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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of May 1860.

Read the following papers:—

No. 27. From J. BIRD, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 7th April 1860, No. 11 :—

In furtherance of my letter No. 10 of date the 21st ultimo, I do myself the honor to submit in original the Report, Measurement Statements and Plans, drawn up by the Deputy Collector in result of the inquiry instituted by him into encroachments made on the Enceinte, Ditch and Glacis of the Trichinopoly Fort. As also of the same with reference to the old Cantonment of Warriúr.

2, The Deputy Collector has taken great pains with his investigation, and his Statements exhibit the exact area of every plot of ground occupied or unoccupied, both inside and outside the Fort Ditch. His Statements should be examined with the rough plan of the ramparts, when the whole subject will be quite clear and easily understood.

3. It will be observed that the greater proportion of the land is waste, and belongs to Government. That much of it is held by individuals by right of purchase and mortgage and so forth. But the Deputy Collector questions the Title of the original parties to sell or otherwise dispose. Many plots too are held by long possession. While the entire occupancy ranges over a space of from five, to forty and even sixty years. A period of itself giving to the person in possession a valid title, and qualifying each to compensation if ejected.

4. The same remarks apply to the site of the old Artillery Barracks and Cantonment at Warriúr.

No. 28. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE THE PRESIDENT.

THE subject of the accompanying Papers is explained in the following paragraph of my Minute, dated the 28th of January last :—

" The Fortifications which encircled the Rock and the old Town, and made this our chief " stronghold in the South of India, have been completely dismantled. In their present state they " are a receptacle for every kind of filth ; and, no doubt, largely contribute to the fever and " cholera with which Trichinopoly has of late years been afflicted. They ought to be converted " into a broad Boulevard, or Circular Road, as has been done with great public advantage in so " many European places, under similar circumstances. An annual appropriation should be made " for the purpose, till the work is completed ; the prisoners from the large jail on the glacis " might assist ; and as each section was finished, the land on either side of the road might be " sold in building allotments. Latrines should be constructed at proper intervals, and the " sewerage should be carefully attended to. As the public property in connection with the " Fortifications is daily encroached upon, I arranged with the Collector that it should be surveyed, " and that its present limits should be ascertained. The old bomb-proof Barracks opposite to " what was once the Seringham Gate, had recently been sold for 1,300 Rupees. These are in the " centre of one of the principal approaches to the City ; but the two persons who had purchased " them expressed their readiness to restore them and to take back the purchase money."

The Survey and investigation of Titles has been made by the Deputy Collector, Sundaram Pillai, and he deserves an expression of our satisfaction for the care and ability with which he has executed his task. By an arrangement subsequently made by me with the Collector, this " inquisition" includes the neighbouring deserted Cantonment of Warriore.

The whole of the ground remaining in the possession of the Government should now be placed by the Collector under responsible management, and further encroachment should be prevented.

The unoccupied Land belonging to the Government at Warriore should be laid out in convenient Building or Garden allotments, so far as there is a demand for them, and should be sold to the highest bidder ; care being taken to preserve the requisite open space for health and recreation. The proceeds of these sales, as well as of the sales connected with the old Fortifications, should be paid into a Fund in the hands of the Collector, for the purpose of carrying on the improvements.

As regards the Fortifications, the District Engineer should be instructed to furnish a Plan for converting them into a Circular Road, and for laying out the ground on both sides of the Road in Building allotments, where the space and position make that desirable. In other places, there will be a single row of Buildings facing the country, and the slope below the Road will be planted and preserved for public health and enjoyment. The Tanks connected with the old Fortifications should be carefully preserved and improved. The approaches to the city should be arranged with particular care, and *harmony* and *general effect* should be aimed at rather than *uniformity*. The Building lots should be of different sizes suited to different classes of purchasers; and where there is sufficient space, they should have Gardens behind.

The District Engineer should also report where he would propose to begin to operate upon the old Fortifications in the manner proposed; and he should furnish detailed sections of this portion, in addition to the general Plan.

The hewn stones in the remaining portions of the Wall and Bastions should be sold by auction, when not required for any public purpose, and the proceeds should be paid into the Fund.

The Holders of the numerous encroachments which have been made on the Government property, should, I think, be left unmolested, unless their holdings are required for the improvements in progress; in which case the Collector should pay them out of the Fund the full value of the Buildings; and if they or those from whom they hold have been in possession for more than thirty years, the full value of the land also; and the premises should be taken for the improvements.

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

Gindi Park, 30th April 1860

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1860, No. 768.

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4. He will cause the unoccupied land belonging to Government in Warriúr to be laid out in convenient building or garden allotments for the purpose of their being sold to the highest bidder under the freehold Rules; care will, however, be taken to preserve the requisite open space for health and recreation.

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(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
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Revenue 1870. Respd. Sub: of Govt. 20th May—
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Rec'd 12th 13th April 1870.
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Under date the 14th May 1860.

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Passing orders on the report of the inquiry regarding the encroachments made in the Enceinte Ditch and Glacis of the Trichinopoly Fort and the neighbouring deserted Cantonment of Warriur.

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