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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th January 1864.

No. 219. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Passing orders on the subject of the conservancy of the Town Esplanades and Fort Glacis. } (Here enter 24th December 1863, No. 4,117.)

No. 220. ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1864, No. 114.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Military Department, No. 4,117.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th August 1863, *No.* 5,317.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madras, Sydapet, 10th August 1863, *No.* 317; *to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.*

With reference to paragraph 3 of the order of Government, dated 16th ultimo, No. 2309, communicated with the Board's Proceedings No. 4572 of the 23rd idem, I have the honor to forward herewith a Statement shewing the annual receipts for the last seven years on account of the Grass rents of the Town Esplanades and the Fort Glacis. The receipts of the previous years should be ascertained from the Commissioner of Police, as the Esplanades were then under his charge.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Statement shewing the annual Receipts from May 1856 *to April* 1863, *on account of the Grass rents of the Town Esplanades and the Fort Glacis.*

Faslis.	Grass rents.		
	RS.	A.	P.
1856-57... ..	2,974	8	4
1857-58... ...	2,164	0	0
1858-59... ...	2,290	10	8
1859-60... ...	2,776	8	5
1860-61... ...	1,079	2	8
1861-62... ...	1,947	9	4
1862-63... ...	4,192	4	11
Total...	17,424	12	4

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Collector.

SYDAPET, 10*th August* 1863.

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1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to their Order quoted by the Collector.

	Rupees.
* 1862-63.....	4,192
1861-62...	1,947
	2,245

2. The Collector will explain without delay the very great increase (Rupees 2,244)* in the rent of 1862-63 over that of the previous year.

3. The Commissioner of Police will be requested to furnish a Statement of the Grass rents of the Town Esplanades and the Fort Glacis for the three years previous to the year 1856-57.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

Transferred to the Military Department.

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

3rd September 1863.

From the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, 21st September 1863; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

1. With reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 2309 of date 16th July last, we have the honor to submit Plans* and Estimates for enclosing the Town Esplanades, together with a letter from our Civil Engineer on the subject, in which he states the Establishment that he considers necessary to maintain their Conservancy.

* *Requested to be returned.*

2. We have carefully considered the Civil Engineer's letter, together with the different Plans and Estimates that he has submitted, and we are of opinion that No. 1 is much too expensive, besides being heavy in appearance, and it would take a very long time to dress the Granite Pillars. Brick Pillars and Palmyras, as at present used, we could not recommend, as the Pillars are constantly being knocked down and the Palmyras stolen.

No. 2 we think under-estimated, particularly in the charge for fixing and in the estimate for freight and agency.

Designs A, B and C are very similar to each other, but we give the preference to C, as the more substantial of the three.

3. With regard to the item, Rupees 5,000 for ploughing and re-sowing the Esplanades with grass where required, it is an amount that can only be guessed at; but if the work is entrusted to our Engineer, we will see that only such portion of this sum, as may be absolutely necessary, is expended on the work.

4. With regard to the Establishment considered by our Engineer, needed to maintain the Conservancy of the Esplanades, we think a Superintendent and one Peon is all that is necessary to retain as a permanent Establishment.

When it may be requisite to employ Coolies for any particular purpose, a Contingent Bill may be submitted for the work performed.

5. In forwarding these papers, we again respectfully solicit permission to re-submit the Plan* and Estimate sent in to Government some-time ago, for creating the Monument Esplanade into a place of recreation for the large number of inhabitants in Black Town, who cannot afford conveyances to take them to the People's Park.

* *Also to be returned.*

6. The success of the latter undertaking has sufficiently proved how much places of this kind are valued by the inhabitants of the densely crowded portions of this city, and as the scheme was originally approved by Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation, Public Department, of date 8th December 1860, but never carried out, we deem this a favorable opportunity for again reverting to the subject.

7. It will be observed that neither planting of trees, nor buildings of any kind are proposed on the Esplanade, simply a few gravelled walks and a Band-stand on the ground level.

8. We further take this opportunity to solicit that some better arrangements be made by the Military Authorities for the preservation of cleanliness on the Esplanades, on occasion of Troops being permitted to encamp thereon.

9. The Esplanade opposite Patchiappah's Institution was, on a late occasion of a Native Regiment being encamped there, left in a very objectionable state.

10. The public have now for some time enjoyed the privilege of making short cuts to and from the Fort, across the Town Esplanades, and the sudden withdrawal of this privilege would be felt as a great inconvenience; we propose therefore to lay out gravelled paths across some of the Esplanades, where they would be found most convenient to foot passengers; and as gateways will be fixed at certain points on all the Esplanades, the public will have ample opportunity of enjoying every privilege that has hitherto been conceded to them.

11. In reply to the inquiry of Government as to the terms and conditions on which we would undertake the charge and Conservancy of the Esplanades and Glacis, we beg to state that we are prepared to carry out the entire work enumerated in this letter, that is, getting out from England the Iron Railings and putting them up; ploughing and re-sowing the Esplanades; laying out the Monument Esplanade, &c., on being placed in funds by Government from time to time to the extent we have estimated for.

We are prepared to maintain the Conservancy of the Esplanades and provide encamping ground for Troops, rent the grazing, collect the rents, and remit the same to the credit of Government after paying all contingent expenses, and duly submit an account of all receipts and expenditure.

12. We regret that as a Public Corporation appointed for a special purpose, we do not feel justified in undertaking to carry out these works on an assignment to us by Government of the rents to be realized by grazing and cow-dung contracts, even although it might prove a profitable undertaking; we will, however, use our best endeavours to make a profitable return to Government for the proposed outlay, and we do not doubt but our expectations will be fully realized.

Endorsement.

