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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Miscellaneous No.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th August 1863.

No. 190. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Forwarding copies of certain orders regarding the reservation of land made in Pugh's garden at Saint Thomé for the conservation of the Adyár river, } (Here enter 15th August 1863, No. 2,319.)

No. 191. ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1863, No. 1,528.

The Government will await the issue of further orders from the Public Works Department on the report called for from the Board of Revenue in the Order in that Department 7th August 1863, No. 2,220.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Madras with one enclosure.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Receiver of Carnatic Property with one enclosure.
„ Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Canal.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From R. KENNEDY, Esq., Executive Engineer 2nd Class, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Adyar, 13th July 1863, No. 61.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report for your information that arrangements are now being made by the Receiver of Carnatic Property for the sale of the property known as Pugh's Gardens, through which it was intended to carry the Junction Canal, and which on a former occasion Government ordered the purchase of, for that reason, should it be sold by auction.

2. This compound is exactly opposite the entrance of the Sadras Canal, and the part adjoining the river which is properly the river bed, is largely used for the traffic on the Canal. A few years ago the river boundaries were settled for conservation purposes in communication with the revenue authorities, on which occasion a portion of Mr. Norton's compound was purchased by Government, and the Map known as my Map of the Adyar, was forwarded to me with instructions to insert the river boundaries as given in the land Plans of the Collector's Cutcherry.

3. Mr. Cunliffe, the then Collector, claimed as Government ground the sandy plain marked off in the Map, and which forms high water mark, and I have held it in charge as such since that time. The Receiver of Carnatic Property however has found out, and proves by documentary evidence, that the plain alluded was granted by Government to a Begum, and on a late visit to the property, in company with the Honorable R. S. Ellis, C. B., Mr. Dale proposed that a space of 30 feet only from the edge of the present low water, should be reserved for [illegible] purposes.

4. I pointed out the inadequacy of this, and the necessity of retaining the breadth marked on the Plan alluded to, and which continues on the same line the boundary laid down in Mr. Norton's compound, but I fear from a communication received from the Sub-Collector, this day, it is intended to reserve only the strip of 30 feet in width, and think it necessary to bring it to your notice at once.

5. Leaving out of the question the Junction Canal, and the Order of Government to purchase the property if the boundaries marked on the Map are not maintained, the intention of Government to reserve a certain breadth of river bed will be infringed, and the most important part of the bank of the Adyar for public purposes, and which is now as stated above used for the discharge and loading of cargo, will become private property, and may have to be re-purchased at a high price at some future date.

6. Mr. Dale thinks that if the plain is reserved for Government, the property of Pugh's Garden will be injured for sale, and this may be the case to a certain extent, but on the other hand it is so important that the land should be reserved, that I lose no time in bringing the, subject to your notice before the evil has been accomplished, and I do so direct to save time.

From the Honorable R. S. ELLIS, C. B., Collector of Madras, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD R. E., Secretary to Government, Department of Public Works, dated Saidapet, 20th July 1863, No. 47.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Government Order dated 1st May 1863, No. 757, paragraph 2, Revenue Department, the Government expressed an opinion that a reservation of thirty or thirty-five feet would be required to be reserved for the purpose of river conservancy.

2. It however appears that Mr. Kennedy considers that a much greater space should be reserved, and he pointed out the necessity for this, to Mr. Dale and myself, who met him for this purpose on the land in question. Mr. Dale is however of opinion that the area reserved according to Mr. Kennedy's opinion is excessive.

3. The question is one which can only be decided by the Department of Public Works, and I would suggest that the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division be requested to meet Mr. Dale and myself and determine once for all the extent of land necessary for the conservancy of the river. This finally determined, the reservation can be entered in the Title Deed granted to Mr. Dale as the Receiver of Carnatic Property.

* To be returned.

4. The sketch* prepared by Mr. Kennedy and a demi-officia, received from him, are herewith enclosed for your information.

ORDER THEREON, 25th July 1863, No. 2,037.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer 4th Division, who is requested to make arrangements for meeting the Collector of Madras and the Receiver of Carnatic Property with a view of determining the extent of land necessary for the conservancy of the Adyar river.

