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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 3rd June 1862.

No. 23. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th May 1862, No. 2,983 :—

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I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter received from Major General Sir G. Whitlock, K. C. B., and of my reply thereto. There is no necessity to continue the rent of the land for Military purposes, but I think that it would be advisable to retain it under Government for other reasons. On one portion of it the Government School has been built, and in another place a tank, which is becoming useful to the people in the neighbourhood, has been dug by the prisoners. There are two or three roads made across the land which did not, I believe, exist when it was first rented, of which the most important are the main road to Calingapatam, and the high road connecting old Chicacole with the town, the others being branches or short cuts from these. In addition to this there is no spare land in or around Chicacole belonging to Government, and the weekly fair, which is attended by immense numbers of persons from the neighbouring villages, is now held in the streets of the town, and causes a complete obstruction of some of the principal thoroughfares. I propose, if the Government sanction the rent of the land, to cause the removal of the fair to this place, which is very conveniently situated for the purpose. The land has hitherto been enjoyed as Surva Inám, but the Inám Commission will I suppose fix a jodi upon it, and thus the actual cost to Government will be very light. The rent at present paid is, I believe, Rupees 40 per annum.

From Major General Sir G. WHITLOCK, K. C. B., Commanding Northern Division, to W. S. HOOPER, Esq., Principal Assistant Collector, Chicacole, dated Waltair, 3rd April 1862, No. 384.

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1. In forwarding the annexed copy of a letter, No. 2,427, dated 28th ultimo, from the Quarter Master General's Office, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to favor me with your opinion as to whether any necessity exists for the ground at Chicacole, on which the Sepoys' lines stood, being any longer rented by Government, for the convenience of families of Regiments of Native Infantry on foreign service.

2. I shall also feel obliged by your informing me, in the event of the ground being given up, whether it will be incumbent on Government to restore the ground to its former state, and whether the restoration would be attended with any considerable outlay.

(True Copy.)

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(True Copies.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES, *Collector.*

Ordered to be submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that the Collector be authorized to acquire the land in question for a public purpose in the usual manner.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER, *Acting Sub-Secretary.*

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 3rd June 1862, No. 1,218.

The Board will instruct the Collector to ascertain whether the owner is willing to sell the land, and if so for how much. The extent of the land should also be stated, its proper value and the source from which the necessary funds can be provided in the Budget of 1862-63.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government

No. 2,983.

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Acting Sub-Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to G. S. Forbes, Esq., Collector of Ganjam.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 1436.

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Dated 10th *May* 1862.

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No 2,983.

Submitting correspondence regarding the proposed purchase of a certain piece of ground in Ganjam with the Board's recommendation that the Collector be authorized to acquire the land in question for a public purpose in the usual manner.

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