

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>466</i>	Press Mis.
Dated	<i>4-4-1859</i>	

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 5th April 1859.

No. 14. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th March 1859, No. 1062.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, dated 22d February 1859, No. 34.

(In Con. 28th February 1859, No. 827.)

In Consultation 27th December 1858. Ordered that the above letter be submitted to Government for further instructions with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 24th December 1858, No. 1727, R. D.

2. The Board not being aware of the reasons which influenced the Inspector General of Jails in selecting for the proposed site for the new small prison a spot on the estate of the late Mr. Cunliffe, and in the neighbourhood of a swamp, in preference to the Sircar waste land of considerable extent around the present Gaol—are unable to form any opinion whether the advantages proposed to be attained will be worth the price asked for the land—being Rupees 2,000 for 1 Cawny, 3 grounds and 1200 square feet.

3. Should Government determine on the purchase, the Board request authority for the Collector to disburse the sum in question to the Trustees of the land, and obtain a legal transfer of it.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, No. 466; dated 4th April 1859.

Referred to the Judicial Department, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation in that Department, dated 10th December 1858, No. 1730.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

IN CON. 28TH FEBRUARY 1859, No. 827.

From J. W. CHERRY, Esq., Acting Collector of COIMBATORE,
dated Coimbatore 22nd February 1859, No. 34.

1. With reference to the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 24th December 1858, No. 1727, and to the Board's orders thereon dated 5th January 1859, No. 31, in both of which I am directed to arrange for securing the site fixed upon by the Inspector of Prisons for building a small Prison at Ootacamund, I have the honor to report that I personally inspected the site in question, and on enquiry learnt that it forms a portion of the plantation belonging to the Estate of the late Mr. Brooke, Cunliffe.

2. Mr. B. Cunliffe, the Collector of Madras being the only Trustee in this country of the above Estate, I placed myself in communication with him, and beg to enclose copy of his reply.

3. The area of the land required is 1 cawny 3 grounds and 1200 Square feet and is planted with trees now growing well. Mr. Cunliffe states that this "employs the land well enough temporarily, but its obvious use hereafter will be as building ground, for which, from its central situation, it is well adapted, and for which there will be much demand when the Madras Railway gives easier access to the Hills, and the cantonment increases." He further states that "though but a portion of the ground belonging to the estate in that locality is now sought, the construction of a Prison upon that portion will much deteriorate, if not destroy, the value of the remainder as building ground," and accordingly asks 2,000 Rupees, which he thinks to be but a fair compensation for the advantages to be surrendered.

4. Every inch of land is now more valuable within the cantonment of Ootacamund, and the sum asked by Mr. Cunliffe is not in my opinion too great, when the eligibility of the land as a building ground from its central situation, is taken into consideration, but I think it my duty to call attention to the fact, before the Government are put to the expence of 2,000 Rupees for a little more than one cawny of land, that there is a good extent of Government land around the present Jail, and in the immediate vicinity thereof, which it strikes me could be appropriated as well for the proposed small Prison.

5. I beg to submit a Plan of the ground of the present Jail and the lands adjoining, which will enable the Board to determine whether a site from Government waste cannot equally suit the purpose, or whether the purchase of the land fixed upon by Mr. Rohde, is absolutely necessary. In the latter case, I request the Board of Revenue will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government for the 2,000 Rupees asked by Mr. Cunliffe.

ENC. 1.

From B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., to J. W. CHERRY, Esq., Acting Collector of COIMBATORE, dated Madras 16th February 1859.

Lieutenant Colonel Cotton has forwarded to me your letter to his address of the 1st instant, with sketch Plan, in which you request such information regarding 1 cawny, 3 grounds 1,200 square feet of land belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Brooke Cunliffe as will enable you to arrange for the purchase of the same as a site for a new Prison.

As one of the Trustees and the only one in this country of this Estate which is now in trust for the benefit of Mr. Cunliffe's widow and children, I will take upon myself to enter with you into the arrangements necessary for the sale of the land to Government and I have reason to believe that my Co-Trustee will sanction my proceedings.

The land you require is as you are aware, planted with trees now growing well. This employs the land well enough temporarily, but its obvious use hereafter will be as building ground for which from its central situation it is well adapted, and for which there will be much demand when the Madras Railway gives easier access to the Hills, and the cantonment increases.

Though you now seek but a portion of the ground belonging to the Estate in that locality, the construction of a Prison upon that portion will much deteriorate if not destroy the value of the remainder as building ground.

Upon this consideration therefore I think that I am asking but a fair compensation for the advantages surrendered when I state that I shall be prepared to make the 1 cawny 3 grounds 1,200 square feet of land over to you on payment of two thousand rupees.

P. S.—Since writing the above I have received your letter of the 11th instant with Sketch Plan, herewith returned.

ENC. 2, Plan.

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[Signature]

Sub Secretary.

To

J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
Copy to Acting Collector of Coimbatore.

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Abstract from the Proceedings
of the House of Assembly

Patd 28th March 1854
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Dec. Prof. Bond: in the dust and paper
of 14th Feb. 9/59 C. 80697 ink.

Victoria May 17th for further reference:
 please make reference to Frederick
 Muncks Case History of 24th
 Dec 2 1855 a letter from the
 Acting Collector of Customs
 respecting the sale of goods when
 by the shipowner of goods
 for built up a small portion
 of the same.

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No 466. 4th April 1859.

With an order &

Ms. A. 6. 6.

Referred to the Justice
and Department with reference
to the tract of land of Gov.
in that Department and
10th December 1838 A.D. 1730.

Adieu

John Jaynes
Lancaster 1859

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