Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th November 1871.

No. 145. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st November 1871, No. 4,572:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th September 1871, No. 1,884.

ADVERTING to the Board's remark in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings dated 14th instant, No. 3,964, that they "do not understand why a properly fenced platform should be the exception in Nellore," I have the honour to submit that repeated experiments have proved that (speaking generally) no secure fence but a prickly pear one can be raised in this district in the localities where our platforms are situated, and Government have peremptorily forbidden the planting of prickly pear for the purpose. The fence at Gogulapalli, to which I referred, is a prickly pear one grown long ago.

2. Prickly pear has no greater enemy in the country than myself; but I would nevertheless fence the platforms with it, in despair of securing them effectively by any other means.

3. To dig new and expensive trenches, such as were proposed at Kistnapatam, I regard as a waste of money. Unless combined with a fence impervious by itself, no trench will ensure security, and, if we have the impervious fence, the trench remains but an extravagant superfluity.

[illegible] letter to Government for consideration.

2. As observed by the Collector the protection of salt-works by a fence of prickly pear has been strictly forbidden* by Government; the Board are, however, convinced, from personal knowledge of the localities in which salt-platforms are placed on the East Coast, that in some places nothing but prickly pear will grow so as to form an efficient fence, and, as the Collector remarks, "unless combined with an impervious fence, no trench will ensure security."

*Government Order dated 24th February 1865, No. 412, Revenue Department.
Do. dated 12th May 1865, No. 1,001, Revenue Department, paragraph 23.
Do. dated 27th October 1870, No. 1,653, Revenue Department.

3. The Board are fully† aware of the desirability of eradicating and preventing the spread of prickly pear near villages, and in other places where it is a nuisance; but they submit that good cause exists for making an exception to the general rule (as was done in Government Order No. 611, dated 29th April 1870, Revenue Department) in the case of special localities, and for special purposes such as that referred to above—a measure which was‡ recommended by the Honourable Mr. Clarke in regard to certain salt-pans in the Kistna District, and to which§ Government apparently offered no objection.

†Proceedings recorded in Government Order dated 31st October 1860, No. 2,009, Revenue Department.
9th July 1861, No. 1,372, Revenue Department.

‡Report, dated 24th May 1864, paragraphs 21, 22, 64, 120, 122, 134.
§Government Order dated 29th May 1865, No. 1,128, Revenue Department.

4. The Board trust that Government will not deem it necessary to negative their proposal on the ground that, in their Proceedings dated 27th October 1870,

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No. 1,653, the *principle* was upheld notwithstanding the strong representation of the Board; any objection on this score will, they think, be far out-weighed by the advantages of preventing needless loss to the salt-revenue, and removing inducements to attempt breaches of the Salt Law, especially as the growth of this plant can be regulated, checked, and prevented, as required, and as the Board are confident that Collectors will not encourage the growth of prickly pear except in cases of real necessity, when no other sufficient fence will grow.

No. 146. ORDER THEREON, 16th November 1871, No. 1,946.

Separate Revenue, No. 7.
Salt.

IN deference to the Board's reiterated recommendations the Government will waive their objections to the use of the Cactus as a fence for salt-works in cases which the Board are satisfied are clearly exceptional; but the Superintendents of the works concerned should be held responsible for not allowing the plant to spread to an injurious extent, or beyond where it is needed for the special purpose.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Govt.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3603.

From Bd. Board of Revenue

Dated 1st November 1871.

FOR ORDERS.

In deference to the repeated recommendations of the Board I will not object to the use of the Cactus in exceptional cases. But the Superintendents should be held answerable that the plant does not spread.

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No. 4,572.

Protection of salt works by Prickly Pear fences, Letter from Collector of Nellore regarding, submitted to Government for consideration, with recommendation that an exception to general rule against growth of Prickly Pear may be made in the case of special localities in which nothing else will grow so as to form an efficient fence.

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In reference to the Bd's & Collector's recommendation for the Govt's sanction to their objections to the use of the Prickly Pear as a fence round salt works in cases where the Bd are satisfied are clearly explained. but the supply of the works concerned should be left responsible for not allowing the plant to spread. Rules enjoining this, & enjoining Revenue Officers to report any breach is needed for the special purpose

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated November 16th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 16th November 1871, No. 1,916.

