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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1793 Press Mis.

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Dated 24 th June 1869

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th June 1869.

No. 530. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th June 1869, No. 4,210:—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 8th June 1869, No. 1,617, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—*Head-quarters of Revenue Officers in Nellore District.*—Changes proposed by the late Collector and modified by the Board of Revenue, approved.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of Nellore, who will give the information required in paragraph 6.

No. 531. ORDER THEREON, 24th June 1869, No. 1,793.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

No. 2054.

PROCEEDINGS, 11TH JUNE 1869, No. 4,210.

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No. 4,210.

Head-quarters Station—of Sub-Collector of Nellore District,—Proceedings of Government sanctioning transfer of, from Ramapatam to Ongole, of that of Head Assistant Collector from Gudur to Nayadupet, and of that of Deputy Collector from Kaligiri to Atmakur, placing last mentioned officer in Revenue and Magisterial charge of Udayagiri and Magisterial charge of Kavali, and requesting to be informed as to necessity of providing further accommodation for him at Atmakur, communicated to Collector.

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G. O., dated 19th June 1869, No. 1,231.

FORT ST. GEORGE GAZETTE, 1869.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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No. 1,541.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th March 1868.

Read the following letter from Colonel G. B. SHAKESPEAR, Commanding Saint Thomas's Mount, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 17th February 1868, No. 51:—

1. I have the honour to forward, for submission to Government, the enclosed correspondence noted in the margin, with a view to an abatement being made in the quit-rent of the ground belonging to Cantonment Sergeant-Major M. Donoghue attached to this station. He pays an annual quit-rent of Rupees 3-13-8 for 10 Grounds and 2,373½ Square feet, whereas the Proprietor of the holding opposite the Sergeant Major's pays only Rupees 1-6-10 for 2 Cawnies, 1 Ground, and 1,897 Square feet, as shown in the Extract from Register of Government Grants received from Quarter Master General's Department appended and marked D.

I. Letter from Sergeant-Major Donoghue and Lieutenant Drummond and Staff Officer.
II. Quit-rent Bill marked A.
III. Quit-rent Receipt marked B.
IV. Plan of ground marked C.
V. Letter No. 448, of 29th November 1867, from Officer Commanding Mount, to Collector of Madras district.
VI. Letter No. 56, of 11th February 1868, from Collector Madras district.
VII. Extract from Register of Grants.

2. There is no difference in the quality of the Sergeant Major's ground when compared with that of his neighbour; the soil of both is the same. The amount of rent which he has to pay seems to be excessive, and considerably more than others who hold Government leases.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 7.—Correspondence and plan.

Transferred to the Board of Revenue for disposal.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
18th February 1868.

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Forwarded to the Collector of Madras for early report.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Madras,
with seven original enclosures to be returned.

No. 8,591.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 7th December 1868.

Read the following letter from G. THORNHILL, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 28th October 1868, No. 359:—

I HAVE the honor to report on Board's Proceedings, No. 1,541, of the 4th March 1868, regarding an application from Serjeant Major Donaghue for the reduction of quit-rent on his house and compound at Saint Thomas' Mount.

2. The facts of the case are briefly these:—The land referred to in Mr. Donaghue's letter, though situated within the Cantonment limits of Saint Thomas' Mount, is in reality a part of the village of Alundoor, a village belonging to the Palaveram *Mutah*, in the Sydapet Talook. It forms the site of a bungalow and compound, now in the occupation of Serjeant Major Donaghue. The property originally belonged to one Mrs. Taynton, who appears to have held it on a distinct lease. From her it passed to other individuals, and the gentleman that owned the house and compound previous to Serjeant Major Donaghue, was Colonel Macdonald, from whom the former is said to have purchased the ground.

3. In 1866 Serjeant Major Donaghue complained of having to pay for more land than he actually had in his possession, and requested an abatement of the rent. The Tahsildar of Sydapet was then directed to report upon the Serjeant Major's request, and to measure the land if necessary.

4. From his report it appeared that the house and compound of Serjeant Major Donaghue originally consisted of no less than three plots or pieces, A., B., C., and to these was added the piece marked D., as shown in the accompanying plan, (to be returned,) though the whole is now converted into one compound. The first three pieces are assessed at Rupees 10-13-5 a cawny, while the last-named one is assessed at Rupees 2-10-1; but it is not possible now to distinguish the several pieces referred to in the plan one from the other; why two different rates should have been adopted, although both pieces are essentially the same in quality, and situated contiguous to each other, I had no means of ascertaining. Possibly the lease might have thrown some light on the subject, but Mr. Donaghue stated he had lost the lease.

5. In the Bills annually issued the pieces marked A., B., C., were given at 7 grounds and 1,200 square-feet, while the piece marked D. was represented to contain 18 grounds and 2,160 square-feet, both making a total area of 1 cawny 2 grounds and 1,560 square-feet, the quit-rent upon the whole property amounting to Rupees 5-9-0.

6. The Tahsildar's measurement resulted in a deficiency to the extent of 15 grounds and 1,586½ square-feet less than was represented in the Bill. This Officer, while reporting the deficiency, stated that it is difficult to determine where the wrong measurement could have occurred, whether in the pieces marked A., B., C., or that marked D., inasmuch as the pieces were not distinguishable from each other.

