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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th July 1874.*

No. 126. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th June 1874, No. 1,576:—

Read the following letter from J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd May 1874, No. 100.

In submitting copy of a letter addressed to me by the Deputy-Collector of Madras, dated 11th May 1874, No. 558, with its enclosures, I have the honour to request the instructions of the Board of Revenue as to whether or not quit-rent should be demanded from the Municipality of Madras for lands purchased by it from private individuals, or acquired for it by Government under the Land Acquisition Act.

2. There is nothing on the subject either in the Municipal Acts IX. of 1867 and V. of 1871, or in the Madras Rent Recovery Acts XI. of 1851 and VI. of 1867; and in the absence of any special provision I do not see why the Municipality should be excused the payment of quit-rent.

3. If, however, it should be held that no quit-rent should be levied on the ground that lands acquired by the Municipality are generally intended to be devoted to public purposes, I submit that, as under Sections 102 and 105 of Act IX. of 1867, the Municipality has power to re-sell the lands, it should be required to report to this office whenever any land is sold in order that thenceforward quit-rent should be collected on the land. If this is not done, the lands re-sold will be freeholds to the purchaser. Government permanently losing the quit-rent thereon, because the lands have once been the property of the Municipality.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From R. RAGOONATHA ROW, Deputy-Collector, to J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, dated 11th May 1874, No. 558.

I beg to enclose copies of correspondence as per margin between me and the President of the Municipality for your perusal. It appears that the Municipality purchased the land therein referred to directly from its owner on the 15th March 1871, on which quit-rent is still due from fasli 1278 to 1282, and the land has in consequence been attached. The President now offers to pay up the quit-rent to the date of the aforesaid purchase, and not for the subsequent period. He clearly means thereby that the Municipality is not liable to pay quit-rent upon property purchased by it from the date of the purchase. Whether the Municipality is liable to pay Government dues on private property bought by it either directly or by means of this department has not yet been authoritatively settled. I beg that definite instructions be issued to me on the point.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. HUNTER-BLAIR,
Collector

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From R. RAGOONATHA ROW, Deputy-Collector of Madras, to J. G. COLEMAN, Esq., Acting President, Municipal Commission, Madras, dated 30th April 1874, No. 534.

I beg to enclose a Notice of Sale, Form No. 6, under Section 18, Act VI. of 1867, published in the Madras and Chingleput Gazette of the 21st September 1867, as I now hear that the land in question

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is in the possession of the Municipality; and to acquaint you that if the arrears be not paid on or before the 9th June 1874 the land, with the wells, etc., thereon, will be sold by public auction for the realization of the aforesaid arrears of revenue.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. RAGOONATHA ROW,
Deputy-Collector.

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ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From J. G. COLEMAN, Esq., Acting President, Municipal Commission, to R. RAGOONATHA ROW
Deputy-Collector of Madras, dated 8th May 1874, No. 170.

In reply to your letter, No. 584, dated 30th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that I am prepared to pay quit-rent for the ground up to the date of its purchase by the Municipality, viz., 15th March 1871.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. RAGOONATHA ROW,
Deputy-Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. HUNTER-BLAIR,
Collector.

The Board resolve to recommend Government expressly to exempt from quit-rent all land used by the Municipality for public purposes, on condition that the Municipal Commissioners shall submit to the Collector every year a statement showing all pieces of land entitled to exemption and the purposes for which they are used, and keep the Collector informed of any sale of such land made by the Municipality to private purchasers.

No. 127.

ORDER THEREON, 16th July 1874, No. 884.

Land-Revenue, No. 4.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council is not prepared to allow the exemption proposed. He observes that

no reason is specified for the recommendation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
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No. 1,576.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 25th June 1874.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
the Collector of Madras.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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By the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

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