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Revenue Department

N^o 52

Dated 12 — 1 — 1859

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 18th January 1859.

No. 5. Read the following letter from M. NORMAN, Esq., late Acting Special Assistant Collector and Magistrate of Tanjore; to the Secretary to Government Revenue Department; dated Madras, 1st January 1859.

SIR,

I have the honor to request you will bring the following circumstances to the notice of Government.

When Acting Special Assistant Collector of Tanjore, I purchased from sundry of the Mirásidárs of a village adjoining my Head Quarters, Mannárgudi, a piece of waste land on which I formed a garden, digging a tank, sinking wells, &c. This I retained possession of for some two years after I had left the district; the gardeners, and the master of a school which I supported there being paid through the late Head Jawábnavis of my office Venkataráyulu, now Tahsildár of Trivádi in the same district, to whom I remitted money from time to time for the purpose.

Finding however that the garden and school were a very considerable expense to me, I resolved to part with the former, and discharge the schoolmaster; the land was accordingly sold by auction at my request by my friend Mr. George Vans Agnew, Special Assistant Collector, in his private capacity.

It sold for Rupees 220; as far as I can judge about a fifth of its value, the purchaser being one Rangasámi.

From a letter, however, received a few days since from Mr. Vans Agnew I learn that the real purchaser was the above said Venkataráyulu.

I consider this individual's conduct to be highly reprehensible; but my only object in troubling you with the present letter is as follows. I fear that the fact of my garden having passed into the possession of a man who stood in the relation to me that Venkataráyulu did, might very possibly be represented hereafter to my disadvantage; I have consequently ventured to hope that this account of what has taken place (which may be verified if the Government are pleased to call for a report on the subject from the Collector or Mr. Vans Agnew) may be placed on record, should it be deemed necessary to institute any enquiry it will be a relief to me if the Government are able to express their opinion that the way of disposing of my property was unobjectionable.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 52; dated 12th January 1859.

The Government are perfectly satisfied with the explanation offered by Mr. Norman as to the sale of his garden at Mayaveram.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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From W. Norman Esq
late Acting Special
Agent for the Village of
Langston.

Noted 1st January 1859
Recd 3rd

Referring to the notice
of the receipt of the Court
of the Village of Langston
in regard to the disposal
of the garden found
by him at Langston.

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The Government are perfectly
satisfied with the explanation
offered by the Norman as to the
state of his garden at Langston.

W. M. M.

Noted 1st January 1859
12th January 1859

Copy to Mr. Norman Esq 13th

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25 January 1859

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