Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 336.

DATED 20 Jany 1897.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the Board of Revenue to furnish definite information as to the financial condition of the Cuttack Ladies Park committee.

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Revenue (1896) Department.

CURRENT No. 8761

From Govt Solicitor Madras

No. 612

Dated 30th November

Received 1st December

Registered 2nd December

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding opinion of the Hon'ble the Advocate General as to whether the "Wenlock Ladies Park Committee" may be considered as a body legally capable of holding land and whether the site in question may be conveyed to the Committee as Trustees of the Park on the terms proposed by them.

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SECRETARIAT DE MADRAS
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DEPARTMENT

No. 168, Revenue, 22nd April 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following G.O., R. No. 1085, Revenue, dated 6th July 1895:—

Read—the following letter from Raja Sir Savalay RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR, *Kt.*, C.I.E., to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 15th June 1895:—

I have the honour to state that there has been a long-felt want of some provision in the shape of a park on the beach for the native ladies. And with a view to meet this want a small meeting has been convened at my house consisting of Mr. Justice Subramania Iyer, the Hon'ble Mr. V. Bashyam Iyengar, Mrs. A. Firth, Dewan Bahadur P. Rajaruthna Mudaliar, the late Mr. P. Vijayarungum Mudaliar and myself. We were unanimous in feeling the great want and resolved upon indenting upon the kindly disposition of His Excellency Lord Wenlock for the grant of a site on the beach as close as possible to the sea, which has been accordingly applied for.

On receipt of our letter His Excellency Lord Wenlock kindly met us by appointment on the beach one morning in April last; and after inspecting the several sites we considered the plot of ground to the south of the ground lately granted to the students of the Presidency College for their cricket ground, and it is bounded by the beach road on the east, the old burial ground on the south and the Buckingham canal on the west. And His Excellency has advised us to apply formally to Government.

Accordingly, I have now the honour to apply for the grant of a portion of the above site, measuring 500 feet north to south from the cricket ground and between the beach road and Buckingham canal. If the site be kindly granted by Government, we intend to form a park and erect a small pavilion in the centre of it by public subscription for the benefit of the ladies of Madras. For this piece of kindness by His Excellency the Governor in Council the ladies of Madras will feel very grateful, and it will be a lasting benefit conferred upon them.

Endorsement No. 1439, Public.

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

OOTACAMUND,
22nd June 1895.

Order—R. No. 1085, Revenue, dated 6th July 1895.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for remarks. It should be stated in whose charge the land is held.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

Read—again the following G.O., Mis. No. 155, Revenue, dated 15th January 1896:—

Read—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 5894, dated 23rd November 1895.

Abstract.—Submitting to Government, with remarks, Madras Collector's report regarding the grant of a plot of ground for a park for the use of native ladies.

Order—Mis. No. 155, Revenue, dated 15th January 1896.

The Government is of opinion that the site on the foreshore is the most suitable under the circumstances. The Board is requested to report its market value.

2. The grant will require the sanction of the Government of India, if the value should exceed Rs. 100, but before making application to that Government, His Excellency the Governor in Council will be glad to have some information from Sir Savalay Ramaswami Mudaliar as to the constitution of the Committee to which the formation and management of the park will be entrusted. Sir Savalay Ramaswami Mudaliar will also be informed that the grant will be subject to the condition that the land will revert to Government, if at any future time it ceases to be used for the purpose for which it is now granted, and that the plan of the enclosing fence of the park and of any buildings that the Committee may propose to erect should be submitted for the approval of the Government Architect.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
„ Raja Sir Savalay Ramaswami Mudaliar, *Kt.*, C.I.E.

Read—again the following G.O., Mis. No. 543, Revenue, dated 8th February 1896 :—

Read—G.O., Mis. No. 155, Revenue, dated 15th January 1896.

Order—Mis. No. 543, Revenue, dated 8th February 1896.

