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No. 608. Read the following letter from J. HUNTER BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 19th June 1875, No. 170 :—

In forwarding a Notification under Act X. of 1870 for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, I have the honor to report as follows :—

2. One Basheroon Nissa Begum Sahiba holds a bungalow and compound in Chetput, measuring 4 cawnies and 1,540 square feet. The south-eastern corner of the compound, measuring about 2 grounds and 800 square feet, was required by the South Indian Railway Company. Notices were accordingly served upon the lady, calling upon her to claim compensation for the portion required. She however stated in reply that she was entitled to demand of Government the purchase of the entire property, and declined the offer of compensation made to her.

3. The offer made by the late Deputy Collector, Ragoonatha Row, was unreasonably small, only Rupees 75 ; had he made a fair offer I have reason to believe that it would have been accepted. The Begum then put the case in the hands of her Solicitor, who advised to hold out for the purchase of the whole property, and it was thereupon referred for settlement to the Court of Small Causes.

4. The First Judge, before whom it came on for hearing, held that the Court had no jurisdiction under the provisions of the Act to adjudicate upon the question raised by the Begum, whether the Collector was or was not bound by law to take the entire compound, and referred the case back to the Deputy Collector.

5. The Advocate General and the Government Solicitor, whom I consulted on the subject, have since given very decided opinion, that the Begum is legally entitled to demand that the whole of her compound shall be taken up if any portion of it is acquired under the Act. Under these circumstances I ordered the Deputy Collector to offer to buy the whole property. That officer now reports that the high price demanded by the owner necessitates an enforcement of the Act. I request accordingly that the Government may be moved to declare the land specified in the accompanying Notification to be needed for a public purpose, and authorize the Deputy Collector to take further action in the matter under the Act.

No. 609. Order thereon, 30th June 1875, No. 1,829.

RAILWAY, No. 82.

The Honorable the Governor in Council accordingly directs the publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the draft Notification submitted by th Collector of Madras, and authorizes the Deputy Collector to take such further a ion in the matter as m.. be needed, in accordance with the Land Acquisition Act No. X. of 1870.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Revenue Department.
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.
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