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No. 25. From G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Saidapet, 8rd December 1863, No. 78.

1. The Government having, in their Proceedings, No. 1217 of the 6th ultimo, Public Department, declined to grant to Sami Chetty the piece of land situated on the bank of the Canal along the Wall Tax Road, I have the honor to request that I may be informed, whether I am to arrange for the sale of this land.

2. The Government Orders,* dated 26th September 1862 direct that this tract should be divided into two sets of allotments, and be sold at auction. On the requisition of Dr. Mudge, Mr. Roberts,

* No. 1182.

the late Acting Collector, was about to advertise the sale of the land in question, when Sami Chetty's application for exchange was received; this led to further correspondence, and was finally disposed of in the Government Proceedings quoted above.

3. The land would doubtless sell better, if it is not divided, although this was suggested by Mr. Cunliffe and approved of by Government in their orders above referred to. The purchaser would be enabled to lay it out in houses, gardens, and back-yards if it is preserved entire, there being ample space from east to west for these arrangements. This course, however, cannot, I presume, be adopted, as in my previous communication I mentioned that the Municipal Commissioners required not only three lanes or openings to be maintained from east to west, but also a road to traverse the whole tract from north to south. I would beg to suggest that this latter stipulation might be reconsidered, as there are already two roads running parallel on each side of the one now proposed to be opened.† If this new road arrangement from north to south be insisted upon, the property will be much depreciated.

† Sketch again forwarded for reference.

No. 25 A. ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1864, No. 19.

The Government sanction the acceptance by the Committee of Swamy Chetty's present offer of his land, viz., forty grounds in the People's Park for ninety grounds of waste land on the east side of Cochrane's Canal, as it now stands with the debris upon it.

2. The Government sanction, also, the transfer to Swamy Chetty, of thirty-six grounds of the land adjacent to the ninety grounds above referred to, at Rupees 100 per ground.

3. The necessary Deed of transfer will be prepared, with the least practicable delay, by the Government Solicitor, to whom the papers on the subject will be sent.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Read the following papers:—

No. 24. From H. B. MONTGOMERY, Esq., M.D., Officiating Honorary Secretary Committee People's Park; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 12th December 1863, No. 376.

I am directed by the Committee People's Park, to acknowledge receipt of Proceedings of Government, dated 6th November 1863, No. 1217, with the Order thereon. Previous to the receipt of these papers, I had been addressed by Swamy Chetty, (vide letter A appended).

2. I have since had an interview with Swamy Chetty, and have now the honor to forward the subsequent proposals from him.

3. The extent of Swamy Chetty's ground in the People's Park, and which he proposes to exchange, is forty grounds valued by him at Rupees 5810, including his outlay in raising, and interest, on Rupees 4010 for thirty-one months. He is now willing to exchange this ground for ninety grounds, &c., on the east side of Cochran's Canal, referred to in the Proceedings of Government abovenamed.

4. On the former occasion, he required five cawnies, four grounds, and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine square feet, in exchange for one cawny and sixteen grounds, offering Rupees 1800 additional for the excess of land over that originally allotted to him in the Park.

5. He hopes that Government will be pleased to accept his present offer regarding the quantity of ground he requires in lieu of that in the Park, viz., ninety grounds in the waste land, for forty in the Park, and the 500 Rupees equal to the purchase of five grounds expended by him in labor.

6. He is also anxious to be permitted to purchase the space adjacent to the waste land at the upset price of 100 Rupees per ground.

7. This arrangement would, if approved, give to Government for the additional land, a sum of Rupees 3476-10 instead of the 1800 Rupees formerly offered showing a gain of Rupees 1676-10.

8. The present proposal may be considered final on the part of Swamy Chetty and the Committee of the Park respectfully recommends its acceptance by Government. Should it be rejected, and should the allotment now in the Park be devoted to the erection of bazaars or godown, these would prove a source of considerable annoyance to persons frequenting the Park, and it is right to add that the plan upon which the Park is now being laid out could not be conveniently changed to suit this alteration in its shape.

9. I am also directed to observe that the Committee have (in anticipation of eventually requiring this land) expended say 250 Rupees in raising part of it, and it has been surrounded with a railing at a cost of 1300 Rupees, and to remove this and re-erect it on the Park sides of this enclosure would cost 600 Rupees at least.

Enclosures (3) to be returned.

Plan of People's Park.

Original letter of Sawmy Chetty, (A).

Do. do. do. (B).