On reconsideration it appears to Government that the site on the foreshore is not so advantageously situated, nor so suitable for a park, as the site between the Buckingham canal and the beach road which is marked A in plan No. 2 forwarded by the Deputy Collector. The Board of Revenue is requested to report the market value of this site.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue),
with the enclosures (to be returned).
„ Raja Sir Savalay Ramaswami Mudaliar, *Kt.*, C.I.E.

Read—again the following G.O., Mis. No. 867, Rev., dated 28th February 1896 :—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 920, dated 22nd February 1896 :—

Read—the following letter from B. H. CHESTER, Esq., Deputy Collector of Madras, to the Collector of Madras, dated 14th February 1896, Ref. No. 228-C :—

In returning Board's Proceedings* (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 721 of the 11th instant, forwarded to me with your endorsement, Reference No. 109-G. and B. of the 13th idem, I have the honour to report that the market value of the land marked A in plan No. 2 may be taken at Rs. 200 a ground.

2. The site A is cawnies 2 grounds 8 and 2,000 square feet in extent and the value of it at the above rate would be Rs. 11,366.

* With the nine enclosures.

Reference No. 508.

Submitted to the Commissioners of Land Revenue in reply to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 721, dated 11th February 1896, the enclosures to which are returned.

(Signed) W. P. AUSTIN,
Collector.

17th Feb. 1896.

Resolution—Mis. No. 920, dated 22nd February 1896.

Submitted to Government with reference to its Order, dated 8th February 1896, Mis. No. 543, Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with Collector's letter to be returned and with eight encloures,
in original, returned.

Order—Mis. No. 867, Revenue, dated 28th February 1896.

Recorded pending receipt of the information called for from Raja Sir Savalay Ramaswami Mudaliar in paragraph 2 of G.O., Mis. No. 155, dated 15th January 1896.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary to Government.

Copy to Raja Sir Savalay Ramaswami Mudaliar, *Kt.*, C.I.E.

Read—also the following letter from Raja Sir Savalay RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR, *Kt.*, C.I.E., to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 22nd March 1896 :—

On behalf of "The Wenlock Ladies' Park" Committee, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of true extracts of Orders, Mis. Nos. 155 and 867, dated 15th January and 28th February 1896, and beg to state that in regard to the information therein sought for as to the constitution of the Committee to which the formation and management of the park will be entrusted that it was resolved that the names of the following gentlemen be submitted to Government as trustees in whom the property of the proposed park shall vest :—

1. The Hon'ble Mr. V. Bashyam Iyengar, C.I.E.
2. Raja Sir S. Ramaswami Mudaliyar, *Kt.*, C.I.E.
3. Mr. C. Ramachendra Rao Sahib.
4. Dewan Bahadur P. Rajaruthna Mudaliar.
5. Mr. M. Venkataramiah Chetty.
6. Mr. P. Theagoraya Chetty.

I beg also to state that it was also resolved that on the happening of a vacancy among the trustees the same shall be filled up by the surviving trustees and that the trustees shall have the power to frame rules for the management of the park and to appoint a committee of English and Indian ladies for such management.

I beg to add that the following noble ladies have signified their consent to be patronesses of the institution :—

1. Lady Wenlock, C.I.
2. Her Highness the Maharani of Mysore, C.I.
3. Her Highness the Princess of Arcot.
4. Her Highness the Senior Rani of Tanjore.
5. The Maharani of Vizianagram.
6. The Rani of Bobbili.
7. The Senior Rani of Ramnad.
8. Rani Gajapati Rao.

Order—No. 168, Revenue, dated 22nd April 1896.

Land Revenue No. 18.

As the market value of the site proposed to be granted to the Trustees of the "Wenlock Ladies' Park" exceeds the limit laid down in paragraph 9 of the Resolution of the Government of India, No. 1/141, dated 6th February 1872, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to apply to that Government for the requisite sanction.

2. The following letter will be despatched to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
" Raja Sir S. Ramaswami Mudaliar, *Kt.*, C.I.E.

