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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue . DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	3183.	Press ~~Mis.~~
112. 113		
Dated	8th. December	1869..

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No. 112. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd October 1869, No. 7,336 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 17th September 1869, No. 206.

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the favourable consideration of the Board, the accompanying application from the Sub-Collector on behalf of the Municipal Commissioners of Negapatam, for a piece of waste land in the neighbourhood of the town.

2. The ground is situated outside the Municipal limits, and did not therefore come under the consideration of Government when they passed their orders on the unoccupied Government land in the aforesaid town.—*Vide* Government Order, Revenue Department, 1st December 1868, No. 3,009.

3. A plan of the locality is enclosed, from which it will be seen that it lies between the main road from Negapatam to Tanjore on the north and the Railway on the south. It is swampy almost all the year round, covered with salt-water, and therefore of no use whatever to Government.

4. The Municipal Commissioners propose to make use of the land first as a rubbish depôt, and when it has thus been raised sufficiently high and reclaimed, to plant it with suitable trees for the convenience of the public.

5. The proposal seems to me to be in every way commendable, and I therefore strongly recommend that the whole of the waste land, measuring 31 acres, be made over to the Municipality.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Sub-Collector, to the Collector of Tanjore, dated Negapatam, 14th September 1869, No. 175.

I HAVE the honour to apply for the sanction of Government to the transfer of a piece of ground, shown in the sketch-map, * to the Municipality of this town for rubbish to be deposited on. The rubbish contractor at present deposits it on a small piece of land near the Railway station, which is insufficient in size, and objectionable from huts being next to it. I therefore propose that that site should be closed, and that this should be given instead. It is outside the town, so as to be quite free from objection on sanitary grounds, and is conveniently situated in the way of access for the carts. At present it is swampy, barren ground that cannot be made use of for anything, as it is too saltish for cultivation, and has too much water on it in the wet weather for building : the proposed use of it will therefore be exceedingly beneficial, as the rubbish will fill up the muddy hollows where water now stagnates, and will also improve the character of the ground. The Municipal Commissioners propose, when it has been reclaimed in this way, to plant it with suitable trees and convert it into a tope, which will be open to the public, and a benefit to the town. There is a great deal more low-lying salt swamp all around, which it is proposed gradually to reclaim in the same way ; and I think that when the stagnant water has thus been drained off, and the soil enriched, the whole will grow grass, and form valuable pasturage. Guinea grass will be tried in the moister parts, and thus the whole of the present unhealthy swamp will be turned to account ; so that the scheme will both form a means for getting rid of the rubbish, and will also at the same time reclaim land that at present is useless. In fact, it will be on a smaller scale precisely what the People's Park at Madras is, but without the expense.

* To be returned when done with.

2. The whole extent of the land is shown on the plan, namely, Acres 31·075; but the Municipality only intends to make use of the portion shown by the red lines, namely, eleven acres. I may add that the rubbish only consists of dry straw, ashes, and the like, as nothing offensive is allowed to be put into the dust heaps in the town.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Plan.

SUBMITTED for the favourable consideration of Government.

No. 113. ORDER THEREON, 8th December 1869, No. 3,133.

Miscellaneous.

THE Right Honourable the Governor in Council sanctions the transfer of the land in question to the Negapatam Municipality for the purpose stated.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Department.

Revenue Department

Gf. 3133.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 8th Nov. 1869.

Read the following
Pro: of the Board of
Revenue.

Submitting Tanjore Collector's recommendation relative to transfer of certain Swampy land between main road from Negapatam to Tanjore on North, & Railway on South to Negapatam Municipality for a rubbish depot

(R. & 2 Oct. 69 N. 7,336)

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the transfer of the land in question to the Negapatam Municipality for the purpose stated. -

Court of 1869 Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 9th.

Read.

C. O., 8th December 1869, No. 3,133.

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Nos. 112-113.

Sanction granted to Negapatam—Its transfer to the Municipality for the purpose stated, sanctioned.