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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th June 1862.

No. 117. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd May 1862, No. 3,291 :—

Read again letters from the Collector of Madura, Nos. 57 and 58, dated respectively 28th March 1862, forwarding two Title Deeds for the Government Seal.

(In Cons. 4th April 1862, Nos. 1,955 and 1,959.)

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 1st May 1862, No. 81 :—

In reply to the Proceedings of the Board, No. 2,504, dated the 16th April, I have the honor to report that the lands had never before been assessed; they were entered in the accounts as Peremboke, and would be liable to be taxed if occupied; they were assessed by me with the same rate of tax as is collected on the lands adjoining them.

1. Resolved that the above communications be submitted for the orders of Government with the Board's recommendation that the two Freehold Title Deeds forwarded by the Collector be sealed and returned for delivery to the respective proprietors through the Collector of Madura.

2. Mr. Levinge explains with reference to the land measuring 4 grounds made over as a Freehold to Asani Pillai Ravooten and Senthasa Ravooten for Rupees 6-5-8, that it was unassessed waste and attached to the High-road, but that since the latter had been straightened, the former was no longer required; and that on the above mentioned parties applying for it, he through inadvertence directed the Tahsíldár to receive 20 years' assessment calculated at the rate prevailing on the adjoining lands, and to make it over to them instead of putting it up to auction; but the Board have to observe that even the latter course would not have been right unless the previous sanction of Government to it had been obtained as required by the Rules and expressly enjoined in the Board's Standing Order No. 1,998, dated 24th April 1860.

3. The above remarks are apparently also applicable to the land measuring 1,600 square feet made over to Mutupolini Chetty on payment by him of Rupees 1-0-8, only that it is stated to have been once occupied by a shop which was destroyed by fire.

4. The purchase money in both the above cases appears to have been paid upwards of sixteen months ago, and as the Board perceive nothing in their circumstances to justify such excessive delay, the Collector will be requested to explain (as he should in the first instance have done) with whom the responsibility for it rests, and what steps he has taken to prevent its recurrence in future similar cases.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 118. ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1862, No. 1,265.

1. The Title Deeds will under the circumstances be sealed and returned for delivery to the parties.

2. The Board's remarks in paragraphs 2 and 4 are approved.

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

No. 2,504.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 16th April 1862.

Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated 28th March 1862, No. 57 :—

I have the honor to forward, for the purpose of having the Government Seal attached to it, a Freehold Title Deed to be granted to Assana Pillay Rowten and Sendasa Rowten, under Section 4, Clause 2nd of the Freehold Rules. This land was Peramboke attached to the high road, but since the road has been straightened, this list of land is no longer required for the road; it adjoined a Musselman burying ground attached to the village of Melur, and would be of no use for any other purpose than for joining on to this burial ground. On the Rowtons applying to me for the ground, I directed the Tahsildar to take 20 years' tax from them, and to make over the ground to them. I did this at the time through inadvertence: strictly speaking, it should have been put in auction, but under the circumstances, I beg the Board will recommend the granting of the Title Deed.

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 28th March 1862, No. 58:—

1. I have the honor to forward, for the purpose of having the Government Seal affixed to it, a Title Deed to be given to Mootoopalany Chetty, under Clause 2nd Section 4 of the Freehold Rules, who redeemed the land tax leviable on a spot of ground in the Melur bazar on which he is to erect a shop.

2. At the time he made his application, the land was unoccupied, the shop which had formerly existed on it having been consumed by fire: the remaining portion of the land alluded to above is occupied by shops.

Before submitting the Title Deeds received with the above letters to Government for their seal, the Board request the Collector to state whether the lands in question had been at any time assessed; and if not, how the assessment has been now fixed on which the commutation rate has been calculated.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To V. H. Levinge, Esq., Collector of Madura.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 3,291.

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1. Resolved that the above communications be submitted for the orders of Government with the Board's recommendation that the two Freehold Title Deeds forwarded by the Collector be sealed and returned for delivery to the respective proprietors through the Collector of Madura.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with 2 Title Deeds.

Copy to V. H. Levinge, Esq., Collector of Madura.

Exd. J. Wright.

Read in the Board of Revenue
at their Meeting held on the
22 day of May 1862 No. 3291

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No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 16th April 1862.

R. R. Title Deeds.

Rec'd 23/4/62.

No. 2,504.

Requesting further information about the lands of certain parties who have applied for Title Deeds.

Rev= 1862. Department.
Proc: of Govt= for June.

No. 1531.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 22nd *May* 1862.

Despatched. 27-5-62

Received. 28th

2-1- & Two Title Deeds.

No 3,291.

Submitting with remarks letters from the Collector of Madura with the Board's recommendation that the two Freehold Title Deeds forwarded by the Collector be sealed and returned for delivery to the respective proprietors, and requesting the Collector to explain regarding the delay in this case and what steps he has taken to prevent its recurrence in future similar cases.

No 1265 9th June

W. Saunders

No. 1265

The Title deeds
will under the circum
=stances be sealed an
returned for delivery
the parties.

The Board's
remarks, in para 2 a
4 are approved.

Fort St. George
9th June 1862.

L D S.

Re Copies to the Bd of Rev
with two Title Deeds

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