Exd. C. M. Brisson.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

From

The Honourable Mr. A. T. ARUNDEL, I.C.S.,
Ag. Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue Department,

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,
Revenue and Agricultural Department,

Dated Ootacamund, 22nd April 1896.

Sir,

In forwarding the accompanying copy of the Proceedings of this Government, No. 168, dated 22nd April 1896, I am directed to request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of the Government of India for the grant, free of quit-rent, to the Trustees of the Wenlock Ladies' Park, of a plot of land lying between the Buckingham canal and the beach road for the site of a park for the use of native ladies. The grant will be subject to the usual condition that the site will revert to Government when it ceases to be used for the purpose for which it is granted.

Land Revenue No. 19.

Extent	Acs.	3·12
Market value	Rs.	11,366

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

Exd. C. M. Brisson.

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REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

From the Government of
Fort St. George.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

Letter, No. 169, 22nd April 1896.

APRIL.

REQUESTING sanction for the grant, free of quit-rent, to the Trustees of the Wenlock Ladies' Park, of a plot of land lying between the Buckingham canal and the beach road, for the site of a park for the use of native ladies.

No. 321, REVENUE, 9TH JULY 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from F. G. SLY, Esq., C.S., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Land Revenue), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, the 16th June 1896, No. 1492—194-2-L.R. :—

In reply to your letter, No. 169-R., dated 22nd April last, I am directed to convey the sanction of the Government of India to the grant free of quit-rent to the Trustees of the Wenlock Ladies' Park of a plot of land measuring 3·12 acres, valued at Rs. 11,366, to be converted into a park for the use of native ladies. This sanction is subject to the condition mentioned in your letter that the site will revert to Government when it ceases to be used for the purpose for which it is granted, and to the further condition laid down in Financial Department Resolution No. 4374, dated 23rd October 1891, namely, that should the property be at any time resumed by the Government, the compensation payable for it shall in no case exceed the cost, or the present value, whichever shall be less, of any buildings erected or other works executed on the land by the grantees.

ORDER—No. 321, Revenue, dated 9th July 1896.

Land Revenue No. 34.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue in continuation of G.O., No. 168, dated 22nd April 1896.

2. The plot of land lying between the Buckingham Canal and the Beach road, measuring 3·12 acres in extent, will now be granted to the Trustees of the Wenlock Ladies' Park, to be utilized as the site of a park for the use of native ladies, subject to the following conditions :—

(i) that the land shall not be alienated by the Trustees ;

(ii) that it shall revert to Government when it ceases to be used for the purpose for which it is granted ;

(iii) that it may at any time be resumed by the Government, and that if so resumed, the compensation payable shall in no case exceed the cost, or the present value, whichever shall be less, of any buildings erected or other works executed thereon by the grantees, and

(iv) that the plan of the enclosing fence and of any buildings which may be erected on the land shall be submitted for the previous approval of Government.

3. Before, however, formally making over the land to the Trustees of the Park, the Government desires to have full information as to the legal status of that body. The Board of Revenue is requested to obtain and submit the requisite particulars.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
Copy to Raja Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar.
„ to the Public Works Department.

Exd. C. M. Brisson.

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REVENUE.

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G.O., No. 321, 9th July 1896.

JULY.

Wenlock Ladies' Park.

Letter from the Government of India sanctioning, with remarks, the grant, free of quit-rent, to the Trustees of the —, of a plot of land lying between the Buckingham Canal and the Beach road, to be utilized as the site of a park for the use of native ladies, communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(2,000—27-11-95.)

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 12th October 1896,

No 4639 —— Dis:

READ — Endorsement of the Collector of Madras, Rc: No 3260, dated 28th September 1896, on letter from Dr. K. Rz. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu, Secretary to the "Wenlock Ladies Park" Committee, dated 22nd September 1896.

Resolution:—

Submitted to Government with reference to its order No 321 Revenue dated 9th July '96 with the remark that the Committee does not appear to have, as yet, called together the Subscribers.

/True Extract/

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The Secretary to Government
Rev: Dept, with a letter in original.

