

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 310	Press Mis.
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Dated 8-2-	18 61.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th February 1861.*

No. 105. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th January 1861, No. 246:—

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Bowany, 20th December 1860, No. 234.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from Mr. W. H. Stanes, applying for two Kanis of land near his Coffee Estate at Coonoor for his Coolies' lines; and to request the sanction of the Board for putting up the same to public auction at the upset price of 10 years' quit-rent, under Freehold rules.

2. I have myself personally seen the land applied for, and see no objection whatever to its being sold in public auction; there are no claims on it, and it is Government waste.

3. A rough sketch of the land is enclosed. I could not procure a better one drawn to scale, there being no Surveyor* at present available: a specification is also forwarded.

4. I take this opportunity of requesting the orders of the Board, as to whether applications for such small lots of land for building purposes need be at all submitted, for the preliminary sanction of the Board. The Improvement Committee at Ootacamund are empowered to sell building allotments without the previous sanction of Government, only reporting their proceedings quarterly. A similar authority might, I think, be safely vested in me as Collector (beyond the limits of the Committee's jurisdiction); it will tend to obviate unnecessary correspondence to and from the Board, on such trifling matters. The present instance is simply for a small bit of waste, adjoining Mr. Stane's Estate, the lines for his Coolies being now in a low unhealthy spot, where they suffer.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the Collector be authorized to sell the land sought for building purposes on the terms proposed.

2. Mr. Thomas's application for authority to dispose of such trifling applications without special sanction in each individual case, is opposed to the positive orders of Government, and is not, therefore, supported by the Board.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 106. ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1861, No. 310.

1. The land referred to in these papers does not fall within the meaning of the term "Building lots" as used in the Order* respecting the sale of land on the hills. It is in every respect plantation land. It is true that it is to be employed for the present for the hutting of coolies; but a part of every plantation must be so employed. It should be put up on the same terms as plantation land, *i. e.* without any upset price, subject to a quit-rent of one Rupee an acre.

2. The Government do not consider it expedient to give to the Collector the power sought in paragraph 4 of his letter. The order that all cases of land applied for should be submitted for the special orders of Government was made with the view of ensuring the correct interpretation and application of the rules. This very case shows the necessity of such precaution. The cases are too few in number to make the saving of time and labor a matter of any moment.

3. The case of the Committee at Ootacamund is different; the Committee acts within a limited area, and in only certain defined and simple cases.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 8th February 1864.

Read the following
Progs: of the Board of Revenue

Submitting a letter from the Collector
of Coimbatore forwarding an application
from Mr. D. H. Stanes for two Canons
of land near his Coffee Estate at Coonoor (Here enter 14 Jan'y /64 N^o 246)
and recommending that the Collector
be authorized to sell the lands sought
for building purposes.

dated 4 April /64 at 517.

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To

The Board of Revenue
with 2 Encls. Conf. G.

21/5/60

Mr Stanes application for
2 Counties of land at Coonara

56-57
4-10-59
30-31
4-4-60

No 105 & 106.

Deciding that the
land applied for by
Mr W. Stanes at Coonara
be put up to public auction
on the same terms as public
auction land.

Revenue 1861 & 1862
also of Govt for February.

No 310.

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for February 1861.

Tom