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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue—**DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 640 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd March 1865.

Read the following papers:—

No. 391. From E. LEFAUCHEUR, Esq., to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 23rd December 1864.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit, to your consideration, copy of several letters which I wrote to the Collector of the Godavery District, about my property which is situated on the bank of the Cocanada river, and observe that:—

First.—By Proceedings dated 9th August 1864, the Madras Government admitted that unless my property was purchased, the improvements advocated by Sir Charles Trevelyan and approved by Government, could not be carried out, and ordered thereon that the Board should ascertain from the Collector what subscription would probably be realized from the inhabitants of Cocanada as grant-in-aid. The inhabitants refused to subscribe for many reasons, which I stated to the Collector by letter dated 3rd September, No. 4.

Second.—I heard, subsequently, that Government ordered the Collector to ascertain from the Engineers what could be done with the property when purchased.

Third.—Since nearly nine months the doubt of keeping or losing my property kept me in great inconvenience and losses. I beg consequently to submit that, as the necessity of purchasing my property is now fully admitted by Government, the settlement should take place without further delay and inconvenience to me. As a settlement the most equitable, I beg further to submit that the valuation of the property should be made by arbitrators named one by Government, and the other by me; and in case of dispute between the two arbitrators, by a third arbitrator named by them.

Here enclosed two sets of letters and a Map of my property.

No. 392. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th February 1865, No. 750.

Read the following letter from J. FRASER, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Godavery District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ramachendrapur, 23rd January 1865, No. 9.

1. In reply to the Proceedings of the Board noted in the margin, and the Order* of Government thereon, I have the honor to state that, supposing Government to purchase Monsieur LeFaucheur's property, the only advisable way that I can think of for disposing of what remains of it, after sufficient has been taken to widen the road-way along the river bank to 40 feet, is to sell it by public auction.

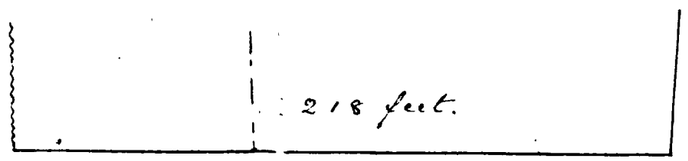
No. 6,255 of 22nd September 1864.

* No. 1,846, 8th October 1864, conveyed with the Board's Proceedings dated 11th idem.

2. The widening the road-way, as originally intended by Sir Charles Trevelyan, will take down the whole front verandah of the house; what is then left of it might, with some small additions, be made into a public Bungalow, which would be a great boon at Cocanada; but for a private residence, the removal of the verandah would render the building quite unfit.

3. I saw Captain Ryves a short time ago, for about half an hour, at Cocanada, and spoke of this property among other things, and what shou'd be done with it if purchased by Government. Captain Ryves suggested that any interference with the house might be avoided by encroaching on the river, where it stands, to the extent required to make the road 40 feet wide. This, however, would make an unsightly projection into it, and narrow the originally proposed width of the river, which was to be every where 100 yards I believe.

4. M. LeFaucheur values his property roughly at 15,000 Rupees; and I think that as ground in that direction is valuable, the remainder might be sold by auction, at 1½ Rupee per square yard of surface, exclusive of what the remainder of the house might fetch. A building site next to the site of the new Post Office, and nearer the bridge than M. LeFaucheur's house, containing 444 square yards, was lately sold at auction for 1,050 Rupees, this high price being realized in consequence of there being much competition for the piece of ground which was sold.



Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd March 1865.

5. The actual value of the house and ground must be declared by the Engineer De partment.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be submitted for the information and orders of Govern - ment, with reference to their Order quoted by the Collector.

No. 393. From E. LEFAUCHEUR, Esq., to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Cocanada, 23rd February 1865.

SIR,

1. Having not as yet received any intimation about the claim I had the honor to renew before you, by letter dated 23rd December last, I beg to pray you to be so good as to let me know, i f the said claim has been laid before Government, what has been the decision rendered there upon.

2, I most earnestly pray you for a quick settlement of my claim, as by the doubt of losing or keeping my property, I am kept in the greatest inconveniences.

