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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 325. Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Kurnool, 3rd July 1867, No. 47 :—

1. I have the honour, in reply to Proceedings of Government, No. 1,212, dated 29th May 1867, to inform you that the tope, as entered in the Deed of Sale signed and sealed by Mr. Arbuthnott on the 27th January 1860, was sold under instructions of the Board of Revenue and by the authority of Government. The correspondence in the margin* fully explains the course directed to be adopted in the sale or other disposal of public topes, and under the instructions therein conveyed the Munro tope మున్రో, అమరాయి at Puttikonda was classed and sold. It was purchased by my Office Duffadar, Savant Sing, for Rupees 610, and contains a stone-faced well, eighteen acres of land, the assessment of which was paid at Rupees 31-8-0 annually, 254 tamarind, six mango, and 208 other trees.

* 1 To Board, 20th May 1858, No. 84.
1 Proceedings Board of Revenue, 3rd June, No. 1,962.
1 Do. do. 30th September 1858, No. 3,655.
1 Extract Minutes Consultation, 17th September 1858, No. 1,273.

2. I visited it in May, and regret the tope seems gradually dying off for want of water. The well, a magnificent one at one time, is falling quickly to ruins, and from neglect the water in it has become stagnant. The Mantapum is in good order, but a chunam effigy of Sir Thomas Munro on horseback is disappearing, and at present is without a head.

3. There is a Government tope at Kalwa, which is rented out to a ryot for 200 Rupees yearly. The Duffadar says he will give up the Puttikonda tope in exchange for this tope at Kalwa, which seems to me to be a fair exchange. He sub-rents the Puttikonda tope to a ryot for Rupees 100 yearly, and pays an assessment of Rupees 31-8-0, so the clear gain is Rupees 68-8-0 yearly. The tope, however, is increasing in value, for a portion is being cultivated with rice, which is gradually being extended. If Government consider that the Kalwa tope is too valuable to be given in exchange for the Munro tope, I would suggest assigning to the Duffadar and his heirs in perpetuity Rupees 100 yearly from the assessment on the Kalwa tope. The first course is the one the Duffadar prefers, and agrees to pay the assessment at 200 Rupees, but if Government will not consent to that, he is willing to abide by the latter.

4. To restore Puttikonda tope and well to the condition they ought to be, a considerable outlay will be required, which will have to be met from the Imperial Budget.

No. 326. ORDER THEREON, 19th July 1867, No. 1,611.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government are at a loss to understand how any general orders for the disposal of ordinary topes can have been held to apply to a State Memorial of so eminent a public servant as the late Sir Thomas Munro, but they also observe that the Government Order of 17th September 1858, No. 1,273, quoted by the Collector, had no reference to topes planted by Government, and conveyed no authority for the sale of *any* topes; but on the contrary expressly concurred with the Board in their objection to the sales proposed by the then Collector.

2. The orders relating to the ordinary topes, planted by the Government in many parts of the Bellary District in view to its material improvement, and not with any such object as that in view when the Tope, Tank, and Muntapum at Puttikonda were dedicated to the memory of Sir Thomas Munro, were dated 10th February 1858, and certainly approved of the Board's suggestion that the Government should gradually relieve itself from the cost of maintaining *those* plantations by selling or leasing them; but the Government cannot conceive how such orders can have been held applicable to the Puttikonda case, and the fact that the Duffadar of the Kurnool Huzoor Cutcherry was the purchaser, adds to the very unsatisfactory circumstances of the case. The Collector will forward copy or translation of the whole of the papers on his record relating to the transaction, with a statement from the Duffadar of his part in the matter, and the Honourable David Arbuthnott, now Collector of Madura, who appears to have executed the Deed of Sale, will be requested to state what he remembers of the transaction, and what explanation he can offer regarding it.

3. It is observed that the Deed of Sale is said to have borne date nearly two years after the G. O. of February 1858 above-mentioned.

4. The Government will certainly not allow this State Memorial to be withdrawn from their hands, and alienated from its original purpose by any such unauthorized proceeding as that which is said to have taken place, and they accordingly direct the Magistrate of Kurnool forthwith to resume charge of the plantation and buildings on behalf of Government, to place the local Government officials in immediate charge, and warn them that they will again be held responsible, as they formerly were, for taking proper care of the whole, and to submit with the least possible delay proposals and estimates for the restoration of the Memorial to a condition worthy of the purpose for which it was originally designed.

5. The question of compensation to the Duffadar, beyond the repayment of the purchase money and any assessment that may have been received from him, will be considered when the whole of the papers and the further explanation now called for, are before Government. Meanwhile, it may be observed that the information afforded by the Collector as to the extent, capabilities, and value of the Kalwa Tope is far too vague to allow of any opinion being formed as to the propriety of the suggested exchange.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Kurnool.
,, the Honourable D. Arbuthnott, Collector of Madura,
With copy of G. O. 29th May 1867, No. 1,212.
,, the Board of Revenue, with do.
,, the Collector of Bellary.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department
No. 1611.
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 19th July 1867.
Read the following
Letter from the Collector
of Kurnool.
Reporting upon the
circumstance connected with
the Tope and well
Mukundu, and suggesting
an arrangement with or
to recover the same
State Memorial.
Here enter 3rd July 18
No 1611
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from the cost of main-
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Ship Service or leaving them
but the Government cannot
conceive how such orders can
have been duly attended to
the Postmaster and the
Postmaster of Richmond Virginia Circulating
over the Government Orders and
Regulations of the Post Office Dep-
artment, except by causing them
to be published in the Richmond
Enquirer, and other Newspapers
in the City- the Postmaster
Richmond Virginia, and the Post-
master of Petersburg Virginia
are both Editors of Newspapers
in those Cities- and the Post-
master of Petersburg is also
Publisher of the Petersburg
Intelligencer- and the Postmaster
of Richmond is Publisher of the
Richmond Enquirer- and the Post-
master of Richmond is also Publisher
of the Richmond Whig- and
Public Advertiser

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called for, are before Govt.
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-served that the information
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as to the extent, capabilities
and value of the Native lots
as far as may be, ought to allow
of many objections being found
and the propriety of the sug-
-gested exchange fully

^ again
^ as they formerly were,

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The Govt are not
disposed to concede any
exceptionally favorable terms
to the cancelling a proceeding
which as they are at pre-
-sent informed may ope-
-rate to compensate decea-
-sed while it would be
no less an outrage to common
sense to suppose that all
the parties concerned in
the matter can have acted
in good faith.

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seem to me
from
Officer (Lyle)

Govt

parties concerned
when we get it
Exhibits
& plan

1 Coll. of Memorial, sup.
1 " from Archdeacon, Coll. of Memorial
with Copy of Govt Despatch
14 Pcls of Deeds, and Plans
1 Coll. of Petitions

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Pro of Cost for duty

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Pro of the Madras Govt
of 19 July 1867

From the Collector of Masulipatam 2nd Augt 1867
Cost 2113.
From the Collector of Nurasapore
Dy 8 October 1867 No 2754.

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