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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue — DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1095 Press / Mis.

Dated 19th. August 1859.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 13th to 19th August 1859.

No. 21. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Railway Department, dated 21st June 1859, No. 333.

Referring correspondence on the subject of Model villages at Railway Stations. } (Vide Financial Railway Proceedings from 16th to 22d July 1859, Nos. 5-6.)

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1859, No. 1095.

This paper is disposed of by para. 6 of the order of the 5th Instant, No. 1053.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 86.

Calicut 4th. June 1857.

To,

J. D. Sim Esquire,
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to Cor
Pro. of the Board of Rev. dated
20 May 1857 and Minute of
Consultation thereon dated 9 May
1857 calling for remarks on the
rules proposed for the arrangement
of the Pettah which are likely
to spring up around the differen
Railway Stations on the line
I have the honor to remark
that,

1st. The absence of Public
lands in the District of Malaba
renders inapplicable in the strict
letter most of the rules propose
However much may be effected
by adopting the spirit of the Boa
instruction

instructions and paying a small compensation for grounds retained for public purposes streets, squares, tanks and for a reserved space for Carts &c. around the principal gates of the various stations.—

2. As regards the division and classification of the Building lots likewise little can be done in this District by laying down precise rules and in practice an important obstacle presents itself to the adoption of the Board's principles. The Hindu inhabitants of Malabar in consequence of the strictness with which ceremonial pollution is avoided, never live in Pettahs and Streets, but within their compounds which are very generally larger than the average area which the Board would assign to residences within the Pettahs. The only part of the population which conjugates in

Bazaar and Lines of houses or shops, are the Moplas and in the Eastern Talooks the Tamil Chetters; but these classes would scarcely require space so wide as that allowed by the proposed rules nor would they perhaps be willing to pay the Proprietors fees on more than they really require.—

3. On the whole I consider that the plan, the most suitable to the tastes and habits of the people of Malabar, would be to set out suitable streets laying out a few lines of shops for petty retail dealers. Then to stake out the line of lanes and roads leaving the appropriation of the space &c. to the tastes and wants of the people. The Magistrate will be enabled to do a good deal in the way of preserving a certain order in

in this appropriation but there are as above stated unhappily strong prejudices to contend with, for a Nair who may have ever transacted business all days in a retail shop of the Bazars with a Mapla and Tier on either side of him, will never consent to put up with his family for the night within 30 or 40 yards of the dwelling of either one of them.

4. Quit rent on the measured area of a lot is unknown in Malabar beyond the limited Cantonments - All landed property is private and both the Govt Tax and proprietors rent are aspects on the houses and on the number of Cocoanut & Areeka trees &c planted in the garden and there would no doubt be some difficulty in inducing the proprietors to relinquish the

Rule 7-8

the established usage: Still with many proprietors individually specially arrangements may be made when the stations are decided upon and the ground comes to be laid out.—

5. The Govt likewise receives a house tax. This might be remitted for 10 years to individuals building within the Pettahs, but I think that a house-tax ought to be maintained and I should hope to see it eventually assigned to municipal purposes.

I have &c.

Signed S. Robinson.
Acting Collr.

(True Copy)

P. Rogers
Acting Collr

Comptr Rev. Bd

№ 58

South West

Collectors Cutcherry

Chittoor 8th June 1859

From

C. Whittingham Esqr.

Collector of South West

To Captain C.C. Johnston

Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Madras

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 26th February 1859 №57 Requesting me to inform you whether any thing has done in this Destrict as to establishing Villages near Railway Stations along the South West Line of Railway with reference to the Rules promulgated by the Board of Revenue under Sanction of Government I have the honor to inform you that the Sub Collector Mr. Sullivan has reported to me in a communication dated 3d Instant 1859 that owing to

to the non Receipt up to date of
final instructions from the Board
of Revenue as to the form of pattah
or Grant for premises to be taken
up in the contemplated town
at the several Railway Stations in
the District he has been unable to
progress with their development.

2 I have this day addressed
to the Board of Revenue on the Subject.

I have the honor to be
Your Most Obt Servt

C Whittingham
Collector

Submitted for the Collr's
information & Government.
Madras
15th June 59

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Salem Collector's Office
9th. June 1859

P. 9

From Edward Fane Esquire
Acting Collector of Salem
To Captain C. C. Johnston
Consulting Engineer
Madras Railway

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 26th. February last, I have the honor to enclose copies of two letters dated 9th October last, No. 142 and 143, addressed to the Board of Revenue by Mr. Brett from which the steps taken for marking sites for Villages near Railway stations will be apparent to you.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servant

E. Fane
Ag. Collector

Salem Collr. Office
9th. June 1859.