7. On a due consideration of all the circumstances, I was of opinion that the wrong measurement must have occurred in the piece marked A., B., C., and remitted the assessment on the land discovered to be deficient at the rate at which that piece (A., B., C.,) was assessed originally. Mr. Donaghue is not satisfied with this decision. He states that the ground is still overcharged, compared with the rent paid on other lands in the neighbourhood. He, therefore, begs that the

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, *Dated 4th March* 1868.

No. 1,541.

Forwarding to Collector of Madras, for report, letter addressed to Government by officer Commanding Saint Thomas' Mount, requesting that an abatement may be made in the quit-rent or the ground belonging to Cantonment Serjeant-Major M. Donoghue.

the rate hitherto charged on the piece D., or Rupees 2-10-0 per cawny, which will amount to Rupees 1-3-3 for the 10 grounds occupied. The adjoining compound is assessed at the lowest rate of all in the village, namely, Rupees 10 per cawny. How this came to be so lowly assessed I do not know, but if Serjeant Donaghue's land be reduced to that rate, there can be no reason why the entire Cantonment rates should not be similarly reduced.

9. The new assessment will be introduced before long, and I would not advocate any farther change until then. Under Government Order* all Cantonment lands should be assessed at one or one-and-a-half Pa[illegible] cawny. This has never been enforced at the Mount, and the rate now proposed to be fixed on Serjeant Donaghue's land is far below it.

* Vide Board's Circular Order, Vol. 1, page 269, Notes 1, 2, and 3.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 8.—Correspondence and two Plans.

THE Collector is requested to submit a Statement showing the area under each rate of quit-rent within the Cantonment limits.

2. It is presumed that in paragraph 8 in the passage, "the adjoining compound is assessed at the lowest rate of all in the village, namely, Rupees 10 per cawny," Rupees 10 is a clerical error for Annas 10.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Madras.

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Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 3,402.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 18th May 1869.

Read the following papers:—

Read Board's Proceedings, dated 4th March 1868, No. 1,541.

Do. do. ,, 7th December 1868, No. 8,591.

From E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 27th January 1869, No. 27.

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 7th December last, No. 8,591, I have the honor to forward a Statement showing the several rates within the limits of the Cantonment of Saint Thomas' Mount and the area held under each. The Board will observe that the rates vary from Rupees 12-4-3 to Annas 10, Pice 11 per Cawny, instead of Rs. 10-13-5, as stated in Mr. Thornhill's letter, dated 28th October 1868, No. 359. The highest rate, however, is confined but to one instance.

2. As observed by the Board, the passage in paragraph 8 of Mr. Thornhill's letter that the adjoining compound is assessed at the lowest rate of Rupees 10 per Cawny, is a clerical error. It ought to have been 10 Annas.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

THE Board having forwarded the above letter with its enclosures, to the Collector of Madras, that Officer reported on the 28th October 1868,

Vide Proceedings, 4th March 1868, No. 1,541.

that the property in question originally belonged to one Mrs. Taynton who appears to have held it on a distinct lease, and that from her it passed to others by sale and finally to the present occupant, [illegible] consisted of no less than four plots (A, B, C and D, in the plan), [illegible] now merged in one. The first three pieces are assessed at Rupees 10-13-5 per Cawny, while the last piece is assessed at Rupees 2-10-1, but it is not ascertained why two different rates were adopted, both pieces being essentially the same in quality and situation; possibly the lease which Mr. Donaghue states he has lost, might have thrown some light on the subject.

3. Mr. Donaghue requests that the rate of assessment on the whole of his property should be reduced to that which the owner of the ground opposite to his pays, namely, 10 Annas 11 Pies per Cawny.

4. From the Statement furnished with the last letter above recorded, it appears that there are 33 rates of quit-rent prevailing in the Cantonment, ranging from 10 Annas 11 Pies to Rupees 12-4-3 per Cawny. The greater part of Mr. Donaghue's property is charged with the highest rate but one, namely Rupees 10-13-5 per Cawny.

5. The Acting Collector Mr. Thornhill in his report recorded in the Board's Proceedings, dated 7th December 1868, No. 8,591, was of opinion, that the quit-rent on Mr. Donaghue's property was unduly high, and recommended that the rate on the entire compound should be reduced to that charged on the piece D, or Rupees 2-10-0 per Cawny.

6. He referred to the Orders of Government*, in which it is laid down that Cantonment lands should be assessed as a rule at 1 or 1½ Pagoda per Cawny.

* Vide Board's Circular Orders, (old Series) Vol. I., page 269, Notes 1, 2 and 3.

rent being levied at the rates therein mentioned; that for lands in excess of the extent mentioned in the grant, and for lands held without grant, the regular survey rate is to be charged; and that when this rate is in excess of the quit-rent on similar lands held under grant, the survey rates should be reduced accordingly.

8. Mr. Donaghue's property having been originally held under a grant, which he states he has lost, the quit-rent hitherto charged was doubtless that entered in the original grant; but at the same time the Board agree with the late Acting Collector, in whose opinion Mr. Fane also appears to concur, that the rate is unduly high, and they accordingly resolve to recommend its reduction to a Pagoda and a half which is the sixth rate on the list.

Per Cawny.		
Rs.	A.	P.
12	4	3
7	3	2
6	3	10
5	4	2

9. The Collector will be requested to report on the four other properties assessed above that rate as shown in the margin.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with a Statement, Correspondence, Plan and Copies of Board's Proceedings,
Nos. 1,541 and 8,591, of 1868.

Copy to the Collector of Madras.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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