

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 359. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th March 1866, No. 1,728 :—

Read again letters from the Collector of Madras, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 19th June and 20th July 1865, Nos. 3,333 and 4,202.

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated Sydapet, 27th November 1865, No. 391.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 20th July last, No. 4,202, calling upon me to explain why Rupees 342-3-0 was paid to Veerasawmy Moodelly for land burdened with an assessment of Rupees 10-8-6, when that sum only was the full value of Mushfur Shaw Fakeer's Inám land, I have the honor to state that the compensation awarded to the latter for his land was quite irrespective of its rent-free tenure, and was at the same rate as that paid for assessed land in its immediate neighbourhood ; if it had been paid for as rent free the compensation would have been still higher. It was taken up originally with the understanding that the owner of it should receive other land exactly on the same terms, therefore it was incumbent upon us to give the present land also rent free.

2. The lands purchased from Veerasawmy Moodelly for Rupees 342-3-0, to be given to Mushfur Shaw in lieu of his Inám, are of a better description than his land, and easier to be irrigated in consequence of being situated immediately under a tank, therefore a smaller extent was bought with the price paid by the Government for the larger extent of Inám. With this explanation, I trust now the Board will be satisfied, and will sanction at once the exemption asked for.

3. I also request orders on paragraph 5 of my letter of the 29th of May 1865. The delay in reporting on this case occurred from the absence of the parties from the village.

1. Resolved that the foregoing papers be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the Nunjah land entered in the Statement which accompanied the Collector's letter of 29th May 1865, viz., Cawnies 2-8-4, assessed at Rupees 10-8-6 be made over free of assessment to Mushfur Shaw Fakeer, in lieu of his Inám land of equivalent value taken up in 1857 for the East Coast Canal ; and that the amount of assessment realized by Government, from the land now proposed to be given, from 1857 to the present time be paid to the Inámdar as compensation for the delay which has occurred in settling his claim.

2. The Collector will report the exact amount to be refunded.

No. 360. ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1866, No. 954.

Land Revenue.

1. The proposed exchange of land and refund of assessment are sanctioned.

2. The Governor in Council remarks that the careless and dilatory manner with which this affair has been treated reflects discredit on the Collector's Office.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Accountant General.

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No. 3,333.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 19th June 1865.

Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 29th May 1865, No. 138:—

1. I have the honor to report that in the year 1857 certain Inam lands, measuring Cawnies 3 6 12, were taken up by the Government in the village of Calecoondrum in the Sydapet Taluk, for excavating the Eastern Coast Canal. A sum of Rupees 342-3-0 for the land, and Rupees 51 for the trees on it, was settled as the compensation that should be paid. The Inamdar received the amount of compensation for the trees, but requested that other land might be given him in lieu of that that had been taken from him. This was acceded to by the Collector, and the Tahsildar selected certain Nunjah lands, measuring Cawnies 2-3-4, assessed at Rupees 10-8-6, included in the Puttah holding of one Veerasawmy Mudali, Puttamaniagar of Calecoondrum. This land, it was finally settled, should be given to the Inamdar, and the usual agreement was also taken from Veerasawmy Mudali; and the 342 Rupees, being the amount named as compensation for the Inam land, was paid to Veerasawmy Mudali. By some mistake or other, the land has never been made over to the Inamdar, neither was the Board asked to remit the assessment on the land.

2. The Inamdar, Mooshfarshaw Fakker, addressed one or two petitions in Mr. Cunliffe's time on the subject; but little notice seems to have been taken of them, though there is on record Mr. Cunliffe's remarks in 1861 on one of them, ordering the case to be settled at once, as the Inamdar had been kept out of his land so long.

3. The Inamdar addressed me in November last, and I had a search made in the office for the records connected with the case; after much trouble they were traced, but they did not show the particular fields applied for by the Inamdar, their assessment, and other particulars, I was obliged to make a further reference on those points to the present Tahsildar, who reported on them in April last.

4. I, therefore, now beg to send the usual Statement of the lands applied for, instead of those taken up by Government, and request the Board will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government to my making the grant, and exempting it from the payment of assessment.

5. The Inamdar at the same time wishes that the assessment realized by the Government ever since 1857 from the land he has applied for, might be paid to him by Government as compensation for loss sustained by him. As this request is just, and the local authorities alone are to be blamed for having kept him out of his land so long, I request the Board will also obtain the sanction of Government to my paying the Inamdar Rupees 43-5-8, being the aggregate amount of the assessment realized by Government from the lands in question from 1857 to the current year.

6. As the Inamdar wishes to be put in possession of the land without delay, so as to be able to cultivate it this season, I hope the Board will pass early orders on the subject.

7. The delay in disposing of the case is attributable to the late Sorishtadar of this office, to whom I find the last Urzee of the Tahsildar received in 1861 was referred, but who did nothing towards its disposal.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT of lands proposed to be given to one Mushfur Shaw Fakeer, Inamdar of Calecoondrum in the Sydapet Taluk, in lieu of lands taken up by Government for excavating Eastern Coast Canal.

Office, village, and Taluk.	Extent of Inam, whether Nunjah or Punjah.	Assessment.	Cause of its having become unprofitable.	Extent of fresh land proposed, and whether Nunjah or Punjah.	Assessment.	Observations of the Collector.	Remarks of the Board.	Order of Govt.
Inamdar Calecoondrum, Sydapet Taluk.	Nunjah Cawnies. 3 6 12	rs. A. P. 9 15 0	For excavating the Eastern Coast Canal.	Nunjah Cawnies. 2 8 4	rs. A. P. 10 8 6	The land may be given for the reasons stated in the letter accompanying this Statement.		

SYDAPET,
29th May 1865.

(Signed) E. G. R. FANE,
Collector.

1. The Board observe that the case, as reported in the foregoing letter, exhibits very culpable neglect, and raises a suspicion that some underhand dealing has been going on in the Collector's Office, which it will be the duty of the Collector to endeavour to expose, though the Board fear at this distance of time that it will be very difficult to trace out with whom the blame lies. The Collector will be requested at once to summon the aggrieved party, Mozuffer Shah, and to ascertain from him, and also from the Puttamaniagar, Veerasawmy Mudali, precisely what took place, whether he ever received any compensation at all for the land on trees taken by Government, and whether he agreed that the whole amount of compensation for the land should be made over to another person. He will also report in whose occupation the land has been since it was purchased from Veerasawmy Mudali, and why the Government assessment was collected.

2. The Board are at a loss to understand on what principle Mr. Fane recommends that land should now be granted rent free in lieu of Inam land taken up by Government if its full value had been already paid by Government. Explanation on this point should be submitted.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

To E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector of Madras.

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No.
 PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 20th July 1865.

232. 2/12/08.

No 4,202

Passing orders on letter from Collector of
 Madras regarding land to be given to Muzaffer
 Shaw Fakier in lieu of his Inam taken up for
 excavation of Eastern Coast Channel.

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