Submitted with letters for the information of Govt.
Collector
Capt. Johnston
Cons. Engr. for Rys.
Madras
15 June 1859
To the Chief Secy. to Govt. Fort St. George

1859
Fane
The Collector of
Salem

Dated 8th June 1859
Rd. 11th do.

Public
Letter 8th June 47 of 1859 from Collector
& inform. that the
Collector has referred the
Rail Track assign to the
Revenue Board a Report
from the Board of Revenue
as to the form of Patta or
Pattah for purchases of the
Patta upon in the particulars stated
therein ab the several Patta
in this Dist. to be issued
to Proprietors with their deeds
of sale.

Fane
Collr.

to aid the Office in measuring and marking

No 579

Calicut 14th March 1859.

From,

P. Grant Esqre,
Acting Collector of Malabar,

To,

Captain C. C. Johnston,
Consnt. Engr. for Railways
Madras.

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated the 26th Ultimo, I beg to enclose for your information a copy of a letter addressed by Mr. Robinson to the Board of Revenue, on the subject of the Establishment of Villages near Railway Stations.-

You will observe that the question is beset with difficulties in the Province where the whole of the lands almost is private property. Government might purchase the lands under the provisions of Act VII of 1857, but

3/4 June 1857
No 86.

to aid this Office in measuring and marking

1859

From
The Actg Collector
of Calicut

Dated 7th June
Rec'd 14th "

No 9-

Answered

With reference to Cal. Sec's letter of the 26th ult. Forwarding, enclosing & explaining two letters addressed to the Board of Revenue on the subject of villages near Railway Stations.

Encl 2 in 2
Rt Cal. No 335.

but the step would be very expensive costing many thousands of Rupees, as land always valuable has become much more so in the vicinity of the Railroad within the last few months.

The best plan to be adopted will be for the Magistrate to regulate the laying out of Villages, in the spirit of the rules promulgated, to the best of his ability. My idea is that the Moplas and Tamuleans from the East will compose the greater portion of the settlers, and I think that by early attention to the matter much may be done to arrange the streets and houses in an orderly manner.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
Acting Collector.

Submitted for the letter for the information of Government.
Madras
16 June/57
Cotton Cash for Rupees

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort St George

to aid this Office in measuring and making

No 133

Chingleput District
Collector's Cutcherry
Sydapet 1st March 1859

To The Consulting Engineer
for Railways
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to inform
you, in reply to your letter No 46
of the 26th Ult°, that no inclination
has been evinced by any parties to
build near the Railway Stations
in this District. The Rules, so far
as there has yet been occasion to
apply them, are a dead letter.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed^t Serv^t

Collector

Submitted with letters for the
information of Government
Madras 3 March 1859
Comg Engrs Prov Sy

To
The Chief Secy to Govt
Fort St George

Rec^d 4th March 1859
Ans^d 5th March 1859
No 1158/59

Letter to Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 1st March 1859, forwarding Letter from Collector of Chingleput, & Enclosure, for information &c

By Rail Letter dated 3rd March 1859

Rec^d 4th March 1859
Ans^d 5th March 1859

1859

From
The Collector of
Chimsford

Date 1st
Rec'd 2nd March/59.

No 133. R 1180/59.

Replies to Corr.
Rec'd's letter No 46
of the 26th Ult.o,
& states that no
inclination has been
evinced by any
parties to build near
the Railway Station.

Chimsford 21st

Inl. Rev. 59 D
No 335.

No 113. Salem Collector's Office

Ogdensburg 6th October 1858.

From,

H. A. Brett Esqr.

Collector of Salem.

To,

J. D. Sim Esqr.

Secretary to the Bd of Revenue

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 20th May 1857, No 1735 forwarding E. M. C. dated the 9th Idem, No 136, together with Copy of the draft Rules to be enforced for regulating order & cleanliness in the towns likely to spring up around Railway Stations, and requesting me to visit this Office in measuring and marking

me to offer any observations regarding them, which I may think proper to make.

2 I see no objections to any of the Rules. They are all useful for Sanatory purposes, but, it is I think doubtful whether arrears of quit rent a tax to be devoted to local and municipal purposes /Vide Rule 18/ can be realized in the same way as arrears of land Revenue.

3. It is also open to remark with regard to Rule 15 that the Magistrate has at present power to suppress public nuisances, though he has not power to enforce mere Sanatory Regulations in towns. So far as this Rule refers to

Para 8
Extract of Procs dated 8th April 57.
No 1080.

to Regulations of the latter Class, he would not be able to treat breaches of the Rules as Criminal offences.

4. The Board observe that the Rules can be applied strictly only when Sites of the new towns are Government waste, and that in other Cases the local officers must use their influence to induce the proprietors to Conform to those as much as possible. I do not think that any Magistrate would have it in his power to persuade the proprietors of landed estates to adopt the same System though, of course it will be my duty, to do

do aid the Office in measuring and marking

do my best on that point.