NOVEMBER.
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Protection of salt-works by prickly pear fences.—Board of Revenue authorized to permit their use in exceptional cases, restricting the growth of the plant to the extent necessary.

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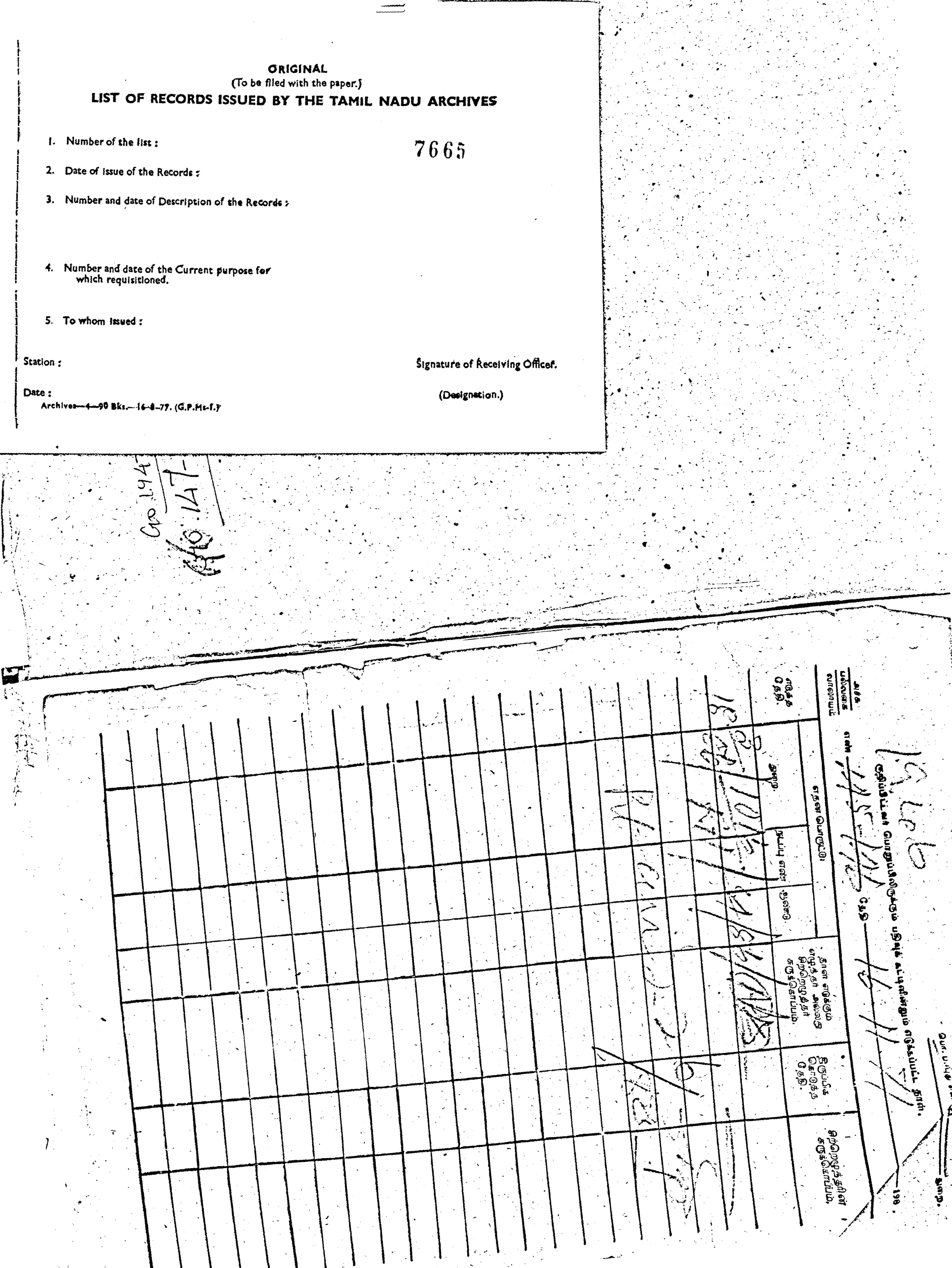
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