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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th May 1862.

No. 255. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th April 1862, No. 2,596:—

Read again letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 14th November 1861, No. 233, forwarding for the Seal of Government a Freehold conveyance for the property purchased by Mr. W. C. E. Chambers on the Neilgherries.

(In Cons. 19th November 1861, No. 7,331.)

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 26th March 1862, No. 71.

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 6th December 1861, No. 6,782, I have the honor to state that the land alluded to was purchased by Mr. Chambers in March 1861, and in his report to me in the same month on the transfer, he did not state that he was building on it, neither did he in his late application for a Freehold Certificate mention that a house was built. The assessment on the land for the past Fasli 1270, was paid by the Burgher Puttahdar himself with reference to his Puttah. For the current Fasli no quit-rent has yet been recovered. In his application for the Freehold Certificate, he named the property as "Amboodallah" or "Highland Cottage." Proprietors usually give a denomination to their land before they build upon it, and I thought that Mr. Chambers did so in regard to his land. On my writing to him on the receipt of the Board's orders now under reply, he informs me that he commenced building on the land on the 20th March 1861, and he is, therefore, liable to pay quit-rent at the higher rate, viz., Rupees 5-4-0, for one Cawny for building, and Rupees 1-2-4 per Cawny for compounds. The total amount of quit-rent on Mr. Chambers' property according to these rates is Rupees 6-9-5, the extent of land being C. 2, G. 4, Sq. ft. 48 with reference to which the redemption price of 20 years' quit-rent amounts to Rupees 131-12-4, of which deducting Rupees 26-7-4 already paid, the balance is Rupees 105-5-0, which sum Mr. Chambers has now paid, and I beg to forward a revised Freehold Certificate, and request that it may be returned to me with the seal of Government.

2. The Certificate forwarded with my letter of 14th November 1861, No. 233, being now useless, I request it may be returned to me.

3. Much difficulty is experienced in this Office from parties not giving the necessary information regarding transfer, buildings, &c.

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1. Resolved that the above communications be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the Title Deed accompanying the Collector's second letter be sealed and returned for delivery to Mr. W. C. E. Chambers through the Collector of Coimbatore.

2. The land in question consisting of 2 Cawnies, 4 Grounds, 48 Square feet was purchased by Mr. Chambers from a Burgher Puttahdar, and is liable, as explained by the Collector, to an annual quit-rent of Rupees 6-9-5, which the owner is desirous of redeeming at the fixed rate of 20 years' purchase, amounting to Rupees 131-12-4.

3. The Title Deed forming an enclosure to Mr. Thomas' first letter having been prepared under the erroneous impression that no buildings were being constructed on the land in question at the date of Mr. Chambers' application to redeem the quit-rent, will be returned to the Collector to be destroyed.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 256. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1862, No. 1,057.

The Title Deed received with these Proceedings will be sealed and returned.

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

No. 6,782.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 6th December 1861.

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated 14th November 1861, No. 233 :—

1. With reference to the accompanying copy of letter from Mr. Chambers without date, but received on the 21st ultimo, I have the honor to forward a freehold conveyance for his property* near Hoolicul, and to request that the same may be returned to me with the seal of Government.

* Known as Amboodalah or Highland Cottage.

2. The land in question was purchased by Mrs. Chambers from a Burgher Pattahdar, and with reference to the Government Orders of 16th March 1860, No. 403, directing that "where a "proprietor of land in any of the Neilgherri stations desires to redeem the land tax on it, "whether the land shall have been obtained from Government or from a native Pattahdar, he shall "be permitted to do so at the rate of the tax or quit rent then actually payable without reference "to any contingent liability to the higher rate of tax on one Cawny, on his erecting a house," the redemption price on Mr. Chambers' property has been calculated at the same rate of tax which the Burgher Pattahdar was paying, viz., Rupee 1-5-2 for the whole three quarters of a Bullah, or Cawnies 2, grounds 4, and square feet 48.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Requests a freehold conveyance for his property on the Neilgherries known as "Highland Cottage."

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Title Deed.

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1. The Government Order quoted by the Collector merely sanctioned the exclusion of any contingent liability in respect to the future erection of houses from freehold titles of lands which might not be so occupied at the time that their owners might wish to redeem the quit rent actually payable on them. In the present case a house appears to have been built sometime prior to the application for a freehold conveyance and the inference is that the higher rate of quit rent on one Kani as house site was properly due if not actually paid at the time that the application was received.

2. The Collector will please to state when the house in question was built, when it came into Mr. Chambers' possession, and what quit rent he has paid ever since, and should the rent not have been at the higher rate he will explain why the same principle was not adopted as in the case of the property of Sergeant Major Clayson which was also obtained from a native Puttahdar.

Vide Collector's letter, No. 13 dated 26th January 1860.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To E. B. Thomas, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 6th December 1861.

No. 6782.

Requesting further information about the house on the Neilgherries known as "Highland Cottage."

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Sub-Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., with a Title Deed.

Copy to E. B. Thomas, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, with a Title Deed to be cancelled.

Exd, J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 24th *April* 1862.
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Encl Title Deed.

No. 2,596.

Submitting with remarks letters from the Collector of Coimbatore with the Board's recommendation that the Title Deed for the property purchased by Mr W. C. E. Chambers, be sealed and returned for delivery to him through the Collector.

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The Title Deed received with these Proceedings will be sealed and returned.

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