

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th February 1862.*

No. 429. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd January 1862,
No. 561:—

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON,
Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Calicut, 10th January
1862, No. 5.

SIR,

1. In Fasli 1262, the proprietary right (Jenm) or fee simple of the Betutnad escheats, was first begun to be sold in accordance with the sanction of Government. Up to the present date, the net value of the lands sold, amounts to Rupees 2,28,770-8-10.

2. The sales have, as you are aware, been carried on by the Deputy Collector, Canaren, under the supervision of the Collector. This work, in addition to his other ordinary duties, is still attended to by him.

* No. 559, Revenue Department, Extract Minutes
Consultation, dated 6th June 1857.
† No. 1,496, Revenue Department, Extract Minutes
Consultation, dated 17th November 1854.

3. Besides the above lands there are two extensive escheats, the Chinat* Nairs and Dámapatam† properties, for the sale of which sanction was accorded several years ago.

4. Since my appointment to the Province, I have several times resolved to enter on the subject of the sales of these lands, but my hands have been so fully occupied with other pressing duties, that I have been obliged to relinquish my intention, and I do not now see when there will be any chance of my being able to take them up.

5. The constant change of Sub-Collectors has also precluded the idea of their taking up the subject. They were all strangers to Malabar, its land tenures and the customs of the people, and by the time they were competent to engage in the sales, they left the District.

6. The desirability of getting the lands sold, and thereby setting the minds of their present occupiers at rest, has been already acknowledged by Government. The value of the escheats is considerable; at a rough calculation they may be estimated at five or six lacs, and their sale, if the services of a competent person are employed, may be carried out expeditiously.

7. In view, therefore, to a speedy realization of the sale of the above escheats, as well as other escheats, which are numerous, I most strongly recommend that the services of Mr. Stuart, Deputy Director of Revenue Survey, when his duties in Wainád are finished, which I believe will be soon, be placed at my disposal for the purpose of conducting the sales of the escheats in Malabar.

8. Mr. Stuart, from his intimate knowledge of the Province, its people, language, customs, and land tenures, is one of the few men to whom I can with the utmost confidence recommend that the work be entrusted. He was for some years a Moonsiff in the Province, so that he has the additional advantage of legal knowledge and experience. He is also a man of business habits, and high character.

9. If Government approve of the above suggestion (and I really trust they will), and grant the services of Mr. Stuart, I feel sanguine as to the good results, viz., the realization of a considerable sum of money to the credit of Government.

10. The present occupiers of the lands are most anxious to purchase the proprietary right; they are also in a position to pay; for, the diffusion of capital on account of Railway works has enriched them.

11. I think that with close attention, Mr. Stuart, entering on his duties with a thorough knowledge of them, will not be able to complete the sales of the escheats in this Province for two years at least.

Ordered to be submitted for the favorable consideration of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th February 1862.*

No. 430.

ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1862, No. 378.

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(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to P. Grant, Esq., Collector, of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

No. 305.

Dated 23rd January 1862.

Depd Secretary for
No. 305.

No. 364.

Submitting for favorable consideration a letter from the Collector of Malabar requesting that the services of Mr Stuart Deputy Director of Revenue Survey be placed at his disposal for conducting the sales of certain escheats

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John W. Rogers
20th July 1862