

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th March 1871.*

No. 67. Read the following endorsement of the Under-Secretary to Government, Public Department, dated 13th December 1870 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Tanjore, 2nd December 1870, No. 1,530.

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the favourable consideration of Government, an application from the Municipal Commissioners of the Town of Tanjore for the ditch and glacis round the fort of Tanjore being transferred to them.

2. These, with the palace, the inner little fort, and the buildings in it, were retained as State property when the rest of the immovable property of the late Raj was handed over to the charge of the late Rajah's senior widow Her Highness Kamakshiamba Bayi Sahib in 1862—*Vide* Proceedings of Government in the Political Department, dated 16th January 1863, No. 16, paragraph 2, clause 3.

3. The ditch and glacis have since then been under the charge of the local Revenue authorities, and leased out from time to time by public auction to the highest bidder. They are now held on a lease at Rs. 2,045 per annum for a term of five years, which expires on 30th June 1873.

4. The produce of the ditch consists of grass, vegetables, and fish. The glacis is also cultivated in parts with vegetable produce; and in some few places it is used for piling timber for sale and such like purposes.

5. As the town is rising in importance, there is no doubt that the glacis, or at least the greater portion of it, will be sought after for building purposes, and if sold in building lots will fetch good prices; but it is highly desirable for the proper conservancy of the town that the Municipal Commissioners should have both the ditch and glacis under their control, since the present arrangement, under which the Revenue authorities have charge of them, interferes in many respects with the works which it is found necessary to carry out for the improvement of the town. I may for instance mention two projects which the Commissioners have just now in hand; one is to fill up a portion of the ditch near the east gate for the purpose of opening a passage for the convenience of the towns' people, and the other is to form a good water reservoir in an eligible position in the southern ditch. Portions of the ditch have already been filled up for forming roads across, and the roads thus formed have contributed in no small degree to the health and comfort of the town.

6. It appears to me, therefore, that the whole of the ditch and glacis round the fort of Tanjore might with advantage be transferred to the Municipality on a permanent lease subject to the payment of an annual sum of Rs. 1,000 to Government, and I beg to request sanction to this arrangement.

7. From what I have stated in paragraph 3 above, the sum I have named may be considered too little; but it is to be observed that a considerable portion of the ditch and glacis will be gradually otherwise utilized for Municipal purposes as they have already to some extent been, and that the actual yield of what may remain available for productive purposes will be comparatively small,

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	Per annum. Rs.	
From Fasli 1268 to 1270...	760	
" 1271 to 1273 ..	1,275	
" 1274 ..	1,500	
" 1275 to 1277...	1,505	

8. I must add that the amount of the present lease for five years above mentioned is far above that of the last leases which I have noted in the margin.

9. If the proposition I have submitted is sanctioned, the Municipal Commissioners will settle with the present lessee as to the terms on which he is to hold the lease during its unexpired portion.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

No. 68. ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1871, No. 392.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government are prepared to lease the ditch, glacis, and rampart site, for ever to the Tanjore Municipality, with power to grant sub-leases for building and other purposes, but on condition that no building shall be erected without the consent of the Collector previously obtained, at a permanent annual rent of Rs. 2,000, or somewhat less than the grazing rent now derived from the ditch and glacis.

2. The Collector will report whether the Municipality accept these terms, and will at the same time state whether it is advisable to reserve any portion of the obtainable building site for State purposes, in which case a proportionate reduction in the rent will be made.

(True Extract,)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Tanjore,
,, the Board of Revenue.

*From the Municipal Commission
Tanjore,
The Collector
of Tanjore,*

In forwarding herewith a Copy of Resolutions No. 3, 7 & 10 passed by the Commissioners at their last sitting, I have the honor to request you will be pleased to obtain the necessary sanction of Government for the measures therein contemplated. The advantages that may arise from the Improvements now proposed are so very great that the projects only indicate the close attention paid by the Commissioners to the Comforts & Convenience of the Towns people.

2. The matter of transferring the Fort Ditch & glacis to the Municipality is considered reasonably to be one of right, & this source is calculated to strengthen the resources of the Institution. Pending the sanction of Govt. to make them over to the Municipality, I request you will be so good as to arrange with the present owner of the Fort Ditch that he may not interfere with the work which the Commissioners will carry on. of course in the event of the work affecting his income or Contract, some Equitable Consideration should be shown him.

