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To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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Acting Sub-Secretary.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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The first question the Government have to decide in the present case is whether the Sandai Letter Bazaar is to be granted to the Board in the understanding that the whole Bazaar shall be established and kept up as a Municipality, or whether the Board shall be required to pay the Government the annual rent of Rs 1,200 which they now receive from the Bazaar. The Collector is in favor of the former course, and I think that it is the one which should be adopted. The Bazaar is a valuable property, and the Government would not be justified in parting with it for a less consideration than the annual rent which they now receive from it. The Board will be able to realize this rent by the tolls which they will levy on the Bazaar, and they will also be able to realize a considerable sum by the sale of the land which they will acquire on the Bazaar. The Government will therefore be in a position to receive the full value of the property, and the Board will be able to realize the full value of the property.

The Collector states that the Bazaar is a valuable property, and that

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...upees 546, as shown in the margin. The up-keep of the garden was, however, recommended not so much for the sake of revenue, as for a place of recreation to the public of Tanjore, and as a nursery for rearing young plants of various kinds for distribution.

3. The Municipal Commissioners now offer to take up the garden in perpetuity, free of or on a nominal quit-rent, bearing the whole cost of its maintenance and also opening it to the public as a People's Park for recreation.

4. I cannot recommend that the garden should be made over to the Commissioners in perpetuity, as I would reserve to Government the right of resuming it, should it be found expedient at any future time to do so; neither do I think that any quit-rent should be charged; but I am of opinion that the Commissioner's request may be acceded to so far as to allow them to turn it into a Nursery and People's Park, provided they are willing to give it up at any future time, on Government requesting them to do so.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. SASHIAH, Vice President, to the Collector and President of Municipalities, Tanjore, dated 8th July 1869, No. 27.

WITH reference to a Resolution passed at the last meeting of the Municipal Commissioners, I have the honor by their desire, to lay before you for your favorable consideration, the following request.

2. A site being required for the formation of a Nursery for rearing avenue trees for the Municipality, it struck the Commissioners whether if the consent of Government could be obtained, the Government Garden within the little Fort might not be found the most suitable spot for the purpose.

3. The garden which measures roughly about 24 Acres, as you are no doubt aware, is in a comparatively neglected condition at present.

4. The present cost of keeping up the garden is Rupees 500 per annum, while the receipts from it do not come up to Rupees 250; both receipts and charges are now dealt with as items in the Jungle Conservancy Fund Account.

5. It is thus clear that the garden is at present a dead loss to Government.

6. The Commissioners will be glad to take over the whole garden in perpetuity either entirely free of or on a nominal quit-rent, and bear the whole cost of keeping it up and of forming a nursery for avenue trees.

7. The Commissioners will also, when the necessary improvements are made, throw the garden open to the public as a People's Park for recreation.

8. If the Rampart of the little Fort is also put into the possession of the Commissioners, it can be easily cleared of shrubs and thorns with which it is now over-grown, and be converted into a pleasant promenade for the public.

9. The garden and promenade thus improved and thrown open, will conduce greatly to the health of the town, by the pure air and recreation which they will be the agreeable means of providing; their close proximity to the town will make them a place of favorite resort to the young and old.

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