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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 424. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th July 1865, No. 4,029 :—

Read the following letter from J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 14th June 1865, No. 104 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit for the consideration and orders of the Board of Revenue a letter* from the Executive Engineer, No. 1 Range, and its enclosures† with English Translation, from which it will be observed that a certain extent of land in the Pittapur Estate is required for an Imperial road, which is now being constructed. The Zemindar has no objection to give up the land if the Government give him land in exchange. He does not wish to receive compensation in money, as he has hitherto done in the case of the other lands taken up for Public Works in his Estate.

* Dated 3rd May 1865, No. 42.

† Telugu letter from the Zemindar of the Pittapur Estate to Mr. Sage, and a Razinamah.

2. In the Government Proceedings of the 27th July 1864, No. 1,331, communicated with the Board's Proceedings, dated 29th idem, No. 4,854, it was determined that no land should be given to the Zemindars in Government villages in lieu of a remission of Peshcush, as such an arrangement tends to complicate the accounts, and to create clashing interests.

3. There is a certain quantity of Government waste land in the Zemindary village of Cocanada, which has already been the subject of correspondence vide Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd June 1864, No. 3,887 ; of this a few acres are under cultivation, and a few acres are fit for cultivation.

4. I therefore consider it would be unobjectionable to make over to the Zemindar the above land available in Cocanada, in exchange for the land to be occupied for the Board under reference, as it will not tend to complicate the Government accounts, and request that the Board will obtain permission for me to do so.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From G. S. SAGE, Esq., Executive Engineer in charge of No. 1 Range, Godavery District, to the Sub-Collector in charge of the Godavery District, dated Dowlaishweram, 22nd May 1865, No. 42.

1. With reference to your letter, No. 30, dated 8th ultimo, and my reply, No. 466, dated 15th April 1865, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter received from Zemindar of Pittapur, also his Razinamah. From his letter you will see he has no objection to giving up the land for equal quantity of land elsewhere ; but objects to selling it, or having the sist deducted, on the grounds that it is reducing the value of his property, and with which I quite agree. I have the honor to request you will countersign and return to me the Razinamah, stating that new land will be given for all land occupied by road. Should your view be contrary, endorse Razinamah to that effect, stating what terms will be allowed to Zemindar for land occupied.

2. Early attention to the subject is requested, as road cannot be gone on with pending the obtaining possession of the land.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. FRASER, *Collector.*

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From SRI RAJAH RAW VENKATA MAHIPATY GANGADHARA RAMA ROW, BAHADUR, Zemindar, to G. S. SAGE, Esq., Executive Engineer, No. 1 Range, Godavery District.

1. I have received your letter, No. 1,737 of the 17th ultimo, (together with a draft of Razinamah) stating, among other circumstances, that certain lands will be occupied by the road now under construction from the village of Penuguduru to that of Gorripudi, appertaining to my

Zemindary, and that if a Razinamah be sent agreeing to the same, an account will be prepared and submitted to the Collector, in order that either lands in exchange or compensation in money may be given.

2. I have no objection to give up the land in question to be occupied under the said road if Government give me equivalent lands in exchange for the same. But in the event of my agreeing to receive compensation in money, as stated in the Razinamah drafted by you, I find some inconveniences, which are as follows.

3. The above lands had been included in my ancient Zemindary a long time ago. When such lands were taken for public works during my minority, a reduction in the Peshcush was made only on account of their assessment; but lands were not given in exchange, as no definite arrangements were then made for the same. I sustained a great loss, because lands which belonged to us from time immemorial were taken up for public works without giving adequate compensation with reference to the assessment paying to me like other lands even when the Peshcush was reduced, and because compensation was given in money for our Zerayati lands which were given in exchange for the Inám lands occupied for public purposes. Should assessment be continued to be reduced in the Peshcush, without giving me lands in exchange for those which may be required for public purposes, a deficiency in the area of our Zemindary would be the result, and thereby our profits diminished. The draft Razinamah was therefore copied fair, omitting the condition "that I will receive compensation," and sent herewith. If you still entertain any doubt, I hope you will let me know your opinion on the subject.

[Seal and Signature of the Rajah.]

From SRI RAJAH RAW VENKATA MAHIPATY GANGADHARA RAMA ROW, BAHADUR, Zemindar, to G. S. SAGE, Esq., Executive Engineer, No. 1 Range, Godavery District.

I agree to give up the lands (in the villages of Penuguduru, Patallagedda, Gorripudi, Kongodu, and Aravattam,) which are to be occupied by the road under construction, from the village of Penuguduru to that of Gorripudi, on condition of Government giving lands in exchange for the same.

[Seal and Signature of the Rajah.]

(True Translations.)

(Signed) J. FRASER, *Collector.*

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1. The Board see no objection to the Collector's proposal to give Government land, situated in Cocanada, as an equivalent for that taken from the Pittapur Estate for the construction of a road.

2. They resolve accordingly to recommend to Government that Mr. Fraser be authorized to make over the land to the Zemindar as proposed.

No. 425. ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1865, No. 1,711.

Miscellaneous.

The Government note the peculiar circumstances stated in paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter as the grounds for his recommending an exchange of land in this instance, but they cannot authorize the Collector to carry out the arrangement until they are informed of the extent of Zemindary land to be occupied for public purposes, and of Government land to be given in exchange, with full particulars as to assessment, value, &c.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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The Govt. under the peculiar circumstances stated in para 3. of Mr. F.'s letter dated 7th inst. do not object to an exchange of land in that instance as applied for. but they cannot authorize the Collr. to carry out the arrangement until they are informed of the extent of Zemindary land to be occupied for public purposes, & of Govt. land to be given in exchange, with full particulars as to assessment, value &c.

24th July/65.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Pro. B of Rev. 28th March 1866 Cal. 946

Dated 14th July 1865.

4 enclosures

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No 4,029.

Recommending that Collector of Godavery District be authorized to make over certain Government land in Cocanada to Zemindar of Pittapur in exchange for land belonging to him required for an Imperial road.

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