As the work has to be put

creation of an annual

to hand without loss of time. I request the
favor of early notice being taken of the
subject.

I have the honor to be

Yours most Obedt Servant
T. Lockman
Vice President

Extract from the Minutes of the Proceedings
of the Municipal Commissioners for the Town
of Chicago at their meeting held on Saturday
the 14th May 1872

Resolution No 3.

Resolved that the project
of constructing a good water tank between
the Samalathani Corral and Pullman's
Gardens in the said town of Chicago
for the good of the Town's people
be approved and that the committee be
at once commissioned and the council
ordered to prepare an estimate which
might be submitted to Captain
Morgan for approval. The necessity
for this measure is undeniably great.
Want of good water is felt in the town
during the hot months and the present
scheme is to preserve the surplus water
of the Chicago River in the town and
form an additional tank in the hope
that both these reservoirs will
supply the wants of the public
and remove the hardship they now feel.

Resolution No 9.

Resolved that the Collector
be

creation of an annual

he requested to transfer the right
of leasing grass in the Fort Ditch
to the Municipal Institutions as
it appears to be the case at
Trichnapoly. The Glacis Callob
"Nigani" also to be made over
to the Municipality.

Resolution No 10.

Resolved that the
demolishing of the Rampart from
the East Gate to Southern entrance
as suggested by Captain Montgomery
be commenced. The entire en-
trenchment to be divided into sections
and the cost of demolishing one
or two sections ascertained
by letting out the work on a
contract. The contractor
will of course take up
the stones and fill in
the ditches. The collector
to be at first requested to
arrange with the grass
contractor to enable
the commissioners to
carry on the work before
the

the ditches are finally made over
to the Municipality.

(Signed) P. Paragiryar

Mico President

(True Extract)

Tanjore Municipal office
20th May - 1870

P. Paragiryar
Mico President

Location of an animal

for

Recd 16 Jan'y/63 19C22

[Faint handwritten text]

Transferred to the
Revenue Department
H. L. Stokes
Under Secy to Gov.

13/Dec/70.

No 76

etc Jan'y 71 27th Feb'y

Rev: 1870

Public Department
From H^o 3077
The Collector
of Tanjore
To

The Chief Secretary
to Government

Madras

Dated 2^d of December
Decided 9th of December
1870

No 1830
H^o 2114.

Seen 29th 4 March
Requesting sanction
for the transfer of the
ditch & glacis around
the Fort of Tanjore, to the
Municipality -

Transferred

Rev. Dept.

Rev: 3077/70

In a letter
From
The Collector
of Tanjore
To
The Chief Secretary
to Government

Dated 3rd December 70

No 1530

Application of the
Municipal Com:
missions

Per 4th March 71 In B. No 67

2 3 90 292-2 1/2 1/2 1/2
In Public 2114/70

My dear Mr. Secretary,
The cost of doing so
is more than it is
difficult to excavate
that the cost of doing so
is more than it is
park is partly com-
posed is so extremely
stone of which there is
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her requested to transfer the right

Rev. (

^{and} ~~the~~ The Municipality
had much better have
been allowed to
use it as much as they
like. Strictly speaking,
the place does not
include the campsite
of the Indians, but
is Glee Morris

has requested to transfer the right

From
W. Morris
17 - Jan - 76.

The Walls & ditch
& plain are only
worth Rs 2045 per
acre to the State.
Tanjore is a healthy
Town and I do not
see why we should
sacrifice this revenue.
I would ask the per-
mission of the Revenue
Dept (if the Municipality
consent) to make a
don to them - in ex-
change of an annual

Rev. Dept.

Memo for Orders
on Nos 3877 & 4040

In G. O. 16 January

1863 No 16. Political Depart.

it was resolved among other

things that the walls and

ditch round the Town of

Tanjore were State property

and to be treated as such

that the Town walls should

be thrown down and

the ditch filled up, under

detailed instructions to be

given as the D.P.W.

