed at Rs. 17-8-0, was gradually raised, by absorption of the stipends of his dependents, to

s.110. In 1869, Lord Napier's Government released Viziamam Razu from detention at Vellore and permitted him to select any place south of the Kistna River as his residence where he was to be under the surveillance of the Police and, in consideration of the fact that the change of residence would entail additional expenses upon Viziamam Razu, recommended to the Government of India that his stipend should be raised from Rs.100 to Rs.250 per mensem. The Government of India, however, declined to increase the pension to more than Rs.150 per mensem. In 1879 it was raised to Rs.250 per mensem and in 1884 to Rs. 10,000 per annum. Viziamam Razu died in 1888 and Venkatapati Razu, his adopted son, was, on the recommendation of this Government, granted a pension of Rs.400 per mensem, a moiety of which is contributable for another life.

4. Viziamam Razu did not avail himself of the privilege accorded by Lord Napier's Government to reside at any place south of the Kistna River but continued to live in Tippoo's Mahal at Vellore (vide memo printed on page 1 of G.O.No.202, Political, dated 13th April 1881; also G.O's Nos. 1609 dated 6th October 1869 and 194, Judicial, dated 3rd February 1870). From the latter G.O. it will be observed that Viziamam Razu and his family were permitted to remain there on the understanding that they

G.O. Nos. 1245-6, dated 30th July 1869.

paras. 20 & 29 of Note

para 35 of Note

they ^{would} ~~should~~ vacate the building whenever called upon to do so. Venkatapati Razu, the adopted son, has been permitted to continue in occupation of the Mahal since ~~Viziamam Razu died~~ ^{died} in 1888, rent free.

5. The Collector of North Arcot was requested, in memo No. 1636, dated 15th August 1896, to favour Government with his opinion on the following points:-

- (1) whether Venkatapati Razu should be permitted to reside in the Mahal at Vellore rent free,
- (2) if so, whether he should not pay the ^mmunicipal tax;
- and (3) if he were required to quit the Mahals, whether any restrictions should be placed on the choice of the locality in which he resides or any conditions similar to those imposed upon Viziamam Razu in 1869 be laid down.

6. The Collector in G.No. 1193 states that he is of opinion that rent should (not now) be demanded of Venkatapati Razu and that the occupation by him of the Mahal should be subject to the conditions that it will cease as soon as the Mahal is required for other purposes and that he should pay the municipal taxes during his occupation. On the third point the Collector suggests a reference to the Collector of Vizagapatam; his own opinion is that there is no objection to Venkatapati Razu residing where he pleases.

7. The question now to be decided is whether

Has been paid Rs. 600

18.12.1896

whether, if Venkatapati Razu and his family are to be allowed to remain in the Mahals, they should not be made to pay, if not the rent of the building they occupy, at least the Municipal tax. If the Municipal tax is to be borne by Government, it will, under paragraph 14, ch. XI, Vol. I of the P.W. Code, have to be decided by Political Pensions, Imperial. Venkatapati Razu has really no claim to reside in the Mahal. Moreover his pension of Rs. 400 per mensem is much more liberal than the sum (Rs. 150 p.m.) which this Government was prepared to recommend to be granted to his adoptive father, Vizianam Razu, when this individual was permitted to select a residence for himself.

8. Article 14, ch. XI, Vol. I of the P.W. Code permits of a tenant ~~paying~~ paying the Municipal taxes on a Government building occupied by him, and the Collector's proposal seems to be the best. The appended draft order is submitted for approval. Perhaps the point raised in paragraph 3 may be left alone for the present.

CS
9/9/96

10/9/96

It is better
I submit back
the question & settle
the point once for all

C. No 753

G.O. No 1135 Mdy 27 28. 2.95

Note for Ch
The letter for Govt
has been put up but the Govt
has not yet decided on the matter
to the effect of
[Signature]

Political Dept

Memo No 1627/12 2.96

The papers will be referred to the Collector of North Arcot.

It would appear that the building in question is occupied at present by the adopted son of the late Ex. Zamindar of Palkonda (Vizianam Razu). In G.O. No 164 Jud. of 3rd February 1879, Vizianam Razu and his family were permitted to reside in the Vellore fort on the understanding that they would vacate the building whenever called upon to do so.