No. 394. From T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., Sub-Collector in charge of Godavery District, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Narsapur, 11th March 1865, No. 7.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Official Memorandum, No. 41, dated 4th instant, and to state that the Government Order of the 8th October 1864, No. 1,846, regarding M. LeFaucheur's property at Cocanada, was answered by Mr. Fraser on the 23rd Januar y 1865, through the Board (copy of which is herein enclosed), and by their Proceedings, No. 750, dated 9th ultimo, it also appears that Mr. Fraser's letter was ordered to be submitted to Government.

2. On the 28th February, the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, was requested to send the plan referred to in the Proceedings of Government above quoted, and on receiving the same, it will be forwarded without delay.

No. 395. ORDER THEREON, 23rd March 1865, No. 640.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to lie over pending the receipt of the Map referred to from the Superintending Engineer.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" Collector of Godavery.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 1.

Samulcottah, 18th March

To

E. LeFaucheur Esquire.

Cocanada.

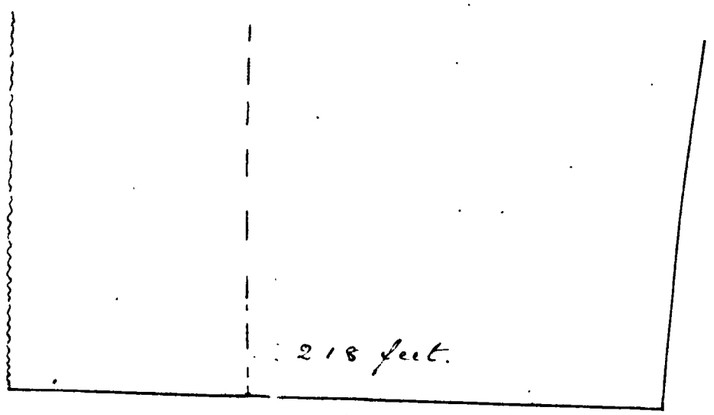
Sir,

I have just received your letter of this date, in which you state that in the event of it being decided to carry out the proposed road, you are willing to dispose of your house & grounds for a fair remuneration & you consider that the property will be depreciated in future by the raising of the road in front of it.

In reply I beg to inform you that it is not in my power to purchase your property, otherwise I would and pay it off at your offer immediately; as until your house is removed, at any rate the front part of it, it will not be possible to carry out to the full extent the proposed improvements of the River & town of Cocanada.

I believe this is a matter for the consideration of the Cocanada "Municipal Association", as it is of a purely local nature.

2. I must now inform you & those Gentlemen who are so opposed to the raising of the road, that to suit your united wishes, and only as a temporary arrangement, the road will be made only (2) two feet higher than the Stone revetment instead of (4) four feet as originally intended, commencing from the foot of the approaches to the New bridge up to the East end of your compound, from which point up to the groynes beyond the Light House, where no private property interferes, it will be raised to the full height of four (4) feet. — This height (4 feet)



will also be found to be embankment on the South side of the river. The natural consequence of this inequality of height will be that, in the event of a very high tide accompanied by a strong Easterly wind & a high freshet in the Jabacoa (as occurred in 1838 & many years before & may still) your house & the Sandalphes with Sussmost, as the floods will be forced over the Town embankments in front of your houses by the higher embankments above & below them.

You & the other gentlemen who complain of the inconvenience of the road being raised, do not seem to be aware that the first & chief reason for constructing such a high road is to protect the town which is situated on such so low a level, from such inundations as happened in 1838; and in doing this we must unreasonable that the safety of the whole town should be sacrificed to the present interest of a few private individuals.

I have &c &c
(Signed) J. Stoddard Major
& Engr. I. D.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 2

