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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th August 1875.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 62. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th September 1874,
No. 2,540:—

Read the following letter from J. F. PRICE, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem, to
J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th November
1873, No. 381.

I HAVE the honor to enclose, for the consideration and orders of the Board of Revenue, a copy of a letter addressed by me as Acting Sub-Collector in 1869 to the late Collector, Mr. Pochin, relative to the question as to whether the Royacottah Hill is the property of Government or the Muttadar.

2. The point was raised by me only with a view to prevent the Muttadar, should Government ever have occasion to assert any claim to the hill, putting forward the plea of undisturbed possession.

3. The letter above referred to appears to have lain over in the hope of something bearing upon the subject being found amongst the records of this office; but, though search has been made, nothing to throw any light upon it has been discovered.

4. It is probable, however, that there may be something on record in the Board's Office.

5. Judging from the fact that when muttachs were first formed, and long after it also Royacottah, like Senkerry Droog, was a large military post, it appears to me extremely probable that the hill, which is fortified for a considerable way down from its summit, was reserved by Government.

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2. The result has been that I find, from the record of the pymaish of A.D. 1796, that 940 gulies were entered on account of the fort which stands on the plateau on the top of the Hill, and 371½ gulies on account of the pettah which is located below. It appears that the hill itself was not measured probably owing to its being rocky and covered with jungle. The extents mentioned above were deducted in the ayacut accounts of the year Dhundubhi corresponding with A.D. 1802, but no mention is made of the hill.

3. There must have been, as Royacottah was at the beginning of the present century an important military post, some correspondence regarding the ground, which, when the muttah was formed, it was deemed expedient to withhold on behalf of Government, and from this perhaps it may be discovered whether the hill was retained for military purposes or not.

4. I do not make this reference with any view to obtain for Government the petty sum derivable from the rental of the forest products now let by the Muttadar, but because I think it advisable that in case that Government is the owner of the Hill, and may at any time require to assert its rights, the Muttadar should not be allowed the opportunity of pleading undisturbed possession.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. PRITCHARD,
Dy. Collector, for Ag. Collector.

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7th August 1875.*

SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government.

2. A careful and prolonged search has been made, but no papers throwing any light on the subject have been found on the records of this office.

3. As the hill was once a large military post, it is possible that something relating to it may be found on the records of the Military Department, Government Office.

4. The Board have very little doubt but that the hill belongs to Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 63. From Brigadier-General A. HOWLETT, C.B., Quartermaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 13th May 1875, No. 2/3,185.

With reference to your Memorandum, No. 86, dated 20th ultimo, I have the honor to state that the only information obtainable in this office on the subject of your inquiry is that the public buildings at Royacottah were handed over by the Military to the Police Department in October 1860. There is nothing on record that can be found defining the limits of a military cantonment or to show that Royacottah ever was one.

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1875, No. 1,188.

Miscellaneous.

BEFORE passing orders on these papers, the Government wish to be informed if the action taken by the renter is likely

to interfere with the possession by Government of the actual works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. J. W. Fischer.

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No. 2,540.

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(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. PRITCHARD, Deputy Collector
for Acting Collector.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated August, 7th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 7th August 1875, No. 1,188.

AUGUST

Nos. 62-64.

File e. N. 479107/875

Royacottah Hill in Salem District.—Desiring to be informed, with reference to the Board's Proceedings and the Quartermaster-General's letter regarding the —, if the action taken by the renter is likely to interfere with the possession by Government of the actual works.



Rev. Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the April 1875

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue.

Subj. to Govt. question
raised by the Collector Salem
as to whether the Royacottah Hill
belongs to Govt. or to the Mutladdars.

(H.E. 9th Sept 1874 No. 2540)

The Government
observe that there is no rea-
son for coming to a decision
on this matter now. It
will be sufficient there-
fore for the Collector to
exercise such rights of
property over the Hill as
may prevent the claim of
Government from lapsing

for

SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government.

2. A careful and prolonged search has been made, but no papers throwing any light on the subject have been found on the records of this office.
3. As the Hill was once a large military post, it is possible that something relating to it may be found on the records of the Military Department, Government Office.
4. The Board have very little doubt but that the Hill belongs to Govern-ment.

(True Copies and Extract.)

J. G. G. G.
Secretary.

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

Ed. W. H. French.

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PROCEEDINGS, 9TH SEPTEMBER 1874, No. 2,540.

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SEPTEMBER.

No. 2,540.

Royacottah Hill — in Salem District. —
Question raised by Collector as to whether this
Hill belongs to Government or to the Mutladdars,
submitted for consideration of Government with
remark that Board have very little doubt but
that it belongs to Government.

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Rajacottah Hill
in Salem Dist

No 86
O.M.

The undersigned presents
Compts & requests that the Q.M.G.
of the Army will be good enough
to inform him up to what date
Rajacottah in Salem continued
to be a military station. It is also
desirable to know what extent
the ground was considered to belong
to the garrison - whether a portion only
of the hill on which the Fort stands,
or (2) the whole of the hill, or
(3) the whole of the hill & some
of the land about base.

20 April 1875

To Brigadier Genl. Comdts
Q.M.G. of the Army.
Dated 20/4/75

Revenue Dept.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the July 1875
Read the following papers:-

Pres: Bd of Arr.

Subj: for consideration, question
raised by Collyer as to whether Rajacottah Hill,
Salem Dist, belongs to Govt or to the Mutladdar, with
remark that Bd have very little doubt but that it
belongs to Govt.

St. E. G. Sep: 1874 No 2540

Quartermaster General.

Stating that the Public Buildings at
Rajacottah were handed over by the Govt to the Police Dept.
Act: 1860, and that there is nothing on record defining
limits of a military Cantonment as to what the Rajacottah
was one.

- " - 13: May 1875 No. 2
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It should be disposed simply to Govt & let the matter
rest making no declaration whatever. - P.H.

The Government

No private property
is to be put in
such as this Hill
can be asserted
or shd be admitted.

do not understand that
the possession of the
Hill would be attended
by

by any advantage, and,
in the absence of any
special information regarding
it, considers it inadvisable
to take any action in
the matter.

As I understood it -
there was a reserve for
military purposes - which
seems to indicate that
the test was Muttah pro-
perty - as record as my
brother Mr. Ellis adding
that the Fort 20 must
be preserved my
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They are essentially
absolute State
properties -

I would assert
this general principle
I don't think I should
bring forward this
particular case
in further detail
if the Muttah
action can traverse
it.

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Rozmatak Hill - Salun
or —

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Head Quarters, Ootacamund,
13th May 1875.

No. 2.

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From

BRIGADIER-GENERAL A. HOWLETT, C.B.,
Quartermaster-General,

To

THE Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

SIR,

With reference to your Memo
of 8th dated 20th ultimo, I have the honor
to state that the only information obtainable
in this Office on the subject of your inquiry
is that the Public Buildings at Royacottah
were handed over by the Military to the
Police Department in October 1860. There is
nothing on records that can be found, defining
the limits of a Military Cantonment, or to
show that Royacottah ever was one.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

A. Howlett Brig. Genl.
Quartermaster General.

J.C.

Council

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Per: 1815-20th
27 1850/1855

The Director's Report
The Secretary's Report

March 13 May 1875
Dec. 19th

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States that the
Public Building
Regulations were
revised over to the
Public Health and that
there is nothing on hand
defining the limits
of Public Health
which was revised in 1875
with amendments

No 1188

Before looking into
action before the
govt will let inform
if the action taken
by the Health
Bureau & inspectors
in the inspection
part of the actual
works - After

7 Aug 75

1 State Board of Health in charge

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