2. Mr. Kennedy is requested to attend the meeting.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer 4th Division.
„ Collector of Madras with two enclosures.
„ Receiver Carnatic Property.
To R. Kennedy, Esq., Executive Engineer 2nd Class, Adyar.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 7th August 1863.

No. 145. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E., Superintending Engineer 4th Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 3rd August 1863, No. 1,483 A :—

SIR,

1 Plan.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government No. 2,037, dated 25th July 1863, I have the honor to report that I this day met the Collector of Madras and the Receiver of Carnatic Property (Mr. Kennedy being also present) on the land near Pugh's Gardens, which forms the subject of the correspondence entered in the Proceedings of Government.

2. The matter was freely discussed by us all, and considering every thing that was adduced on both sides, I am of opinion that the so-called sandy plain (which is in fact merely a portion of the bed of the river in high floods) should certainly be in the hands of the Government Officers, chiefly for the reasons stated by Mr. Kennedy in his letter to Government, and I beg to recommend that the yellow dotted line A, B, on the accompanying Plan, nearly representing as it does the flood line of the river, may be considered as the boundary line, and that measures be taken by Government for purchasing from the Begum all that portion of the sand plain lying between the said yellow line and the river. The value of the land is, I believe, about 50 Rupees a Cawny.

No. 61, dated 13th July 1863.

3. The new boundary should be marked out as far as the road by a well-formed bank.

No. 146. ORDER THEREON, [illegible] 299

Government and not that of the Begum.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with copy of G. O. No. 2,037, dated 25th July 1863, and Plan.
~~To R. Kennedy, Esq.~~

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 12th August 1863.

No. 109. Read the following letter from the Honorable R. S. ELLIS, C. B., Collector of Madras, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Saidapet, 5th August 1863, No. 50:—

SIR,

1. I have received from Mr. Dale a letter desiring me to return to him the Certificate issued under your signature on the 1st May last, for the land situated at Saint Thomé, known as part of Pugh's garden.

2. This Certificate has not been registered in this Office, because the extent as shown in the Certificate has been calculated on the supposition that the reservation originally made for the conservation of the Adyár river was sufficient.

Vide Government Order, dated 1st May 1863, No. 757.

3. This reservation, as you are aware, has been, since the issue of the Certificate the subject of discussion, and the matter has been referred to the Department of Public Works for decision.

4. I would therefore suggest that the Certificate issued to Mr. Dale on the 1st May last should be cancelled, and a fresh Certificate issued so soon as the extent of the reservation for the conservancy of the Adyár river, has been finally determined.

5. This decision will probably considerably reduce the area of the land as entered in the final column of the specification of land in the Certificate above referred to.

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1863, No. 1,487.

Resolved that the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division be requested, through the Public Works Department, to submit at an early date a report on the subject of paragraph 3 of this letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Madras.
" Public Works Department.
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To the Collector of Madras.
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" Receiver of the Carnatic Property.

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Order thereon 15th August 1863 c Pa 2319.

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229-7th inst. 63.

Copies of the orders marginally noted will be forwarded to the Revenue Department with reference to the orders in that Department recorded above.

True Extract

Signed R.E.

Secretary to Government E&W.D.

To The Revenue Department.

with 2 Enclosures.

Sir Gen. Read

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Pro. of Govt. for Augt.
No. 1930.

Proceedings of the Madras Board of the Public Works

Dated 15th Augt. 1863.

Received 21st Augt. 1863.

No. 2476.
No. 2319.

upon the Receipt of the Lunatic Property A/c for Augt. Co's Rs. 1992. in Pas.

Forwarding copies of certain orders in regard to the preservation of Land Drains in Engls. yard, and Instructions for the Conservancy of the Adyar river.

No. 1528. 20th Augt.

No. 1528.

The Government will await the issue of further orders from the Public Works Department on the report called for from the Board of Revenue in the order in that Department dated 7th August 1863,

No. 2229.

Fort St. George
20th August 1863.

To Collector of Madras with one Enclosure
To P. W. Department
To Receiver of Lunatic property with one Enclosure
To Board of Revenue – with G.O. dated 12th Augt. 1863.

Pro. Public W. Dept. dated 16th October 1863 Cost Rs. 2.

No. 190 & 191.