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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
25th September 1876.*

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Read the following papers :—

No. 262. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th August 1876,  
No. 1,992 :—

Read the following letter from R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th July 1876, No. 243.

With reference to G.O., No. 317, dated 26th March 1873, Public Department, I have the honor to submit, for the orders of Government, a letter from Messrs. Binny and Co. applying for five cawnies of unassessed Government land in the Tondiarpett Division of Madras for the purpose of erecting a cotton spinning mill and weaving sheds.

2. The piece applied for forms part of a large block of land lying between Black Town and Tondiarpett and referred to in G.O., dated 11th January 1873, Petition Department, a copy of which is enclosed. It is within half a mile from the boundary of the Royapooram Terminal Railway station, and within 600 yards north of the Black Town wall, all which land forms the property of Government, and is called the north esplanade of Black Town.

3. I do not consider that the cotton mill is likely to become a nuisance; I therefore recommend that Messrs. Binny and Co.'s request may be acceded to. The market value of land in the locality is from Rupees 150 to Rupees 200 per ground, and I would fix the price of the land asked for at Rupees 175.

4. A plan of the north esplanade is enclosed, in which the land applied for is marked brown. If the land applied for be granted, an open space of nine cawnies will be left.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Messrs. Binny and Co.'s Application.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Copy of Government Order.

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ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Plan.

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SUBMITTED for the favorable consideration of Government.

2. The Collector proposes to sell the land at a fixed rate of Rupees 175 per ground; but from G.O., dated 22nd April 1873, No. 419, it would appear that the sale should be by public auction at an upset price of twenty-five years' assessment. The order in question specifically alludes to assessed Government lands only, but it is presumed that it was intended to apply equally to unassessed waste.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,  
Acting Secretary.

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BEFORE disposing of this application, the Governor in Council resolves to refer the papers, through the Military Department, for the consideration of the Commander-

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in-Chief, who will be requested to state whether he objects to the sale of the land from its vicinity to the Sepoy Lines or on other grounds.

OOTACAMUND,  
23rd August 1876.

(By Order,)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,  
*Secretary to Government, R.D.*

No. 4,298.

REFERRED to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

2. It is suggested that the site might be suitable for the mule sheds required by the Commissariat Department.

OOTACAMUND,  
25th August 1876.

(By Order,)

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,  
*Secy. to Govt., M.D.*

No. 262A. From Brigadier-General A. HOWLETT, C.B., Quartermaster-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 20th September 1876, No. 569.

In returning the papers received with your docket of the 25th August last, No. 4,298, relative to a site of land at Royapooram, applied for by Messrs. Binny and Co., I have the honor, by desire of the Commander-in-Chief, to submit an original\* letter from the Commissary-General, stating that the site in question is most suitable for mule lines, and is sufficiently spacious for both mule and bullock lines.

\* No. 4,077, dated 15th September 1876.

2. This being the case, His Excellency cannot recommend that a site which is considered so favorably situated for Commissariat purposes should be allowed to pass out of the possession of Government. And, further, His Excellency would observe that to allow a large manufacturing building to be erected in such close proximity to the Native Infantry lines would be to materially interfere with the free circulation of air, and that, if permission for the erection of one such building be granted, it might be difficult to refuse a grant for the remaining portion of the land to be similarly occupied.

3. The Commander-in-Chief desires me further to observe that the amount of land suitable for Government purposes is comparatively limited that it is impossible to foresee what may be the future requirements of Government, and that whilst Government is expected to part with land at a present market-rate, the moment such land becomes private property, it is only to be re-obtained at a very enhanced price, should it be found necessary to re-acquire it.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Colonel J. P. WATTS, Officiating Commissary-General, to Brigadier-General A. HOWLETT, C.B., Quartermaster-General, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 15th September 1876, No. 4,077.

In returning your docket, No. 5,859, dated 1st September 1876, and its enclosures, I have the honor to inform you that the Executive Commissariat Officer, Madras, has already been in communication with the Municipality and the Collector of Madras, regarding a site for mule stables, and that a plot of land near the Monegar Choultry was handed over to this department on 21st July 1876, the authorities stating that it was the only piece of land available.

