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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th April 1868.*

No. 552. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th April 1868, No. 2,740.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 9th March 1868, No. 62:—

1. A small piece of land, in the bazaar on the river bank at Cochin, was sold by the Deputy Collector, then conducting the Escheat settlements, to one Chanikavu for Rupees 900 in 1866.

It was Government land, but had been added to by some petty reclamation, partly effected by Chanikavu abovesaid, and partly by some poor fish sellers, who have since complained bitterly of the whole having been sold to Chanikavu.

The sale of the site at all was a great mistake. Its position made it naturally a sort of public place. With proper conservancy it is excellently adapted for a fish-market. It is now, and has been for long used as such, and it was this that gave it an unusual value.

* For return.

As now conducted it is a great nuisance, and the Board will see by the enclosure*

that the Municipal Commissioners of Cochin desire to acquire it.

2. The purchaser from Government is not inclined to give the place up, but I think he will do so if a moderate advance on the sum he paid Government is allowed him. If not, the case is one in which the land should be acquired by the Commissioners under Section 15 of the Towns' Improvement Act.

3. Rupees 900 will, of course, have to be refunded to the original purchaser from Government. I beg very strongly to recommend that sanction be accorded to my placing this sum as a refund from the escheat sale proceeds at the disposal of the Commissioners, on condition, that they pay any advance that may be necessary, and some trifling compensation to the other poor people who were interested in the land, and manage the place henceforth as a public market.

4. It may seem I am simply proposing a grant of Rupees 900 to the Commissioners. But it is hardly so, for, as above said, the place should never have been sold, being essentially a public place. Had it been left a public place, it would certainly have been put into the hands of the Commissioners. The sale of the land, and consequent crediting to Government of Rupees 900, was a mistake, and it is this I desire to rectify.

The Municipality is quite too poor to pay the Rupees 900, *plus* what more may be necessary to acquire the land. So I trust sanction may be obtained for the refund, by Government, of the Rupees 900 as I have proposed. The case is quite exceptional. I beg early orders upon it.

From the Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Cochin, to the President of Cochin Municipality, Calicut, dated 14th January 1868, No. 87.

It was resolved at the meeting of the Commissioners yesterday, that I should address you on the subject of the fish bazaar, situated to the north of the Calvetty bridge, and I have, therefore, the honor to request that you will be good enough to apply to Government, to have this site made over to the Commissioners, in order that they may take the necessary steps to have sheds erected, the ground properly paved, and the whole kept in a state of proper repair and cleanliness. At present, the place is in such a state, that it cannot be thoroughly cleaned, and the stench arising from it is both prejudicial to health, and a nuisance to the neighbourhood.

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1. Submitted for the orders of Government.
2. The Board consider it very desirable that the land in question should be re-acquired and placed in the hands of the Municipal Commissioners of Cochin; and accordingly recommend that a refund of Rupees 900, from the escheat sale proceeds, as proposed by the Collector, be sanctioned.

No. 553.

ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1863, No. 1,103.

Land Revenue.

1. The Government sanction the proposed refund of Rupees 900 from the escheat sales, the cancelling of the sale, and the transfer of the land concerned to the Municipal Commissioners as a public market site, on the conditions named in paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter.
2. Mr. Ballard will report whether he succeeds in carrying out his plan.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
the Accountant General.

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24th April/68

*14th Oct 1863
to the Board of Revenue
Collector of Malabar*