

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	32	Press ~~Mis.~~
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No. 61. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th December 1867, No. 8,151 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 4th November 1867, No. 244.

1. Adverting to the Board's Proceedings of the 6th June last, No. 3,466, covering Government Order, dated 21st May 1867, No. 1,143, directing Collectors to take immediate steps for the proper laying out of all available building sites in the vicinity of Railway Stations, I have the honor to state there is no Government ground near any of the stations in this district available for building sites. The ground at or near the Railway Stations is either the property of the Railway Company, or of private persons. In the absence of any special inducement, private persons are not willing to incur the trouble and expenses of laying out their lands for building purposes.

2. If the Railway are desirous of having well-regulated bazaars or villages near their stations, it seems to me that portions of the large extents of land, owned by them at the stations noted, might be usefully laid out for building purposes by the Company itself, and let

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out to applicants; some of these sites would probably gradually be taken up, and the building might then extend from the Railway lands to those of private individuals.

3. At Beypore all the available lands have been built on. At Palghat some forty shops close to the Railway Station have been built with fair regularity, ample roadway, ventilation and drainage. At few other stations has any fresh building been made, or the people evinced desire to settle.

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At a little distance from the stations noted, there are small collections of fifteen or twenty houses. These existed prior to the opening of the railway, and are reported to be not increasing of late years. They are sufficiently regularly built, drained and ventilated, and have little or no effect on the conservancy of the Railway Stations.

4. I have cautioned owners of lands near Railway Stations against permitting squatting that may become a nuisance to the public using the rail.

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

2. As the land in the vicinity of the Railway Stations is all private property, the Collector cannot do more than exercise his personal influence over the owners, to induce them to lay out their land, when sought for building purposes in streets of sufficient breadth, and to pay due regard to sanitary considerations. It would not be worth the while of Government to purchase land with the view of laying it out properly, as, owing to the prejudices of the majority of the population, Railway towns are not likely to be large or numerous in Malabar.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th January 1868.

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ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1868, No. 32.

Miscellaneous.

1. The G. O. referred to was of course intended to apply to waste land at the disposal of Government, and not to private properties.

2. There seems no reason to apprehend the necessity for interference in regard to the private lands adjoining the Railway Stations in the Malabar District, but the Magistrate has power by law to prevent the creation of nuisances, and to punish acts or neglects which prove detrimental to the public health, and these powers should be exercised if the necessity arises.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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