

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	<i>886</i>	Press Mis.
Dated	<i>8th July</i>	18 <i>57</i>

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
from 2d to 8th July 1859.*

No. 29. Read the following letter from CHARLES PELLY, Esq., Madras Civil Service; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government; dated Madras, 20th June 1859.

I have the honor to inform you that I sent by post from Bellary on the 5th May last a packet addressed to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., Madras. This packet never reached Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., on enquiry at the Post Office at Madras I learnt from Mr. Smith the Post Master that the Bellary Mail of the 5th and 6th of May had been lost near Chittoor and that no hope remained of its recovery.

In the packet transmitted by me to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., were 3 house documents, viz.

1. Government grant for a piece of ground at Bellary situated without the limits of the Military Cantonment No. dated 18th June 1810.

1. Do. do. of do. within the limits of the Military Cantonment No. 1 dated February 1841.

Both the above were grants in my name and formed the compound in which a house built by me was situated.

As these documents have been lost in the Government Post, I trust I shall be excused in requesting that duplicates, duly authenticated by the Collector of Bellary, or other proper authority* may be granted to me, or in lieu of duplicates, certified copies of the Registry.

It is right to mention that the property passed into other hands since the grants were originally made; viz. first to Mr. Ogilvy, late Judge of Bellary, then to Major Geaghegan late of the Madras Army, and from that gentleman the property again reverted to me.

There was also a grant of land on the Ramandroog Hill, granted by the Rajah of Sundoor through the Collector of Bellary, No. 12 dated 16th March 1852, which also was lost in the said packet, and I request that the Collector of Bellary may be instructed to furnish me with a fresh grant, or an authenticated duplicate of this also.

It may be proper in this letter to state also, that the lost packet contained a Deed of sale of the said properties to Mr. Hathaway now Collector of Bellary, a Promissory Note from that gentleman to me, and a letter of instructions from me to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., should it come to the notice of Government that any of these papers have been found, I have the honor to request they may be sent to me.

The Post Master of Madras will be able to authenticate the loss of the Mail referred to.

P. S.—I understand from the Registrar of Government grants at Madras that he cannot give a copy of the grants, but he can give copies of the entry in his Registers, which, if coming duly authenticated, would suffice.

C. P.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1859, No. 886.

Communicated to the Registrar of Government grants and the Collector of Bellary, with the request that they will in communication with each other, furnish Mr. Pelly with certified copies of the documents referred to, or of the entries in the Registry relating to them.

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

25-7-95

Revenue 1859 Report
Jury 8th July.

No 1137

From Master Petty &
Charles and Lewis.

Recd 20th June 1859
Decr 21st

States that a packet

Containing certain

Documents & other papers

addressed to Messrs. Smith,

not Mr. Smith as has been

sent in the past &

regards published or

confidential copies of the

Registry for the same.

No 886, 5th July 1859.

With our respects

No 886

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