Jodaveny District
Collectors Office
Cocoanada
27th April 1864

From

J. A. Chase Esquire
Asst Collector in charge

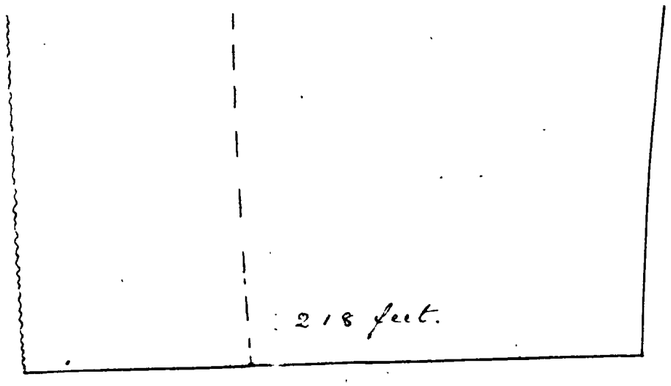
To

H. L. Fanshawe Esqr
Cocanada,

Sir,

In reply to your letter to Mr Neville dated the 8th April, I have the honor to inform you that I have visited the road in front of your house in company with Col Chambers & Major Stoddard who informed me that immediately in front of your dwelling house, no embankment or road will be raised.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Chase
Asst Collector in charge



No 258

Jadoovary District
Collector's Office
Cocanada
1st July 1864

From
James Fraser Esquire
Officiating Collector S. C.

To
M. E. La Fontaine

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will inform me whether you have agreed of Sale for the house & ground which you purchased on the Bank of the Cocanada River, which describes the boundary of the property; & if so, that you will favor me with a Sight of it.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Fraser
Officiating Collector

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 262.

Jadoovary District
Collector's Office
Cocanada
5th July 1864

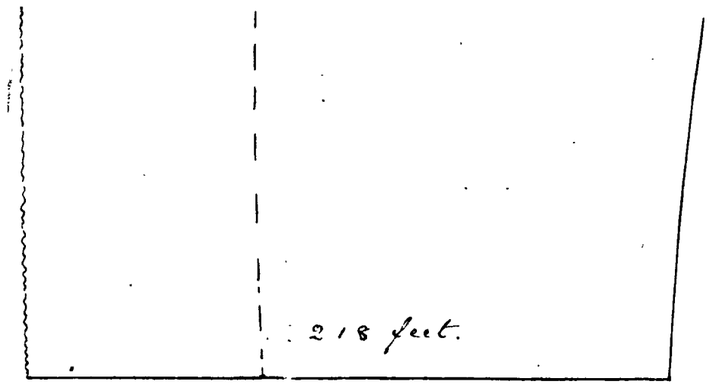
From
James Fraser Esquire
Offg Collector

To
M. La Fontaine
Jagannathgoon

Sir,

I have the honor to return the Sale Cowle with your letter of the 2nd & the acknowledgement is required.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Fraser
Offg Collector



Proceedings of the Madras Government
Revenue Department, 9th Aug 1864

1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted for the consideration & decision of Government

2. The point having to be that unless Mr de Fauchenais property be purchased by Government the improvement advocated by Sir Charles Trevelyan in Para 8 of his minute dated 15 October 1859 and approved by Government in Revenue Order dated 26 idem No 1447 Revenue Department, cannot be carried out; nor the safety of the town of Cocanada from inundation be secured, while delay in purchasing the property will involve enhanced expence in its ultimate acquisition:

Order thereon, 9th August 1866 No 1434 by first

As the work alluded to is mainly for the benefit of the inhabitants, a grant-in-aid of private contributions would be the appropriate course for adoption. - The Board will ascertain from the Collector what subscriptions would probably be realized.

True extract
(Signed) C. J. Master
Deputy Secretary to Govt

With reference to the above quoted Proceedings of the Board of Revenue & Order of Government, thereon, which refer to the contemplated purchase of Mr de Fauchenais property on the North bank of the Cocanada River, roughly valued by him at R. 15000 - the undersigned will feel obliged by the European and Native Residents in Cocanada & Jaggernaikpooram stating briefly opposite their names in the accompa-

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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

nying papers whether they are or are not willing to contribute and to what amount for the carrying out of the work alluded to by Government,

(Signed) J. Fraser

Cocanada
22d Sept 1864

No 1.

Seamanda, 8th April 1864

To

H. Maxwell Esqre
Collector & Magistrate
of the Sodaney District
Seamanda.

Sir,

I have the honor to communicate to you a letter I wrote to Major Stabbard on the 18th March and his answer to it.

You will see from this correspondance that the road in front of my house is to be raised presently to 2 feet & hereafter to 4 feet.

The simple inspection of the place proves enough how detrimental this will be both to my house and to my compound which extends to more than 200 yards on the Side of the said road. Indeed, the road if raised, would be higher than the floor of my varandah which stands by its Side; the dispositions of the house would render it then completely uninhabitable.

