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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st May 1875.

Read the following papers:—

No. 611. From J. HUNTER BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 5th April 1875, No. 79.

THE Consulting Engineer for Railways in his letter, dated 10th March 1875, No. 286, requested me to acquire for the Carnatic Railway Company a small piece of land measuring 0·15 acres, being a part of the Scotch Kirk compound in Egmore.

2. The Deputy Collector, to whom I issued the necessary instructions, reports that the entire compound attached to the Kirk belonged originally to Government and was made over to the Kirk Session about fifty years ago, but on what condition is not known.

Letter from Deputy Collector, dated 25th March 1875, No. 2,681.

3. On the land required is the home of the Beadle of the Kirk, also a few trees and a gateway. The compensation payable is calculated at Rupees 5,308-11-2, which is, I consider, fair. Details are given in the margin.

Extent of land required.

	Rs.	A.	P.
2 grounds and 1,011 square feet..			
Value of Beadle's house	4,229	5	8
Do. of trees	23	12	0
Do. of land at 150 Rs. per ground	363	3	0
	4,616	4	8
15 per cent. on the above sum ..	692	6	6
	5,308	11	2

4. The Kirk Session, however, object to receive the amount, and request that Government should erect a new south gate in the same style of architecture as the present one, and also a house for the Beadle in a convenient place in the compound, providing a house for the Beadle till the completion of the building. They also ask that any compensation that may be paid for the land and trees may be invested in Government securities, and the interest devoted to educational purposes in connection with the church.

5. Clause 4, Section 24 of the Land Acquisition Act, provides that, if in consequence of an acquisition, a person is compelled to change his residence, the reasonable expenses, if any incidental to such change, may be paid to the person.

6. The usual course which has been adopted in every other case of acquisition of land is to pay to the parties the awarded compensation, and leave them to make their own arrangements as to building a new house, &c. In this case, I think, house-rent should be paid for a reasonable time, but I am doubtful whether Government will grant the request of the Kirk Session that the Beadle's home and the gateway should be rebuilt by Government.

7. I therefore refer the case for orders, which I beg may be sent as soon as possible.

No. 165.

REFERRED to Consulting Engineer for Railways for report on the proposal of the Kirk Session, that Government should replace the permanent structures, and whether it would be cheaper to pay the compensation.

By order,

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

19*th April* 1875.

Proceedings of the Madras Government Public Works Department,
31st May 1875.

No. 612. From the Collector of Madras, dated 20th April 1875, No. 87.

No. 613. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 21st May 1875, No. 293.

With reference to endorsement, No. 165, dated 19th April 1875, upon letter (herewith returned,) No. 79, of the 8th idem, from the Collector of Madras, I have the honor to submit an estimate, prepared by the Assistant Engineer of the South Indian Railway in charge of terminal works, Madras, for reconstructing the Beadle's quarters and erecting new ornamental gate posts, &c., in the compound of the Scotch Kirk, rendered necessary by the transfer of a portion of the south-west corner to the Company.

2. The estimate provides for the construction of a house similar in every respect to the one at present occupied by the Beadle, and the total cost, including gates, &c., amounts to Rupees 2,660, or to about Rupees 2,800, allowing house-rent to the Beadle until his house is completed. This sum, added to Rupees 387, estimated compensation by the Revenue Department for trees and land, makes a total expenditure of Rs. 3,187, against Rupees 5,308-11-2 estimated by the Revenue authorities.

3. Under the circumstances, I recommend that sanction be accorded to the estimate herewith submitted.

No. 614. Order thereon, 31st May 1875, No. 1,516-A.

RAILWAY, No. 69.

In his letter of the 5th April the Collector of Madras represented that payment to the extent of Rs. 5,308-11-2 was required as compensation to the Kirk Session for the land, with buildings and trees thereon, taken up by the South Indian Railway, but the Consulting Engineer, to whom the matter was referred, points out that it will be cheaper to replace the permanent structures, as required by the Kirk Session, and he submits an estimate amounting to Rupees 2,660 for the purpose. If provision for house-rent to the Beadle while his house is under construction be added, as well as a sum of Rupees 387 for trees and land, the cost will amount to Rupees 3,187.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions this sum, and the replacement of the buildings by the Railway Company.

3. The question of the investment of the money to be paid for land and trees will be considered in the Educational Department.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Examiner of Railway Accounts.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Collector of Madras.
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FOR RAILWAYS,

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Dated May 31st.

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