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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st May 1863.

No. 261. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th April 1863, No. 2,489:—

Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vonkaram, 11th April 1863, No. 54.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward copies of correspondence between the Zillah Surgeon, and Deputy Collector R. Ragoonatha Row, with regard to proposed sanitary improvements in the Fort of Kurnool.

2. Doctor Keess considers that the levelling of the rampart and ditch of the Fort is necessary for the health of the town, and of the advisability of the measure there is no question. The difficulty arises in the expensiveness of the operation, which caused its abandonment when the subject came previously before the consideration of Government.

3. It was then proposed to level the ground in the first instance at the Government expense, and afterwards sell it in lots for sites of houses.

4. The Deputy Collector Ragoonatha Row now entertains hopes that if the land were sold in its existing state, on the stipulation that it should be levelled at the expense of the purchaser, a small amount would be realized, sufficient to improve that portion of the land which it is proposed to reserve as a Boulevard.

5. There is no doubt that the value of land for building sites is much increased within the last two or three years at Kurnool, and though I am not quite so sanguine in the matter as the Deputy Collector, I am certainly of opinion that the experiment proposed by him should be tried.

6. I beg therefore that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the sale of the land situated in the old ditch and rampart of the Kurnool Fort, as freehold, for building sites, a portion being reserved for the construction of a Boulevard, and that the sums which may be realized by the sale be permitted to be expended on the improvement of the portion reserved for public purposes.

7. The experiment can cost Government nothing, and if successful would result in a very great improvement to the town.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From R. RANGOONATHA ROW, Deputy Collector of Kurnool, to J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, dated 26th March 1863, No. 154.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to enclose herein a letter* from the Zillah Surgeon, and beg to request with reference to this letter and the correspondence noted† in the margin, that you will be pleased to obtain necessary sanction for.

First.—Selling the dilapidated walls of the Fort of Kurnool, with the ditch just close to it, retaining a small belt of land for making a road for the recreation and convenience of the people of Kurnool.

Second.—Appropriating the sale proceeds for making the said road, and planting avenue trees on its sides.

2. You will observe from the Government Order, dated 16th May 1862, No. 1,057, that Government, though fully alive to the necessity of filling up the said ditch and removing the ruined walls, refused to sanction it on the ground that to effect it would be a matter of some cost to Government.

3. From the inquiries I have personally made, I believe that I may be able to carry out this sanitary reform without any expense to Government, as there are people wishing to purchase the said site in its present state, and to fill up the ditch by levelling the mound near it.

4. The purchasers of course will hold the ground as freehold.

* To be returned.

† Revenue Department, 4th April 1862, No. 754.
16th May 1862, No. 1,057.
16th June 1862, No. 1,329.

5. I spoke to Colonel Galway about this, and he has stated that he has already taken steps to secure the same advantage to the people living in that part of the Fort which comes within the Cantonment line.

From Assistant Surgeon J. KEESS, M. D., Zillah Surgeon Kurnool, to R. RAGOONATHA ROW, Deputy Collector Kurnool, dated 25th March 1863, No. 22.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice that the Fort ditch, in the heart of a densely populated locality, is a standing nuisance, which should no longer be permitted to disgrace the Town of Kurnool. It is reeking with filth, which is incapable of being absorbed by the rocky bed of the ditch, but which is dissolved during the rains, and then drawn up into the air, by the action of the sun's rays, to be diffused all over the Town, and poison the air which is already vitiated by the thousands who live there.

2. The unsightly mound next to it, presents an effectual barrier to the free circulation of air in the narrow lanes in its vicinity, and its removal, together with the filling up of the ditch, would greatly improve the sanitary condition of the town.

3. The yearly prevalence of Cholera at Kurnool, soon after the early rains in June, is a well known fact. The air is then loaded with exhalations rising from every shallow pool, containing a solution of all the abominations that were unable to strain through the soil; but this evil, in a dangerously exaggerated form, presents itself in the Fort ditch, under notice.

4. I would therefore strongly urge, on sanitary grounds, the advisability of levelling the mound, filling up the ditch, and opening out a wide road on the present site of the ditch, for the convenience of the inhabitants of the Town.

5. Commending the above suggestions to your notice, with a view to their being duly represented to the head of the District.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) J. I. MINCHIN, *Collector.*

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following:—

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Revenue.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel S. O. E. LUDLOW, Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 15th May 1862, No. 305 (K. 97).

SIR,

1. I have the honor in accordance with the Order of Government No. 754, dated 4th April 1862, to forward a letter dated 2nd instant, No. 11, with its accompaniments from the Acting District Engineer of Kurnool, relative to the cost of levelling the rampart and filling up the ditch of the Fort of Kurnool.

1 Letter from District Engineer, Kurnool, No. 12, dated 2nd instant.
1 Section.
1 Sketch.

2. It appears from this communication that the cost of this work will greatly exceed the value of the building sites rendered available by the demolition, the expectation therefore that the outlay would be more than recovered will not be realized.