I am with Major Stabbard that it would be unreasonable that the Safety of the whole town Should be Sacrificed to the present interests of a few private individuals; as a professional man he must be right when he Says that the object of the raising of the road, is to protect the town against inundations. I am ready therefore to contribute proportionally to the works So Said to be beneficial to the public; but it must be confessed that, between such proportional contributions & the great damage done to my property, there is indeed too great a difference.

J.

Pensacola, 6th May 1864

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sooner or later, the hollow at the front of the house must be filled up, & even the first part of my verandah taken down. Since such it must be, I cannot, to speak all my mind, view the actual concession but as a means for gaining time & perhaps, too, for evading payment of compensations, by carrying by slow degrees what would be too plainly appear most injurious if done at once. If I am mistaken in this appreciation, I would most sincerely apologize for having expressed it

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the Expenditure of the Fleet we have carried us for now, that I cannot entertain any further hope of saving my Vessel by any Design accompanied by the obtaining due compensation for Services lost.

I beg therefore to submit that the case be carried according to the Articles of the Engineers after previous Agreement for Indemnity, or else, if the present Government maintained, that Arbitrators should decide the degree of assistance my Property should be entitled to.

I remain, Sir, your most obedient Servant,
Joseph E. de Chevalier.

Bermuda, 22 July 1864

To
Fraser Key & Co.
Collector Extraordinary Bushrod
Vessels proceeding to Bermuda.

In compliance with your letter of yesterdays date I have the honor to include the deed of Gift of the Vessel Lavinia with the Boat Apparel &c. belonging to her, and the Manifest of her Cargo with its Equipments.

I have the honor to be
Sir, your most obedient Servant
Joseph E. de Chevalier
Late Captain of the Steamer Lavinia

No 4.

Cocanada, 3d September 1864

J. Fraser Esq^r
Collector & Assistant
of the Godavery District
Cocanada,

Sir,

I have this morning been presented with a Circular issued by you under an Order from Government for the purpose of collecting Subscriptions from the Community of this place for the purchase of my house. You will easily comprehend why I could not enter in it, in regard of my name, anything but my adhesion to the views of the majority. This majority, however, I have been able to judge from the Signatures already secured, is entirely opposed to such Subscription.

This does not at all seem to me extraordinary, for, if the opinion of the Engineers & of the high Authority who Sanctioned the embankment of the River Pranes, the necessity of such works; the inhabitants of Cocanada, on the other hand, have already Submitted to Sacrifices, & will have to Submit to still larger Sacrifices, for the first of all objects they are in need of viz:- the construction of Roads.

It might further have occurred to this Community, that the purchase of my property would not, after all, in any way be a loss to Government; for my compound alone, by its position along the River, will always possess an intrinsic value of at least half a Rupee per Square yard (there are about 15500 Square yards) which is the cash price paid for adjoining land in less favorable conditions. Moreover, the house itself, which by the raising of the embankment would be uninhabitable for a family, might very well indeed, with a few alterations, be employed by Government as Offices such as a Court, Cash and Telegraph Office &c.

Government therefore would not lose by the acquisition of my property in any way, even after the alterations necessitated by the embankment while I would. —

I have thought necessary to bring these observations under your consideration; and I beg to propose that you Should Submit them to Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) C. Le Fanchenen.

