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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2419 Press

382.83.

Dated 25th August 1829.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. 382. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th August 1869 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bellary, 29th July 1869, No. 193.

I HAVE the honour to request that you will submit, for the Board's consideration and orders, the accompanying original application from Messrs. Dymes & Co. of Madras for a piece of unoccupied waste land, (plan enclosed,) adjoining the railway station at Bellary. The land applied for is marked D. on the plan.

2. I am not aware of there being any objection to the sale of this plot. It is a bare rocky piece of ground, and, if the soil admitted of it, the only use to which it could be put to would be the extension of the burial ground, which, considering the proximity of the railway station, is, of course, undesirable. I should be glad to see it enclosed, as the railway station wall, running from the angle of the burial ground to the road, will offer facilities for the commission of nuisances by the coolies and others in the employ of the company.

3. If the sale is sanctioned I would recommend the land being disposed of by auction on certain specified conditions as to the nature of the buildings to be erected on it. The Board will observe that it is the only unoccupied plot in the vicinity of the line from which a tramway, connecting the cotton presses which Messrs. Dymes & Co. propose to erect with the railway, could conveniently be laid down. Looking to the stimulus which the opening of the line to Bellary must give to the cotton trade, other firms, Native or European, if the sale of this land was advertised, would doubtless appreciate the advantages of its position, and bid liberally for it. I do not think Messrs. Dymes & Co.'s offer sufficiently favourable to justify me in recommending its acceptance.

4. The piece of land in question is situated in the centre of the Municipality. The Government have decided that the Commissioners have no claim to waste land or vacant sites for building lying within their limits, and, so far as the Law goes, this decision cannot be questioned. All the property that vests in them under the Act is the public highways which they have the privilege of keeping in repair. Of this kind of property, I regret to say, the Commissioners for the town of Bellary have something like thirty-four miles; but it is the reverse of remunerative; and from having been greatly neglected before they came under the Commissioners, the repairs of the roads and streets are likely, for a long time to come, to absorb an undue proportion of the Municipal income. With the development of the town the expenses devolving upon the Municipality must of necessity be enhanced. They have to bear all the expense of laying out, making, bridging, maintaining, and lighting the new streets. Extra charges for Police have to be met from their exchequer, and yet the sale-proceeds of building-sites situate within their limits are swept into the Imperial Treasury. I submit that in equity these ought to be credited to Municipal Funds, or, the Government contribution being taken into consideration, at least three-fourths of them should. If this is not conceded, the Commissioners must, to meet the enhanced requirements of an increasing population, have recourse to additional taxation which they would fain avoid if possible. I therefore take this opportunity of requesting the Board to recommend to Government that the sale-proceeds of this and similar vacant sites situated within

Municipal limits be credited to the funds of the body corporate who represent the interests of the community of Bellary town. My application has, of course, reference only to those lands which do not pay revenue to Government.

THE Board resolve to submit this letter for the orders of Government.

2. Messrs. Dymes & Co. have applied for fifteen acres of unoccupied waste land adjoining the railway station at Bellary. There is no objection whatever to the sale of the land, and Messrs. Dymes & Co. have offered a fair price for it; but under the rules the sale must be by auction, the lot must be divided, and a Notification of the time when the sale will take place must be published three clear months beforehand.

3. Messrs. Dymes & Co. have informed the Board that the land is required by them for steam cotton presses; that they have ordered the requisite machinery which will be very costly; that it is absolutely necessary that the land and the buildings which are to be raised upon it should be ready when the machinery arrives; that if the land cannot be given to them at once, they will consider it advisable to countermand the presses; and that as an auction-sale will involve a delay of some months, they will not compete if the land is disposed of in that way.

4. The Board consider that this is a case in which the rules may properly be relaxed. The introduction of machinery into the interior is an undertaking to be encouraged, and Messrs. Dymes & Co.'s offer for the land is liberal.

5. The Board recommend Government to allow Messrs. Dymes & Co. to have the land immediately at Rupees 100 an acre.

No. 383. ORDER THEREON, 25th August 1869, No. 2,419.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government sanction the acceptance of Messrs. Dymes & Co.'s offer.

2. The necessity of adding to the funds of Municipalities by the sale-proceeds of waste lands within their limits is not apparent, and the Government are not prepared to authorise an exception to the general rule in the case of Bellary.

3. The position which the Government have adopted towards Municipalities in this respect will be found in G. O., dated 10th April 1867, No. 829, which lays down that the Government, while unable to make over unreservedly to Municipalities all waste land within Municipal limits, are nevertheless prepared to consider favourably any definite proposals for employing such waste for the improvement of individual towns.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department

No. 2469.

[Procee]dings of the Madras Government

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2688

~~From~~ Pro: of the Bd. of Rev.

Dated 10th Augt. 1869.

FOR ORDERS.

I would adopt the Board's views & custom accordingly.

W.R.

Half the proceeds might be given over to the Municipality if any precedent can be found for such liberality.

W.R.

I would accept the offer but not grant the proceeds in perpetuity to the Municipality.

adding to the funds of Municipalities by the sale proceeds of waste lands within their limits is not

Govt. of 1869 Madras.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

AUGUST.

Nos. 382-383.

Read Pro. 3 September/69 No. 2896

Revenue Department

9th Aug 69.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 20th August 1869.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board

of Revenue.

Recom^g to accept the offer

Dated 4th Inst. offer to purchase

certain unoccupied waste land

in Bellary Dist. at Rs 100 per

acre.

(Ft. 6. 10th August 1869)

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When I made the
last Report I obtained from
the Athlone Municipality,
½ of High Sheriff's money,
was Chairman of
Quarter Sessions. I drew
attention to Newspapers
now circulated. -
The Letter sent by Lord
on the 16 April 1867 No 887, Ap
to the purpose "for Wm this
Matter" was taken up,
does not seem to have
been answered. -
I can commit the Board
for neglect. WOH

for employing such men
for the improvement of
individual towns.
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14 To the Rt Hon Richard Dowse Q.C.
Attorney General Northern Ireland

