

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1165	Press ~~Mis.~~
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th April 1868.*

Read the following papers: -

No. 678. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th April 1868, No. 2,670.
From the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated
13th March 1868, No. 89.

1. In paragraph 14 of the Government Order of the 26th March 1866, No. 714, the land known as "Garrard's land" was, after being entailed, as stated in paragraph 13, ordered to be put up to sale under the present rules according to the Reverend Mr. Griffiths's desire, and in paragraph 21, another small piece of land was ordered to be transferred to him on his executing an agreement throwing open the private road referred to, and engaging to abstain from doing anything which would interfere with its ordinary use by the public, or its repair by the officers of Government at their discretion.

2. As a copy of this order was furnished by Government direct to the Reverend Mr. Griffiths, I expected that he would write to me on the subject. Nothing was, however, heard from him until the beginning of January 1867, when the Acting Collector, Mr. MacGregor, wrote to him calling his attention to the subject, but no reply was received.

3. In their Order of the 6th September 1867, No. 2,691, paragraph 14 of the first mentioned order was modified, and "Garrard's land" was ordered to be offered to Mr. Griffiths on certain conditions in the event of his accepting those terms. Immediately on receipt of this order, I wrote to Mr. Griffiths asking him whether he would accept those terms; but up to this time the Reverend Mr. Griffiths has sent no reply, and consequently the orders of Government above quoted have not as yet been carried out. I bring these facts to the notice of the Board, to shew that nothing has been wanting on my part to take the necessary steps in the matter, but that the delay is due to Mr. Griffiths's own silence.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 178A. From the Revenue J. GRIF- THS, Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated 14th April 1868.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the Board of Revenue for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. Griffiths.

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No. 2,091, modifying their first order, I need not waste time in noting them further; but in the 3rd paragraph of his letter Mr. Grant writes as follows:—

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2. On this, I beg to observe, that although I did not reply by letter, I did in person, not once nor twice, begging Mr. Grant to shew me the lines of demarcation the Government required him to mark, in order to shew the area to be bid for. Mr. Grant told me that it was Major Farewell's business and not his, and that he could tell me nothing until he had heard from the Engineer's department. I then proceeded to Coimbatore to see Major Farewell, but not finding him, I saw Colonel Walker, who told me it rested with Mr. Grant. I then went to Ootacamund to see whether the required demarcation had been made; but I found every thing in *stagnant*. I then requested Mr. Ouchterlony to act in the matter for me, as he had a power of Attorney qualifying him, and Mr. Grant had been made aware of this, and Mr. Ouchterlony had communicated with him in person on the subject with no result.

3. I am unable to conceive, therefore, how Mr. Grant could write the above paragraph, and speak of my "silence" with regard to terms, the very first terms or conditions of which depended upon him in the matter of demarcation of the curtailed area.

4. I waited on him in person on the subject, and received the replies noted above.

5. I applied to the Engineer, who referred me to the Collector and the Executive Engineer, whom I could not find, and I left in despair, reluctant to make any further appeal to Government, and hoping the demarcation would be made, and the matter would be at once communicated to me or to Mr. Ouchterlony, who had been authorized to act in my behalf whenever the Collector or Executive Engineer was out of the office. The Collector, however, being out of the office, the Executive Engineer, who was also out of the office, did not communicate the matter to me or to Mr. Ouchterlony, and the matter has remained in a state of stagnation ever since.

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2. The late Collector was responsible for taking the initiative in the matter, and give effect to the G. O.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue
the Reverend J. Griffiths.

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10. *Republi. Pingel*
Land

Paid 2.25⁰⁰ April
 Received 27⁰⁰ 1868.

Referring to Pass & Co
Prague dated 8th April/66
offices in reputation, &
for some other etc.
delay at that point.
1866 is
a number.

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