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25th September 1876.*

2. No money has yet been spent, nor any action taken regarding the building of the lines, and it would be far preferable if the ground applied for by Messrs. Binny & Co. could be handed over to this department.

3. This piece of ground is most suitable for mule lines, and it would suffice both for mule and bullock lines.

4. At present the bullocks are located near the Arrack distillery, and there were many complaints both from the Municipality and the Sanitary Commissioner in 1873 and previous years regarding the insufferable stench which arises from the distillery adjoining, and which cannot but be prejudicial both to men and cattle.

5. This department had no option but to continue the bullock lines in this undesirable position, as the Municipality had no other piece of ground available for Government bullocks.

6. By handing back the spot of land proposed for the mule lines, and also the present bullock lines, and taking up a similar area on the land suggested, there would be not only a great advantage in a sanitary point of view, but the situation is more convenient for Commissariat purposes in every respect, and a much more efficient supervision would result from the fact of all the public cattle being located in one spot.

No. 4,843.

It is considered objectionable to have the Buckingham Mills in such close proximity to the Sepoy lines, but it is observed that there is an adjacent spot marked A on the map which accompanies, which may perhaps be a suitable site for the mills, and to which the same objection will not apply. Reference will be made on the subject in the Revenue Department to the Collector of Madras.

(By Order,)

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,  
*Secretary to Government, M.D.*

OOTACAMUND,  
23rd September 1876.

No. 263.

ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1876, No. 1,333.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to Board of Revenue.

In the event of Messrs. Binny & Co. deeming the site indicated a suitable one

for their purpose, the land should be assessed and put up to public auction, at an upset price of 25 years' purchase.

(True Extract)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,  
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue.  
,, the Military Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 5 August 1876

Read the following

No. 243.

From

R. J. Melville Esqr.

Ag. Collector of Madras.

To

C. A. Galton Esqr.

Ag. Secretary to the  
Board of Revenue  
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to Government

Order, No. 314, dated 26 March 1873,

Public Department, I have the

honour to submit for the orders of

Government a letter from Messrs

Binnay and Co. applying for

concessions of unassessed Govern-

ment land in the Pondicherry

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Oct. of 1876

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Co., Co.,

Dated September, 26th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O. 25th September 1876, No. 1,833.

SEPTEMBER.  
Nos. 262-263.

Site of Land at Royapuram for Mule Line.  
Communicating to Board of Revenue papers on  
the subject of —, and observing that in the event  
of Messrs. Binnay & Co. desiring the site a  
suitable one for their purpose, the land should be  
assessed and put up to public auction at an upset  
price of 25 years' purchase.



division of Madras, for the purposes  
of erecting a cotton spinning mill  
and weaving sheds

2. The piece applied for forms  
part of large block of land lying  
between Black Town and Pondicherry  
and referred to in Government  
Order, dated 11 January 1883, in the  
Department, a copy of which is  
enclosed. It is within half a  
mile from the boundary of the  
Royapuram Terminal Railway  
Station, and within 600 yards  
north of the Black Town wall

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all which land forms the property  
of Government and is called the  
North Esplanade of the Black Town.

3. I do not consider that the  
cotton mill is likely to become a  
nuisance. I therefore recommend  
that Messrs. Binnay & Co's request  
may be acceded to. The market  
value of land in the locality  
is from Rs 150 to Rs 200, per ground  
and I would fix the price of the  
land asked for at Rupees 175.

4. A plan of the North Esplanade  
is enclosed in which the land  
applied for is marked brown

If the land applied for be  
granted, an open space of 9 Cawnies  
will be left.

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24 July 1876 } (20) R. J. Nicholls  
Ag. Collector of Madras

Submitted for the favorable con-  
sideration of Government

2. The collector proposes to sell  
the land at a fixed rate of 175  
Rupees per ground, but from  
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an upset price of 5 years' assess-  
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to apply equally to unassessed  
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pro rata.

The Secretary, Government of Madras  
3rd July 1876

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3281

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Dated 5. Aug.

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FOR ORDERS.

Shuk has Press: Re Co application  
is entertained.

The land is unassessed & is  
not agricultural land. Shuk has  
Revenue assessed is a needless &  
unavoidable formality.

