

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	2130	Press
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Dated	18 - 5 -	1866.

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No. 466. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th June 1866, No. 4,080.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapett, 18th May 1866, No. 141 :—

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. —, of the 23rd ultimo,

Fusly 1270...	...	Rupees 5,156	8	9	I have the honor to state that the amount
" 1271...	...	" 5,041	0	0	of ground-rent yearly realized from the
" 1272...	...	" 6,050	15	4	Evening Bazaar, and other vacant spots
" 1273...	...	" 6,826	14	9	of Government land in the Town of
" 1274...	...	" 6,311	2	9	Madras, is given in the margin for the
					last five Fuslies.

2. The Municipal Commissioners claim the rents realized from the lands at the Evening Bazaar from 3rd February 1864, on which date the Esplanades were transferred to them, on the ground that they form part of the Esplanades, and not from November last, as was by an oversight reported by me. The other open spots of ground and their rents they claim from 1st November 1865, the date when the Municipal Act came into force.

3. The Deputy Collector of Madras has not as yet handed over these ground-rents to the Municipal Commissioners, as he states that they are a portion of the land revenue of the Town of Madras, and consequently ought not to be made over to the Commissioners.

4. The correspondence which passed between the Collector of Madras and the Board in 1825, shews that the land which now forms the Evening Bazaar was purchased by Government at a large outlay, and as it was not required then for the Esplanade, the Collector of Madras was authorized to allow bazaars to be built upon it, and the rent levied. The Municipal Commissioners, therefore, would appear not entitled to it as part of the Esplanades, more especially as it appears the Esplanades were made over to them simply for conservancy purposes.

5. The other vacant spots of Government land referred to above, the Municipal Commissioners claim under Section 78 of Act IX. of 1865. As this Section contains a provision for the Government retaining under their control lands which are already so, it appears the Government are not called upon to comply with the request of the Commissioners. Moreover, by Section 16 of Act XII. of 1851, the ground-rent collected at Madras is pronounced to be a part of the land revenue, and as such also cannot be claimed by the Municipal Commissioners.

1. Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order, dated 17th April 1866, No. 878.

2. The Board concur with Mr. Fane in considering that the rents referred to, are not claimable by the Municipal Commissioners.

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ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1866, No. 2,130.

Land Revenue.

The Government concur with the Board of Revenue.
(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Municipal Commissioners.

„ the Accountant General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

