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Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 2349—50

DATED 2nd June.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Replying to letter from the Govt. Secretary, calling for the site of the Chinese burial ground at Kowloon, and the correspondence connected therewith.

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Revenue (189 8) Department.

CURRENT No. 1292

From

The Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue,
Madras.

Order

No. 1292 Misc.

Dated 16th May 1898.

Received 19 "

Registered 20 "

Enclosures 2.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Govt, with remarks the information furnished by the Collector of Madras regarding the site of the church of St. Mary of Refuge and its compound proposed to be exempted from payment of quit rent.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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Ref No. 309 rec'd. 3rd April 1846.

From The Dy Collector of Madras.

To The Collector of Madras.

Sir,

In returning Board Proceedings Report No 309 of the 17th ultimo forwarded to me with your endorsement Ref No 198/1845 of the 22d Idem, I have the honor to submit herewith the letter (in original) from the vicar of Refuge church received by me this day. It intimates the land forming the site of the church and its compound is the gift to the church by two persons and that the building of the church was commenced in January 1838 and completed in march 1846.

2. In the registers of this office the land continues to be registered in the names of Tiruvengada mudy and Moothoocumarappa mudy and there is nothing to show when

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it or for how long the quit Rent has been paid out of the Church funds.

I have etc
(Sd) J R Coombes
Dy Collector.

(True copy)

Rep no 198 Submitted to the
Commissioners of Land Revenue
Exd time in reply to the Board's Reference
quoted.

2. The letter from the Vicar referred to is enclosed.

Madras Collector's office
20th April 1898

J. H. Atkinson
ag Collector.

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THE BOARD OFFICE

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From

The Revd. A. S. Jones
Vicar of Refuge Church
North Black Town
Madras

To

J. R. Coombes Esq.
Deputy Collector of
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter dated 2nd April 1898, No. 501 of 1898: in reply I beg to inform you, that the Land which is exempted by the Local Govt. of Rs. 7-15-4 being the quit rent on the Site of the Church of St. Mary of Refuge and its Compound is the gift to the Church given over by Mr. Sinda-roya Mudeliar, the late manager of Commissariat Generals office Madras, and by Mr. T. Madaria-dasay Mudeliar, the late Magistrate of Town Police Madras. On which the building of the Church Commenced on the 15th day of January 1828, and Completed on the 28th day of March 1829 which is known from the Church documents, so the Church is praying the quit rent for 60 years: this Church being very poor, I may request you to be good enough to recommend to the Govt of India

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE * MADRAS *

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue).

No.1292 Mis.,dated 16th May 1898.

Read the following :-

1. Government Order,Revenue Department,No.1266 Misc., dated 12th March 1898.

And the following Reference No.309,dated 17th March 1898.

Forwarded to the Collector of Madras for early report.

2. Also Endorsement of the Collector of Madras,Ref.No. 198/G & B,dated 20th April 1898,on Letter from the Deputy Collector of Madras,Ref.No.501/C,dated 5th April 1898.

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Resolution

Submitted to Government with reference to its order No.1266 Misc.,dated 12th March last.

2. In its order No.963 Rev.,dated 16th November 1897, Government sanctioned the exemption from payment of quit-rent of the site and compound of the Church of Saint Mary of Refuge so long as it was used for religious purposes.Government at the same time submitted a copy of its order to the Government of India for confirmation in as much as the capitalized value of the revenue remitted exceeded Rs.100.In its Letter of the 4th March last,the Government of India enquired when and how the land came into the possession of the present occupants and for how Long they have been paying quit rent in respect thereof.

3. The Collector of Madras having been requested to furnish information on these points,submits a report from his

Deputy Collector, stating that, according to the books maintained in the Deputy Collector's office, the registry of the Land stands in the names of two private persons and that there is nothing to show for how many years the quit rent has been paid from the Church funds. The Vicar of the church states, however, that two other individuals presumably successors in interest of the two persons just referred to, made a gift of the site in question, for the construction of a church, that the building of the present church was commenced in January 1838 and completed in March 1846 and that the church has been paying quit rent on the Land since 1838. The Board considers that the information furnished by the Vicar may be accepted as correct, but his claim for the refund of the quit rent already paid from the church funds appears inadmissible.