I have &c.

/Signed/ H. A. Brett.

Collector.

/True copy/

P. Jones

Acting Collector.

Dft 1184/58

No 142. Salem Collector's Office

Boston 9th October 1858.

From,

H. A. Brett Esqr

Collector of Salem

To,

F. D. Sim Esqr

Secretary to the Bd of Revenue

Fort Lamb George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of an Extract from the Proceedings of Board of Revenue dated the 26th June 1856, No 1957, forwarding a C. M. C. dated the 25th Idem No 648. R. D. in which the Government Call for a Report from the Collectors of the — Districts through which the Railway passes, as to the steps taken by them in pursuance of the orders noted in the margin, also requesting me to State whether the requisite

* C. M. C. dated the 28th Sept. 1855 No 1024

C. M. C. dated the 16th Octr. 1855 No 1157

to aid this Office in measuring and making

requisite number of Copies of the orders referred to by Government were re-
-ceived and distributed as directed.

2. Three Copies of the above orders were received at my Office. One of these was sent to the Sub Collector and another to the Head Assistant.

3. I beg to state that no ground has as yet been laid out as Sites for towns at 8 places selected in this District for Railway Stations. The names of the places selected are given in the Margin numbered from 1 to 8 Consecutively.

1. Vaniembody
2. Tripatore
3. Lamul putty
4. Moorapoor
5 Mullapoorum
6. Lorammungalum
7. Mc Donald's Choultry
8. Lenkerry droog

4. In the 1st 2d and 8th there are already large villages close to the Station. At the 1st 5th and 8th the lands in proximity to the Stations

Stations are not Government lands.

At Nos 3 and 5 there is at present no village at all. At the other places there are very small villages. At every place there is waste ground near the Stations.

5. Up to the present time the Railway Engineers have applied for land for 6 Stations only. I have deputed my Hd Assistant to mark out Sites at the 1st five Stations where the land belongs to the Govt and the Acting Sub Collector at the Stations Numbered 6 and 7. This duty will now be attended to and the Sites will be ready for any who may apply for them. I have also sent a Copy of the Rules to the proprietors of the estates in which the

Vaniembody
Tripatore
Mullapoorum
Lorammungalum
Mc Donald's Choultry
& Lenkerry droog

to aid this Office in measuring and marking

several stations numbered 1 to 5 and 8 are situated, and leave advised them to mark out sites for towns according to the measurements therein shewn and to give the building ~~Cost~~ lots to applicants on the term specified in the rules.

I have &c.

(Signed) W. A. Brett.
Collector.

True Copy.

S. Faul
Ag. Collector.

No. 7

Coimbatore Collr's Office
Coonoor 20 May 1859.

From,
E B Thomas Esqre
Collector of Coimbatore.

To,
Captain C C Johnston
Consulting Engineer for
Railways.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 26th February last, I have the honor to inform you that the Rules promulgated by the Board of Revenue for the establishment of Villages near Railway stations, were published in the local Gazette, and every inducement was held out to effect the same, but no person has come forward to undertake it.

2 A Parsee Merchant residing in Coimbatore applied for some land for sites of houses, which formed the subject of correspondence noted in the Margin*

3 The Chief Engineer was requested to instruct the Officers of the Public Works Department to aid this Office in measuring and marking

* To the Consulting Engineer 15th April 1858 No 10-
From Do 12th May 1858 No 79-
* 26th July 1858-

over lands to applicants near Railway stations, but no reply has as yet been received from that Officer.

4 The adverse character of the season and the consequent high prices of grain, the unfinished state of the Railway communication, and the general ignorance of the advantages to be derived from settlement near Railway stations have proved a drawback to the attainment of the object in view which I hope will wear away as the work commences, and the benefits arising therefrom are universally known.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant

L. D. Ermatt.
Collector

Submitted for the information of Government

Madras
15th June 1857

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Coll.r
Comp.r for Dep.r

To The Chief Secy. to Govt
For Information

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Captain C. C. JOHNSTON, Consulting Engineer for Railways; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th June 1859, No. 136.

From	*the*	*Collector*	*of*	*Chingleput, No.*	133, *dated*	*1st March*	1859.
,,		,,	*of*	*North Arcot,* ,,	58, ,,	*8th June*	,,
,,		,,	*of*	*Salem* ,,	9, ,,	*9th* ,,	,,
,,		,,	*of*	*Coimbatore* ,,	7, ,,	*20th May*	,,
,,		,,	*of*	*Malabar* ,,	579, ,,	*14th March*	,,

1. I have the honor to forward for the information of Government letters as per margin, on the subject of "model villages at Railway Stations."

