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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th July 1875.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 413. From J. HUNTER BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 1st July 1875, No. 182.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the orders of Government, copy of a letter addressed to me by the Chaplain of the Church of Scotland, in which he states that the Kirk Session withdraw their request that Government should build a new house for the Beadle and a new entrance from Whannel's Road, sanctioned in G. O., No. 1,516-A, dated 31st May 1875, and desire that the amount of Rupees 5,308-11-2, originally recommended, may be paid to them, they agreeing to find accommodation for the Beadle, to remove the present gate, and make a new entrance from Whannel's Road.

2. In order to prevent delay, I have asked the Kirk Session to hand over the land at once to the Railway authorities, and beg that Government will be good enough to take their proposal into early consideration and pass orders thereon.

From Rev. JAMES LONG, Joint Chaplain, St. Andrew's Church, to J. HUNTER BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, dated Madras, 29th June 1875.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 31st May 1875, containing papers concerning the sale of a portion of the compound of this Church to Government for the South Indian Railway.

2. With reference to such I have the honor to request you to inform Government that the Kirk Session of this Church has taken up for reconsideration the subject of these papers.

3. Several reasons connected with the question of the advisability of rebuilding the Beadle's house which is required for the Railway have led to this step, and the Kirk Session desire now to lay before Government the result of its deliberation.

4. In your letter of 5th April 1875, paragraph 4, it is stated that the Kirk Session require a house for the Beadle in lieu of the one required by the South Indian Railway.

Since that request was made, I have brought professional opinion to bear on the subject, and the conclusion of this investigation is that no site in any part of the remaining compound can be made available for building, for two reasons, *viz.*, (1) the whole unbuilt upon portion of the compound is subject to very serious floodings; (2) no proper bed for a foundation can be had as the soil loses all consistency beyond the fifth or seventh foot from the surface, and is unable to bear the weight of even a small house.

Further, the Kirk Session desires to point out the extremely unhealthy nature of the situation, and that a house built on soil such as above described would be exceedingly dangerous and pernicious to the public.

Again, with reference to the instructions which the Kirk Session understands to have been given to the Railway Engineer, *viz.*, that he build a house exactly similar to the present one, the Kirk Session respectfully points out that the present one is, first, unhealthy; secondly, quite unsuited to the requirement of a person in the position of Beadle; and, thirdly, not required by the Church.

5. The Kirk Session has the honor, therefore, to solicit Government to consider the request which it made for a new house, withdrawn for the above reasons, and to sanction payment of the account originally proposed by you in your letter of the 5th April, *viz.*, Rupees 5,308-11-2, as compensation in full; the Kirk Session becoming thereby responsible for the accommodating of the Beadle; for the removal of the present gate, and for the making of a new entrance from Whannel's Road in place of the one at present from Scotch Kirk Road.

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No. 413-A. From J. HUNTER BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 1st July 1875, No. 183.

In continuation of my letter, No. 182, of to-day's date, I have the honor to submit an extract from a letter received from the Chaplain, Church of Scotland, from which it will be observed that steps have been taken by the Kirk Session to hand over immediately the land required to the Railway Company.

Extract from a letter received from the Chaplain Church of Scotland, dated 1st July 1875.

I have the honor to inform you that I have, this day, written to the Assistant Engineer, South Indian Railway, stating that the Kirk Session are prepared to surrender that portion of land required for the South Indian Railway at once, and desiring him to take possession of the same.

No. 414. ORDER THEREON, 15th July 1875, No. 2,017.

RAILWAY, No. 34.

In modification of G. O., No. 1,516-A, dated 31st May 1875, the Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the disbursement to the Kirk Session of a sum of Rupees 5,308-11-2, as compensation for ground with buildings and trees thereon taken up for the South Indian Railway.

(True Extract.)

J. H. Mullins

Major, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Madras.

- „ Consulting Engineer for Railways.
- „ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
- „ Examiner of Railway Accounts.
- „ Revenue Department.

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Dated July 15th.

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G. O., 15th July 1875, No. 2017.

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Compensation for ground with buildings
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