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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 3rd August 1858.

No. 3. Read the following letter from J. W. CHERRY, Esq., Acting Collector and Magistrate of Coimbatore; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 10th July 1858, No. 29.

SIR,

1. With reference to para. 6 of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 12th September 1857, No. 1171, Judicial Department, I beg to report that I availed myself of the opportunity of being on the Hills for Jamabundy settlement in the month of May, to induce the Condul Milkmen to change the site of their habitations, and am glad that I have been successful in attaining the object in view.

2. I had no wish to force them to leave a place where they had resided for the last 30 years, but as their disorderly habits were much complained of by several respectable European householders in the neighbourhood, and in obedience to the orders of Government, I sent for the principal milkmen to my office and prevailed upon them to change the site of their houses; after some hesitation they agreed to remove to a place allotted to them by Mr. Thomas, but requested some assistance from Government in the shape of "Tuccavie," and that they should be permitted to fell timber gratis in the Government Forests, to enable them to re-build their houses. I promised them that their application for Tuccavie shall be submitted to Government, and orders be given for felling the timber, after they actually evacuated the spot, where their squatting was the cause of so much complaint by European householders.

3. They have now accordingly done so, and have commenced building on the new site. I therefore beg to submit their application for the favorable consideration of Government.

4. The number of milkmen that have removed their houses is 28, and though they have some property in the shape of cattle as per accompanying list, they are not able to lay out money at once for the reconstruction of their houses. They request* a loan from Government of Rupees 980 at the rate of 35 Rupees each on good and sufficient security, which they agree to re-pay in 3 years.

5. Considering their ready compliance with the orders of Government, and the fact of their supplies being much needed by residents and troops marching through Ootacamund, I am of opinion that they are deserving of the indulgence of Government, and accordingly solicit sanction for the loan asked, viz., Rupees 980.

6. As regards the timber applied for by them, I have given orders to the Neelgherry Tahsildar to allow them to cut in the Sholahs under my charge at Nunjanaud, as many junglewood trees as they bonâ fide require for their houses.

7. I would have submitted the milkmen's application through the Board of Revenue, but as the previous correspondence in their case had taken place direct with Government, I have ventured to deviate from the usual course, as otherwise I should be under the necessity of giving a detailed report to the Board to put them in possession of the whole facts of the milkmen's case.

Translation of a Moochilka given by Peddakaul Madura, Bommamadura, Govindoo, Vyapoory, Moonien, Vencatasawmy, Cooppen, Coollen as well as others, milkmen, residing at Condul in the Talook of Neilgherries, under date the 11th May 1858.

We live from a long time within the compound of late Mr. Clarke, now belonging to Colonel Hadfield, situated in Condul, and have our huts and cow-sheds thereon; disturbances having ensued from our cattle encroaching upon the property of Colonel Hadfield, we are ordered by the authorities to remove our houses and cow-sheds to a new site which was granted to us, but as our circumstances do not permit us to re-build our houses on the new site, we are unable to vacate our present habitations; the Collector has also personally given orders that we should quit our present place of residence within 8 days, we are ready to give it up within that time, but as we are poor and have large families to support, we are not able to incur the expences that will entail upon us by the reconstruction of our houses and cow-sheds, we have 28 houses and 19 cow-sheds making in all 47 buildings, we therefore request that an advance of Rupees 35 may be given to each of us from Government on our tendering good and sufficient security for the same, which we

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will repay in 3 years, and that we may be also permitted to cut timber required for the reconstruction of our houses from the jungles of Naunjanaud and Soloor.

We further request that a fresh piece of land may be given in lieu of the one measuring $\frac{1}{32}$ of a Bullah bearing an assessment of 3 annas 6 pie held by one Soobbramonien on Puttah No. 76, and which forms a portion of the site of our habitations.

Being ordered to leave a place which we occupy from the days of Mr. Sullivan, we earnestly pray that the above indulgences may be granted to us from Government, as otherwise we will be undone and not be able to reside on these Hills.

Marks of Peddukaul Madura and 27 others.

(True translation.)

(Signed) J. W. CHERRY,

Acting Collector and Magistrate.

Memorandum of cattle, &c., possessed by the Milkmen of Condul.

