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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 10th October 1866.

No. 237. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Sanctioning disbursement of Rupees 7,001-1-0 as compensation for land taken up at the Coimbatore station on the South-West Line of Railway, and referring paragraphs 4 to 7 of the Consulting Engineer's observations to the Board of Revenue, through the Revenue Department, for report. } (Here enter 2nd October 1866, No. 3,128.)

No. 238. ORDER THEREON, 10th October 1866, No. 2,733.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,128.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Railway Department, 5th April 1861.

No. 12. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th March 1861, No. 1,280.

Read letter from H. A. BRETT, Esq., Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 19th February 1861, No. 22.

I have the honor to forward six Returns showing the compensation paid for lands, trees, buildings, &c., taken up for the Railway for the 2d, 3d and 4th Quarters of 1860.

2. The property entered in these Returns is situated in the four Taluqs of Tripatur, Salem,* Trichengode and Shenkeridrug. The compensation in the first two Taluqs was settled by the Collector, and in the other four Taluqs by the Sub-Collector.

* *New Taluq comprising Umalur and Razepur amalgamated with Salem.*

3. The amount of compensation paid during the three quarters for lands and other property falling under Class A, or payable by Government, is Rupees 8,867-12-9. The amount paid for lands and other property falling under Class C (payable by the Railway Company) is Rupees 1,467-7-2; amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 10,335-3-11. This sum having been paid out of deposit, I request the Board will obtain the sanction of Government for my debiting the same in the public accounts.

4. I also enclose a supplemental Return for the 3rd Quarter of 1859. This was not included in the Statement submitted with Mr. Knox's letter, dated 1st May 1860, No. 126, as the Statement had not then been received from the Sub-Collector, who settled the compensation. The compensation paid in this case amounts to Rupees 3,693-14-0. Deducting from this sum Rupees 100, realised by the sale of the stones belonging to the destroyed Mundapum at Shenkeri, the net cost to Government is Rupees 3,593-14-0. As this sum was also paid out of deposit, I request the Board will obtain the sanction of Government for my debiting it in the public accounts.

5. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 8th instant, No. 709, I beg to explain that these Statements were not submitted earlier owing in part to great press of work during the last half-year, and partly to the illness of the person in my office who was engaged in the work.

6. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Order of Government, dated the 29th ultimo, No. 64, just received with the Board's Proceedings of the 8th instant, No. 710, I beg to state that in future cases the instructions therein conveyed will be adhered to.

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1. Resolved that the letter above recorded together with its enclosures be submitted for the orders of the Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. The Returns now forwarded contain a Supplemental Statement for the 3rd quarter of 1859, showing the land under Class A taken up for Railway purposes in the Shenkeridrug Taluq of Salem under the Sub-Collector; and Statements for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters of 1860, showing the lands similarly appropriated under Classes A and C. The following is a summary of the details shown by the Collector:—

	Class A.								Class C.							
	Extent.			Assessment.			Net Compensation.			Extent.			Assessment.			Compensation.	
	ACS.	G.	A.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	ACS.	G.	A.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A. P.
3d Quarter of 1859.	Tanks and wells.						3,593	14	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	... ...
2d do. of 1860.	169	13	9	453	3	5	2,338	1	2	53	23	5	108	8	6	244	9 3
3d do. of ,,	255	6	14	622	15	11	5,125	13	10	48	32	13	83	10	10	831	3 7
4th do. of ,,	25	26	3	52	13	0	1,403	13	9	8	8	4	20	6	6	391	10 4
Total..	450	6	10	1,129	0	4	12,461	10	9	110	24	6	212	9	10	1,467	7 2

3. Thus it appears that the amount of compensation paid for land falling under Class A is Rupees 12,461-10-9, and for that falling under Class C, Rupees 1,467-7-2, making an aggregate of Rupees 13,929-1-11, for which the sanction of Government is now required.

