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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

8th March 1879, No. 596.

No. 207. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER :—

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to J. STURROCK, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated
Guduvancheri, 24th January 1879, No. 53 :—

I HAVE the honor to report for the instructions of the Board of Revenue the following matter, upon which it appears to me that I should take special orders.

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3. The extent of ground covered by the fort and ditch is 3.26 acres and the Settlement Department have included this area in the village site.

4. The Rev. Mr. Shutie, a Missionary who has resided at Pulicat for more than twenty years, has now applied for this ground in view to building a bungalow upon it as his private residence. He has no house of his own in the village and owns no putta lands in it. He has expressed his willingness to pay any assessment that Government may see fit to impose upon it.

5. It appears from a putta granted twenty-five years ago, and which has been produced by him, that he held the central portion of the fort which was then stated to measure Cawnies 0.9-6. For this he says that he paid assessment for two years, but that as no one afterwards asked him to pay anything he did not. It is shown that Mr. Shutie planted part of the trees now growing on the site of the fort and that some subordinates of the Public Works Department named Ward and Ring planted others and made them over to him, and that he had since been enjoying them. The land referred to in the putta is stated in it to be in the adjoining village of Tungalperum-balam, but I think that there can be no doubt that this was a mistake and that it is in Pulicat. How the putta came not to be continued and how the fact of Mr. Shutie having ceased to pay assessment was not brought to notice there is nothing to show. Nearly every one connected with the matter is dead and the only person able to give evidence, which was only as regards the planting of the trees, was an old Monigar whose services were on account of his age dispensed with last year.

6. There can, I believe, be no doubt that the Rev. Mr. Shutie did many years ago hold a putta for a part of the fort, and that it was, owing to the ground being left waste for a series of years, struck out of the accounts. He appears, however, to have remained in a kind of possession of it and to, with others who on their departure made over to him their assumed rights, have planted with trees a good deal more land than was entered in the putta originally issued to him.

7. If this occupation, which has only recently come to the notice of the officers of Government and which has not been recognized by the acceptance of the payment of assessment, is to be taken as conferring absolute ownership, all that need be done is to leave Mr. Shutie in possession, but if it is not, the rules in regard to village site, of which it in the accounts forms part, do not provide for the assignment to one individual of so large a piece of ground.

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SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

J. STURROCK,
Acting Secretary.

No. 208.

ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1879, No. 596.

Land Revenue, No. 8.

A PUTTAH may be given to Mr. Shutie as recommended by the Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

J. H. GARSTIN,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Colt. of (1879) 33rd Bn.
REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated March 8th.

Trsd. 12th.

Recd.

G.O., 5th March 1879, No. 593.

MARCH

No. 207-208.

Land covered by the Fort and Ditch at Pulicat in the Chingleput District—Sanctioning the report of a putta to Mr. Shutie for the same recommended by the Board of Revenue.

Lamu — covered by the fort and ditch adjacent to the ancient burial-ground of the early Dutch settlers at Pate in Chingelput District. — Submitting to Government letter from Collector regarding the —, and stating that the Board see no objection to giving a patta for the land to the Rev. Mr. Shuttle.

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They should be kept intact, and the Collector should see that no natives' huts are allowed to be erected in the fort.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. A. F. Goodall.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 187

From

Dated

FOR ORDERS

The picture looks
 perfect already for
 part of this side of
 the plantation up
 on the the trees for
 some there: planted
 by them: of a large
 area: God let
 him have a picture
 for the Rev. Mr.

Original

Cont. of 1870-1871

REVIEW.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE

David March 8th.

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G.O., 8th March 1971, Nr. 600

HAUGN

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Land covered by the National Debt at present in the Oxington District.—Considering it more prudent to under-see than to over-see, one estimate, and directing to keep the fact and duty in fact, and no tactics allowed to build up in the fact.

Letter from Genl
H. D. C. says that
there is no question
in trust attacking
the Capt. W. H. C.
qualifying attack of
held by the British.
The burial ground
does not adjoin the
M.H.C. but his
information from
it by a road
road. The inches
of the Fort is in
"Village site" or

590
The letter is by the
little. Dpt. ...
are in an authorized
documentary and
consequently the
proceeding. The
documentary is by
private. A note
is granted. Capt
as a letter of
intention. But
unfortunately the
document is
destroyed by the fact
that Mr. C. already
has written for part.

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7th 1818.

FOR ORDERS.

Regarding grant of money
for the land asked for
by the Marquis de
at Pulicat.

C. 7-3-74 R. 5/3/77

5th 8

March 20th 19

My dear Sir

I have the pleasure
to inform you that the
order for the purchase of
land at Pulicat, has
been approved by the
Government and the
necessary arrangements
are being made for the
purchase of the land.
The Fort at Pulicat
is absolutely required
for the purpose of
the Government.

about 31 or 32,000

Other famous
places. The trees are
planted long ago from
their appearance -
Thibe is almost a native
himself - his confessions
are all natives - there
is no security whatever
that Thibe will not be
succeeded by natives -
once a pebadan

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always a problem -
a picture may well be
like tomorrow to any
number of native squabblers.
Now the Canal is open; Pollut
may become a kind of resort
to Madras City - & we may
turn the site of the Fort into a
public garden, or may want
it for some public purpose -
I hope Mr. Price has not opposed
the C.O. This part of our present
policy to reserve all these interesting
old sites, as Price truly says. -
Yours very truly
H. M. S. P.

March 31 ~ 32,000 ~~thousand~~

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Camp
Sheepstation
March 23-1892

My Dear Guntin.

When in Mr. Plucker
Case have not yet been assessed
I got for the G.O. on the 20th and
since then I have been marching
and have sent the sheep over
by rail to Drivellone & back
up the lake
had Drivellone will come
about 31 or 32,000 number

in Venissins - and thank with
a close Jaminbandi.

There have been good flowers
and in my room here the
honey I find is beginning
to plough them by hand.

Very sincere

Redneck Rice

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Vice on 1225/4-47

July 12
for
C. J.
H. P.

General