No. 56. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel F. G. HODGSON, Staff Corps, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 3rd July 1871 :—

BEING about to leave for England (on Medical Certificate) by the next steamer leaving Madras the 6th or 7th instant, I have the honour to address you on a subject of great importance to myself, and shall feel greatly obliged if you will give my request your early consideration. I am one of the purchasers of a portion of the Kartairy grant, late the property of the late Mr. James McIvor. The subject of the arrears of quit-rent and the survey and demarcation expenses, ordered by Government, of the above grant have yet to be decided by the Government, with reference to the liability of the several present proprietors. I wish to know therefore what my liability to the Government will be, and when I may expect to receive my fresh Title-deeds.

I beg to bring to your notice that in the deed executed between myself and the late Mr. James McIvor, which deed is now before Government, no mention is made of my liability to assessment, the land I purchased being supposed to be in *fee-simple*; but if this is not considered anything, I would beg also to mention that for fifteen months my property was leased to another individual, and if it should be decided that I am to pay the whole of the arrears due on the Craigmore estate, I beg that I may be exempted from the payment of assessment during the term of the lessee's occupancy as already mentioned, and which request I also made to the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, copy of which letter is embodied in his first report on this matter to the Board of Revenue.

I have the honour, in conclusion, to ask you to be good enough to forward any papers or documents, on the final decision of Government being obtained, to my agents at Madras, Messrs. Aspinwall and Co., as also to send them for deposit with them the Title-deed executed by Mr. James McIvor.

I beg to mention that last year His Excellency Lord Napier as also the Honourable A. J. Arbuthnot heard the statement of my case at an interview they were pleased to afford me in the month of September last, and I received the assurance from them that at the time appointed they would favourably review my case.

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1871, No. 1,353.

Miscellaneous.

FROM the Commissioner's letter dated 16th July 1870, No. 94, it appears that arrears of quit-rent are due from the present holders of portions of the Kartairy estate, as shown below, up to the 30th April 1871 :—

	RS.
Colonel Hodgson...	1,134
Mr. Stanes	2,061
Mr. Strecton	864
Total...	4,059

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th August 1871.

2. The Commissioner will take steps for realizing from these gentlemen the arrears due, which, as was allowed in Mrs. McIvor's case, may be paid by six annual instalments. A permanent Puttah will be furnished to each of them.

3. The Government are unable to assent to any remission of the arrears due from Colonel Hodgson. They cannot hold themselves responsible for transactions of which they had no cognizance. The Commissioner will take care that all Colonel Hodgson's Title-deeds are sent to his agents as requested by him.

(True Extract.)

C. SCOTT, Captain, R.E.,
Under-Secy., P.W.D.,
for Secy. to Govt.

To Lieutenant-Colonel F. G. Hodgson, through his Agents.
„ the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
„ the Board of Revenue.

To the Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St. George.

Sir

Being about to leave for England (on medical certificate) by the next Steamer leaving Madras the 6th September, I take the honor to address you on a subject of great importance to myself and shall feel greatly obliged if you will give my request your early consideration

I am one of the purchasers of portion of the Seaberry Grants late the property of the late Mr. James Sullivan. The subject of the Lease of Land Rent, and the Survey and Demarcation expenses ordered by Government, of the above Grant have yet to be decided by the Government, with reference to the liability of the several present Proprietors. I wish to know therefore what may be my liability to the Government will be - and when I may expect to receive my fresh Title Deeds

I beg to bring to your notice that in the Deed executed between myself and the late Mr. James Sullivan, which kept

which Deed is even before Government no mention is made of any liability to Assessment, the Land Purchased being supposed to be in fee simple. But if this is not considered anything. I am also to mention that for 15 months, my property was vacant in another Individual, and if it should be decided that I am to pay the whole of the Arrears due on the Consignee Estate, I beg that I may be exempted from the payment of Assessment during the term of the Lease according as aforesaid, mentioned, and which request also made, to the Commissioners of such letters intended in his first report on this matter to the Board of Revenue

I have the honor to conclude to ask you to request permission to forward any Papers or Documents on the final decision of Documents being returned to my Agents at Madras. Before I close all I am to also to send for Depositions Letters

The Title Deed executed by Mr

James McDonn

I beg to mention that both Jan the Excellency Lord Napier as also the Board of Revenue heard the statement of my case when interviewed by me & leased to afford one in the months of September both, & Second the assurance from them that at the time appointed they would favourably Sanction my case

I am the honorable Sir

Your most Obedt Servant

F. G. Hodgson Lt Colonel
Staff Corps

Madras
3 July 1871

Rec: Dept.

Memo: for Orders on No 2108

Question — What amount of arrears of quit rent is to be demanded from Colonel Hodgson and Messrs: Haines and Streeton on certain portions of land purchased by them from the late Mr. McIvor.

1. A detailed Memo of this question will be found annexed to G.O. dated 16th July 1869, No 2066. By G.O. dated 12th July 1871, No 1200, the question was settled in so far as it affected Mr. McIvor who was allowed six years to pay up the arrears of quitrent due by her on the land granted

to-

Rec'd 1871 Dept
No 2108
Surveyor
Lt Col Hodgson
Haines Streeton

Rec'd 3rd July 1871
Dept of Lands

Lt Col Hodgson - Haines & Streeton

Requesting the liability
of purchasers of portions of land
from Mrs McIvor to be
settled.

Rec'd 1871

have acknowledged their
liability to this extent

3. The case of Col: Hodgson
is peculiarly hard because,
as he says in his letter,
[illegible]
and as also is shewn by
the deed and conveyance
executed in his favour by
Mr Alle Ivor, the latter pro-
fessed to sell him the
Estate freehold and paid
nothing whatever as to its
liability to quit rent. Col:
Hodgson has also been
unfortunate in another
Respect. From Janry 1st
1865 to April 1st 1866

Colonel

Colonel Hodgson leased his
Estate to a Mr Mainbank
and this gentleman is now
bankrupt: so that the
Colonel cannot recover
from him.

4. Perhaps therefore,
the Govt will be disposed
to remit Colonel Hodgson's
arrears for one year,
in which case Rs 1008
only will be demanded
from him.

I should not do
this in favour
of Colonel Hodgson
Unless I were
satisfied that
he is unable
to pay.

A. D.

5. It is submitted
that all three gentlemen
should be allowed to
pay up their arrears
by

Revenue Dept.

No. 1353

Pros. of the Madras Government
Under date the 11 July/Augt 1871

Read the following
letter from Lt. Col. F. G.
Hodgson, Staff Corps

Reporting his liability to payment of arrears of Quit-rent &c on his lands in the Nilgiris. } M.E. 5th July 1871.

From the Commissioner
letter dated 16th July 1870,
Nilgiris, it appears that ar-
rears of quit-rent are due
from the present holders
of portions of the Kandaiyan
Estate as shown below up
to the 30th April 1871.

Colonel Hodgson	1124
Mr Manes	2061
Mr Alreston	874
Total	4059

&c &c

C. 19 July 1871 R24