

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>1186</i>	Press Mis.
Dated	<i>9th September 1858</i>	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
from 3d to 9th September 1859.*

No. 5. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Railway Department; dated 11th August 1859, No. 442.

*Requesting to consider what measures should be
taken in respect to the claims advanced by
Peyasurpady Meerasidars to the Black
Town Esplanade.* } (Vide Financial Railway Proceedings from
6th to 12th August 1859, Nos. 34-35.)

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 3d September 1859, No. 1186.

The Collector of Madras will be instructed to take all proper and necessary measures for defending the rights of Government over the land in question.

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

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of Madras; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th August 1859, No. 11.

1. My Amildar informs me that, on his proceeding this morning by my desire to place the Railway Engineer in possession of the ground between the Salt Cotaurs and the Railway, in order that the Line might be marked out for the proposed siding, he was met by the Veyasurpadi Meerassidars, headed by Mr. Saunders, who prevented him from entering upon the land.

2. On a requisition from the Railway Authorities the Amildar had, on a previous occasion, pointed out the ground to the Railway Officers, who had pegged out the limits of the line; but the pegs were subsequently removed by the Meerassidars at the instigation of their Vakeel.

3. I had hoped, however, that if my Amildar placed the Railway Authorities in formal possession of the land, further opposition would cease, but having been disappointed in this, I beg to seek the instructions of Government, as to the manner in which the land is to be procured.

4. It has been unoccupied and untaxed waste from time immemorial, and the Government may make use of it at their pleasure; but they are aware of the pretensions set up by the Meerassidars to immemorial waste, who have now elected to resist entrance on the part of the Government, without their property in it being recognised.

5. Mr. Saunders informed the Amildar that, if his consent was asked, he would agree that the land be taken, but I have been careful in no way to admit their right.

6. It appears anomalous to take the land under the Act; for it is already Government property. I would suggest that the Commissioner of Police be directed to give me such assistance as will overcome all resistance, and that the Meerassidars be left to the local tribunals for redress, if aggrieved.

7. I have the honor to solicit early instructions, as I am aware that the Engineer who is deputed to mark out the line, report levels, &c., is much required at a distant portion of the Railway, and is to proceed thither, as soon as the work in hand is completed.

8. What the Vakeel wishes is for me to bring an action of trespass against the Meerassidars; but as the "*onus probandi*" will then rest on me, and the entire question of Meerassi right be opened out, I think that the Government should take forcible possession, and leave the opposite parties to bring their case, which will not be substantiated.

ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1859, No. 442.

It is observed that the project of having a branch line from the Railway to the Madras Salt Cotaurs has been abandoned.

2. This letter will however be transferred to the Revenue Department, where it will be considered what, if any, measures should be taken in respect to the claims advanced by the Veyasurpady Meerassidars to the Black Town esplanade.

(True Extract.)

T. Pycroft
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Madras,
„ Revenue Department.

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