

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

*1278-*

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Dated

*23rd September 1897.*

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
from 17th to 23d September 1859.*

No. 44. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th September 1859, No. 3678.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Guntoor, dated 29th August 1859, No. 105.

(In Con. 2d September 1859, No. 4368.)

*Zillah Court of Guntoor, O. S. No. 4 of 1859.  
Plaintiff.— Lingiah undivided third son of Moo-  
talapaty Venkiah, by occupation a cultivator,  
and an inhabitant of Raucepaud in the Nur-  
sarowput talook.*

*Versus.*

*J. W. B. Dykes, Esq., Acting Collector of Gun-  
toor, and 42 inhabitants of Raucepaud.*

With the above letter the Acting Col-  
lector forwards the pleadings in the suit  
noted in the margin, in which he has been  
made a defendant.

2. The plaintiff sues for the recovery  
of two pieces of land valued at about 27  
Rupees and a fig tree growing thereon, val-  
ued at one Rupee. He states that the land  
was mortgaged to his father in 1833 by one  
Shaik Meerah, the Mohataud of the village,  
who left it during the famine. Since that time the land has been in his occupation, but the in-  
habitants of the village having conspired together, presented an urzee to the Acting Collector,  
(the 1st defendant,) representing that the ground is unclaimed property, and obtained his per-  
mission for using it in common. Plaintiff, therefore, prays that he may be put in possession of  
the property he claims, and that the defendants be adjudged to pay the costs of the suit.

3. The Acting Collector on the other hand maintains that the disputed land forms part of  
the Gramacuntum, or site allowed for houses in the village. He admits that it was formerly the  
property of Shaik Meerah, but states that when that individual deserted the village the land re-  
verted to Government. A part of the land has, he says, since been occupied by other individuals,  
and the remainder has been held by the Revenue authorities, to be available for village purpo-  
ses. The Acting Collector disputes the validity of the mortgage as a title, even admitting it to  
have been executed, for the Grama-cuntum is ground set apart for building purposes, and when  
no longer required for such purposes reverts to Government. He further proposes to claim ex-  
emption from liability as regards himself, under the provisions of Act XVIII. of 1850.

4. The Board propose to modify paragraph 2 of the draft answer, so as to represent Shaik  
Meerah as the previous occupant and not the owner of the land, which he does not appear to have  
been. With this amendment the Board approve of the answer which they recommend may be fil-  
ed by the Acting Collector, and the defence conducted in the first instance at the public cost.

5. The time for filing the answer expired on the 6th instant, but the Acting Collector has  
applied for an extension.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1859, No. 1275.

The Honorable the Governor in Council grants authority for the defence, in the first in-  
stance at the public expense, of original suit No. 4 of 1859, instituted by one Lingiah in the  
Zillah Court of Guntoor, against the Acting Collector and others, for the recovery of certain  
land in the village of Ravipad in the Narasapet Taluq; but will determine when a copy of the  
decree shall be submitted, whether the costs, if any be adjudged against the Collector, shall be  
borne by that officer or by the Government.

The proposed answer, as approved by the Board, will be filed by the Collector.

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

N<sup>o</sup> 1275

Proceedings of the Madras Government  
Under date the 21<sup>st</sup> September 1859

Recd the following Pro-  
ceedings of the Board of  
Revenue.

Report the insti-  
tution of a suit in the Zillah  
Court of Junteen against the Act<sup>s</sup> (There enter 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 59  
N<sup>o</sup> 13685)  
Col<sup>o</sup> to them, and recommend  
that it be defended at the pub-  
lic expense.

The Honble the Gov<sup>r</sup>  
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for the defence, in the first in-  
stance at the public expense,  
of original suit N<sup>o</sup> 4 of 1859, in-  
stituted by one Singiah in the  
Zillah Court of Junteen, against  
the Acting Col<sup>o</sup> and others, for  
the recovery of certain ~~land~~  
land in the village of Ravi.  
paid in the Narasipet taluq;  
but will determine where<sup>a</sup> Copy  
of the decree shall be submitted,

whether the cooks, if any be  
adjudged against the Collector,  
shall be borne by that officer  
only then for.

The proposed answer,  
as approved by the Board,  
will be filed by the Collector.

*[Signature]*

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To  
The Board of Revenue Dip 21st  
with 2 Encls

*[Signature]*

Received 1859 Sept 1st  
No. of Govt 236415

No 1735.

No. of the Madras Govt  
of 21st Sept 1859.

No. of the Madras Govt of 17th Decr  
1859 C. No 2384.

Authority granted  
to defend D. V. No 4 of  
1859 in London, J. H. L.  
Court.

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