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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd November 1869.

No. 230. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th October 1869, No. 7,723 :—

Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam and Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th September 1869, No. 541.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for favourable consideration, a memorial from Dr. Tissot, Roman Catholic Bishop of this place, requesting a remission of the assessment on the swamp land granted to him under Government Order, dated 17th March 1869, No. 722, for the period of eleven years on which the land is granted to him for his experiment.

2. As already stated by me, the land is quite worthless unless reclaimed, while its reclamation is a work of very great cost and difficulty, but at the same time, if successful, would be of the greatest utility to the town in a sanitary point of view.

3. Were there the slightest chance of any other parties taking up the work I would not advocate the free grant of the land for the term of his experiment to Dr. Tissot; but as there is not the slightest prospect of the work being undertaken by any one else, and as Dr. Tissot has only the funds of his mission to lay out on the enterprize, I think that the claim for assessment may fairly be yielded for ten years on account of the public utility of the work attempted.

4. The demand of assessment for the current fusly was an error, which I shall rectify, as it is clear that no demand can be made in fairness for that period.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Right Reverend Dr. J. M. TISSOT, Roman Catholic Bishop, to the Collector of Vizagapatam and Agent to the Governor of Fort Saint George, dated Vizagapatam, 8th September 1869.

I BEG of you to be so good as to lay before Government the following statement for their kind consideration.

1*st*.—I was permitted in March 1869 to try the draining of one thousand acres or thereabouts of the swamp situated on the west of the town of Vizagapatam; but on condition that, if the swamp be not reclaimed at the rate of one hundred acres per annum, a year being allowed for preparation, the grant shall lapse.

Paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of Government of the 17th March 1869.

2*nd*.—I hope Government will take into consideration that the undertaking is a philanthropic one. It requires a very large outlay. The land is worthless at present, and will be so for many years to come.

If I fail, I shall lose the outlay made during eleven years.

On the 27th April 1869 I was called upon to pay the assessment for the one thousand acres or thereabouts granted only on the 17th March 1869.

3*rd*.—Under these circumstances, I beg of Government to allow me to hold free of assessment the swamp during the whole time granted for the trial.

In hope my application will meet with your approval and kind support.

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SUBMITTED for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. The Board concur with the opinion expressed by the Collector regarding the Bishop's request, and accordingly recommend that remission of assessment, as proposed in paragraph 3 of Mr. Minchin's letter, be sanctioned.

No. 231. ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1869, No. 3,007.

Miscellaneous.

IN conformity with the recommendation of the Collector and the Board, the Government resolve to modify their Order, dated 17th March 1869, No. 722, so far as to allow Dr. Tissot to hold free of assessment during the first ten years the one thousand acres or thereabouts which were granted to him under the abovementioned Order. He should, however, still abide by the condition which bound him to reclaim at least one hundred acres of the swamp each year, a year being allowed for preparation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Memo. for Orders on No 30222.

1. In his letter forwarded with Board's Proceedings dated 18th October 1869, the Collector of Vizagapatam submits a Memorial from Dr. Tissot Roman Catholic Bishop. Dr. Tissot requests that the assessment on the 1000 acres of swamp land situate to the East of Vizagapatam, granted to him by the Government on orders dated 7th March 1864, may be remitted.

2. The Collector submits his report on the ground that

of Dr. Tissot were Aborigines

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated November, 22nd.

Read.

G. O., 22nd November 1869, No. 3,007.

Transmitted 16 January 1870.

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Nos. 230-231.

Swamp land granted to Dr. Tissot in Vizagapatam.—Passing orders with reference to its assessment and reclamation.

the work of reclaiming the tract in question, no one else would take it up, and the Board endorse the Collector's opinion.

3. The site referred to by Dr Tisot was granted to him under the following circumstances.

In March 1868, (G.O. dated 11th March 1868) the Government sanctioned the grant of certain swamp land to him at an aggregate assessment of Rs 22 per annum for the purpose of making a model-farm for the Mission Orphanage. Subsequently he stated that this scheme could not be carried out unless the whole of

of the contiguous swamp land in the neighbourhood was drained. This was estimated to be four times the extent of the land already granted. It was stated to breed malaria, and seriously to impair the health of the population of Negapatam. Accordingly the Government by an order dated 17th March 1869 granted the land which Dr Tisot applied for at an assessment of Rupees 88. This would of course in ordinary cases have been a merely nominal assessment. The terms of the order therefore bound Dr Tisot to

to reclaim at least 100 acres of the swamp each year, a year being allowed for preparations.

4. Sufficient time has not yet transpired to enable the Collector to pronounce an opinion as to the earnestness of Dr. Tissot's intentions, and it would perhaps have been more graceful if he had fairly commenced his enterprise before he solicited a total remission of assessment.

5. But weighing the force of the Collector's argument and considering the fact that Dr. Tissot, in undertaking the reclamation of

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1000 acres of swamp-land, must be partly, if not wholly, influenced by an enthusiastic and active philanthropy, it is submitted that his request may well be complied with, provided that he abides by the terms laid down in the order, dated 17th March 1869, viz. that he reclaims at least 100 acres of swamp each year after the first.

I think this arrangement may be adopted.

Yes but must state the currency for which the remission is proposed.

say £1 or £30 per year.

It must also be recorded that

Sd. H. Hobbs

Revenue Department

No. 3007.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 25th November 1869

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board

of Revenue.

Recommending to sanction remission of assessment on swamp land in Vizagapatam District granted to Right Reverend Doctor Tipoot for reclamation for ten years. } R. C. 18th October 1869 No. 7723

In conformity with the recommendation of the Collector and the Board, the Government resolve to modify their order, dated 17th March 1869, No. 722 so far as to allow Dr. Tipoot to hold free of assessment during the first ten years, the 1000 acres or thereabouts which were granted to him under the above-mentioned order. He should, however, still abide by the condition which bound him to reclaim

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