

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	96	Press
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th January 1861.*

No. 189. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 24th November 1860, No. 76:—

SIR,

1. In your letters of the 16th July (No. 79) and 7th August last (No. 86) you inform me of the manner in which you have resolved to assess Coffee Estates in the District of Wainád.

2. In consequence of the peculiar tenures prevailing in that locality, you consider that it would be impossible to apply the rule prevailing elsewhere, and to assess the whole Estate, without reference to the extent of land under cultivation, at one Rupee per acre; and you have accordingly determined that the rate of tax shall be two Rupees an acre on all land actually planted with Coffee, the tax being imposed in the third year, when the produce first begins to be gathered, the year of planting and the succeeding year being exempt from demand. The main objection to this plan is that it involves the necessity of an annual inspection of each Estate, in order to ascertain the extent of cultivation. I should have been glad if in this, as in other similar localities, you had found it practicable to fix an assessment per acre to be paid under all circumstances, without reference to the extent of land actually under cultivation. I observe, however, that you have promulgated that, in the event of a Coffee Planter desiring to pay for his Estate by a "fixed lump assessment," and offering suitable terms, you will be prepared to give a liberal consideration to such an application. I shall be glad to be informed of the extent to which this rule may be taken advantage of by the Planters.

3. I approve of your order of the 9th July last, that land in Wainád required for Coffee cultivation shall be put up to public auction, and sold to the highest bidder, subject to the conditions previously noticed.

No. 190. ORDER THEREON, 14th January 1861, No. 96.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to the Proceedings of Government 16th May and 9th July 1860, Nos. 788 and 1,125.

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

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt
Under date the 14th Jan^y 1864.

Read the following des-
patch from the Right
Hon: the Secy of state for India

Makes observations on the manner in
which this Govt have resolved to assign
Offs Estates in Mairiad - Requests to be
informed of the extent to which the rule
regarding a fixed lump assessment may
be taken advantage of by the planters -
and approves of the order that lands in
Mairiad for Offs cultivation shall
be sold by public auction

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9th July 1860 Nos 788 & 125.

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Des: of Govt for Comptroller

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Des: of the Colonial
Government.

Des: of Comptroller 1861.

1861

Home Department
relative to the Dept
of Office of the
in Trinidad, communicated
to Board of Revenue.

1861 & 1862.