The Collector is requested to forward soon, at an early date with his opinion on the following points:-

(1) whether the adopted son of Vizianam Razu should be permitted to reside in the Mahals at Vellore, ~~and~~ ^{and} free;

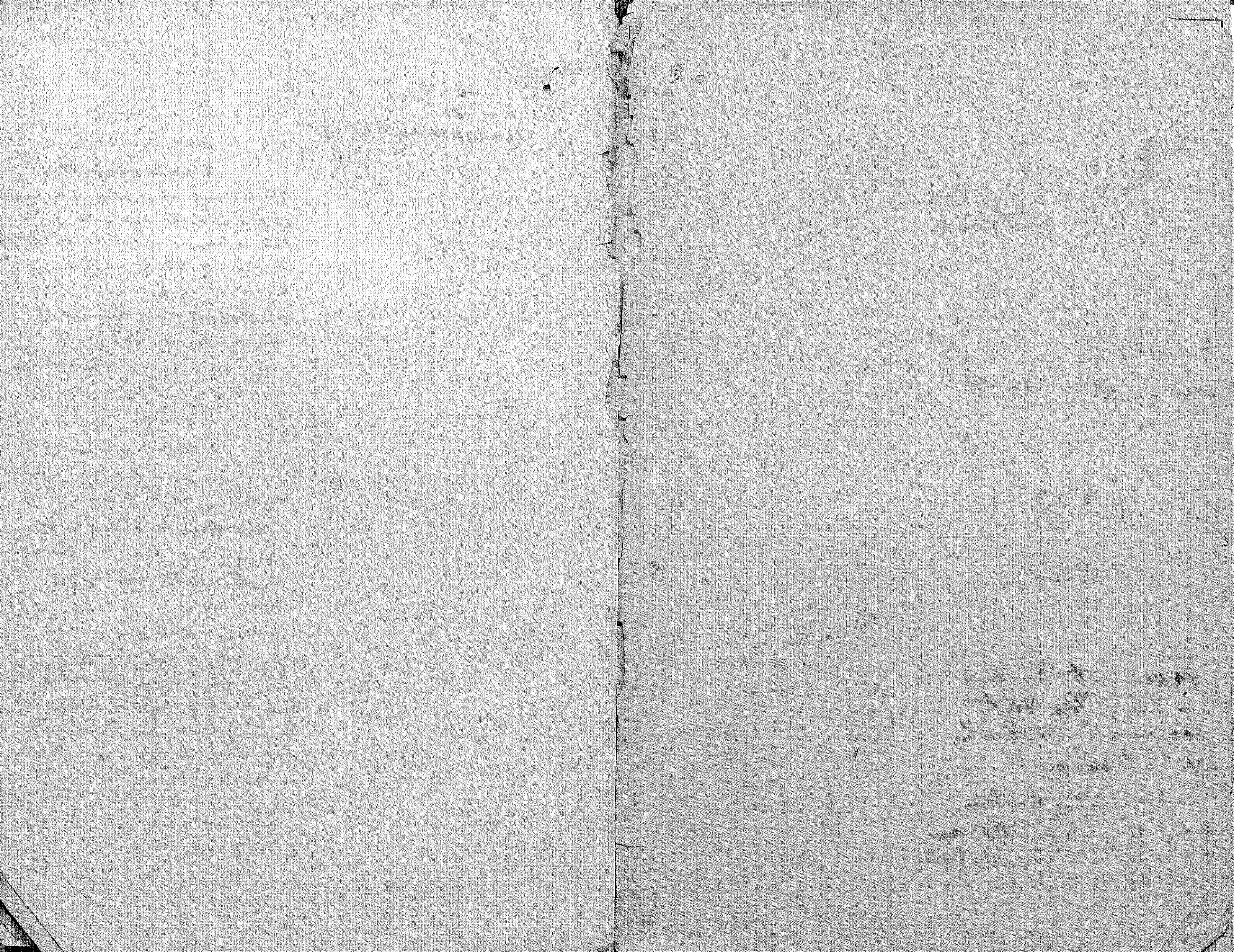
(2) if so, whether he should be called upon to pay the municipal tax on the buildings occupied by him; and (3) if he is required to quit the Mahals, whether any restriction should be placed on his choice of a locality in which to reside and whether any conditions, similar to those imposed upon Vizianam Razu in 1869, should be laid down.

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