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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
from 18th to 24th June 1859.*

No. 14. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to the Secretary to Government Revenue Department Fort St. George, dated 7th May 1859, No. 1632.

*In Con. 14th August 1858, No. 3562.
4900 F. Chingleput 9th in Con. 6th Dec. 1858,
Enclosure 5.*

*S. C. 4528 Pro. Chingleput 6th Decr. 1858.
238 F. Chingleput 30th Decr. 1858 in Con. 19th
Jany. 1859, Enclosure. 2.*

*1298 F. Chingleput 25th in Con. 28th March
1859, Enc. 1.*

With reference to the Extract Minute, Consultation, Revenue Department, No. 1092, under date the 7th August 1858, I am directed to submit the accompanying correspondence with the Collector of Chingleput relative to the title of the Shrotriendard of Adumbaukum of whom it is proposed to purchase the proprietary right of certain lands situated in the Cantonment of St. Thomas' Mount.

2. It will be seen that his title to Adumbaukum and Reddy Coopum is founded on Sunnuds granted by Anwarooddeen Khan, the originals of which are lost; the dates as shewn in a copy are obscure, having reference to an era unknown to the Board, that of Ahmed Shah who was possibly the Afghan Prince, who at the end of the last century threatened an invasion of India. There are other confused entries in the Register which is unauthenticated by any signature, but as the Shrotriems of Reddy Coopum and Adumbaukum were recognized by Mr. Dighton, the Collector, in Fuslies 1195 and 1199, there seems to be

A. D. 1785 and 1789.

3. It will be seen that the sum of 5,000 Rupees mentioned in Mr. Shubrick's letter of the 15th May 1858 as demanded by the Shrotriendard, was intended to be in addition to the remission of the Jodee on his Shrotriem villages, Adumbaukum and Reddy Coopum. The interest of 5,000 Rupees at 5 per cent. is 250 Rupees and at 4 per cent. is 200 per annum, so that the payment in full of 5,000 Rupees is more than an equivalent to the yearly sum of 140 Rupees.

*Para. 2 E. M. C. 27th July 1857, B.
D. No. 753.
Board's Pro. 18th March 1858, No.
970, para. 9.*

4. In addition to the lands above referred to in the Adumbaukum Shrotriem, there were others belonging to the Palaveram Zemindary which Government were desirous of acquiring, with the same subject, viz. to become sole proprietors of the area within the Cantonment of Saint Thomas' Mount.

5. The actual extent of the Palaveram Zemindar's land has been ascertained to be C. 40, An. 6, C. 4 of which C. 5-1-2 are Inams leaving C. 35-5-2 to be purchased.

6. The Zemindar's receipts from these comprise Rupees 221-15-2, derived from quit rent on buildings, and capable of easy verification, and a further sum stated by himself to amount to Rupees 227-2-9, being receipts in kind from C. 21-14-4 of land in the Alundoor village. This last item cannot of course be verified, but the Collector states that the rates at which it has been calculated are double the Tahsildar's estimate. The Zemindar however will not accept less. The total payable to him is thus Rupees 449-1-11 per annum which can be deducted from his Peshcush, or commuted once for all by a money payment. In the latter event however the Zemindar demands Rupees 13,500 which at 5 per cent. interest would be equivalent to an annual payment of Rupees 675 or about Rupees 226 more than the income he will transfer; at 4 per cent. the excess would still be nearly Rupees 100.

7. The Collector expects that Government will realize about Rupees 335 per annum from their purchase, so that the balance, Rupees 114, will be the price they pay for the incidental advantages of being exclusive proprietors of the Cantonment.

8. The Board have explained in their proceedings that there are undertenures and rights which the present purchases will not secure to Government.

No. 15.

ORDER THEREON, 20th June 1859, No. 812.

Para. 1. In this letter the Board of Revenue report the amount demanded respectively by the Shrotriendard of Adumbaukum and the Zemindar of Palaveram as compensation for their

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lands situated within the cantonment of Saint Thomas' Mount which the Government thought it expedient to purchase.

2. The Shrotriendrar fixes his annual receipts at 721 Rupees, and proposes that Government should undertake the payment of certain Merahs to Taliars and Curums to the amount of Rupees 60, and that after remitting the Jody of Rupees 472 payable by him on the Adumbaukum and Reddy Coopum Shrotriendrar villages, should pay him annually Rupees 140; or, make him once for all a present payment of Rupees (5000) five thousand.

3. The Zamindar values his receipts at Rupees 449 and demands either the deduction of that sum from the Peishchush of his estate, or a present payment of Rupees (13,500) thirteen thousand and five hundred.

4. The Government have reconsidered the subject, and they are now of opinion that it is not necessary to buy up the whole of the land within the cantonment, and that it will be sufficient to limit the purchase to the extent originally contemplated by the order of the 8th January 1856, viz. to the several pieces of private ground included within the limits of the Military bazar. The Collector of Chingleput will ascertain from the Brigadier Commanding Saint Thomas' Mount what spots are to be so purchased, with the view of having the whole of the Military bazar on Government land, and will then report the amount for the decision of Government.

