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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 29th January 1863.

No. 391. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th January 1863:—

Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Kullacoorchy, 6th January 1863, No. 3.

SIR,

1. I feel it right to submit the accompanying copy of a letter with enclosures in original received from Mr. McDonell relative to the sale to Government of his property at Verdachellum. Mr. McDonell explains that he possesses no regular Title Deeds of this property and that he never received any from Mr. Wood, from whom he purchased it.

2. I am of opinion that the documents forwarded by Mr. McDonell are sufficient, and constitute an adequate title under the circumstances. The fact of the Puttah for the land being now in Mr. McDonell's name is, I submit, adequate proof of his legal title to the ground on which the buildings stand, while the deed transferring these buildings appears all that is requisite to protect the Government right of possession, and to guard against any risk arising from the almost impossible possibility of the appearance of any other claimant to the property at any future period.

3. The Board will be aware that hitherto properties of this nature have changed hands from time to time without any Title Deeds, or indeed any documentary proof of title beyond the Deed of transfer as the property passed from one proprietor to another. It has rarely been that any other legal precautions have been taken to secure a title. I can testify to this from my own experience in bygone years.

4. The Government being the purchasers in this instance, I have not felt justified in paying the money to Mr. McDonell without their express sanction. It may be deemed of importance to take a legal opinion as to the sufficiency of the title given in the enclosed papers; at all events it is necessary that Government should be apprised beforehand of the absence of any regular Title Deeds, which in their Proceedings of the 17th November 1862, I was requird to receive from Mr. McDonell before concluding the purchase of the property.

5. Awaiting the orders of Government.

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1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the Collector be authorized to disburse the purchase money.

2. They concur in opinion with him that under the circumstances of the case the evidence of title in the seller is sufficient.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed.) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 392. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1863, No. 197.

The Government are also of opinion that Mr. McDonell's title to the buildings at Verdachellum is sufficiently clear. The Board will therefore authorize the Collector of South Arcot to accept the assignment executed by Mr. McDonell and to pay to him the purchase money.

(Signed.) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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Have required to receive from Mr. McDonell
before concluding the purchase of the property
&c. awaiting the order of Government.-

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) C. W. Reade.
Collector.

From the Arcot
Collr's Cutcherry
Pullacoorchy
6th January 1863.

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(True Copy & Extract.)

Secretary.

To
H. D. Sim, Esqre
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.
with 3 Enclosures.

The title is sufficient in my opinion

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Submitting letter from
Collr of S. Arcot relative
to the purchase of Mr
A McDonell's bungalow at
Veralachellum with Govt
recommendation that the
offer be authorized to
purchase the purchase money

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A Mackenzie Esq

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The title is deemed sufficient when
money may be paid

Mr

No 197.

The Secretary to Govt
Special Commr at South Arcot
Collr to the Landing Clerk Veralla-
chellum is satisfied by a clear
title to the bungalow
The Board will therefore authorize
the Collector of South Arcot
to accept the assignment executed by
Mr A McDonell and to pay to him the
purchase money

First Clerk
29th January 1863

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with 3 Enclosures Draft
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