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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18th October 1865.

No. 322. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th September 1865, No. 6,124.

Read again letter from the Collector of Madras, dated 14th August 1865, recorded in Board's Proceedings, 25th August 1865, No. 5,237.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 31st August 1865, No. 271 :—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 25th instant, No. 5,237, I have the honor to inform you that I have ascertained from the Deputy Collector, that the correspondence alluded to in my letter of the 14th idem, No. 247, relates to the *sheds* only of the Evening Bazaar, sometimes called Thieving Bazaar, and has no relation to the *shops* in the same bazaar, which are permanencies and private property.

1. Submitted to Government, with reference to the Government Order dated 12th July 1865, No. 1,602.

2. It appears from the correspondence referred to in the Collector's first letter, that the Board sanctioned the collection of ground-rent for the shops or sheds in question. A reference to certain records shews that ground-rent was invariably required when Government land was temporarily occupied for storing goods or other purposes. It was charged at certain rates in different parts of the town, with reference to the purpose to which the land was put.

No. 323. ORDER THEREON, 18th October 1865, No. 2,530.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Military Department in continuation of G. O. dated 12th July 1865, No. 1,602, Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 5,237.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 25th August 1865.

Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 14th August 1865, No. 247:—

1. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Order of Government, communicated with the Board's Proceedings, No. 4,087 of the 15th ultimo, I have the honor to refer the Board to the marginal correspondence between the Board of Revenue and the Collector of the late Madras Collectorate, from which it will appear that the levy of rent upon the ground upon which the sheds at the Evening bazar are erected dates so far back as the year 1825, and was introduced under the authority of the Board of Revenue.

From Board, 28th July 1825, No. 122.
To do. 10th August do. 110.
From do. 15th do. do. 134.

2. The rate of ground rent charged is Rupees 17½ per ground per mensem. This particular tax is a monthly assessment on *Government* land, and is distinct from *quit-rent*, which is an *annual* tax on *private* property, as recognized by Government in Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 6th March 1858, No. 299.

3. My Deputy Collector is of opinion that the occupants of these houses will not be entitled to any compensation, but perhaps it would be advisable to obtain a legal opinion before ousting tenants of more than twenty-five years' standing.

4. A copy of my Deputy Collector's report is herewith enclosed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From V. RUNGASAWMI IYENGAR, Deputy Collector of Madras, to E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Madras, dated 15th July 1865, No. 190.

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Government Proceedings, No. 1,491 of the 30th ultimo, I have the honor to observe that the site of the Evening bazar sheds in question belongs to Government. A few of the present occupants seem to have been enjoying the land so far back as 1839 and prior, and the others subsequently at different periods.

2. The imposition of monthly ground rent (not quit-rent) implies in itself that the occupants of Government land are bound to remove the sheds and vacate the ground at any time required by Government, and without any claims for compensation at all, although there is not any specific written agreement taken from them to that effect, excepting from one single person Tiruvengadam in the year 1862.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) E. G. R. FANE, Collector.

The Board observe that the correspondence quoted apparently refers to the shops in the Thieving bazar, and not to the leaf sheds referred to in the previous correspondence. The Collector is requested to explain this.

(True Copies and Extract.)
(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

To E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector of Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

Revenue Department.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 25th August 1865.

No. 5,237.

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No. 6,124.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

R. A. Dalyell

Acting Secretary.

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, 25th August 1865, No. 5,237.

Copy to E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector of Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 2792.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 29th September 1865.
Dispd 3 Octr
Recd 4th
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No. 6,124.

Submitting with remarks letters from the Collector of Madras quoting the authority under which ground-rent was collected for the sheds in the Evening bazaar.

No. 322 to 23.

No. 2530 - 18th October

With an Order

Commd. to the Mil. Dept. [illegible]
Continuation of S.V.D.
12. July 65. No. 1602. L.D.
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18th Octr. /65.

7 to the Secretary Dept. Dec 19th Octr
14 to the Board of Rev.