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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	814	Press -Mis.
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16th June 1869.

No. 81. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Coimbatore, 29th May 1869, No. 30.

I have the honour to bring the following circumstances to the notice of Government.

2. The Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, in his letter dated 15th April 1869, No. 213, called my attention to the fact that a village consisting of thatched houses was springing up to the east of the timber yard attached to the compound of the Railway station at Pothanore, and requested that orders might be issued for its removal.

3. I have personally inspected the locality. The land on which the houses are built is private property, and is distinct from the site on which the village

* Under orders of Government, dated 28th October 1868, No. 1649. formerly removed* was situated. There are twenty-two houses, yielding the owner

a monthly rent of Rupees 7-8-0 on the land. The owner estimates the value of the houses at Rupees 302, and offers to sell twenty-one of them and the site to Government for Rupees 1052. He also engages to refrain from building on the rest of the land. He makes a reservation regarding one house, but this is not a material point.

4. I believe that, as the land is not required for railway purposes, it cannot be included in any of the classes in which all lands taken up for railways have to be entered. If the removal of the village is necessary, the land must be taken up for public purposes. I am at present unable to order the removal of the houses, or to prevent others being built.

5. If compensation were paid to the owner, and his guarantee given that no other houses would be built on the rest of his land, I doubt if we should be able to enforce its fulfilment in the event of the land changing hands.

6. There is no doubt that the erection of houses in the locality mentioned is objectionable both on sanitary and other grounds. The houses are thatched and adjoin the Railway fuel yard, and consequently any fire breaking out in the village would greatly endanger the safety of the railway fuel.

7. I am not aware whether similar cases have occurred in other districts. When a station may be situated within municipal limits, the regulation of new buildings is easy. I do not, however, anticipate that Pothanore will ever become of sufficient importance to warrant the introduction of the Municipal Act; and if any real improvement in the vicinity of railway stations is to be made, the hands of the Collector must be strengthened. Houses of any class and in any order can be built so long as the land is private property, and the only manner in which this nuisance can be put a stop to is by Government becoming the purchaser of all land in the vicinity of the larger railway stations.

8. I have the honour to enclose copy of the letter from the Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, and of a communication received from the owner of the land alluded to.

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1869, No. 814.

In his letter above recorded, the Acting Collector of Coimbatore brings to notice that several huts have been erected on private land (distinct from that on

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16th June 1869.*

which the village removed in 1868 was situated) at the Pothanore Railway Station, which are likely to prove a nuisance to the station, and, from being thatched and near the Fuel Depôt, dangerous to Railway property. The owner of the ground is, it is stated, willing to accept Rupees 1052 as compensation for the huts and their site, and to engage not to build on the rest of his property. But, as pointed out by the Collector, it is doubtful if this engagement would be binding on future purchasers of the land in question.

2. Before taking any further steps in the matter, the Government resolve to forward the present letter and its enclosures to the Public Works Department, with a view to the Consulting Engineer for Railways being called upon to furnish, after communication with the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, a detailed report as to what area around the Railway station requires to be kept free from private buildings, and also the probable expenditure, &c., involved in securing this area.

(True Extract).

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

To the Public Works Department, with three enclosures.

„ Acting Collector of Coimbatore.

„ Revenue Department.

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
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G. O., 16th June 1869, No. 814.

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Nos. 81-82.

Making inquiries as to what area of land
round the Portland Railway Station should be
kept free from private buildings.

Memo

The enclosed relates to
 to certain huts which
 have been erected on
 private land at Mr.
 Rothman (Combatant)
 station which are likely
 to prove a nuisance to
 the station & from
 being shelled &
 near the Fuel depot
 dangerous to Rumbold
 property. -

* Not connected with the *
 village recently removed

The owner is willing
to accept compensation
of Rs. 1052. for the
plot & there site &
to engage not to build
on the rest of his property.
But as pointed out
by Mr. Mather it is
doubtful if this
engagement would
be binding on future
purchasers of land
in question.

and If it is considered
desirable ~~to prevent~~ to prevent
future nuisances &
danger, it will be
necessary to ~~for~~ take
under the act a
sufficient area of
ground adjacent
to the Bethanore
station.

I submit that before
taking any further
steps in the matter
the correspondence should
be sent to the D. S. O.

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to

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Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the
Acting Collector of Coimbatore
(His letter 29th May 1869 No 30)

Order thereon 16th June 1869. No 874N

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with a view to a detailed
report being furnished
by the Surveying Engineer
in Railways in com-
with the Mr. McCombaton
as to the area to be
secured by Govt. to
meet future requirements
of Railway works & to
guard against encroachment
or danger to Railways property
A rough estimate of the
cost involved should
accompany the report
At the present rate of
prices, as we have
have bought one set of
huts & their site, another
equal or more objectionable,
will spring up for the mere
object of also being bought.
I would have it
our joint determination
what area requires to be
kept free from private
buildings around the
Station & then deter-
mine whether or not the
Govt. shall buy such area
if all that is now on it.
The probable value of
the ground then should
be ascertained &
reported as proposed
by the Surveying
Engineer.

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after communication
with the Acting Collector
of Coimbatore, a detailed
report as to what area
around the Railway
Station requires to be
kept free from private
buildings, and, also,
the probable ^{expenditure} value
of the ground so
involved in securing this area.

The Public Works Dept. with 3 enclosures
Rev. Secy. of Coimbatore
Rev. Secy. of
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hist of 29 June 8.

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To
The Public Works Department,
Madras.

Dated June 15th 1889. No. 87.

Nos. 87, 88.

*Madras Engineer as follows
area of land situated
between Railway Station
and the High Street
from private buildings*

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