

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1231	Press Mis.
Dated 23. 5.	1866.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd May 1866.*

No. 425. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st May 1866, No. 3,060.

Read again letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, in Board's Proceedings, dated 7th April 1866, No. 2,347:—

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th April 1866, No. 104.

In reply to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th April 1866, No. 2,347, I beg to forward an original letter, with its enclosure, (to be returned,) received this day from Captain Law, Assistant Engineer, from which you will observe that the land applied for by Major Grant has been measured and demarcated, and contains two acres and eight hundred and eighty square-yards.

From Captain G. V. LAW, Assistant Engineer, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Coonoor, 16th April 1866.

1. In accordance with your instructions received on the 14th instant, I this morning proceeded to survey and demarcate the land applied for by Major Grant, as compensation for the portion of his compound, at Wellington, cut off by our late improvements.

2. The land applied for is to the north of the forest road, near the centre of Major Grant's property, of which the forest road is the northern boundary.

3. It consists of a set of precipices, here and there covered with tufts of grass, with at the top a small swamp, and a few small springs.

4. With the exception of these springs, which, from the position of his property, can be of use to Major Grant alone, a more barren piece of rock could scarcely be found in the whole District.

5. I took a careful section down the precipices, and found that the one hundred and ninety-three yards measured on the slope yielded one hundred and sixty yards horizontal.

6. The exact measurement of the land required is one hundred and sixty by sixty-six yards, equal to two acres and eight hundred and eighty square-yards; I have reserved ten yards from the side of the road for the use of Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Sketch.

1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the proposed exchange of land be sanctioned.

2. The regular assessment is to be paid on the land applied for, which would be valueless but for the supply of water it will afford to Major Grant's property.

No. 426. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1866, No. 1,231.

Land Revenue.

The Government consent to the exchange of land as proposed by the Board of Revenue, but decline to give Major Grant any exclusive right to the springs of water, which they reserve power to deal with as they may at any time think fit, in the interests of the public and the State.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Edw. S. T. Augustin.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 7th April 1866.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sattimungalum, 20th March 1866, No. 77 :—

In carrying out an improvement in one of the Wellington Cantonment roads, in view to avoiding a steep ascent, and also shortening the road between two points, Captain Law, Assistant Engineer, has, with Major Grant's permission, run the new road through the lower part of his compound. I have gone over the new road, and certainly, it is a great improvement and benefit to the station. The area of the land cut off Major Grant's compound is 3,112 square-yards, which will become public property; in exchange for it he requests that a piece of land, from his description I should say between one and two acres in extent with a spring in it, may be given to him. This land is situated on the north side of the road leading from Wellington to the forest from which fuel is supplied to the Barrack, on the south side of which road, lies Major Grant's tea plantation. With the locality I am acquainted, and I know of no objection to the land asked for by Major Grant being granted. The usual assessment will be charged. A sketch by Captain Law and an original letter from Major Grant are enclosed for reference, with a request that they be returned when finished with. The early orders of the Board are solicited.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Major E. L. GRANT, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Wellington, 15th February 1866.

1. I have the honor to forward a Certificate from the Assistant Engineer, to the effect that the amount of land belonging to me, which is required by Government for the new road in Wellington, is 3,000 square-yards. As compensation in lieu thereof I should feel obliged by your granting me a small piece of land on the north of the road, which is the northern boundary of my "Forestdale" property. This piece of land contains a small spring of water which at present ~~ply; there are no trees on it.~~ Although the amount of land for which I now apply will be somewhat more than that required for the new road, still, I trust, that you will take into consideration that 3,000 square-yards taken from a small compound, such as cantonment lots are, reduces it considerably; and also, in the present instance, that the new road will completely destroy the privacy of my house, which is one of its chief advantages.

2. I wish also to bring to your notice that the heavy rain, on the night of the 23rd October last, washed away the bridge on the road leading from this to my "Forestdale" property, and also two other bridges on the other side of it, towards "Bleak House," so that it is impossible to get a wheeled conveyance to my property, by which I am put to much inconvenience and expense in having to send all building materials, &c., for my new house by coolies or bullocks. As these bridges have not as yet been touched, with the view of their being re-built, and as it will take a long time to re-build them, I would suggest that, in the meantime, a temporary road through the nullah, just sufficient for a bullock bandy to pass over, be made, which could be done at a trifling cost.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Plan.

The claim seems perfectly reasonable, but the Collector must have the desired plot of land demarcated and measured, before the Board can recommend its grant to Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore,
with two enclosures returned.

Exd. J. Wright.

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L. D. S.

23rd May 1866

"Copy to the Secretary of the Board"

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Enclosed are 1. The 23rd
 and 2. The 24th of June 1866
 dated 14th May 1866 in 3000.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

No.

Dated 24 April 1866.

No. 2317.

Desiring Collector of Obitore to demarcate
 and measure plot of land claimed by Major.
 Grant as compensation for land taken up for
 new road in Wellington.

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No. 1298.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 1st May 1866

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No. 3060.

Submitting letters from Collector of Coimbatore and recommending that sanction be granted for assignment of proposed land to Major Grant in lieu of a portion taken up for new Wellington road.

No 1298 25 May
With order

In complete
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At 25/4/26

c 14 May 1866