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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th March 1869.

No. 184. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Authorizing the Collector of Malabar to dispose of the Military buildings on the West Hill at Calicut, in the manner suggested by him. } (Here enter 26th February 1869, No. 763.)

No. 185. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1869, No. 604.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. LILLY,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings, Military Department, No. 763.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Govt. of Madras
Mily. Dept.
No. 630
Dated 26th Feby 1869
Recd. 4th March 1869

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated March, 5th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 5th March 1869, No. 601.

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Nos. 184-185.

Military Buildings on the West Hill, in Malabar District.—Order regarding their disposal, communicated to Revenue Board.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Military Department, 26th February 1869.

Read the following papers:—

No. 630. From the Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calicut, 13th February 1869, No. 18.

In Government Order, dated 22nd December 1868, No. 5003, Military Department, the removal of the European detachment kept at this station was sanctioned.

The detachment left this on the 2nd. The buildings on the West Hill, thus vacated, are now in charge of this department, and I request orders as to their disposal.

	Extent. Cawnies.	Grounds.	Sq. feet.
	7	5	2,010

†1. *Main barracks with out buildings*..... *a a a*
2. *Officers' quarters, Orderly rooms*..... *b b b*
3. *Assistant Surgeon's quarters*..... *c c c*
4. *Subalterns' quarters or Hospital*..... *d d d*

‡ *Dated 20th July* 1843, *to Mr. Conolly.*

N. B.—The conditions of Mr. Conolly's leases were—

1. *That a rent of one Rupee per annum should be paid, if demanded, for each of the three lands, A and A2, B and C.*
2. *That all iron ores should be reserved and excepted out of the lease, rights and interests.*
3. *That no right of entry for the purpose of digging for or taking any ores should exist in or be reserved to the Agents of the Company, save by the consent of the lessee, or in consequence of forfeiture of the lease.*
4. *That digging for or taking away ores from the lands by the lessee should render him liable to the forfeiture of his lease.*

2. The lands marked B* and C with the buildings† noted are held by Government under a ninety-nine years' lease‡ from East Indian Iron Company. These may be looked on as forming four separate lots, and can probably be let as dwelling houses, or they might be put up for sale of the Government interest therein in four convenient lots. But I doubt their selling for any thing like a fair price at present. I believe there is fair prospect of their being rented.

3. The lands marked A and A2 were also leased to Mr. Conolly, but only for twenty years. Government had acquired occupation when the premises mentioned in the preceding paragraph were taken up.

	Extent. Cawnies.	Grounds.	Sq. feet.
	8	6	1,798

Extensive* new buildings had been erected on these sites, but by oversight no condition with regard to their disposal had been made.

* 1. *Married quarters.*
2. *Guard room.*
3. *Cells for prisoners.*
4. *Magazines.*
5. *New Barracks.*
6. *Apothecary's quarters.*
7. *Racket Court.*

After Mr. Conolly's death, Government in 1858, purchased the premises which belonged to him for Rupees 12,000,

Vide Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 27th July 1858, *No.* 942.

considerable additions and alterations have been made to the buildings since the lease period expired, and under the Advocate General's opinion apparently

Vide Government Order, dated 30th March 1868, *No.* 1308.

the whole premises lapse to the Landlord or intermediately to the lessees from whom Government hold.

‡ *Extent.*

Cawnies	*Grounds*	*Sq. feet.*
8	6	1,798.

From Collector to Government, dated 20th October 1866, *No.* 140.
Government Order, dated 7th June 1867, *No.* 2091, *Military Department.*
From Collector to Government, dated 29th June 1867, *No* 73.
Government Order, dated 22nd July 1867, *No.* 2682, *Military Department.*
*From Collector, dated 19th Nov.*1867, *No.* 139.
Government Order, dated 30th March '868, *No.* 1308, *Military Department.*

* 1. *Married quarters.* 2. *Guard room.* 3. *Cells for prisoners.* 4. *Magazines.* 5. *New Barracks.* 6. *Apothecary's quarters.* 7. *Racket Court.*

4. On the expiry of the twenty years lease of land A,‡ and A2 in 1863, the correspondence noted took place, and it was finally settled that a rent of Rupees 100 per mensem should be paid by Government for the occupation of the land and the buildings* thereon.

The Agent lately wrote to say the rent would be raised to Rupees 200 per mensem from the 1st ultimo.

5. I see no object in retaining these premises, and if the Advocate General's opinion above alluded to is concurred in by Government, I recommend that they be made over to the Agent East Indian Iron Company forthwith.

‡ *About* 13 *cawnies.*

Vide Government Order, dated 28th March 1861, *No.* 1189.

6. Land D‡ was never leased to Government, a portion of it (1 acre and 715 square yards) was purchased by Government for officers' quarters in 1861, for Rupees 688-10-2. The buildings may probably be let as a dwelling house or be disposed of as those in B and C, the only difference being that in D, Government has the fee simple, whilst in B and C it has only occupancy for the 74 years that remain of the lease currency.

7. The remainder of the West Hill has never been taken up by Government, and most of it remains with the East Indian Iron Company.

In conclusion, I may remark that I do not think the buildings as a whole at present,—or at any definitely early period,—can be conveniently utilized for any public purpose, or I should of course have brought the matter to notice.

I solicit early orders on this letter.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief (Quarter Master General's Department) for early remark.

19*th February* 1869.

No. 631. From the Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort Saint George, 20th February 1869, No. 1381.

I have the honor, by order, to return the letter from the Collector of Malabar, referred by your docket, dated 19th instant, and to report that, as stated in my letter of the 18th December last, No. 8756, none of the buildings at Calicut are required for Military purposes.

No. 632. ORDER THEREON, 26th February 1869, No. 763.

The buildings referred to in the foregoing correspondence being no longer required for Military purposes, the Governor in Council authorizes the Collector of Malabar to dispose of them in the manner suggested by him, *viz.*, the buildings referred to in paragraphs 2 and 6 to be let as dwelling houses: those in paragraphs 3 to 5 to be at once made over to the Agent of the East Indian Iron Company.

(True Extract.)

Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Malabar.
" Quarter Master General.
" Adjutant General.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Revenue Department, } for information.
" Public Works Department, }

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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Govt. of [1869] Madras.

MILITARY.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF MALABAR.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 20th.

Read 2d March. Encl.

G. O., 20th February 1869, No. 703.

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FEBRUARY.
Nos. 630–632.

Authorising the Collector of Malabar to dispose of the Military buildings on the West Hill at Calicut in the manner suggested by him.

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With Orders