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No. 405. Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 5th April 1862, No. 33:—

SIR,

With reference to copy enclosed of letter from Reverend S. Jones, dated 25th ultimo, I beg to report I not long ago visited the village and site referred to at "Tirapoor." The land asked, is old waste, long unused, near the public road, unfenced and barren, it is of no value to Government, and scarcely fit for ordinary cultivation. It may be advantageously and safely given to the Mission, which I beg to recommend.

From the Reverend S. JONES, Missionary of the L. M. Society, in charge of Coimbatore, to E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated Coimbatore, 25th March 1862.

SIR,

1. The Directors of the London Missionary Society, desirous of extending their operations in the Coimbatore District, have sent out the Reverend W. E. Morris to occupy Tirapoor, in the Pulladom Táluq, as a Mission Station. It would save the Society considerable trouble and expense if Government would kindly grant *a site*, at the above place, for a house, Church, Schools, and a small Cemetery. There is a piece of *waste* land, about three acres, between the village (Tirapoor) and the Railway, on the left hand side of the road to Avenashy, that would suffice for all the purposes mentioned above. It has been waste land for many years, and the villagers, I believe, would like us to have it. I shall, therefore, feel greatly obliged if you will kindly intercede with Government on behalf of the L. M. S. for the said piece of land.

2. It is hardly necessary to say that our residence at Tirapoor will be, we trust, for the benefit of the country, and that we shall strive to promote the best interests of the people.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. B. THOMAS, *Collector.*

No. 406. ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1862, No. 921.

1. The Collector of Coimbatore submits with his recommendation an application from the Reverend S. Jones, of the London Missionary Society, for a site in that District for a house, Church, Schools and Cemetery.

2. The Government cannot accede to this application. It will be pointed out to the Collector that the grant of land rent free for Missionary purposes was prohibited by an order dated 17th April 1837, No. 147, which is to be found at page 229 of the Revenue Board's Circular Order Book.

3. Where uncultivable land, like that now in question, is given away as sites for houses, the usual course has been to charge one Rupee per acre. The land required by the Reverend Mr. Jones may be granted subject to this charge.

4. This application should have come through the Board of Revenue.

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

Item

An order against giving Land Scrip
fee for Mahogany purposes was issued
on 17 April 1857 & is to be found
at Page 229 of the Board's Order Book.
- When available Land Scrip
Receipt is given away or sold for
Forestry the usual course is to charge
1 pound per acre & this can be done
here -

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The Collector of Colombo forwards with his recommendation an application from the Rev. J. Jones of the London Missionary Society for a site in Dias Esplanade for a house, Church, Schools and Cemetery.

The Govt cannot accede to this application. It will be intimated to the Collector that the grant of land even for Missionary purposes was prohibited by an order dated 19 April 1837 c.f. 267 which is to be found at page 22 of the Revenue Boards Circular order Book.

Where unalienable land like that now in question is given away as sites for houses the usual annual loss has been to the amount of Rupees per acre. The land required by the Rev. Mr. Jones may be granted subject to this charge.

This application should have come through the Board of Revenue

By Revenue Order of Commissioners Dispatched 4th Board of Revenue