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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 81

59. 60

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Dated 8 — 1 — ~~19~~ 1864

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 8th January 1864.

No. 59. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 26th December 1863, No. 141 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that a Cricket ground for the men of the European Detachment stationed here is very much wanted. A piece of open ground for purposes of general recreation is very desirable, as all the land about, not under Paddy, is thickly planted with Cocoanut trees, &c. It is private property and without some arrangement with the Jenmis cannot be applied to public purposes.

2. I have had a piece of land, about 7 Acres in extent, close to the Barracks, and in a good situation on the Cannanore road, marked out, and the Zamorin Raja, who manages the property of which it forms a part on account of a Devasom, has agreed to make it over as long as Government require it for public purposes if the annual assessment be remitted, and a pitom or rental of Rupees 17 per annum be paid to him.

Rupees 27-8-10 *if the whole area is cultivated* which it hardly ever is.

3. I can have the ground levelled by a party of Convicts, and propose adapting portions of it for a Cricket ground, and planting a few trees, &c. in the rest as a place of public recreation.

4. I therefore beg to request the sanction of Government for the payment of the rental of Rupees 17 per annum.

As it will not be cultivated, the assessment will not be payable.

5. I cannot specify how the charge can be met, but I doubt not it can be met if Government are pleased to approve of it.

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1864, No. 31.

1. The Government highly approve of Mr. Ballard's proposal. The annual payment of Rupees 17 is sanctioned from the Local Funds of the District.

2. The ground will be under the Collector's charge, and Convict labor will be available as far as circumstances permit, for laying it out and keeping it in order.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" Collector of Malabar.
" Military Department.
" Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Orders.

This seems a very desirable arrangement - and pt. may think fairly contribute to provide the people with the large provincial towns with places of recreation - To avoid Budget difficulties, as well as for other obvious reasons, I would suggest that pt. should rather offer a donation of 1000 Rs to the residents with instr. to erect as much more, the whole to be funded in the name of trustees for purposes of the work and future con-

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of Cornish Lots being laid
-loaded as far as circum-
stances permit.

S. D.S.

No. 31.

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Fort St George
8th Jany 64.

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From
The Collector of Malabar
To
The Chief Secretary to Govt
Fort St George

Dated 26 Dec 63.
Rec'd

No 141

No 1690

From The Collector of Malabar 22 Dec 63
G. No 5811

Requesting sanction for the payment of a rental of Rupees 17 per annum for the ground be proposes adopting as a Cricket ground and a place of public recreation.

With an order