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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
4th August 1863.*

Read the following:—

No. 19. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th July 1863.

Read the following letter from E. B. FOORD, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Masulipatam, 3rd July 1863, No. 144.

Sir,

1. With reference to the Board's Endorsement on the order of Government, dated 29th May 1863, No. 1,376, I have the honor to forward a plan of the ground alluded to in Major Anderson's letter (embodied in the above Order).

2. I have inspected the site in company with Lieutenant Hasted, the Assistant Engineer, and I also called together some of the Merchants of the Town and Fort, and explained to them that the ground would be available for purchase. I have since had an offer of Rupees 1,200 for the guard-rooms *as they stand*; and am informed that when put up to auction a still higher price may be expected.

3. The plan was prepared by Mr. Ottmann, Sub-Engineer, and the dimensions he has allowed for each godown appear to be suitable. The space in front of the Grand Magazine must be left unoccupied as a precautionary measure against risk of fire, there being a large quantity of gunpowder in store therein.

4. The ground in front of the godowns facing the canal should be levelled, and crane, and wharfs constructed with the proceeds of the sale. A wharfage should be levied for the use thereof, the rates for which I will propose after consulting with the Deputy Collector in charge of Sea Customs and the Master Attendant.

5. Lieutenant Hasted and myself both agree that the south-east bastion would be the most convenient site to retain for Government purposes, landing stores, &c.

6. I would beg to solicit early sanction for the disposal of the ground, should the Board approve of my suggestions.

7. I may add that Mr. Ottmann is preparing a plan of the whole fort at my request, as I have had offers to purchase portions of the ditch for cultivation, under the new rules for the sale of waste lands, and parties also wish to purchase the bricks of which the bastions are built, if they are permitted to be pulled down. I propose submitting this to the Board with a separate letter.

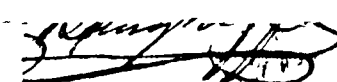
1. As Government have already expressed themselves in favor of the general proposal to sell the land in question, Mr. Foord's suggestions, which amount to little more than a renewal of that proposal, are too indefinite to allow of the Board submitting them to Government.

2. He will please to submit a plan drawn to scale, showing the lots into which he would divide the ground, and the upset price which he would propose for each lot to be sold by auction in Freehold.

3. He should make a similar proposal in regard to the old guard-houses, stating distinctly whether their sale is unobjectionable, and whether it has been approved by the Military authorities. The plan should show exactly the space reserved for the roadway along the Canal face, and the Acting Collector should consider whether it is desirable to annex to the sale any conditions for making or maintaining or lighting this road, or for paving a pathway by its side along the line of warehouses.

4. The upset price should be made to include the cost of permanently and efficiently demarcating the sites, and this amount would of course be deducted from the sale proceeds, but the Board fear that any further appropriation of the funds for special purposes will not now be permitted.

5. The net sale proceeds will probably have to be credited as usual to the special account against public debt, but this point will be submitted to Government for special orders, with reference to paragraph 6, G. O. dated 4th June 1860, No. 1,162, Revenue Department.

  
E. B. Foord

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4th August 1863.*

No. 20. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd July 1863, No. 4,533.

Read the following letter from E. B. FOORD, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 9th July 1863, No. 151.

SIR,

1. Adverting to the last paragraph of my letter, dated 3rd instant, No. 144, I have the honor to enclose a sketch of the Fort of Masulipatam, as it now stands; and I request the sanction of the Board for disposing, by auction, of the whole of the bricks of which the old walls and bastions still standing, are composed, and such portions of the ditch, as parties may propose to purchase, under the new rules for the sale of unassessed waste lands.

2. The walls and bastions should be sold as they stand, and the bricks removed at the cost of the purchaser, who should also be required to level the ground after their removal.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Sketch of the Masulipatam Fort.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the sanction of Government.

2. The Board consider that the materials of the wall should first be sold and cleared away. removal within a fixed limit of time being a condition of sale, and that subsequently the site and ditch may be marked off in convenient lots, and sold in Freehold tenure at public auction.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, 4th August 1863, No. 1,414.

1. The Government concur with the Board that the materials of the wall should first be sold as they propose, and that its site as well as the ditch should then be sold in convenient lots under such conditions as to the character of the buildings to be erected thereon, &c., as local circumstances may render desirable.

2. The lots should be sold by auction subject to an annual quit-rent to be devoted to local Municipal purposes. The sale proceeds must be paid into the Treasury for investment in Government securities, but Government will be prepared to sanction in the usual course such expenditure on roads, &c., as may be proper.

3. The space in front of the Magazine, as well as that mentioned in paragraph 4 of Mr. Foord's letter, dated 14th ultimo, should be reserved for public purpose; and in regard to this as well as the other arrangements the Military authorities, as well as the Engineer should be first consulted.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.  
„ Department Public Works.  
„ Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

to the Special account against public debt but this point will be submitted to Government for special orders with reference to para 6 G. O. dated 4<sup>th</sup> June 1860 No. 1162 R. D.

(True copy and Extract)

*W. Hudleston*  
Secretary.

To *E. B. Foord Esq.*  
Acting Collector of the Kistna District.

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*Govindarao*  
Secretary.

To *J. D. Smith Esq.*  
Secretary to Government  
Revenue Department.

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