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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th March 1873.*

No. 248. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th March 1873, No. 378:—

Read the following letter from A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 22nd February 1873, No. 41:—

I HAVE the honour to forward copy of a letter from my Acting Sub-Collector, dated 20th instant, No. 52, and its enclosure in original, being a Memorial from the Vicar of the Roman Catholic Church at Tellicherry.

2. It will be seen that the Vicar prays for exemption from sale, on usual terms, of a piece of escheat waste land measuring 13 acres in extent, which is occupied by, and surrounds a small Chapel situated at Dharmapatam, three miles north of Tellicherry. The ground was valued by the Escheat Department at Rupees 250, and the memorialist requests that it may be made over to the Mission in free gift, without purchase.

3. The land in question is a small rising ground, so rocky and steril, that hardly any species of crop would grow on it, or the neighbouring people, a most enterprising class of farmers, would not have hitherto left it un-reclaimed. The statement in the Memorial that the Chapel has stood on the ground for upwards of eighty years is doubtless correct. For many years it has been in ruins, one façade only remaining. The Roman Catholic community have lately contributed funds which have admitted of its being restored.

4. The Government have, in their Order dated 7th June 1867, No. 1,294, been pleased to allow this Mission the use and enjoyment of certain Escheat lands in the Tellicherry town in connection with the Roman Catholic Church there.

5. Looking at the object for which the grant is solicited as well as the value fixed upon the land, which is inconsiderable, I beg to support the memorialist's prayer.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. B. SPEDDING, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Tellicherry, 20th January 1873, No. 52.

I HAVE the honour to forward, in original, a petition from the Vicar of the Roman Catholic Church at Tellicherry, requesting that 13 acres of Escheat land, valued at Rupees 250, the site of a church at Dharmapatam be exempted from sale.

2. The spirit of G. O., Revenue Department, dated 7th June 1867, No. 1,294, is applicable to the present case, and I request that you will obtain through the Board of Revenue a similar order. It may be deemed that the whole of the land, acres 13-2-13 $\frac{1}{4}$ is more than is necessary for the purpose of the church. If so, I would recommend that 6 acres be dealt with as proposed above, and that the remainder valued at Rupees 125, be sold on the usual terms. But, as may be judged from the lowness of the valuation, the land is quite worthless save as a building site; and as it is some three miles from Tellicherry, there is not likely to be any demand for it for that purpose. The whole might, therefore, well be left in the possession of the church without purchase.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Collector.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Memorial.

SUBMITTED for the favourable consideration of Government.

No. 249.

ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1873, No. 365.

Miscellaneous.

THE exemption of the land in question from sale and its assignment for the Roman Catholic Church site and purposes are sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Hon. of Revenue.
Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 855

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated March 27th.

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G. O., 27th March 1873, No. 363.

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*Escheat waste Land at Tellicherry in
Malabar District.—Application of the Vicar of
the Roman Catholic Church for its exemption
from sale and its assignment for the site of the
Roman Catholic Church, sanctioned.*