4. The Railway Company have to pay rent for the lands falling under Class C. The Board propose fixing this rent at the assessment of the lands plus 5 per cent. on the sum paid by Government for their acquisition. This seems a fair arrangement, and if approved by Government should, the Board think, be adopted in all cases, as otherwise Government will receive no return on their outlay in procuring such lands for the Company.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Assessment	212	9	10
5 per cent. on Rupees 1,467	73	5	7
	285	15	5

5. The total annual rent, thus calculated, amounts to Rupees 285-15-5.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

To J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1861, No. 263.

The Government sanction, as recommended, the compensation paid for lands falling under Classes A. and C. taken for the Madras Railway in the Salem District amounting in the aggregate to Rupees (13,929-1-11) thirteen thousand, nine hundred and twenty-nine, Anna one and Pice eleven.

2. They approve of the arrangements recommended by the Board of Revenue in para. 4 of their Proceedings for fixing the rent to be paid by the Railway Company for the lands falling under Class C. and direct that it be adopted in all cases. The total annual rent calculated in the present case amounts, it is observed, to Rupees 285-15-5.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Enclosure
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Ed. T. O'Connor.

No. 41. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 14th September 1866, No. 385:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Coimbatore, 17th April 1866, No. 18.

1. With reference to the Standing Circular of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st September 1865, No. 62, I have the honor to forward, for the sanction of Government, a Register of land made over to the Madras Railway Company in January 1866, for the erection of Workmen's houses at Coimbatore Railway Station.

2. The extent of land taken up by the Railway Engineers is Acres 49·99, or 5·49 more than the area mentioned in a letter from your Office, dated 19th October 1865, No. 460.

3. A bill for Rupees 8,508-15-0, the amount of compensation fixed for the land as well as houses and wells situated thereon, is enclosed, which I request may be returned to this Office, duly passed by the Controller of the Public Works Accounts, to enable me to disburse the amount.

4. This charge can be met from the amount provided in the Budget Estimate for 1866-67.

5. The plan forwarded from your Office, under date the 19th October last, is returned herewith.

From the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, dated Ootacamund, 10th September 1866, No. 28.

1. Adverting to your letter of the 16th May 1866, No. 241, I have the honor to inform you that the land taken up for the workmen's houses at Coimbatore has since been surveyed in company with Mr. Carter by one of the Revenue Inspectors of the Coimbatore Táluq, according to the boundaries marked on the ground, and is found to contain an area by correct computation of Acres 45·23 or 73 decimals in excess of the quantity shown in the Schedule forwarded by you. This difference, small as it is, has been the result of a computation of the area of each particular block included in the ground, instead of a general survey of the whole land taken up, and must, I think, be allowed to stand. A Register showing the necessary particulars in the prescribed form is herewith forwarded, together with a bill for the amount of compensation due, amounting to Rupees 7,901-1-0, and I request that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the same, and that the bill may be returned to me duly passed by the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

2. As the buildings situated on field No. 57 have not as yet been sold, the entries in Columns 8 and 9 are incomplete. When they are sold, the necessary intimation will be given you, in view to your making the requisite entries therein.

3. In the Board's Standing Circular of the 18th May 1861, No. 2,561, they have directed that the rent payable by the Railway Company for lands falling under Class C. be fixed at the assessment of the lands, *plus* five per cent. on the sum paid by Government for their acquisition. I am doubtful as to whether the charge of five per cent. is to be calculated on the aggregate amount of compensation paid from the Treasury, or on the net cost to Government *minus* the sum realized by the sale of buildings, &c., and request to be favored with definite instructions on this point. You will observe that the entries in Column 11 are left incomplete, pending a decision of the question above mooted.

4. I take this opportunity of informing you that the aggregate area of land shown in the Register sent with my letter of the 17th April 1866, embraced the full areas of the several blocks included in the ground required for the workmen's houses. The present survey has cut up a

portion in each block, and the portion so cut up being very small in extent, is useless to the owner, because it can neither be cultivated nor utilized in any other way. The parties concerned therefore request that the portions so rendered useless to them, amounting in the aggregate to Acres 4·76, may be taken up by Government, and compensation paid to them. I request that this subject may be taken into your consideration, and that you will favor me with your opinion thereon.

