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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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17th February 1863.*

No. 261. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th January 1863:—

Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Chagole, 22nd January 1863, No. 14.

SIR,

1. The Board are perhaps aware that the existing town of Rajahmundry situated as it is close on the eastern bank of the Godavery, is very confined, the evil has of course increased with the increase of population, and is now very seriously felt. Suggestions for opening out and enlarging the town have from time to time been made, but, from one reason or another, have not been carried out. According to the census lately taken, the number of houses forming the present town is 3,720, and the population amounts to 15,000. The houses are in general packed very close together, without yards of any kind, and the streets narrow, and consequently dirty, and the town unhealthy from being overcrowded.

2. It is the general wish of the inhabitants that the town should be enlarged, and it is proposed to allot a tract of land, extending along the river bank from the boundary of the existing town, and lying on either side of the road leading towards Dowlaishwaram, for the purpose of establishing a new Pettah. Mr. Innes, the present Civil and Session Judge, has very kindly taken a warm interest in the cause, and besides giving his advice and assistance in marking out the new town, has promised the aid of the convicts in making the roads, &c.

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3. I have had the land which it is proposed to occupy for the above purpose carefully measured, and the following Statement shows the extent of land of each kind, that is Inám land held on grant from former proprietors, and Zirati required.

ITEMS.	Required for Pettah.						Amount of assessment for Fasli 1272.	Deduct amount payable to Government.		Remaining.					
	As per Measurement.			Total.											
	For Pettah.		Land out-side the embankment.	Total.											
	Acres.	C.		Acres.	C.										
Inám.. { Garden.....	4	...	...	4	51	78	0	0	2	10	0	75	6	0	
{ Dry.....	45	...	68	4	68	185	0	0	7	2	0	177	14	0	
Grant.... Dry.....	49	...	68	4	68	263	0	0	9	12	0	253	4	0	
Total Inám and Grant.....	19	...	85	1	68	82	0	0	28	12	0	53	4	0	
Zirati. { Garden.....	8	33	...	...	13	95	158	2	6	158	2	6	...	...	
{ Dry.....	9	20	10	6	74	60	46	1	0	46	1	0	...	...	
Total.....	17	53	24	6	74	55	204	3	6	204	3	6	...	...	
Grand Total.....	85	53	112	13	10	39	549	3	6	242	11	6	306	8	0
Lands to be given in ex- change for Inám and Grant lands.....	...	...	...	...	152	12	345	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...

Besides the land required for the Pettah...

4. Besides the land required for the Pettah itself, there is some ground between the river embankment and the river itself, a part of which is now under cultivation, but which it is necessary should be kept open so as to admit of free approach to the river.

5. The Inámdars have all expressed their willingness to give up the lands now held by them, and which are required for the purpose, on receiving other land of equal value in exchange

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One of the holders of the grant land, as it is called, demurs to giving it up, but perhaps may hereafter be induced to do so. If not, it will be necessary to put the provisions of Act I of 1857 into force, as the object is clearly one for the public good. The extent of Zirati land proposed to be given in exchange for the Inám and Grant lands is Acres 152, Cawnies 12, bearing an assessment of Rupees 345. This extent exceeds by Acres 58, Cawnies 28, the extent to be relinquished, this is owing to the greater fertility and consequent greater value of the latter. The assessment of the Zirati land that will be required is Rupees 204-3-6. The present holders have consented to relinquish it, getting other land in exchange, about which there will be no difficulty.

6. It will thus be seen that land, now bearing an annual assessment of Rupees 549-3-6, is asked for from Government for the purpose above detailed.

Assessment of land to be given in exchange for Ináms, &c.....	RS. A. P.
Assessment of Zirati land to be relinquished.....	345 0 0
	204 3 6
	549 3 6

7. Nearly 500 applications for allotments have already been received, and of the desirableness of extending the town there cannot be two opinions. I therefore trust that the Board will obtain the sanction of Government for making over the land on as early a date as possible. It is proposed to levy a small annual quit-rent on each allotment according to size, the amount thus realized will probably nearly, if not quite, equal the present assessment of the land to be taken up.

Assessment on land required for the enlargement of the town.	RS. A. P.
Do. on do. to be substituted for Inám land required for do.	204 3 6
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	549 3 6

Ordered to be submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that the Collector be authorized to make over the Government assessed land to the extent proposed, as shown in the margin, for the purpose stated.

(A true Copy of Extract.)

(Signed.) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 262.

ORDER THEREON, 17th February 1863, No. 352.

1. Ordered accordingly.
2. Great care should be taken in laying out the new Pettah to secure ventilation, drainage, &c.; and suitable sites should be reserved for Police Stations, Schools and such like public purposes. The remainder of the land should be divided into convenient blocks and a fair quit-rent imposed on each, the amount thus realized being expended on Municipal purposes.
3. The Board will obtain and submit a sketch showing the manner in which it is proposed to lay out the new Pettah. This however need not interfere with the giving up of the land in question and allotting other land in exchange, or other subsidiary arrangements.

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Secretary to Government.

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27/11 June/63 Cno 1365

Dated 24th
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30th January 1863

Submitting with Board's
recommendation a letter
from the Collr of the Godavery
distt relative to the extension
of the town of Rajahmundry.

With an order

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Godavery District
Allotment Office
Chagole
27th January 1863.

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From St. George
17th July 1885

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Board of Revenue Ceylon

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