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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1325 Press / Mis.

Dated 1- 6- 1866..

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 1st June 1866.

No. 74. Read the following letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Masulipatam, 18th May 1866, No. 18 :—

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 4th instant, No. 1,073, I have the honor to report that the Dowles of Peddasanagallu village, for Fuslies 1248, 1249, and 1250, have been recently discovered by the Zemindar among his records, and were produced for the first time at the filing of the present Suit. Counterparts of them were, no doubt, forwarded to the Hoozoor during that period, as the Davarakota estate was at that time under the management of the Court of Wards, on account of the minority of the present Zemindar; but they are not forthcoming, as the records of this Office were destroyed by the late cyclone.

2. I was at Repalli for the settlement of that Talook when Mr. Wilson's letter reached me, and immediately applied to the Judge of the Court of Small Causes to send the accounts in question for my inspection to satisfy myself as to their genuineness; my request, however, could not be complied with, as against the rules of the Court.

3. As the time allowed by the Court in their Notice, to shew reasons against the compliance of the Plaintiff's request to order the Collector to refrain from granting Puttahs for the disputed land, was approaching, and as Mr. Wilson (one of the Defendants in the Suit) had examined the said documents in the Court, and satisfied himself of their authenticity, I submitted my application to the Board of Revenue for sanction to withdraw the Suit. The additional time applied for has been granted by the Court, which is now adjourned. The time allowed expired on the 17th. On the re-opening of the Court arrangement will be made then for the personal examination of the documents by the Officer in charge of the District, if the Government still desire it, and the claim can then be withdrawn. I shall myself have left the District on leave before that time.

4. The whole correspondence connected with the disputed land originated in the Office of the Deputy Director of the Revenue Settlement. On the receipt* of the Court's Notice by late Acting Collector Mr. Chase, the Hoozoor Native Record-keeper, † and the Tahsildar † of the Gudivada Talook, in which the land is situated, were written to, to make a careful search among their records, and to forward any papers connected with the disputed land which might be forthcoming. Their reports were only received in the months of February and March, and were in the negative. Mr. Wilson, the Officiating Deputy Director, whom I addressed on the subject, has informed me that the records in his Office connected with that land have all been destroyed by the late cyclone. He has also taken pains to procure the original English correspondence from the Office of the Director of the Revenue Settlement, and has placed me in possession of the past history of the disputed land. Hence, the delay of two months and twenty-five days in submitting my report to the Board of Revenue.

* On 26th January 1866.

† 20th February 1866.

Note.—The copies of the complaint, &c., were received on 15th and on 21st February 1866, from the Pleader in the Court.

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1st June 1866.

No. 75. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1866, No. 1,325.

Land Revenue.

As the extension of the time applied for has been granted, the Collector will attend to the requisition contained in paragraph 3 of G. O. of 4th May 1866, No. 1,070, after re-opening of the Court, and report the result to Government through the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Kistna District.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Nº. 1325.

As the extension of the time applied for has been granted, the Collector will attend to the requisition contained in para 3 of G.O. 4th May 1866 Nº 1070 after reopening of the Court and report the result to Govt thro' the Board of Revenue.

J D S
1st June/66.

To Board of Rev. Dept.
1 Coll.r Kistna District.

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Sir Wm Hamilton &c