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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 3rd October 1863.

No. 39. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th September 1863, No. 5,930 :—

Read the following letter from the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Pullipoliem, 22nd August 1863, No. 154.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board dated the 19th May 1863, I have the honor to state that the Military buildings* at Salem have been made over to the Police, and are in their occupation.

* Three in number.

2. As regards the buildings at Royacotta, I beg to submit copy of a communication received from the Sub-Collector, reporting upon the nature and condition of those buildings, and the use they may be applied to.

3. I agree with the Sub-Collector in thinking that the buildings referred to in his letter may be disposed of by auction.

4. The Board will observe from Mr. Thomas's letter that there are three private buildings (two on the top of the hill, and one below the hill), the Proprietors of which cannot now be ascertained. A copy of Major Glover's letter to Mr. Thomas, regarding the private buildings in the Royacotta fort, is enclosed for the Board's information.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Salem, to the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, dated Ossoor, 24th July 1863, No. 251.

SIR,

1. With reference to your letters, Nos. 293 and 374 dated 12th June and 14th July respectively, requesting me to inform you what Military buildings there are at Royacotta, and to what use they may be applied, I have the honor to submit the following report.

2. It appears from the Tahsildar's Urzee that the only buildings below the hill which are ascertained to be Government property are the barracks and the hospital ; the Garrison Office, the cook-room, and the privy. The barracks are now occupied by the Police force and the Garrison Office and hospital which are vacant and available, he suggests may be converted into a Receiving House and a Cutcherry for the Police Inspector, the places now allotted to them being quite insufficient. The cook-room and the necessary house though in good condition are not fit he says for any other purpose, and therefore recommends their being sold by auction, as well as the fort gate with all its iron nails.

3. The only building below the hill that is not ascertained to be Government property is the house now occupied by a Pensioned Officer, Captain J. Wright. It had been the residence of Major P. D. Glover for seventeen years, and was enlarged by him at his own cost. But neither the present, nor the former occupant is able to inform me whether the house in question is public or private property.

4. On the hill there are three bungalows and as many Gunpowder Magazines. With regard to two of these three bungalows, I am informed one was built by Mr. J. Orr, then Collector of the District, who afterwards gave it away to the late Mr. R. Campbell, who built the other. With the exception of these two the rest of the buildings are Government property, but owing to the decayed condition of all of them none of them can be put to any use, and I concur with the Tahsildar in his recommendation to sell them by auction.

5. Major Glover in his letter informs me that the house now occupied by Captain Wright was originally given over to him by the late Major (then Captain) Corbet of the 2nd Regiment, and was not on the Return of Public Military Buildings, which he says may be ascertained by a reference to the Quarter Master General.

* 1 Mr. Glover's letter.
1 Tahsildar's Urzee.
1 Mr. Wright's answer to the Tahsildar.
1 The Tahsildar's letter to Mr. Wright.
1 Plan of the Barracks.
1 Cowle's deposition.

6. I beg to enclose herein his letter* together with the Tahsildar's Urzee and its accompaniments for your information, and request that they may be returned when no longer required.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Major P. D. GLOVER, European Veteran, to H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Salem, dated Madekery, 20th July 1863.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, No. 231 of the 17th July 1863, I do myself the honor to state that when I joined the station in 1836, the house was given over to me by the late Major (then Captain) Corbet, 12th Regiment, and was not on the Return of Public Military Buildings, which may be ascertained by reference to the Quarter Master General's Department. Royacotta was then in the Southern, and was transferred to the Mysore Division when Major General Aitchison commanded. The house referred to was enlarged, stables, &c., &c., built, and a wall of masonry added to the compound, at my private cost. I resided in it nine seventeen years, but am unable to say to whom it originally belonged.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector.

1. Ordered that the above letter be submitted for the information and orders of Government, with reference to their Proceedings dated 12th May 1863, No. 814.

2. The Board presume that the buildings and fort gate which the Collector recommends should be sold at auction, are to be sold for what the materials will fetch, and to be removed. Any other arrangement would be open to objection.

3. The Board see no reason to interfere with the house said to have been in Major Glover's possession for seventeen years. It may, however, be ascertained from the Quarter Master General, whether the building in question was ever returned as a Military building.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 3rd October 1863, No. 1,814.

Referred to the Military Department with reference to the Order in that Department dated 28th April 1863, No. 1,397. The Government observe that none of the Military buildings at Salem and Royacottah are required for the Revenue Department. The proposal of the Sub-Collector of Salem to transfer the Garrison Office and Hospital at Royacottah to the Police Department, will receive consideration in the Judicial Department.

(True Extract)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Judicial Department.

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Referred to the Military Department with the reference to the order in that Department dated 28th April 1863, No. 1397. The Government observe that none of the Military Buildings at Salem and Royacottah mentioned for the Revenue Department. The proposal of the Sub Collector of Salem to transfer the Garrison Office and Hospital at Royacottah to the Police Department will receive consideration in the Judicial Department.

To Military Department with 2 Copies
" Board of Revenue
" Judicial Department

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