

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th June 1864.

No. 121. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Authorizing the Civil and Sessions Judge of Salem to make } (Here enter 2nd June 1864, No. 805.)
over to the Post Master so much of certain land in that
Station for the erection of a Post Office.

No. 122.

ORDER THEREON, 11th June 1864, No. 993.

Land.

Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Salem, through the Board of Revenue, for his information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
2nd June 1864.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 14. From J. W. CHERRY, Esq., Civil and Session Judge of Salem; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 21st April 1864, No. 6.

I had the honor, on the 8th February 1862, to bring to the notice of Government the fact of my being in charge of the old Judicial buildings; agreeably to my recommendation these buildings, with the land attached thereto, were sold under the orders of Government and the proceeds duly credited.

2. I now beg to state that there is some land and one or two tumble-down sheds, and an old Mahal, hardly worth the materials they are composed of, which were made over, it appears, some 50 years ago to the Judicial authorities for the confinement of women and Civil debtors. I am now supposed to be in charge of these also.

3. The Collector has written to me proposing to sell the sheds and Mahal, and asks for my consent to let him have the ground (which forms a part of Gramanuttum lands) to give out for building purposes.

4. To this I have no objection to offer, but solicit, in the first instance, the orders of Government on the subject.

5. I must mention the ground in question is in a central part of Salem, and would be suited for public purposes. Colonel Pears, the Postmaster General, told me the other day that it was likely that he would require a piece of it for a new Post Office.

6. It appears from the Pymash accounts that the whole extent deducted from Mootah assets on account of "Kotta Bushy," or Fort village site, is acres 28-36-0; of this the land hitherto occupied by the Civil Jail measures Goontahs 32-4-0. The Civil Jail itself was entered as "Ismael Khan's" Mahal, and was in existence before the survey.

7. Of these Goontahs 32-4-0 nearly one-half, viz., Goontahs 14-14-0 were given, it would seem, by the late Collector Mr. Brett, on the eve of his leaving the District, but without consulting me, to one Paul Pillai his Sheristadar, who has erected thereon a substantial house.

8. It is the remaining portion of this land that the Honorable D. Arbuthnot wishes to dispose of, and as it is no longer required for my department, I beg to submit the same for the sanction of Government, subject to such conditions as the Government may think fit to impose.

Referred to the Postmaster General and to Mr. H. A. Brett, the late Collector of Salem, for report, with reference to the remarks made in paragraphs 5 and 7.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
30th April 1864.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 15. From H. A. BRETT, Esq., late Collector of Salem; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated 4th May 1864.

With reference to paragraphs 5 and 7 of Mr. Cherry's letter to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 21st ultimo, No. 6, I have the honor to state that I did not consider the land in question under the charge of the Judicial authorities when I made over a portion of it to Mr. David Paul.

2. I was aware that the buildings in question had been used formerly as a place of confinement for Civil debtors, but this was probably a temporary arrangement in the first instance, and it is long since the Judicial authorities ceased to make use of the buildings in any way. The land is not contiguous to any of the property referred to in the 1st paragraph of Mr. Cherry's letter. It is in a different part of the town, and is strictly part of the village land. The so-called Mahal was probably used as a public choultry before it was converted into a place of confinement for the Civil debtors. I therefore looked upon the land and buildings as having reverted to the Collector's charge, and thinking it would be an improvement to the town if substantial houses were built on the ground, I gave a portion of it, as stated, to Mr. Paul as a building site.

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2nd June 1864.

3. It is not usual to sell land belonging to the "Gramanuttum," or the area set apart for native houses; and as to the old buildings, I intended at the time I left the District to have the materials sold and the remaining land so laid out as to improve the road-ways in the vicinity and to furnish more building sites.

4. With regard to the point mentioned by Mr. Cherry, as to Colonel Pears desiring to have a part of the land for a new Post Office, I beg to state that one of the Judicial buildings referred to in paragraph 1 of Mr. Cherry's letter, with land surrounding it, was, I believe, made over to the Postal Department just previous to my leaving Salem in 1862, and that it never occurred to me that any public department would require any portion of the land now in question.

No. 16. From Lieutenant Colonel A. C. PEARS, Postmaster General; to the Honorable A. J. ARRUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 11th May 1864, No. 167.

In returning the original docket, dated 30th ultimo, with its enclosure, I have the honor to state that on my visiting the Post Office at Salem in the early part of last month, I found that the portion of the old Court building, assigned to the Post Office in the Proceedings of Government, No. 1617, dated 1st October 1862, was in every respect quite unsuitable for a Post Office.

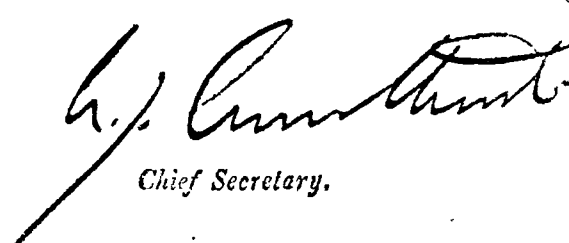
2. It is therefore my intention to recommend the construction of a special building suited to the actual requirements of the Post Office, and a portion of the ground referred to by Mr. Cherry in paragraph 5 of his letter now returned, would be an excellent site for the proposed building, and I request that Government will accordingly be pleased to grant a portion of it, not less than 60 x 80 feet, for the purpose.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1864, No. 805.

The Governor in Council authorizes the Civil and Session Judge of Salem to make over to the Postmaster so much of the land referred to in the foregoing letter as may be required for the erection of a Post Office. When this has been done, the Collector will dispose of the remainder by sale for building purposes.

2. The course taken by the late Collector Mr. Brett, in giving a piece which originally formed a part of the land in question to his Sheristadar, was clearly irregular. Gramanuttum land is intended for the Ryots of the village in which it is situated, and not for strangers, but in a large town like Salem, it is not usual to treat any land as Gramanuttum. Under any circumstances, the Collector's Sheristadar was not entitled to obtain it except by purchase in the regular way. As, however, a house has been built on the land, the Governor in Council will not interfere with the grant made by Mr. Brett.

(True Extract.)


Chief Secretary.

To the Civil and Session Judge of Salem.

„ Postmaster General.

To H. A. Brett, Esq.

To the Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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