A/ Secretary.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current Number. 7387

From

The Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue.

Dated 12th October 1896.
Received 17th ,, ,,
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No. 4639 Mis.

SUBJECT.

Submitting to Govt.
with a remark, letter from the Collector of Madras submitting letter from the Secretary to the "Wenlock Ladies Park" Committee regarding the legal status of its trustees.

With an Endt.

ABSTRACT.

Endorsement No.4578 Mis

Referred to the Honourable the Advocate General for opinion as to whether the "Wenlock Ladies Park Committee" may be considered as a body legally capable of holding land and whether the site in question may be conveyed to the Committee as Trustees of the Park on the terms mentioned in the concluding para of their Secretary's letter dated 22nd September 1896.

Ag: Secretary to Government.
Fort Saint George
14th November 1896.

To the Hono'ble the Advocate General thro: Govt. Solicitor with copies of G. Os Nos. 168 d/22-4-96 and 321 dated 9-7-96.

OPINION

1. If the grant of the site be made, the property should be vested in certain persons named as Trustees, not to the self-constituted "Wenlock Ladies Park Committee".

2. The system of filling up vacancies among the trustees by co-optation suggested in the concluding paragraph of the Secretary's letter may lead to the formation of a clique, the existence of which may possibly be detrimental to the interests of the majority of those for whom the trust is about to be created. The proposed rules for the management of the park and all subsequent alterations thereof or additions thereto, should, for obvious reasons, be submitted to Government for approval.

3. The Secretary says that "the appeal for funds has already been responded to, to a certain extent"; but he does not disclose to what extent funds have been subscribed or even promised. Government is therefore not in a position to form an opinion as to whether the proposed Park can be laid out and fenced in &c within a reasonable time, or as to the means at the disposal of the Trustees to maintain Park Keepers, gardeners &c, and to ensure order and cleanliness.

Madras
30th November 1896

J. H. Spring Branson
Advocate General

(True Copy)

Ernest Bardar

Government Solicitor

(1896) Department

From

Ernest Barclay
Government Solicitor
Madras

To.

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
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Re. Wenlock Ladies Park

D/4 1,000—11-6-96.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 8761 of 96.

From the Govt Solicitor

Dated 189 .

FOR ORDERS.

The Hon. Mr Bliss C.S.I.
Hr. the Governor.

We would not do to appoint all the 12 self-constituted members Park Committee, under the circumstances, without causing the subscribers to be summoned) we may allow the 12 to nominate 3 of their number as trustees, stating that when a vacancy occurs the appointment of a new trustee shall rest with Govt.

We shd also call for a statement as to what funds the Park Committee have in hand or promised & if we are satisfied with this this sum shd be made over to the trustees for the purposes of the Wenlock Park Committee.

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9-12-96.

control the constitution of the Committee & nominate the members of it from time to time. No mistr.

c. 5/1/97
RC. 7-1-97

In communicating the sanction of the Govt of India to the grant free of quitrent to the Trustees of the Wenlock Ladies Park of a plot of land to be converted into a park for the use of native ladies, the Govt desired the Board of Revenue to furnish, before formally making over the land to the Trustees, full information as to the legal status of that body. In compliance with this order, the Board forwarded a letter

letter from Mr. R. Ry
Mr. Venkatrama chetti
Secretary to the "Wenlock
Ladies Park Committee"
in which he stated
that certain gentle-
men whom he named
formed themselves
into a committee
to invite subscriptions
to found "Wenlock
Ladies Park" and to
apply to Govt for a site.
He said that the ap-
peal for funds had
been responded to,
to a certain extent
and that, as regards
the site, it was
"open to Govt to vest
it in certain trustees
to be nominated or
appointed by Govt for
purposes of Wenlock
Ladies Park' subject
to such terms and
conditions as may
be prescribed in the
instrument of transfer"
The Secretary added

FOR ORDERS.

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added "The Committee
recommend that
the land may be
conveyed to them as
Trustees with power
to frame rules to
fill up vacancies
amongst themselves
and also with power
to frame rules for
the administration
and management
of the Park".

