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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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value, I have to request you will be so good as to allow me to defer its submission until I have had time to consult such of the Officers of the Survey Department, and the talook authorities as are acquainted with the circumstances of the several cases, and have had opportunity to make reference to the purchasers themselves in such cases as call for reference.

2. Examination of the records would shew, that until the latter part of 1866, important letters and documents—that is accounts, receipts, &c.,—are either altogether missing, or have been preserved by a former clerk in so careless and irregular a manner as to render them scarcely intelligible.

Submitted to Government with reference to their Order quoted by the Collector.

No. 382. From the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 6th May 1868, No. 42.

In reply to Mr. Brandt's Official Memorandum, dated 28th ultimo, No. 47, I have the honor to report that it appears from the records of this office that, in consequence of the misbehaviour of the clerk (Mr. James) alluded to in the Acting Special Assistant Collector's letter of the 27th March 1868, No. 66, he was compelled by my predecessor to resign his post on 70 Rupees in the Special Assistant Collector's office on the 16th August 1866. Mr. Grant, however, in compassion, subsequently provided him with a minor appointment in his own office on 35 Rupees, which he now holds. Copy of the remarks made by Mr. Grant about this clerk, before leaving the district, is forwarded herewith :—

Mr. James, English Clerk, able; for some months he has been ill, but before that he had been attentive to his duties, which he discharged with ability. I hope he may get on in life.

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Collector.

No. 383. ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1868, No. 1,368.

Land Revenue.

1. The Government await the submission of the tabular statement called for.

2. The Collector will inform Mr. James that his neglect of duty is viewed with serious displeasure by Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th May 1868.

Read the following papers :—

No. 381. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st April 1868, No. 2,937.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coonoor, 30th March 1868, No. 100.

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Government Order of the 23th ultimo, No. 545, communicated in the Board's Proceedings of the 6th instant, I have the honor to submit copy of a letter from the Acting Special Assistant Collector of Ootacamund, dated 23rd, No. 59, affording the explanation called for, in regard to the delay in the preparation of the title-deed for the land purchased by Mr. Thomas and sold to Mr. Glasson, which I trust will be found satisfactory.

2. As regards the tabular statement required by Government, shewing the number of cases in which the conveyance of land, purchased by private individuals, still remains uncompleted, I beg to forward copy of another communication, No. 66, from Mr. Roupell, from which it will appear that an abstract statement is ready, but that he wants time to complete it, with full information and explanation regarding the cause of delay in each individual case. I am going to Ooty to-morrow, and will, in communication with Mr. Roupell, take the necessary steps for the completion of the statement and its submission to the Board, as early as possible.

From the Acting Special Assistant Collector, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Ootacamund, 23rd March 1868, No. 59.

1. With reference to Order of Government, dated 28th February 1868, No. 545, calling upon me to explain the cause of delay in the preparation of title-deeds for Mr. Thomas' land at Coonoor, I have the honor to observe that the land in question was sold by public auction at this office on the 1st April 1867. The plan for the property bears date 24th April 1867, which is that of its preparation in the Survey Office at Madras. In the ordinary routine of business, the plan could not have been received in my office before the beginning of May. Mr. Thomas left the Hills about the end of April of the same year. The private letter in which he requests that his property be made over to Mr. Glasson, is dated 19th April 1867, (apparently written just before his departure for Europe). A comparison of the dates above specified will shew that it was impossible for my office to have prepared and submitted the deeds for execution to Mr. Thomas before he left India.

2. When Mr. Thomas' letter, above alluded to, was brought to my notice, I had the deeds for the land at once prepared, but Mr. Glasson's temporary absence at Wynaad, prevented their execution for a time. On his return to Ootacamund, it was ascertained that he held no power of Attorney to execute for Mr. Thomas, and hence the reference to your office for instructions.

From the same Officer, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Ootacamund, 27th March 1868, No. 66.

1. With reference to Order of Government, dated 28th February 1868,* No. 545, calling upon me to submit a tabular statement of cases in which delay has occurred in the preparation of title-deeds for lands purchased under the Waste Land Rules, I have the honor to inform you that an abstract of such cases is now ready, but as a mere statement, without full information and explanation regarding cause of delay in each individual case, would be of little

* Received in this office on the 19th instant.

2. Examination of the records would show, that, until the latter part of 1866, important letters and documents—that is accounts, receipts, &c.—are either altogether missing, or have been preserved by a former clerk in so careless and irregular a manner as to render them scarcely intelligible.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
Collector.

Submitted to Government with reference to their Order quoted by the Collector.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.