

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 17 th August 1869	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th August 1869.*

No. 251. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th July 1869, No. 5,477 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 9th June 1869, No. 140.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th April, communicating Government order, dated 19th idem, No. 1,061, I have the honour to report, for their information, that of the 11 A. and 71 C. of land, alluded to in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings, 3 A., and 6 C., assessed at Rupees 7.9.7, were taken up in Velagatodu, a Government village, and 8 A and 65 C., assessed at Rupees 42. 1. 1, were taken up in Palatodu, a zemindary village.

2. In the year 1857 or thereabout, no Government zirayati lands were ever sold by ryots, nor were they sold by Revenue authorities for arrears of revenue, or by Civil Courts for private debts. There was therefore no selling price at that time. I understand that Monsieur Montclar had not owned the zirayati lands by purchase or by gift, but that he merely had them for cultivation on paying assessment thereof to the holders, i.e., the ryots of the village, by whom they were reoccupied when Monsieur Montclar left the district. For the 8 A. and 65 C. of land in the zemindary village, the Zemindar received money-compensation from Fusly 1267 to Fusly 1273, at Rupees 42. 1. 1 a-year. For and from Fusly 1274 the annual sist of the land has been reduced from the peishcush payable by him to Government.

3. There was or is no practice of selling or transferring zemindary and proprietary lands at all; there are therefore no data on which to value them.

4. As directed in paragraph 3 of the Government Proceedings, I am prepared to pay to Monsieur Montclar the sum of Rupees 22. 12. 9; but as I do not know where he is, I request that the Board of Revenue will be pleased to let me know where he is, and how I should transmit the money to him.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to the Government order quoted by the Collector.

2. Under the circumstances stated by the Collector, Monsieur Montclar would appear to be entitled to nothing beyond the Rupees 22.12.9 already sanctioned.

3. With reference to the last paragraph, the Collector will be requested to ascertain from the local authorities in Pondicherry (if they happen to know) where Mr. Montclar is at present.

No. 252. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1869, No. 2,354.

Miscellaneous.

From the Collector's letter it appears that the lands to which Monsieur Montclar set up a claim in his memorial to the Secretary of State, dated 20th May 1868, were never subject to proprietary right on his part, but were held by him as a sub-tenant of the village ryots. He is therefore not entitled to the price of the land which was assumed.

2. The Secretary of State will be informed of this decision of Government.
(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Esd. F. R. Bantleman.

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