I do approve of the Auction  
to buy as per the fair reasonable  
price - the private purchase of  
the land is applied for & then  
put it up to auction.

The Collr names 175 B  
less ground (= 2400 sq feet =  $\frac{1}{28}$  of an  
acre) or nearly 5000 per acre in  
the value & I will sell at that price  
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Before the hearing of this application, the J. of R.  
writes to the Board of Revenue, saying that he has no  
objection, for the consideration of the Revenue in the  
case, who will be required to state whether he objects to  
the sale of the land from its revenue to the State.  
(By order)  
Revenue Department, The Secretary, Secy.

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No. 569

From

BRIGADIER-GENERAL A. HOWLETT, C.B.,

Quartermaster-General,

To

COLONEL J. MICHAEL, C.S.I.,

Secretary to Government,

Military Department.

SIR,

In returning the papers received with your docket of the 25 August last No. 14298, relative to a site of land at Royaspooram, applied for by Messrs. Binny & Co., I have the honor, by desire of the Commander-in-Chief, to submit an original letter from the Quartermaster-General, stating that the site in question is most suitable for Mule Lines and is sufficiently spacious for both Mule and Bullock Lines.

No. 4077 dated 15 Sept. 1876

2. This being the case, His Excellency cannot recommend that a site which is considered so favorably situated for Commisariat purposes should be allowed to pass out of the possession of Government. And further, His Excellency would observe that to allow a large Manufacturing Building to be erected in such close proximity to the Native Infantry Lines would be to materially interfere with the free circulation of air, and that, if permission for the erection of one such building be granted, it might be difficult to refuse a grant for the

FOR ORDERS.

I have no objection to the land being given to Messrs. Binny & Co. for use as a purpose on the terms proposed by the applicants as an exceptional case. But the Govt. have decided that all such lands should be sold by auction. If it is considered that this ruling is incorrect we had better cancel the order and let the B. & Co. submit their case accordingly. I don't think the expediency of doing this

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the remaining portion of the land to be similarly occupied.

3. The Commander-in-Chief desires me further to observe that the amount of land suitable for Government purposes is comparatively limited. that it is impossible to foresee what may be the future requirements of Government, and that whilst Government is disposed to part with land at a present market rate, the moment such land becomes private property, it is only to be reobtained at a very enhanced price, should it be found necessary to reacquire it.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your obedient Servant  
John L. P. D. General  
Quarter Master General

Commissionary General's Office  
No. 4077  
Madras 16 Sept. 1876

From  
The Commissary General

To  
The Quarter Master General  
Fort Saint George

Sir,  
No. 5859.  
In returning your Docket, dated 1st September 1876, and its enclosures, I have the honor to inform you that the Es. Commissariat Officer Madras has already been in communication with the Municipality and the Collector of Madras, regarding a site for horse stables, and that a plot of land near the Monegar Choultry was handed over to this Department on 21st July 1876, the authorities stating that it was the only piece of land available.

2. No money has yet been spent, any action taken regarding the building of the lines, and it would be far preferable, if the ground applied for by Messrs Binny & Co.

added over to this Department.

3. This piece of ground is most suitable for mule lines, and it would suffice both for Mule and Bullock lines.

4. At present the Bullocks are located near the arrack Distillery, and there were many complaints both from the Municipality and the Sanitary Commissioner in 1873 and previous years regarding the offensive stench which arises in the Distillery adjoining, and which cannot but be prejudicial both to men and Cattle.

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By handing back the spot of land proposed for the Mule lines, and

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I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedt servant,

J. P. Watts - Colonel

Officiating Commr. General

*J.P.*

Ind. copy to the Secretary of the Board, 25 Sept. 1896  
The Secretary of the Board

From

The Secretary of the Board

To  
The Secretary of the Board

For the Board

Recd. 10th Sept. 1896.

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and signed for the  
Secretary of the Board  
for the Board

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but it is observed that there is no

adjacent shipyard. It is the

perhaps the suitable site for the mill,

to which the same objection will not

apply. Reference will be made to

the subject in the General Report

to the Select Committee.

(By order)

Michael St John

Secretary to Government

The General Report

with the report of the Select Committee.