Referred to the Board of Revenue, with the view to their ascertaining from the Collector of Madras and reporting to Government, the probable effect upon the Grass rents of the proposed improved arrangements for enclosing the Town Esplanades.

2. The Board are requested to submit the explanation regarding the extraordinary increase in the rent of 1862-63 over that of the previous year, called for in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings 25th August last, No. 5317, or if the same has not yet been furnished, to require its immediate submission.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
9th October 1863.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10*th October* 1863, No. 6532.

From the Collector of Madras, Sydapet, 21*st September* 1863, *No.* 373; *to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.*

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 5317, of the 25th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the Statement which accompanied my letter of the 10th idem, gives the *receipts* as required by Government, and not the *rents* as the Board would seem to think in paragraph 2. The large increase in the receipts of 1862-63 over those of the previous years is consequent upon the collection in that year of the arrears of Faslis 1268, 1239 and 1270, and a slight increase in the rent.

2. I have also given in the margin the rents of the last seven years. These rents are farmed out by Faslis, but the collections are closed with the official years in order to enable the Accounts to be submitted with the Local Fund Reports. The rents which are disposed of at auction, vary each year.

Faslis.	*Rents.*	*Faslis*	*Rents.*
	RS.		RS.
1266	3,120	1270	1,850
1267	2,150	1271	2,236
1268	2,800	1272	2,600
1269	2,310		

Ordered that the above letter be communicated to Government with reference to the Board's Proceedings quoted by the Collector.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

Transferred to the Military Department.

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

16*th October* 1863.

From the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, 13*th October* 1863; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.*

In reply to your Memorandum of the 8th instant, we have the honor to state that we have no objection to take entire charge of the Monument Explanade for the benefit of the public when once laid out, as proposed in our letter of date the 21st September 1863.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Requesting the Acting Collector of Madras to state the probable effect upon the Grass rents of the improved arrangements for enclosing the Town Esplanades. } Here enter 13th October 1863, No. 6572.

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1. Communicated to the Collector of Madras, who will report on paragraph 1 of the Order.

2. The Board observe that an explanation in regard to the increase in the Grass rent of 1862-63, was submitted to Government in Board's Proceedings, dated 10th October 1863.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th November 1863, No. 7284.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madras, Sydapet, 27th October 1863, No. 448; to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Board's Proceedings, No. 6572, of the 13th instant, I have the honor to report that the Town Esplanade form the largest part of the grazing lands, annually rented out at the Madras Deputy Collector's Office.

2. Rungasawmy Iyengar reports that, in the rent of the current Fasli, the two large Esplanades facing Patchiappah's Institution and the evening Bazar were not included, as he was informed by the Commissioner of Police, that the Government were contemplating their transfer to the Municipal Commissioners. The remainder, however, owing to competition at the auction, realized Rupees 2,445.

3. The Town Esplanades do not, as the Board may be aware, afford by any means rich pasturage, since the railings were removed. People are constantly crossing in all directions, and consequently destroying the grass. Under the contemplated improved arrangements, we may fairly anticipate an increase; but as the rents depend so largely upon competition, it is not possible to declare with any accuracy, what they may eventually fetch.

4. As the Municipal Commissioners are desirous of having the renting of the Esplanades in their own hands, I would propose that the few small tracts outside the town walls, generally included in our annual grazing contract, be also placed under the Commissioners' management; this would be a better arrangement than dealing with these small portions separately.

5. There will be no objection to making over immediately to the Municipal Commissioners, the two Esplanades, which have not been rented out this year. But the others had better not be interfered with, till the close of the Fasli, when the Contract expires.

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1. Ordered that the above letter be submitted to Government, with reference to paragraph 1 of their Endorsement, dated 9th October 1863, on a letter from the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras.

2. The Board agree with the Acting Collector that the Esplanades already rented out should not be interfered with, until the expiry of the Contract at the close of the Fasli.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

ORDER, No. 4117, *24th December* 1863.

The Governor in Council directs that measures be taken by the Municipal Commissioners for enclosing the Town Esplanades and Fort Glacis. Of the designs received from them, he considers that which provides for having Cast Iron Standards and Iron Rails (No. 2) to be the most suitable. He accordingly resolves that the probable cost* of enclosing the Esplanades and Glacis according to this design; of ploughing the soil where necessary and laying it down with grass; of building a Band Stand on the Monument Esplanade and adapting it as a place of recreation for the inhabitants of Black Town, be entered in the Public Works Budget for 1864-65, in view to the Municipal Commissioners being provided with the necessary funds.

* *Mr. Horgan's Estimate (No. 2,) for Iron Standards and Iron Rails, considered by the Municipal Commissioners too low* ..... *Rupees* ...		21,512
Ploughing, &c	„ ...	5,000
		26,512
Band Stand, &c., for Monument Esplanade.	„ ...	3,000
		29,512

2. The Monument Esplanade will be made over, after the above improvements are effected, to the Municipal Commissioners.

3. The Conservancy of the other Esplanades and the Glacis, and the leasing out of the grass, &c., thereon, will be entrusted to the Municipal Commissioners.

4. Paragraphs 8 and 9 of the letter from the Municipal Commissioners, dated 21st September last, will be communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, for such notice and the issue of such instructions for the future as His Excellency may consider necessary.

5. Resolved that the thanks of Government be conveyed to the Municipal Commissioners for the Plans and Estimates submitted by them, which will be returned through the Department Public Works, after entering the amount required in the Budget.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Municipal Commissioners.
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„ Public Works Department, with 9 enclosures
(to be eventually returned to the Municipal Commissioners.)
„ Quarter Master General.
„ Brigade Major Fort Saint George.
„ Public Department.
„ Commissioner of Police.
„ Barrack Master.
„ Adjutant General, for information.

T. Stubbs.

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