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2. The land was granted in April 1869, allowing a year for preparations under Government Order dated 22nd November, No. 3,007. One year has just expired of the period of 10 years. The difficulties Doctor Tissot had to contend with during this period have been greater than he anticipated, and as he has already lost a great deal in the undertaking, I see no objection to his application being complied with.

3. The time is certainly long; but subject as the land is to the constant influence of a tidal estuary and to heavy freshes during the monsoon, I do not think Doctor Tissot would be able to effectually carry out his project in a shorter period, and I beg to recommend that the application (a copy of which is herewith submitted) be complied with.

4. The land in its present state is believed to be the cause of much of the sickness in the town, the effluvia from it being sometimes very offensive. Should Doctor Tissot fail in his endeavour, the loss will be his, and the land will be in no worse state than it is at present. Should he succeed, the town will largely benefit by his success.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Right Reverend Doctor J. M. TISSOT, Bishop and Vicar Apostolic of Vizagapatam, to the Acting Collector of Vizagapatam and Agent to the Governor of Madras, dated 14th April 1871.

BY a letter from Government, dated the 17th March 1869, No. 722, I obtained permission to reclaim the swamp situated to the west of Vizagapatam, and was allowed 10 years for completing the work without paying assessment during the same period.

2. The work was carried on steadily and with success till the late cyclone, which caused considerable damage to the embankments.

3. Notwithstanding this disaster I am determined to pursue the undertaking, seeing that, were I to succeed, Vizagapatam would be rid of a great nuisance, and the locality rendered thereby more salubrious. But in consequence of the above-mentioned misfortune, as well as from 2 years' experience, I find that the term of 10 years allowed me for reclaiming is too short.

4. I would therefore feel exceedingly thankful were you to represent the case to the Board of Revenue, with a view of obtaining an extension of the period of 10 years to 30 years more and allowing me to be free from assessment during the whole time granted for trial.

5. Trusting you will kindly make use of your influence in procuring me this favour, I have, etc.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th July 1871.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

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4. Doctor Tissot finds that he has under-rated the difficulty of the reclamation, and he now asks that the period of the free grant may be extended to 40 years. The Collector supports his request, and the Board recommend that it be granted.

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No. 65. | ORDER THEREON, 7th July 1871, No. 1,169A.

Land Revenue.

THE free grant for ten years will be altered for a free grant for 21 years.

A certain portion of the swamp (to be fixed by the Collector with the sanction of the Board) to be reclaimed triennially; in default, the grant to lapse to the Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government

To the Board of Revenue.

No. 2,442.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

J Gale

Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Vizagapatam.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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Board of Revenue, MADRAS. 4-10-71

PROCEEDINGS, 16TH JUNE 1871, No. 2442.

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Collector Vizagapatam July 1/71

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No. 2442

Rockwater Swamp land—1,000 acres in extent, lying to west of Vizagapatam, and granted to Doctor Tissot in 1869, free of assessment, for 10 years, on condition that he should reclaim 100 acres a year.—Recommendation to Government that period allowed for reclamation of, may be extended to 40 years owing to damage done to works of reclamation by Cyclone of November 1870.

Read

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No.

From Board Revenue

Dated 16 June 1871.

No 24

FOR ORDERS.

Submit the Grant which he requests to reclaim 25 acres a year — if he is to have the land rent free for 40 years.

It was first given him for 10 years, on condition of his reclaiming 100 acres a year.

The delay in reclaiming from the land in the sea between the present Beach is to be made up to Government by the Municipality as the town & harbour are benefited & under the Act 7 & 8 Vict. for letting [illegible]

Extension of Grant of
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No. 1169.A
7th July 1841 Order

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