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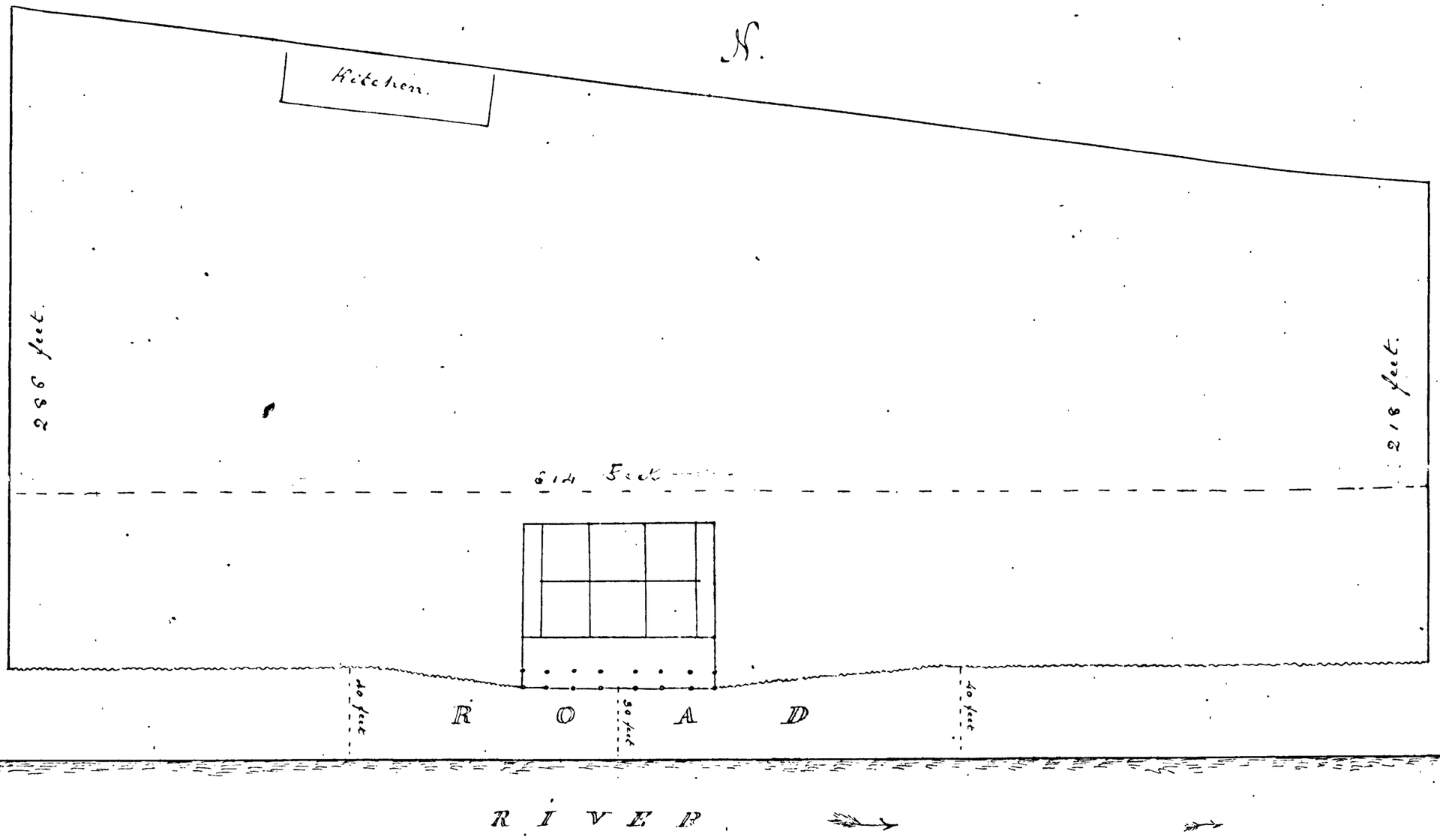
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Tel.

To Colr. Forlaney.

Reply as short delay
to G. O. 8 Oct last
No 1846. R. D. Upsky
Wr. Le Fanchem's house
at Cocanada.

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Rec'd 1864 Dec 15
Sec'y of Legis for Canada
No 3338

From
Mr. Le Grain
Chenier

Dated 23 Dec 3 Decr
Received 25 Dec 3 1864

Requesting that the valuation of his property situated on the Bank of the Coteau de Lac may be ordered without further delay.

Ref. 640.

No 391

23 March 1865.

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8th October/64 No 70-71
C.R. 3338/64 & 399-569/65

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Rec'd 1865 11th March
from Dep. of Gov. No. 760.
Under Collector
Barbadoes 6th January 65

To the Secretary to Government
Revenue & Agriculture
Fort St. George

Dated the 11th March 1865
Rec'd 16th.
Not further to A. 1177/63
Enclosure Ord
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Stating that the Govt.
Order of the 8th October 1864
No 1846 regarding the duties
on Salt 1st was commenced
on the 23d January last
and the Board of Revenue
Ordered No. 640 to lie over
pending the receipt of
the Map referred to from
the Collr. Nagr.
25th March/65.

A. 391 & 395.