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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 29th January 1864.

No. 314. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th January 1864, No. 383:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated 8th January 1864, No. 9.

1. I have the honor to submit the following case for the consideration of the Board, and request to be favored with their early instructions on the subject.

2. At the request of a party called Motha Brothers of Tuticorin, the Deputy Collector, Mr. Underwood, granted to them without reference to me, a certain piece of ground on the beach at Tuticorin between the waters edge and the beach road, for the purpose of erecting on it a building for working a Soda Water and Lemonade Machine, and ordered a Puttah to be made out for Punjah assessment at the rate of seven Pies a year. Motha Brothers took possession of the ground and commenced to lay the foundations and begin the building, at an alleged cost of Rupees 600, but which seems to be over-stated.

3. As the Deputy Collector had exceeded his authority in granting the land above referred to, I cancelled his Order, pending a final decision in the matter. Mr. Underwood now requests that some consideration may be extended to Motha Brothers, under the peculiar circumstances, as he was not aware that the ground should have been put up to auction for building purposes, and that he had not the power to make over the ground to the above individual on Puttah for merely Punjah assessment.

4. At present there are only two small buildings on the beach, one a godown opposite to the Jaditalaven's house, on which it is reported a building stood so far back as the year 1814, and the other a cow shed in front of Mr. Cocq's house, erected about 1835 or 1836. As Tuticorin is an important town, and as the trade is increasing rapidly, the Master Attendant is of opinion that the ground between the water and the beach road should be kept clear of buildings; consequently I have already refused several applications from other parties for ground on the beach, but as Motha Brothers have laid the foundations and commenced the superstructure, under the sanction of Mr. Underwood, I am of opinion that as a special case, the ground referred to be sold to Motha Brothers with reference to the valuation that may be put upon it by three arbitrators, two to be appointed by the Collector and one by Motha Brothers, as the land could not without hardship to the party concerned be put up now to public auction, without reference to the outlay that has been made upon it.

Submitted for the sanction of Government.

No. 315. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1864, No. 161.

1. Under the circumstances stated, the course proposed by the Collector is sanctioned.

2. Mr. Underwood ought not to have made a grant in such a locality without the Collector's permission. The Collector should have all sites which it is desirable to reserve, registered without delay.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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A piece of ground situated on the beach at Tuticorin granted to Matha Brothers at that station by the Dy Collr Mr Underwood ordered to be sold with reference to the valuation that may be put upon it by 3 Arbitrators &c.

No. 314 & 315.