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No. 417. Read the following letter from J. HUNTER BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 18th November 1874, No. 284:—

With reference to the Order of Government, dated 24th July 1874, No. 2,007-C, Public Works Department, authorizing the sale of certain lands purchased for the Carnatic Railway, I have the honor to submit copies of the correspondence marginally noted, reporting the result of the sale which was entrusted to Messrs. Franck & Co.

Copy of Deputy Collector's letter, No. 1,527, dated 8th October 1874.

Do. Office Memorandum to Deputy Collector, dated 27th October 1874, No. 977.

Copy of Deputy Collector's reply and enclosures, dated 9th November 1874, No. 1,689.

2. It will be observed that plots Nos. 6 (4) and 6 (5) have realized more than 100 Rupees per ground. They form good building sites with road frontages. The price paid for the acquisition of these lots by the Acting Deputy Collector Suryamurthi Pillay is not distinctly stated, but generally he did not pay more than 100 Rupees per ground, excluding the 15 per cent. for compulsory acquisition. So that in these two cases the auction sale proceeds appear to have amounted to more than was paid for them. I have confirmed their sale agreeably to my recommendation in paragraph 2 of my letter, dated 13th May 1874, No. 84, recorded in Government Order quoted in paragraph 1 *supra*.

3. As regards the third lot, 8 (1), no one bid for it more than 300 Rupees against Rupees 1,369-1-6 paid. The lot was bought in in consequence, but Messrs. Franck & Co. explain that there is no likelihood of a higher offer being made. I therefore request permission for selling it for the best price obtainable.

No. 418. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1874, No. 3,582.

RAILWAY, No. 60.

FURTHER inquiry will be made in the Revenue Department into the details of the valuations of these blocks of land ;

those given in the Deputy Collector's letter not being clear or satisfactory. The buildings or blocks 6 (4) and 6 (5) having been estimated at Rupees 2,099 and Rupees 5,092, and the compounds at Rupees 600 and Rupees 719, their total valuation, including 15 per cent. on account of forced sale, should apparently have been Rupees 3,104 and Rupees 6,682, and not Rupees 3,600 and Rupees 7,200 as actually paid. The valuation of block 8 (1) as entered at Rupees 1,369-1-6 in the list printed with G. O., No. 2,007-C, of 24th July, does not agree with the award now stated to have been made of Rupees 815 in addition to Rupees 100 per ground, which latter sum alone would appear from the late sale to have been much above the real value of land so sited.

2. A heavy loss has been sustained by Government owing to unnecessary acquisitions of property in the first instance, and to too hasty demolitions in the second ; and it is desirable that all details of the valuations made should be clearly stated. Allowing for Rupees 2,255, stated in one of the Collector's letters recorded

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with the Government Order above materials, that loss on blocks 6 (4) and

ed, to have been recovered by sale of (5) alone has amounted to Rupees 7,075.

3. Meanwhile the confirmation Collector is approved. Block 8 (2) the other four blocks already reserved

he sales of blocks 6 (4) and 6 (5) by the be added to the school play-ground with that purpose.

(True Extract.)

Canalther Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Madras.

- „ Revenue Department. *with 3 Encls.*
- „ District Engineer, Presidency.
- „ Financial Department.
- „ Consulting Engineer for Railways.
- „ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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G. O., 19th December 1874, No. 3,582.

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Mr. R. D. of 4 Jan. 1/75.

Land (Railway).—Passing orders on letter from the Collector of Madras submitting papers reporting the result of the sale of certain lands purchased for the Carnatic Railway.

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