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19th February 1862.*

No. 389. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th January 1862, No. 687.

Read the following letter from W. FISHER, Esq., Collector of North Canara, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Coombarwada, 19th January 1862, No. 5:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor, with reference to Proceedings of Board of Revenue, dated 31st October 1861, No. 5,987, to submit a plan showing all Government ground available for building lots along the sea shore between the rocky point at Conay village near Beikál Cove, and the Sedasheghur river.
2. The Board's instructions require me to furnish a plan on a small scale, "showing the south bank of the river and the line of coast thence to Carwar Head, and including the south side of the point;" but as Captain Fraser's Chart of Beikál Cove, now in the Chief Engineer's office, and drawn on the same scale as the plan now furnished, will, if connected with it, give at one view the whole area between Carwar Head and the Sedasheghur river, it would be a waste of time to re-copy here what can be much more quickly done in the Central Office, Department Public Works.
3. Though the plan submitted may be on a larger scale than the Board look for, two acre lots could hardly be distinctly shown on a reduced scale, whilst it is a great advantage to have the area shown on the scale of Captain Fraser's Survey.
4. I am instructed to mark off into blocks not exceeding two acre allotments, having a certain frontage to the roads now in progress of formation, and a depth double the frontage. A frontage of seventy yards, with a depth double that frontage gives the required area of two acres; such lots however are not to be found along the roads in progress through, or round, the steep and rocky hills in the neighbourhood of Beikál cove, and hence sandy ground shown in the plan has been selected.
5. It will be observed that only a portion of the available land has been marked out for sale; but I believe that a larger number of two acre lots, than are shown in the map, could hardly be disposed of at present, whilst it will be easy to mark of additional lots up to the river bank, should the Board think it desirable to do so.
6. The lots now shown are all situated in the Baad village, and the rest of the available Government land belongs to the village of Kodibagh.
7. The proposed lots are numbered on the plan, in red ink, from 1 to 24. Nos. 9, 11, 12, 13 occur twice over for reasons explained below; and I must ask the Board's permission to exclude Nos. 1 and 2 under circumstances to be stated presently.
8. Though no road exists along the beach, or is at present contemplated, a Government reserve has been marked off along the sea front of the lots, which will afford space for a good road hereafter.
9. The Board are aware that in this District, the extent of a Ryot's holding is unknown to the authorities, and it was therefore difficult, in preparing a plan of the kind now called for, to determine how the line, which distinguishes Government property from *bona fide* private holdings, should be determined.
10. The earlier accounts, which refer to the Ankola Tánuq, are always untrustworthy, and often unintelligible; and I think that the only data by which I can be guided in making the required arrangements, are to be found in the Pymash accounts of Fasli 1232.

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11. These accounts show at any rate all land then claimed by the Ryots, as appertaining to their Wurgs, and however much Government may suffer in accepting these accounts, which no doubt contain many false and fraudulent entries, the land described therein has now been in the possession of the Ryots for forty years, and is therefore only subject to such a alteration of Beriz as may be determined on, when a general revision of the present settlement is undertaken.

12. The ground now marked out into lots, or otherwise shown in the plan as Government land, is not entered in the Pymash accounts above referred to, and has hitherto remained unassessed with the exemption of parts of lots 11, 12 and 13.

13. These portions of lots compose a Government garden thrown up by the original proprietors, the produce of which is rented annually.

14. I have already stated that the above numbers, and lot No. 9 occur twice over, as these plots are intersected by private property, and will not with the limited frontage (70 yards) allowed, separately measure any thing like two acres per lot.

15. It is, therefore, proposed to put up together the sea frontage ground with that in its rear as one lot, leaving the purchaser to make his own arrangements with the proprietors of the intermediate land.

16. Lots 1 and 2 already referred to, are Government property, but they are under cultivation, and were officially reported to be in the possession of the present holder in Fasli 1250 (1840).

17. Under circumstances which it is not now necessary to explain, this land has not hitherto been assessed, but length of possession seems to give the occupier a proprietary right to it, and I propose to assess it, and leave it in his hands.

18. Though there may be some doubt as to the course which ought to be pursued in the above instance, I think there is none with respect to land made over to applicants, but regarding which no final settlement has been made, or title issued. I allude to lands the revenue derived from which appears in the Sevoy Jummah accounts pending regular assessment; such land I have deemed to be virtually private property.

19. If the proposed mode of allotment is approved, the exact extent of each lot can be defined in the enclosed plan. Some lots will be considerably in excess of two acres, but circumstances do not admit of any arrangement which will give the required frontage, and at the same time enable me to confine the area of each lot to two acres, with advantage either to Government or the public.

20. No copy of the plan forwarded has been made for my Office; and I request that I may be furnished with one or more hereafter.

21. In drawing up the accompanying draft sale Advertisements, I have, it will be observed, entered therein two Clauses (paragraphs 6 and 7), which are taken from the rules published under the orders of the Madras Government, dated 5th August 1859, No. 1,053. Parties likely to purchase the land about to be sold, will not be acquainted with the above Government order, or have means of access to it perhaps, and it would, therefore, be useless to refer generally to the rules therein laid down.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings dated 29th October 1861, No. 2,002, Public Works Department.

2. The Collector's proposals appear to the Board to be judicious, but as they observe that his suggestions regarding the taking up of private land for public purposes at Sedasheghur have

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been transferred to the Bombay Government, they presume that it is needless for them to discuss the present subject.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 390.

ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1862, No. 357.

Under present circumstances the Government resolve to defer any general allotment of building sites at Sedasheghur. Any application for such sites received from individuals should be submitted by the Collector separately, and orders will be passed on them after communication with the Government of Bombay, to whom the Collector's present report will now be forwarded.

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

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 391. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated 19th February 1862, No. 358.

SIR,

I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of Bombay the papers noted in the margin together with the Order of this Government thereon, respecting the Government land available at Beikál for building sites.

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From Collector North Canara, 19th do. " 5.

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To Govt of Bombay.

Govt land at Kedachegur
Available for building
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The Secretary to the
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