3. Unless, therefore, individuals can be induced, as suggested by Mr. Thornhill in paragraph 7 of his No. 36, to undertake the levelling, in return for the fee simple of ground, the work can only be executed at a heavy cost to Government, and whether it is worth while or not to incur such outlay must depend upon the amount of sanitary advantage which the work will secure, on which point it would seem most proper to consult the medical Officers.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,111, dated 7th February 1862.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21*st May* 1863.

ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1862, No. 1,057.

Communicated to the Revenue Department with reference to the orders in that Department, No. 754, dated 4th April 1862, in view to its being determined whether, considering that the cost of levelling the rampart and filling up the Fort Ditch at Kurnool will far exceed the value of the building sites rendered available by the demolition, it would be desirable to incur the expenditure on sanitary grounds.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) R. RAGOONATHA ROW, *Deputy Collector,*
(True Copy.)
(Signed) J. I. MINCHIN, *Collector.*

ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1862, No. 1,320.

The Government are not inclined to incur so large an outlay as that which appears to be necessary.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) R. RAGOONATHA ROW, *Deputy Collector.*
(True Copy)
(Signed) J. I. MINCHIN, *Collector.*

Ordered to be submitted for the favorable consideration of Government.
(True Copies and Extracts.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 262. ORDER THEREON, 21st May 1863, No. 884.

1. Under the circumstances brought to notice the Governor in Council grants sanction for the land situated in the old ditch and rampart of the Kurnool fort being sold in lots freehold for building sites, on condition that the purchasers formally engage to level the rampart and fill up the ditch within a stated period at their own expense, to the satisfaction of the Collector. Mr. Minchin will be careful to have this condition reduced to writing and duly signed by the purchasers, a suitable penalty being imposed for breach of the agreement. Part of the land may be reserved for a Boulevard. The proceeds of the sale cannot be applied in the manner proposed in paragraph 6 of the Collector's letter, but must be credited in the public accounts.

2. The Board of Revenue will inform the Collector that, in the event of the people of Kurnool raising a fund among themselves for the purpose of carrying out Municipal improvements in the town, the Government will be prepared to sanction a grant in aid of this fund on the principles enunciated in paragraph 3 of their Order dated 20th June 1859, No. 813.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

For orders. The ditch is useless & fut. and a nuisance to the community - under these circumstances the Colo. perhaps right. I think, he can be cleared.

J.O.

The landowner the cost subject to certain conditions. & we shall not get any fin assistance -

The sale seems desirable, but I do not think that the sale proceeds can be applied in the mode proposed by the

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,111, dated 7th February 1862.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut. Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. RAGOONATHA, ROW, Deputy Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. I. MINCHIN, Collector.

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Actg. Depy. Secy. to Government.

To the Department Public Works.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. RAGOONATHA ROW, Depy. Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. I. MINCHIN, Collector.

Ordered to be submitted for the favorable consideration of Government.

(True Copies and Extracts.)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to J. I. Minchin, Esq., Collector of Kurnool.

Exd. J. Wright.

Collector. They must be carried out for this account

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No 884.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 21st May 1863
Read the following Proc.
of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting, with the Board's recommendation a letter from the Collector of Kurnool, requesting sanction for the sale of the land situated in the old ditch and rampart of the Kurnool Fort, as freehold, for building sites and the sale proceeds to be expended on the proposed sanitary improvements in the Fort.

(Here enter 29 April 63 No 2459)

Under the circumstances brought to notice the Governor in Council grants sanction for the land situated in the old Ditch and Rampart of the Kurnool Fort being sold in lots as freehold for building sites, on condition that the purchasers formally engage to level the Rampart and fill up the Ditch within

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 29th *April* 1863.
Despatched 2 May
Received 4th

No. 2,489.

Submitting with the Board's recommendation a letter from the Collector of Kurnool, requesting sanction for the sale of the land situated in the old ditch and rampart of the Kurnool Fort, as freehold, for building sites and the sale proceeds to be expended on the proposed sanitary improvements in the Fort.

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within a stated period at their own expence, to the satisfaction of the Collector. Mr. Minchin will be recommended to have this condition reduced to writing and duly signed by the purchasers, a suitable penalty being inserted for breach of the agreement. Part of the land may be reserved for a Boulevard.

The proceeds of the sale cannot be appropriated in the manner proposed in para 6 of the Collector's letter, but must be credited in the public accounts.

2 The Board of Revenue will inform the Collector that in the event of the people of Kurnool raising a fund among themselves for the purpose of carrying out municipal improvements in the Town, the Govt will

would be prepared to sanction a grant in aid of their fund on the principles enunciated in para 3 of their order dated 20 June 1857 No 513.

To Board of Revenue Asst Secy
& Pub. Works Dept

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Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Dy 21st May 1863.

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Sanction granted for the land situated in the old ditch and rampart of the Hurnood Fort being sold for building sites and the sale proceeds credited in the public accounts.

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