An estimate amounting

to Rs. 131,000 was submitted

for

for the work, and sanction
was given for providing
Rs. 10,000 in the Budget

for 1864-65 for a commence-
ment by destroying the
gates and making broad
straight entrances through
the wall at these and
other points. The excavated
stone was to be collected
and reserved for public
works. This was Captain

Mullins' suggestion (G.O.
10 Nov 1863).

2. Subsequently it
was ordered that the pro-
vision of funds should
be deferred till 1865/66,

payment of Rs 2045
to the State out of
Municipal Funds.

I do not know whether
he used to be for
public building -
if we do these should
be referred - & the
payment has been
reduced.

It would be
a great public im-
provement to remove
the walls & pile up
the dirt (a living
man can in the
country).

Nothing further seems to have
been done in the way of demolition
up to the present time.

I would grant the area
in question on lease to
the Municipality for
ever at an annual
rent of Rs 2000 with
the proviso that no
buildings are to be
erected on the
areas leased
without the sanction of
the Collector or Govt.
The grant might
perhaps cover the
right of granting
lease. R

but demolition of part of
the ramparts to provide
materials for the Vedasam
and Topethray canal works

was sanctioned.

3. The ditch and
glacis are at present held
on lease expiring 30 June 1873
at Rs 2045 yearly

4. The Tanjore Municipal
Commissioners have applied
to the Collector for the
transfer of the ditch and
glacis to them as a
claim "of right" which
is a somewhat novel tone
to adopt in such a case.

5. They seem to
contemplate

contingent upon the
rampart on the whole
section from East to South,
filling up a portion of
the ditch on that side to
form a new entrance,
and converting part of the
ditch into a tank for the
use of the town's people.

The collector (Mr.
Morris) recommends that
the Municipality be granted
a permanent lease
of the whole ditch and glacio
at an annual rent of
Rs. 1000, they arranging
with the present lessee for
the remainder of his term.

This

This looks like asking the
Municipality a present of
Rs. 1045 annual rent for
18 months, but it appears
that the Municipal
operations will restrict his
powers of profit considerably
so that they would be obliged
to remit part of his rent.
The application and
recommendation though
literally limited to the ditch
and glacio (the last
being the only the slope
above the rampart) is
apparently intended to
include the whole of the
ditch and the ditch is
exactly contemplated
that the municipality will
have the ditch and glacio
and the ditch is so difficult
to dig that it costs
more than it is worth

John H. H.

for \$2000 per acre and has
 been left to the Municipality.
 He mentions that the greater
 portion of the glaci (including
 the site of the ditch)
 like skin available at a
 high price for building
 sites - and suggests that
 he contemplates the Municipality
 realizing these profits -
 but I am not sure how far
 the Municipality as merely
 leaseholders (the lease is a permanent
 lease) could give a substantial
 title to the purchasers. This
 question has perhaps better be
 left to the order
 of Govt. in the application.
 I presume that the
 Govt. do not think that the enormous
 proportion of the whole of the
 site - or the cultivation of
 the ditch is desirable works
 and it does not seem
 probable that Govt. will be in
 a position to undertake them.
 This whole matter is
 absorbed as considerable
 proportion of the site is fixed
 if the building sites they will
 provide. It seems due that
 some limit should be put to
 the grant of lands. I am not
 sure how to fix it. - L.H.

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Revenue Department.

No. 392.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 14th March 1871.

Read the following letter from the

Collector of Tanjore,

Requesting sanction
 for the transfer of the ditch
 and glaci around the Fort
 of Tanjore, to the Municipality.

(H.L. 2nd Decr. 1870/2.15.3)

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in the rent will be made.

L.B.

List by Order

1. Folio. Calcutta of Jangone Despt 6
14 — B. of B. Calcutta

Y.D.
Barracks of the
Dutch Officers
around Tanager
Fort to the river
palatka.

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Ch.

Colt. of 1871 2/10/12

REVENUE.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF TANJORE,

As, No, &c

Dated March 4th.

Recd.

End.

G. O., 4th March 1871, No. 302.

MARCH.
Nos. 67-69.

By
Proposed by and given to the Collector for the
Transfer of the Collector to transfer them to the
by with these dates.