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21st March, 1864.*

No. 225. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th March 1864 :—

Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Doopaud, 1st March 1864, No. 26.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring the following circumstances to the consideration of the Board, as unless a remedy be provided, I fear that a stop may be placed to the very wholesome Municipal improvements that are at present being carried out in the town of Kurnool.

2. The levelling of the old ditch and ramparts of the ruined Fort has long been a sanitary measure much required, and the execution of which has been retarded solely by the great expense which its execution cost on Government.

3. The Deputy Collector, Ragoonadha Row, being of opinion that this much wanted improvement could be effected by private enterprise, were the ground sold as building sites with this condition, proposed this arrangement, which was sanctioned by Government in their Order No. 884, dated 21st May 1863.

4. The measure has been carried out successfully; the sites have been sold and the work of levelling has been carried on briskly, and will shortly be completed within the limits of the Civil Station.

5. I beg to forward a plan of the localities which will show the nature of the contemplated improvements, with the present Cantonment boundary.

6. The triangular plot of ground to the west of the rampart is situated within the Military Cantonment, and with the consent of Colonel Galway, C. B., lately Commanding the Station, was made over for the construction of a People's Park. The removal of the rampart at this spot forms part of the design for this work, and with the assistance of convict labor, kindly granted by the Sessions Judge, is carried out at the expense of the Municipal Association.

7. The southern ditch and rampart has been sold under the Government Order above quoted, and is being levelled at the expense of the purchasers. A street of superior shops and houses will be here formed, fronted by a public boulevard, which is to be planted with trees, along which a canal to be supplied with water by the Irrigation Company forms part of the design.

8. On this portion of the works the whole expense of levelling is borne by the purchasers of the sites, and would be beyond the means of the Municipal Association.

9. It will be observed from the plan, that the boundary line of the Military Cantonment, runs from the corner of the south bastion of the Fort, to a boundary pillar behind the Government School, and thus a small portion of the proposed boulevard with the site of one or two houses falls within Military limits.

10. Captain Kenney, at present Commanding Kurnool, considers that the grant of Government land within the Cantonment for building sites is opposed to Cantonment orders, and can only be made on the special sanction of Government, through application forwarded by the Commanding Officer through the channel of the Military authorities.

11. He considers that the Government Order No. 884, dated 21st May 1863, gives no authority for the sale of lands within the Cantonment, and while approving of the project of a People's Park, is of opinion that land within the Cantonment devoted to this purpose is always liable to be resumed by the Military authorities, if such a step be thought advisable.

12. The result of this view of the case is to put a stop to the completion of the proposed boulevard, and to leave an unsightly portion of the ditch and rampart, between the People's Park and the boulevard, unlevelled, unless the expense of that work be borne by the Government.

13. In order to obviate the difficulties thus raised to the completion of a most useful local improvement, I beg to suggest that the boundary line of the Cantonment be altered at the spot in question, so as to include the whole of the People's Park and boulevard within the limits of the Civil Station.

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14. I am unaware of any advantages attending the formation of a Military Cantonment in the Station of Kurnool, but as the measure has been carried out, I fear it is not likely to be now abandoned. There can, however, be no objection raised to the alteration of the Cantonment limits as now proposed, none of the ground which I suggest should be transferred to the Civil Station, being required for any Military purpose.

15. The only exception is the case of the solitary cells, which are very unsightly objects, and might with advantage be removed and re-constructed in a less prominent situation within the Military limits. If the expense of this step be objected to, the actual site of the cells might be demarcated out as belonging to the Cantonment, its boundary being otherwise altered as proposed in the accompanying plan.

16. I trust that the Board will obtain the necessary orders from Government to allow of the completion of works which will be a great local improvement, and which already reflect the greatest credit on the Zillah Surgeon, Dr. Keess, and the Deputy Collector Ragoonatha Row, under whose superintendence they are being carried out.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the favorable consideration of Government.
2. The road from the bridge to the jail would form a well defined boundary to the Cantonment on the east side, and the difficulty regarding the solitary cells might be removed by re-building them in a more suitable position.
3. The cost would probably be trifling, as convict labor is available to assist in the work.

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ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1861, No. 473.

Referred, through the Military Department, for the views of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER.

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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