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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE, AND COM.

Land Revenue, No. 8.

SIR,—I am now directed to address
you in reference to your three letters
noted below:—

17th February 1873, No. 1/134.

30th July 1874, " 1/623.

8th December " 7/1,030.

2. In the first, the Government of India inquired whether the modified rule, forwarded therewith, for taking up land for public purposes would conflict with any rules laid down by this Government.

3. In the second, the Government of India urge the importance of great promptitude in settling for lands required for public purposes with the view of securing Government against heavy charges for compensation, and suggest that some rules should be laid down on the subject.

4. The third letter was accompanied by a despatch from the Secretary of State, urging the expediency of providing, by some legislative measure, that where land has increased in value through the vicinity of a work executed by the Government or by a Company, and part of the land is required for a subsidiary work, the additional value, or at least some portion of the value conferred upon it by the main work, shall be deducted in fixing the compensation to be paid to the owner; and this Government was asked to offer suggestions as to the best means of meeting the difficulty.

5. In reply to the first letter, it was stated that the rule forwarded therewith would not conflict with the rules prescribed by this Government. The Board of Revenue, however, have, in a recent communication, pointed out that the rule framed by the Government of India makes the resort to Act X. of 1870 applicable to all cases, while, under the Madras rules, it is applicable only to cases in which attempts to arrange terms with proprietors fail. The Board are opposed to any change in this respect.

6. In reference to the second letter, the Board, while admitting that much has to be done towards ensuring greater promptitude in settling for lands required for public purposes, observe that administrative measures are all that is required, and that the existing rules are strong enough.

7. As to the third letter, the Board are of opinion that there is no need of the legislation adverted to in the Secretary of State's despatch, so far as this Presidency is concerned.

8. The Board's communications on the subject are herewith forwarded, and I am desirous to state that this Government concur in the views therein expressed by that authority.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Ed. F. B. Bantleman.

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Revenue, Agriculture & Commerce.

Sir, I am now directed to
address you in reference to your
three letters noted below.

17th February 1893 v^o 1. 136
30th July 1896 v^o 1. 623
28th December 1896 v^o 7. 1030

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regarding the expediency of providing
by some legislative measures,
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in value through the vicinity of
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or by a company, and part of
the funds is required for a pub-
lic work, the additional
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of the value conferred upon it
by the new work, shall be
distributed in fixing the compensa-
tion to be paid to the owner,
and the Govt. was asked

Letter Board of India 9th May 1873
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an improvement, & would
be likely to be of no
practical working. It is
an old story, & has been
repeated many times.

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