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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 23d June 1857.

No. 62. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department; dated Fort St. George 2d June 1857, No. 1871.

SIR,

In para. 7 of Extract from Minutes of Consultation dated 21st April 1857, Political Department, No. 304, received with Extract from Minutes of Consultation of 5th May 1857, Revenue Department, No. 415, the Board of Revenue are called upon, with reference to certain communications from Dr. Balfour, to procure lists of those grants still extant, originally issued for 99 years, for lands either at Madras or in the Provinces, with explanation as to the nature and extent of the property held under each of them, what fines have or have not been paid, and the circumstances under which the demand was intermitted, with any other particulars that may be ascertainable.

Board to Govt. 28th August 1834, *No.* 352.
From Govt. 5th September 1834, *No.* 784 *R. D.*

2. In reply, I am directed to refer to the correspondence noted in the margin; from which it will be seen that the rights of Government brought to notice by Dr. Balfour were absolutely abandoned by them so far back as 1834. On that occasion the Government observed that "the average annual revenue from these reserved rents payable at such distant periods must be very inconsiderable, and as they form a very unequal assessment, being the same for 50 cawnies as for 1, and the demand is omitted in the new grants which are issued when lands are transferred, the Governor in Council deems it expedient to remit them altogether." This resolution was prominently brought to the notice of the Collectors in the Provinces in 1855.

9th in Cons. 24th Oct. 1855.

3. As regards the number of grants of this description still extant, I am instructed to state, that from a letter received in 1855 from the Collector of Madras it appears that this information cannot be obtained with any degree of correctness from the records of his office. Up to the year 1829 when the Registrar ceased to issue grants for the provinces, the number of those instruments not renewed was 905, since that date the renewals at Madras have been in the new form of certificates, it does not appear whether the certificates issued for the provincial grants have been so renewed or not.

4. A reference will therefore be made to all the Collectors and the result reported as soon as practicable.

5. The question of the reversionary rights of Government can then be considered.

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, No. 629; dated 23d June 1857.

The Government will await the receipt of the information called for by the Board from the Collectors in regard to the 99 years' leases still extant.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Revenue Board's Office,
Fort St. George,
2d June, 1834.

No 1871

From
J. D. Sim Esq.
ag Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

To,
H. Forbes Esq
ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Sir,

I do Fort St George 2d June 1834

In para 4 of Extract from Minutes of Consultation dated 21st April 1834. Political Department. No 304. received with Extract from Minutes of Consultation of 5 May 1834, Revenue Department, No 915, the Board of Revenue are called upon, with reference to certain Communications from Mr Balfour, to procure lists of those Grants still extant, originally issued for 99 years, for lands either at Madras or in the Provinces, with explanations as to the nature and extent of the property held under each of them, what sums have or have not been paid, and the circumstances under which the demand was intermitted, with

with any observations that may be necessary.

2. In reply I am directed to refer to the Correspondence noted in the margin, from which it will be seen that the rights of Government brought to notice by Mr Balfour were absolutely abandoned by them so far back as 1834. On that occasion the Government observed that "the average annual revenue from these reserved rents payable at such distant periods must be very inconsiderable, and as they form no equal assessment, being the same for 50 Cawnies as for 1, and the demand is omitted in the new grants which are issued when lands are transferred, the Governor in Council deems it expedient to remit them altogether." This resolution was prominently brought to the notice of the Collectors in the Provinces in 1855.

Bd to Govt 28 Augt 1834 No 350.
From Govt 5 Sept. " No 354
Rec'd Sept.

3. As regards the number of Grants of this description still extant, I am instructed to state, that from a letter received in 1855 from the Collector of Madras it appears that this information cannot be obtained with any degree of correctness from

Govt Com 24 Oct. 1855.

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from the records of his Office up to the year 1829 when the Register ceased to issue Grants for the provinces, the number of those instruments not renewed was 905. Since that date the renewals at Madras have been on the new form of Certificates - it does not appear whether the Certificates issued for the provincial Grants have been so renewed or not.

4. A reference will therefore be made to all the Collectors and the result reported as soon as practicable.

5. The question of the reserved rents of any rights of Government can then be considered.

Rev. Board's Office,
Fort St. George,
2d June, 1857.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servant.
A Sullivan
ag Secretary

To,
H. Forbes Esq.
ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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Minute Secretary
to the Board of Rev.e

To Collector Secretary
& Treasurer
Revenue Dep.t

Dated 22d June 1857
Rec.d 4th July

With an Enc.e: No 1377

Submitting explanation on the Subject of the Grants of 99 years referred to by the Baljon and respecting which the Board were called upon to Report in Min.e of 5th May 1857 Revenue Dep.t

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The Government will await the receipt of the information called for by the Board from the Collectors in regard to the 99 years leases still existent.

Fort St George
23d June 1857

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