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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th December 1860.

No. 295. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Ecclesiastical Department, dated 5th December 1860, No. 338 :—

Direct that the old Bimlipatam Fort in Vizagapatam be taken possession of by the Collector, and that the half facing the sea be made over to Mr. Young and the other half to the Rájá as recommended.

(Vide Ecclesiastical Proceedings 5th December 1860, Nos. 7, 8.)

No. 296. ORDER THEREON, 18th December 1860, No. 2,434.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 17th November 1860, No. 1,208.

1. Referring to paragraph 6 of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 26th March 1859, No. 115, I have now the honor to forward herewith a Plan of the old Bimlipatam Fort.

2. From this you will perceive that it was a mistake to suppose that the ground of the Fort had been built upon by the Rajah, his buildings being immediately outside of the boundary line.

3. The intentions of Government as regards the Fort itself, have been fully explained to the Rajah both orally and in writing; and he leaves the disposal of the question entirely to the liberal consideration of Government, but evidently thinks he ought to have it all given over to him as he says "the land has been in my undisturbed possession for upwards of 30 years."

4. No. 1 is the Government Flag-staff, No. 2 the Signaller's room; with the exception of these, the rest of the Fort is a mass of ruin.

5. If the Government are of opinion that the site should be formally taken over by them, I beg they will inform me, and it shall at once be done, and if they are disposed to part with portions of it for sites under the freehold tenure rules, several parties will be glad to purchase.

6. Mr. Young of Bimlipatam wishes to have the ground between the Flag-staff and the curtain wall. But as that is considerably more than ½ of the whole, I beg to propose giving him the half facing the sea, and the other half to the Rajah. Mr. Young wishes to build a dwelling house upon his portion and the Rajah would build Godowns much to the convenience of the Merchants; to gratify the Rajah, his portion might be granted to him without any payment as a free gift of Government, and to Mr. Young, his, under the freehold rules.

ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1860, No. 338.

On the grounds set out in the Extract Minutes of Consultation, 24th January and 26th March 1859, Ecclesiastical Department, Nos. 32 and 115, the Government are entirely of opinion that their right to the Fort at Bimlipatam should be fully asserted.

2. The Collector will accordingly take formal possession; when this has been done, the half facing the sea, may, as proposed by Mr. Fane, be made over to Mr. Young, and the other half to the Rajah. Mr. Young will hold his moiety on payment of land tax which he may, if so disposed, redeem under the freehold rules. The Government would, under the circumstances, present the remaining half to the Rajah as a free gift, agreeably to the Collector's recommendation.

3. Mr. Fane will be so good as to state whereabouts are the five garces of land enjoyed by the Dutch as washing greens and alluded to in paragraph 5, Extract Minutes of Consultation, 26th March 1859, in what condition they now are, and whether the Rajah pays rent for them.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Vizagapatam, with a Plan.
" Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. F. Cartlidge.

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