2. It will be seen from these documents that no such villages have yet been commenced.

3. The subject was first brought before Government by Colonel Pears in his letter No. 24, dated 15th February 1855. He therein expressed the opinion that "the natural effect of a "Railway, as already exemplified in England and other countries is to draw many from the ex- "isting Towns and Villages, not immediately effected by the rail, and to cause them to cluster "round certain points in the line where the streams of lateral Traffic are the largest; where the "Railway Company have large Establishments; or where, from other causes business is likely to "be active and the demands for labor considerable and constant."

He consequently recommended that advantage should be taken on the occasion of the construction of the Madras Railway to introduce the greatest possible amount of improvement in the style of building, and all the arrangements connected with the Establishment of the new villages which should spring up near it.

4. On the 2nd March 1855, Government expressed their concurrence in the views of Colonel Pears, and requested in Extract Minutes of Consultation. No. 39, "that the Board "of Revenue would, after communicating with the Collector of the Districts to be traversed by "the Railway give their opinion upon the means that may most fitly be adopted for attaining "the object."

5. After several letters had passed on the subject between the Revenue Board, the Collectors of Chingleput, North Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, and Malabar, and the Consulting Engineer and after some further discussion with Government, a set of rules was prepared by the Board for the guidance of the Officers laying out the model villages. These rules were reviewed and sanctioned by Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation, Revenue Department, No. 583, dated 12th June 1857.

6. I am not aware when they were communicated to the Collectors, but from the letters now forwarded, I learn as follows:

7. The Collector of Chingleput states in a letter No. 133, dated 1st March 1859, that no inclination has been evinced by any parties to build near the Railway Stations, and that the rules prepared for his guidance are as yet a dead letter.

8. The Collector of North Arcot reports in a letter dated 8th June 1859, No. 58, that the Sub-Collector has reported to him that, owing to the non receipt of final instructions from the Board of Revenue as to the form of Puttah or grant for premises to be taken up in the contemplated Towns at the several Railway Stations in his District, he has been unable to progress with their development.

9. The Acting Collector of Salem forwards with his letter No. 9, dated 9th June 1859, two letters from his predecessor to the Board of Revenue, Nos. 142 and 143, both dated 9th October 1858. The first of these letters refers chiefly to the land for Railway Stations required by the Railway Company. On the subject of sites for Towns, he merely states that the Collector had written to the proprietors of the estate in which the Vaniembaddy, Mullapooram, and Senkerry Droog Stations are situated, and advised them to mark out sites for Towns according to the measurements laid down in the Board's rules.

10. In letter No. 143, a few observations are made respecting the Board's rules,

11. The Collector of Coimbatore states in a letter No. 7, dated ~~28th~~ May 1859, that the rules promulgated by the Board of Revenue for the Establishment of villages near Railway Stations were published in the District Gazette, and every inducement held out to effect the same, but that no person has come forward to undertake it.

12. The Acting Collector of Malabar forwards with his letter No. 579, dated 14th March 1859, a copy of a letter from his predecessor to the Board of Revenue No. 86, dated 4th June 1857. In this, his predecessor Mr. Robinson, after discussing the propriety of adopting the Board's rules in Malabar states as follows. "On the whole I consider that the plan, the most "suitable to the tastes and habits of the people of Malabar would be to set out suitable streets "laying out a few lines of shops for petty retail dealers. Then to stake out the line of lanes "and roads, leaving the appropriation of the space &c., to the tastes and wants of the people."

13. As already observed it will be seen from the above that the model villages have not yet been commenced, but it is not certain that inducements to form them, better suited to the customs and habits of the people cannot be held out. The question appears to demand further consideration by the Board of Revenue and the Collectors of the Districts of Chingleput, North Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore and Malabar.

ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1859, No. 333.

Ordered that the foregoing letter and its enclosures be referred to the Revenue Department, with reference to the Proceedings in that Department, dated 12th June 1857, No. 583, and the previous correspondence on the subject.

(True Extract.)

To the Revenue Department,
(with 8 original Enclosures.)

~~Chief Secretary~~.

Chief Secretary

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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Revenue 1859 Dept.
Pros: of Govt. 19th August.

No. 1186.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt. in the Financial Railway Department.

Dated 21st June 1859
Rec'd 25th
8 Enclo.

Referring Correspondence on the Subject of Model Villages at Railway Stations

Nos 21 & 22

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for any remarks or suggestions they may wish to offer on the subject.

No. 1095

This paper is disposed of by Para 6 of the order of the 5th Instant No 1053.

Fort St George
15th Augt 1859

5
To The Public Dept.
6 The Board of Revenue
with Ro. F.R.D. R. 1186.

No. 1095. 15th August 59
With an order

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