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1. Under date the 17th April last, the Collector of Coimbatore submitted a Register of the lands taken up for workmen's houses at the Railway Station at Coimbatore, but as there was a difference of Acres 5·49 between the area entered in the Register and that shown upon the Schedule of land furnished by the Railway authorities, the matter was referred to the Collector for inquiry.

2. The revised Register now sent in shows a difference of only ·73 Acres, between the actual area obtained from careful measurements made by the Revenue officials, in conjunction with an Engineer Officer attached to the Railway Company, and that given in the Schedule of land.

3. The total extent of land taken up is Acres 45·23. The compensation payable for the lands is Rupees 6,840-9-0, and for buildings, &c., standing upon the land Rupees 1,060-8-0, amounting together to Rupees 7,901-1-0.

4. The lands having been acquired under Class C., the Railway Company are to be charged with the rent which may be fixed by the Collector. Upon this point the Board of Revenue, in their Proceedings dated 7th March 1861, No. 1,280, proposed to fix the rent at the assessment of the lands, *plus* 5 per cent. on the sum paid by Government for their acquisition. The Government accorded their approval to the arrangements in Order No. 263, dated 5th April 1861.

See Part II. of Compendium of Railway Orders, page 19.

5. Mr. Grant states that he is doubtful as to whether the charge of five per cent. is to be calculated on the aggregate amount of compensation paid from the Treasury, or on the net cost to Government. It seems to me to be clear that in calculating a fixed charge for rent, the actual or net cost, which is finally debited to Government for the land, should alone be taken.

6. Some delay will necessarily occur in the disposal of buildings and trees, situated upon lands acquired for Railway purposes, and in bringing to account the sale proceeds; but I am of opinion that, as a rule, the rent to be charged to the Railway Company should not be determined until the net cost of the lands to Government has been ascertained.

7. With reference to those portions of land which are rendered useless by the appropriation for Railway purposes of the rest of the blocks to which they severally belonged, I consider that compensation should be paid for the same, and that they should be taken up on behalf of Government, and disposed of when an opportunity offers.

G. O. No. 686, dated 28th February 1866.

8. In my letter dated the 16th February last, No. 72, I brought to the notice of Government the necessity for

increasing the Budget grant for land to be taken in Coimbatore, but the Government of India observed that the increase might be met from the total grant assigned to Madras during 1866-67.

Letter No. 334 A, dated 26th March 1866.
G. O. „ 1,190, „ 17th April „

The grant sanctioned for Coimbatore is Rupees 2,000, of which amount Rs. 60-15-0 was authorized to be disbursed in G. O. dated 22nd July 1866, No. 2,066.

9. Pending the submission of a revised Budget Estimate on account of State expenditure for lands, I recommend that sanction be now accorded for the disbursement of the sum of Rupees 7,901-1-0 particularized in the Register submitted by the Collector.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E,
Acting Consg. Engr. for Railways.

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1866, No. 3,128.

RAILWAY, No. 3.

	Rs.	A.	P.
For land	6,840	9	0
Do. buildings on land ...	1,060	8	0
Total...	7,901	1	0

On the recommendation of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, sanction is accorded to the disbursement of a sum of Rupees 7,901-1-0 as compensation for land taken up for workmen's houses at the Coimbatore Station on the South-West Line.

2. Paragraphs 4 to 7 of the Consulting Engineer's observations will be referred to the Board of Revenue through the Revenue Department for report.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways, with one Land Register.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Accountant General.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Dated 2nd 3 Oct.
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No 2733-1866.

Sanctioning disbursement of Rs 11-0 as compensation for land taken up at the Coimbatore station on the South West Line of Railway and referring for the orders of the Govt. Suggesting alterations in the Bd of Rev. Mad. the Govt. Calls for Mr. Logan's [illegible]

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No 2733.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

10th Oct. 1866

To Board of Rev. with Rs Pp 3128 dated 10th Oct 1866