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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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17th March 1869.

Read the following:—

No. 427. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th October 1868, No. 7,444.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 1st September 1868, No. 699.

1. I have the honor to forward, herewith, a further application from the Roman Catholic Bishop here, the Right Reverend Doctor Tissot, for another piece of swamp land in addition to that which was sanctioned in Government Order, dated 11th March 1868, No. 636. The land now applied for is 1,000 acres, and is to the north of that already granted, as shewn in the plans. I see no objection to granting this land, and accordingly submit his application for the Orders of Government, with reference to Government Order, dated 23rd March 1860, circulated with Board's Standing Orders of the 27th idem, No. 1,548.

2. The land now applied for being four times as much as the last grant, the assessment would be Rupees 88 per annum.

3. There can be no doubt that the objects entertained by the Right Reverend Bishop are highly philanthropic, and if he succeeds in reclaiming the swamp, he will effect a great public benefit to the town of Vizagapatam, and its vicinity.

ENCLOSURE No 1.

From the Right Reverend Doctor J. M. TISSOT, Catholic Bishop and Vicar Apostolic, to the Collector of Vizagapatam and Agent to the Governor of Madras, dated 20th August 1868.

1. I have the honor of forwarding you, herewith, a plan of the swamp, on the west of the town of Vizagapatam, and beg to state that the reclaiming of a piece thereof already in my possession, on the south, proves quite a failure if I am not permitted to occupy another piece on the north of the same swamp.

2. Under these circumstances, may I beg of you to be allowed to occupy on the north a piece of one thousand acres of land (which up to this is worthless) for a new trial.

Or thereabouts.

3. The undertaking being a very hazardous one, and requiring a large outlay, I hope you will be pleased to let me have the new spot on the same principle, and the same advantages as the former, which has been granted on *puttah* to be held in perpetuity on paying yearly, on demand, an assessment of Rupees (22) twenty-two. The piece measures about 237 acres. I beg to have the same rate of assessment adapted to the new piece, and with the very same advantages on paying yearly the assessment.

4. In support of my request, I may say that great advantages would accrue to the inhabitants of Vizagapatam, both in a sanitary and commercial point of view, were I to succeed in reclaiming even but a part of the Salt marsh, as stated in a report of a Board of Medical men on the subject: a copy thereof I enclose for your information.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Correspondence and a Sketch Map.

BEFORE submitting the foregoing communication for the orders of Government, the Board request the Collector to report how long it will take to reclaim

That already granted to

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the land, and at how many acres each year. Mr. Minchin will also report how much of the land already granted has been reclaimed, and what prospect there is of the reclamation of the remainder.

2. The Collector is to blame for the cursory manner in which the application has been laid before the Board.

No. 428. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st February 1869,
No. 651 :—

Read the following papers :—

Board's Proceedings, dated 17th October 1868, No. 7,444.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th November 1868, No. 832.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 17th October 1868, No. 7,444, I have the honor to forward a further communication from the Right Reverend Doctor Tissot, on the subject of his application for certain swamp lands, which I have this day received.

2. The Right Reverend gentleman hopes that he may be able to reclaim the land at the rate of 200 acres a year, and that the whole will be reclaimed in six years: none of the land already granted has been yet reclaimed, and Doctor Tissot considers its reclamation impracticable, unless the further land lately applied for be first taken in hand.

3. The land is at present worthless, and the swamp is a source of malaria to the town of Vizagapatam. Doctor Tissot proposes to drain the swamp and to pay assessment for the land. Under these circumstances I should have granted him a Puttah at once, but as a foreigner the sanction of Government was necessary.

4. The success of the applicant will be a great public benefit to the town of Vizagapatam: his failure can injure nobody.

ENCLOSURE No. I.

From the Right Reverend Doctor J. M. TISSOT, Catholic Bishop and Vicar Apostolic of Vizagapatam, to the Collector of Vizagapatam, dated Waltair, 11th November 1868.