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

Mem:
In consequence of the
fact that the land is
greatly improved from the
in the very middle of the
Military Bazaar, but belonging
to the Govt. - There is no question
of purchase for making the
improvements which seem
to be contemplated - but
the Govt. pays in price 1/2 of
the improvements with the
land

purpose -

It had but a very small
sum:

There is a book that comes
from Deane's Church - through
the Rogers: to the
Church - being the book that
to the Rogers - all on the right
hand side, and I think one
small spot, belongs to the
should be purchased - and
on the other side there are several
pieces which do not belong to
the

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ought also to be purchased so
that all the Rogers should be
enjoyed.

The Bishop could very easily
arrange this with the Collector.

RB

31 May 1859,

Letter from Board of
Revenue dated 7 May
1857 No 1632. Contd No 1886
Q1.

C. M. C. 25 June 1856 No 1646: 1856

Memorandum -

In Extract Mins: Govt: 25 June

the Government directed the Collector of Chingleput to negotiate with the private proprietors of lands within the Containment of St. Thomas Mount for the transfer of their property to Government and to report the issue for the Confirmation of Government. In June 1857 the

2 M. C. 27 July 1857 No 753.

Collector showed the interest possessed by two parties holding lands so situated vizt. The Zamindar of Palaveram who had a Government share in 26 Canons of land equivalent to Rupees 249, and the Adambenidam Shrotriendur who had 117 Canons the fixed assessment on which amounted to Rupees 721 -

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On this occasion Mr. Shrubrick repeated the opinion he had previously expressed that the Military Authorities would not gain any thing by the transfer and he suggested that matters might be allowed to remain as they were, the lands being taken possession of whenever any might be required for Government purposes.

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2 The Government however directed the collector to ascertain from the two proprietors the amount of compensation they would require for the surrender of their proprietary right.

14 The Adambankum Shrotriya: S.M.C. 10 April 1858
 = dar claimed an annual payment of 721 Rupees for his lands, and requested that it might be met, by a remission of the gift rent that was payable by him to Government on account of the Adambankum and Reddy Coopum Shrotriya amounting to Rs. 471-14-6 and by a cash payment of Rupees 250, or the gift of a Village of this value on Shrotriya tenure. The proprietor however agreed afterwards to receive 614 Rupees, that is after making allowances for the value of certain houses, and for the value of certain Meralas to Curumms and Laliars the expense of which would devolve on Government after the transfer of the lands to them. This reduced the amount payable to the Shrotriya to Rupees 142. The Government declined to give out a Shrotriya Village in part payment, and desired that it might be ascertained from the Proprietor

Adambankum Jody. 106-15-2
 Reddy Coopum - 364-15-4
 471-14-6
 Cash or Shrotriya - 250
 Rs. 721-14-6

Compensation 614
 Deduct remis-
 sion of Jody -
 at above - 471-14-6
 142-1-6

Proprietor what amount in money, he would accept in full of all demands, after remitting the Jodee due on account of his other Shrotriya Villages.

S.M.C. 7 Aug 1858

On the 15th May 1858 the collector reported that the Shrotriya desired 5000 Rupees, or an annual payment of Rupees 142 after remitting the Jodee due on his other lands. The Government before purchasing the interest of the Shrotriya desired to be informed with precision "what that interest really is" and further what the Shrotriya would be willing to receive as a commutation of the excess of the assessment of the land above the Jodee of the two Shrotriya.

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The letter of the Board of Revenue is in reply, and gives information both in respect of the Shrotriya of Adambankum as well as of the Gaminidars of Colavaram.

The Board admit the validity of Shrotriya's title to his two Shrotriya, but this does not appear to be the question raised by Government, which was to ascertain the interest possessed by the Shrotriya in his lands in the Comtantment.

This

This interest would appear to be only -
Rupees 721, or minus the small amount,
and payments he has to make only 614 Rs.
and this is what he settles in the following
manner.

Commission of the Joddy on Adumbanum	106-15-2	R. a. p.
Do. Do. Reddy Coorun	364-15-4	
	<u>471-14-6</u>	
Balance payable annually in cash	3140.	
in round numbers -	<u>611-14-6.</u>	

or
by a payment of Rupees 5000 once for all
in commutation. The Board show that
even at the lowest rate, the interest ^{on this sum} will
be 200 Rupees annually, or Rupees 60 in
excess of the sum asked.

8 The Zemindar of Palaveram
calculates his receipts at Rupees 149,000
which the Board say can be deducted
from the Disburse on his Zemindary,
or commuted into a money payment
which the Zemindar has fixed at Rs.
13500, which at 4 per cent would yield in
interest Rupees 540.

9 These payments will only purchase the
proprietary right, but there are other ^{minor} rights
in the same lands, and it is a question whether
the purchase of the former will as observed by
the Collector of Chingleput, be productive of any
advantage.

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St. Thomas' Mount as
arrange at once for the
purchase of these spots.
The cost it is believed
will not be much.

[Signature]

6 Copies to the Secy of War Dept 21st
7 — " — " Military Dept 11th

what spots are to be so
purchased, with the view
of having the whole of the hill
Weyen in govt. land, &
will then effect the
report the amount
for the decision
of Government.

25-2-09.

Revenue 1859 Department.
Pro. of Govt. 24th June.

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Pro. of the Madras Govt.
22nd June 1859.

Pro. of the B. of R. S.
26th March 1860. C. A. 554

Purchase of whole of the
land within the St. Thomas'
Mount Cantonment, not needed
and limited to the several
pieces of private ground included
within the limits of the Military
bazaar. The Collector to ascertain
what spots are to be so purchased
and then to report the amount.

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