

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.**Government of Madras.***Revenue* **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th May 1868.*

No. 159. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th March 1868, No. 2,229.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ramachendrapur Talook, 13th February 1868, No. 43 :—

The Government have in their Proceedings, dated 15th November 1866, No. 3,113, communicated with the Board's Proceedings of the 19th idem, No. 8,340, ordered that certain extent of land belonging to the Medāline at Uocandaa, which was applied for by my Cutcherry servants for dwelling-sites, should be put up to auction, and that its proceeds should be appropriated in laying out roads, &c., in the new Pettah. With regard to this order, I beg to bring the following circumstances to notice, for the Board's favorable consideration, and their recommendation to Government. The land in question is 15 Acres, inclusive of the roads in the new Pettah. It forms part of the so-called Medāline ground, the property of Government, and is situated between the village and the Collector's Cutcherry. For the reasons and necessity explained in my letter to the Board, dated 9th October 1866, No. 243, I requested that the permission of Government should be granted for giving the land for dwelling-sites to the several Cutcherry servants, who are in great want of house-sites. If the land is now put up to auction, I am given to understand that one or two European or native merchants intend to purchase the whole land for the purpose of erecting godowns thereon, and thus the Cutcherry servants, for whom the land was intended, will be much disappointed. I, therefore, request that the Board will be pleased to recommend to Government to grant the land to the Cutcherry servants, on their paying twenty-five years' annual assessment hitherto paid on the land. The annual assessment is Rupees 57-9-6 for 15 Acres, or Rupees 3-13-5 per acre. The redemption money is Rupees 1,439-13-6. This land is sandy, and the settlement rate of it would not be more than a Rupee per acre.

1. Submitted for the orders of Government, with reference to Government Order quoted by the Collector.

2. As the land, if put up at public auction, is likely to be acquired by parties other than the Cutcherry servants, whom the Collector is desirous of benefiting, perhaps the Government will be disposed to grant it to the Cutcherry servants on payment of twenty-five times the annual assessment as recommended by the Collector.

No. 160. ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1868, No. 1,259.

Land Revenue.

1. The Government continue of opinion that it will be best to sell the land in small lots, as originally proposed, which will allow opportunities to the office servants to buy if so disposed.

2. It does not appear that if the present proposal were adopted, there would be any security that the Collector's object would be attained, as the parties who had redeemed the annual assessment could not be prevented from disposing of the land to merchants or others if a better price were offered them.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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