1. I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, and in reply, beg to state that the reclaiming of the swamp must be done gradually, as a sanitary measure, on account of its close vicinity to the town.

2. I have every reason to hope that the part of the swamp applied for will be drained in five or six years, at the rate of two hundred acres a year or thereabout.

3. I beg to state moreover, that unless I be able to begin the drainage by the part of the swamp applied for in my last letter, the part thereof granted before for the trial of a model farm for Orphans, proves quite a failure.

ORDERED that the foregoing papers be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Roman Catholic Bishop at Vizagapatam having acquired by purchase a piece of the back-water swamp land on the west of that town, applied for an addi-

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tional piece which, together with that already acquired, he intended to convert into a model farm for the Orphanage attached to his Mission.

3. The Collector and the Board recommended a compliance with the application, and the Government were pleased to sanction the grant in Government Order, dated 11th March 1868, No. 636, the land being subject to an aggregate assessment of Rupees 22.

4. With his letter, dated 1st September 1868, No. 699, the Collector forwarded another application from the same gentleman for a further grant of 1,000 acres, which is more than four times as much as the extent already granted, and will be liable, the Collector states, to the payment of Rupees 88 as assessment. The reason assigned by the Right Reverend Doctor Tissot for this further application is, that all attempts to reclaim the piece already in his possession by drainage has failed, and that the piece now asked for, which is to the north of that now in his possession, is absolutely necessary to ensure any degree of success in the trial he is making to establish a model farm in connection with the Orphanage.

5. On a call from the Board (*vide* Proceedings above recorded) for information on certain points, the Collector furnishes the report herewith submitted, from which Government will perceive that the swamp is stated by the Collector to be worthless at present, and a source of malaria; and that Mr. Minchin is further of opinion that while "the success of Doctor Tissot will be a great public benefit to the town of Vizagapatam, his failure can injure nobody."

6. In the event of the application being complied with, Doctor Tissot expects that the whole land will be reclaimed in six years at the rate of 200 acres a year.

7. The Board recommend that the Collector be authorised to comply with the application, on condition that if the swamp be not reclaimed at the rate of 100 acres per annum—a year being allowed for preparations—the grant shall lapse. The Board propose this stipulation in order that if Doctor Tissot should be unable to carry out his project, other parties or the State may not be precluded by his grant from attempting it.

No. 429.

ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1869, No. 722.

Miscellaneous.

1. In March 1868 (G. O., dated 11th March 1868, No. 636) the Government sanctioned the grant of certain swamp land near the town of Vizagapatam to the Right Reverend Doctor Tissot, at an aggregate assessment of Rupees 22 per annum, for the purpose of making a model farm for the Mission Orphanage.

2. It now appears that this scheme cannot be carried out unless the whole of the contiguous swamp land in the neighbourhood is drained, and Doctor Tissot applies for the remainder of the land (said to be four times the extent of that already granted to him) at an assessment of Rupees 88. The Collector supports Doctor Tissot's application and considers that the draining of the swamp will be of great advantage to the town. The Board of Revenue also recommend it for the favorable consideration of Government, but for reasons assigned would require Doctor

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

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council concurs in the views of the Board, and authorizes the Collector to make the grant on the conditions proposed by them.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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under date the 17th March 1869.
Read the following No. of
the No. of Revenue -
A. E. 1st Feb 1869 No. 657.
In March 1868 (No. 656) the Govt.
sanctioned the grant of
of certain swamp land
near the Town of V. as a portion
to the Mr. Rev. T. D. Tissot
at an aggregate assessment
of Rs 22 per annum, for the
purpose of making a model
farm for the Missionary
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Collector reports to Trusts

application and consider

that the draining of the

swamp will be of great

advantage to the town.

The Bd. of Revenue also

recommends it for the

favorable consideration

of Govt. but would require

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to "fill" within at least

three of the swamp

in year, a year being allowed for preparation.

The Rt Hon. the Govt

in Council concurs in

the view of the Board

and authorizes the Collector

to make the grant on

the conditions proposed

by them

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