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No. 97. Read the following letter from J. BIRD, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21st March 1860, No. 10 :—

In view to keeping His Excellency the Governor informed of what has been done towards carrying out his orders in regard to the inquiry into encroachments made on the Enceinte, Ditch and Glacis of the Trichinopoly Fort, I do myself the honor to submit copies of my letter of instruction to the Deputy Collector and that Officer's reply.

2. I hope in the course of 10 days more to be able to submit the Report, Survey and Plan.

From J. BIRD, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, to SUNDARAM PILLAI, Esq., Deputy Collector, of Trichinopoly, dated 25th January 1860, No. 7.

His Excellency the Governor of Madras during his visit to this Province expressed his desire to have the Ditch, Ramparts and Glacis round the Fort of Trichinopoly laid out as a Boulevard, having a fine broad road in the centre with a double row of trees, while the adjacent space would be available for building ground.

2. But before this great change can be effected, it is necessary to make certain inquiries, in view to ascertain what land in the neighbourhood of the Enceinte of the Rampart, as also of the Glacis, belongs to Government, I have, therefore, the honor by order of His Excellency, to depute you to make the inquiry, and to request you to submit a full report on the subject.

3. Your attention should be directed to the following points :—

1st. You should investigate what space originally composed the Enceinte of the Rampart, that is, the space close to the Rampart inside, near the Town. The same as regards the Glacis or slope beyond the Ditch on the outside. Having ascertained this, you should measure the whole distance from the Enceinte across the Ditch to the termination of the Glacis.

2nd. Having found out what land was actually included within the above limits, you should commence investigating each and every encroachment made by the inhabitants of the Town, whether by building houses, by gardens, by back-yards, or by enclosures of whatsoever kind. You must discover their title, how they came into possession, and the length of that possession. Also state your opinion whether their title be valid or otherwise. But above all, you must be careful not to create alarm in the minds of the parties in possession, by assuring them that nothing will be done in a hurry. And that in the event of it being necessary to remove their encroachments, every consideration will be shown, and proper compensation given.

3rd. It will be necessary for you to cause a rough Plan to be made of the entire locality, shewing the extent of each house, garden, back-yard, or other enclosure, and for this purpose I authorise you to call upon the Tahsildár of Conaund for help. I also beg to hand you herewith a Map Plan of the Fort of Trichinopoly, obtained from the District Engineer.

4. I am further directed to request you will make inquiry and report, what lands there may be belonging to Government in the old Cantonment of Warriore, where the European Artillery and Native Regiments were formerly quartered. Should these lands be in the possession of parties, you will make the same investigation as for the Fort.

5. His Excellency the Governor has desired that no time be lost in commencing the inquiry, and that the Report must be sent in by a month's time.

From T. SUNDARAM PILLAI, Esq., Deputy Collector, to J. BIRD, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, dated 20th March 1860.

In answer to your letter dated 17th Instant,* I have the honor to inform you that the Survey and Plan of the Enceinte of the Fort Rampart, Ditch and
* Received on the 20th. Glacis belonging to Government have been completely finished.

2. I am now deeply engaged in inquiring a large number of parties concerned therein, and hope that I shall be able to send a full Report in the course of a week or 10 days.

No. 98.

ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1860, No. 549.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

