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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 27 Aug. 1969

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No. 415. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th August 1869, No. 5,768:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 3rd June 1869, No. 164.

With reference to the application of the Reverend Mr. Burgess to have a piece of ground, now occupied or about to be occupied by a Native Chapel, relieved from paying quit-rent, I have the honour to send herewith copy of a letter on the subject, received from the Deputy-Collector of Madras.

2. He appears to think, that because similar pieces of ground occupied by heathen temples or places-of-worship have not been exempted, Mr. Burgess' land should not be ; but in my opinion, if there is a rule allowing of such exemptions, Mr. Burgess' claim should now be granted, and the heathen temple cases be considered hereafter on their own merits whenever exemptions are demanded upon them.

Enclosure No. 1.

From the Deputy-Collector of Madras, to the Collector of Madras, dated 13th May 1869, No. 94.

With reference to your endorsement of the 5th instant on the enclosed Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 1st idem, No. 2,965, requiring me to report briefly on the application of Reverend A. Burgess for the remission of quit-rent on certain lands in Black Town, I have the honour to observe that the remission of rent sought for by the applicant amounts to Rupees 4-4-3 per annum on two pieces of lands, for which quit-rent certificates were formerly issued by this department as entered in the margin. The Madras Tahsildar visited the spot this morning, and informs me that the premises in question are now included in the Wesleyan Mission house, and has been used as a school-room for female education. It is clear from the records of this office that the premises in question were once the property of some private individuals, and now become the property of the Wesleyan Mission, whether by purchase or by gift unknown to this department. Our quit-rent bills are made out in the names of the persons appearing on the face of the certificates, and the rent regularly collected up to Fusly 1277. There is not actually a Chapel on the premises at present, as Reverend Burgess observes, and there are in Madras several Hindoo Temples and Christian Churches, etc., built on quit-rent paying lands, and in many instances I remember that the remission of rent sought thereon was not granted by this department.

	Sq.-feet.	Quit-rent. Rs.	A.	P.
Certificate No. 861, dated 21st January 1833, in the name of B. Seethawny for	1,049¾	1	13	8
Certificate No. 2,402, dated 8th June 1840, in the name of Mr. D. D'Rozario, for	1,140	2	6	7
	2,189¾	4	4	3

The Board resolve to submit Mr. Burgess' application for the favourable consideration of Government.

No. 416. Order thereon, 27th August 1869, No. 2,436.

Land Revenue.

The Board will be good enough to call upon the Collector to explain the discrepancy between the statements

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of Mr. Burgess and the Deputy-Collector. The former remarks that the land in question is "wholly occupied by a Native Chapel," which the latter denies.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 2,965.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 1st May 1869.

Read the following letter from the Reverend A. BURGESS, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Royapettah, April 22nd, 1869:—

I HAVE the honor to state that, for some nine years past, we have been paying quit-rent on two very small and contiguous pieces of land, described in the quit-rent receipts as "situated at Jones' Street and Popham Street" respectively, and measuring, the former 1,049¾ square-feet, and the latter 1,140 square-feet. I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to present my application to the Board of Revenue for exemption from the quit-rent, for the following reasons:—

1*st*.—The property is described in each of the quit-rent receipts as "a house and ground;" this was correct originally, but it can scarcely be considered so now, since those houses were pulled down, and a Native chapel erected on their site in 1859-60.

2*nd*.—The property bounding it on the south side has been for many years so exempted, being occupied by our English chapel.

3*rd*.—The property under question is *wholly occupied by a Native chapel*, so that we get no private emolument or advantage from it whatever, and I believe that it is [illegible] law or custom to exempt places of public worship from taxation. An answer at your earliest convenience will greatly oblige.

FORWARDED to the Collector of Madras for early report.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Madras.

Copy to the Reverend A. Burgess.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

Rec'd. 6th May 1869. Entered.

Dated August 27th.

Read.

G. O., 27th August 1869, No. 2,436.

Re application of Rev. A. Burgess for exemption from quit-rent for land occupied by Native Chapel in Block Two.—Collector of Madras to explain the discrepancy between the statements of Mr. Burgess and the Deputy-Collector in connection with it.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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PROCEEDINGS, 1st MAY 1869, No. 2,965.

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No. 2,965.

Quit-rent.—Letter from Reverend Mr. Burgess, requesting that certain land occupied by a Native Chapel may be exempted from payment of —, forwarded to Collector of Madras District for report.

Copy forwarded to the Collector of Madras for report & return of papers. P.C. dated 4th Sept 1869

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No. 2436 Revenue Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 27th August 1869.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting application from Reverend Mr. Burgess for exemption of certain land at Black Town occupied by a Native Chapel, from payment of Quit-rent—

(H.C. 6th August 1869 No. 5768.)

Copy forwarded to the Collector of Madras for report & return of papers. P.C. dated 4th Sept 1869

The Collector will explain the discrepancy between the statements of Mr. Burgess and the Deputy Collector. The former remarks that the land in question is "wholly occupied by a native Chapel," which the latter denies.

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