2. On submitting
this communication
to Govt, the Board
remarked that the
committee did
not appear to have
called together the
subscribers. ~~and~~
As the legal status
of the committee was
thus not clear,
the papers were
forwarded to the
Hon'ble the Advocate
Genl for opinion as
to whether the "Wenlock
Ladies Park Committee
might

might be considered as a body legally capable of holding land and whether the site might be conveyed to the committee as Trustees of the Park on the terms mentioned in the concluding para of their Secy's letter. On the current read above, the Advocate General replies to say ~~that~~ (1) that if the grant of the site be made, the property should be vested in certain persons named as Trustees, not to the self constituted "Wenlock Ladies Park committee", and

(2). that it is ~~necessary~~ that the proposed rules for the management of the Park and all subsequent alterations thereof or additions thereto should be submitted to Govt for approval, so that

that the proposed system of filling up vacancies among the Trustees by cooptation may not lead to abuse.

The advocate General also points out that M.R.Ry. Venkatramayya chetti's letter does not disclose to what extent funds have been subscribed or promised and that the Govt is not therefore in a position to form an opinion as to whether the proposed park can be laid out and fenced in within a reasonable time or as to the means at the disposal of the trustees to maintain park-keepers, gardeners &c and to ensure order and cleanliness.

3.

The committee may be asked to furnish definite information as to whether sufficient funds have been subscribed to found and maintain the proposed park.

4. As regards the appointment of Trustees, the Secy to the W. L. P. committee says that they may be appointed by Govt and there is no great objection to this. It is however possible that the Subscribers to the park might meet together at some future time and elect a body different from the Trustees appointed by Govt to manage the park as in that case friction might possibly arise and the object of the Trust would be defeated. To avoid this contingency, the best course appears to be, to ask the Committee to call together a meeting of the subscribers to elect a number of gentlemen to manage the park and to hold all property connected therewith. The body thus elected might be constituted trustees and the site vested in them by Govt.

5. Orders are requested as to whether for the reason urged by the Hon'ble the advocate General, the rules for the management of the park filling up vacancies among the trustees should be ordered to be submitted for the

the approval of
in Govt. This would
fr then become a
c condition of the
w grant, to be added to those
fl mentioned in G.O.
S dt 9-7-96 No. 321.
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4. [illegible] I think information is needed
as to the general scheme for
their purpose proposed. As matters
T stand there is no communication
t between the Committee
S grants this site & the Corp
dispute in its own hands the
Control of the constitution of the
Committee & its working If
they cannot it with the Committee on any terms it
refuses & withdraws this site
to them but it cannot free
them the legal control of the
Inhabitants money if they raise
for any subscriptions nor in the
circumstances will the Inhabitants
have any claim to control the
Committee & Park even if the
Committee appointed by Govt
retain this money.

+ It should be a condition of this grant
that in case a vacancy on the
Committee Govt. this fills it up
and that all rules & alterations
of rules of management shall be
binding only if approved by Govt.

Read again G.O. 45-78 14-11-96
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2. It is observed that M. R. Ry M. Venkata Ramiah chettiar's letter dt 22-9-96 does not disclose to what extent subscriptions have been paid up or promised for the purpose of founding the "Wenlock Ladies Park." The Govt is not therefore in a position to form an opinion as to whether the proposed park can be laid out and fenced in within a reasonable time or as to the means at the disposal of the committee to maintain parkkeepers, gardeners &c and to ensure order and cleanliness. The Board of Revenue is

is accordingly requested to obtain and furnish full and definite information on the point.

It is also requested to call upon the committee to nominate 3 of its members for appointment as Trustees and in the event of sufficient funds being available the site will be made over to them, but subject to the condition that when a vacancy occurs the appointment of a new Trustee shall vest in the Govt.

HE the Gnl C does not ~~consider~~ desire to impose any further restrictions beyond those laid down in para 2 of Govt. dt 9-7-96 No. 321.

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