Number of Milkmen.	Names.	No. of cattle possessed by them at Ootacamund.				No. of cattle possessed by them at Goodaloor.			
		Buffaloes.	Cows.	Bullocks.	Total.	Buffaloes.	Cows.	Bullocks.	Total.
1	Ramasawmy ...	3	1	1	5	4	...	...	4
2	Vyapoory ...	3	1	...	4	10	5	...	15
3	Paupummaul ...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
4	Kyamadoora ...	2	1	...	3	4	...	...	4
5	Peddakalmadura ...	2	1	...	3	8	5	...	13
6	Kondan ...	...	1	...	1	3	3	...	6
7	Rungon ...	2	...	...	2	6	3	...	9
8	Hussary ...	...	...	...	...	6	3	...	9
9	Balamaduray ...	...	...	...	...	5	1	...	6
10	Camatchy ...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
11	Bommon Madura ...	2	1	1	4	3	4	...	7
12	Moonien ...	3	1	1	5	7	3	...	10
13	Agari Cooppen ...	2	2	1	5	5	...	...	5
14	Soobben ...	...	...	1	1	3	...	...	3
15	Condamna ...	1	...	...	1	4	1	...	5
16	Coollen ...	2	1	...	3	4	3	...	7
17	Auroomoogaucharry ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	Vyapoory ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
19	Panamadoora ...	1	1	1	3	1	3	...	4
20	Maury ...	...	...	1	1	4	1	...	5
21	Poojarymadura ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
22	Vencatasawmy ...	2	2	3	7	6	7	...	13
23	Paupa ...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	2
24	Govindoo ...	2	2	1	5	1	4	...	5
25	Edombappen ...	2	...	...	2	1	...	...	1
26	Bogaryrunga ...	2	1	...	3	2	...	...	2
27	Soobbramonean ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
28	Moonean ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Coimbatore, }
10th July 1858. }

Errors Excepted, per,

(Signed) J. W. CHERRY,

Acting Collector and Magistrate.

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No. 4.

ORDER THEREON, No. 1013; dated 28th July 1858.

1. About the middle and latter part of 1857, Government had under consideration a correspondence which had passed between Colonel Cameron the Joint Magistrate, and Mr. Thomas the Magistrate, regarding the proceedings of the latter in the case of a certain number of the Cow-keeper caste, whose houses and fields lay adjacent to the property of Colonel Hadfield, and from whom a Deed had been improperly obtained by a servant of this Officer, in which they bound themselves, under severe penalties to remove their huts to another site and renounced all right and title to that hitherto occupied by them. Government then remarked, in Extract Minutes Consultation 12th September 1857, No. 1171, para. 2, that this agreement having been informal, it was not to be enforced by the Magistracy, and the Milkmen were not to be disturbed in the possession of their land except by due course of law: but that looking to the fact that several respectable house-holders avouched to their disorderly habits, they were of opinion that in order to prevent future disputes, the Collector and Magistrate should bestir himself to induce these people to change the site of their habitations.

2. In the letter recorded above, the Acting Collector and Magistrate reports that he has prevailed upon the Milkmen to remove to a place allotted to them by Mr. Thomas, but that they request some assistance from Government in the shape of "Tuccavie," and that they should be permitted to fell timber gratis in the Government Forests to enable them to rebuild their houses. The loan asked is Rupees 980 at the rate of 35 Rupees each on good and sufficient security, to be repaid in 3 years. The men have actually vacated the spot formerly occupied by them and they have commenced building on the new site. Mr. Cherry the Collector is of opinion, that they are deserving of the indulgence of Government, and accordingly solicits sanction for the loan applied for. He adds that he has given orders to the Neilgherry Tahsildar to allow them to cut in the Sholahs under his charge at Nunjanaud as many junglewood trees as they, bonâ fide, require for their houses.

3. The Governor in Council authorizes the Collector of Coimbatore to advance to the Condul Milkmen referred to above, the sum of Rupees (980) nine hundred and eighty, at the rate of Rupees (35) thirty-five each, for the purpose of erecting their huts on the new site on their giving good security for the repayment of the same in three years. The Government however observe, that the trees should not have been cut without reference to the Conservator of Forests.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Rxd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department

№ 1013

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(Here enter 100 July, 1880, 1889.)

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proper place and ^{for} that no more
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necessary.

JJD

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not have been cut
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Copy to Colls of Comptroller
Copy to Civil Auditor
" Account General
" Revenue Dept.

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