Viz.	Tiruvengada Mudali & Moothoo Cumarappa Mudali

(True Copy & Extract)

Ag. Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Deaprtment, with two enclosures

Md. R. H.

Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No.

From

The Government of Madras
Rev. & Agric. Dept.

Order

No. 966.

Dated *19 May*

Received *25 "*

Registered *25 "*

Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Requesting the favour of an early reply to the communication re: exemption from payment of quit rent on the site of the Church of St. Mary of Refuge and its compound.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

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Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

(L.R.)

Simla, The 19th May 1898.

No. 966.

To

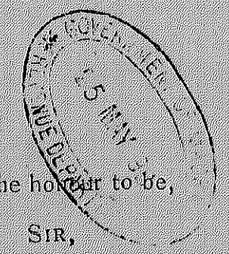
The Secretary to the
Government of Madras.

Subject.

Exemption from payment of quit-rent of the site of the Church of St. Mary of Refuge and its compound

SIR,

I AM directed to invite attention to the communication marginally noted,* and to request the favour of an early reply thereto.



I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

* No. 397 , dated the 4th March 1898.
subsequent reminder No.
dated

Under-Secretary to the Govt. of India.

R. & A. Regr. No. 7.

G. I. C. P. O.—No. 587 R. & A.—9-12-95.—600.

Read B.O. 12 92 nos dy 16.5.98
(cuo 3658 of 98) and also 2023775/98

Note

The vicar of the church of St. Mary of Refuge, Madras applied last year for exemption of quit-rent on the site of the church and other properties belonging to it. In Board's order No. 963 Rev dy 16.11.97, the Government sanctioned the exemption from payment of quit-rent of only the site of the church and its compound. Only Rs 7-15-4 the capitalized value of the quit-rent proposed to be permitted exceeded Rs 100, a copy of the Proceedings was submitted to the Government of India for confirmation. That Government enquired when and how the land came into the possession of its present occupants and for how long they have been paying revenue assessment in respect of it. (vide C.O. 1266 dy 12.3.98). The Madras Dy Collector states that in the books maintained in his office the land continues to be registered in the names of two private persons and that

vide C.I. letter
in C.O. 1266/12.3.98 dy

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there is nothing to show when the church was constructed on it or for how long the quit-rent has been paid out of the Church funds. The vicar of the Church, however, states that two other individuals made a gift of the site in question for the construction of a church, that the building of the church was commenced in January 1838 and completed in March 1840 and that the church has been paying quit-rent on the Land Since 1838. The vicar requests that the Church being very poor the quit-rent already paid may be refunded. The Board considers that the information furnished by the vicar may be accepted as correct but that his claim for the refund is inadmissible.

The quit-rent alleged to have been paid from the Church funds amounts to Rs 477-8-0 and in the absence of any entry to that effect in the official records, the vicar's request cannot, it seems, be considered.

The appended draft is submitted for approval.

Secy
Mlle
30.7.98

C.P.
27/5/98.

Box (b) 16-4.

Read B.P. 1292 (enc. 3658798)
18-5-98
- Letter from G.J. 966 (enc. 3775
19-5-98
C.O. (Civil) no. 2349 of 2nd June 98.

H. Sec.

The Government agrees with the Board of Revenue in considering that the claim for the refund of the quit-rent already paid is inadmissible.

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

Secy.
1/6/98.

Mlle
30.7.98

To
The Board of Rev (Civil)

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1/6/98

1/6/98

Letter despatched
4/8/98

Letter No. 2350

To

The Secretary to the Govt of India
Rev and Agri Dept

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 397-369-2 of 4-3-98 enquiring when and how the site of the Church of St Mary's Refuge and its Compound came into the possession of its present occupants and for how long they have been paying revenue assessment in respect of it. In reply

I am to state that in the official records the land stands registered in the names of two private persons of that ~~while~~ there is nothing to show when and how the site in question came into the possession of the present ~~[illegible]~~ for how many years the quit rent has been paid from the the Church funds. The vicar, however, reports that two other individuals (presumably successors in interest of the two persons referred to above) — made a gift of the site in question for the construction of a church, that the building of the church was commenced in January 1838 and completed in March 1840 and that the church has ~~been paying~~ said quit-rent on the land since 1838. I am to add that the informations furnished by the vicar may be accepted as correct.

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27/5/98.

Read again G.O., No. 189 , dated

Current No.

Enclosures to G. No.

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