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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st February 1862.

No. 437. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th February 1862, No. 843:—

Read the following letter from W. FISHER, Esq., Collector of North Canara, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Jugglebett, 25th January 1862.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to state, for the information of the Board, that having arranged for the appointment of Arbitrators under Act VI of 1857, and received their awards, the lands at Beitkál required for public purposes have been taken up and made over to the Department Public Works.

2. I have already furnished a plan of the ground, showing each holding consecutively numbered, and I must now beg to refer to that plan in explaining what has been done, and in requesting the Board's instructions regarding a small piece of ground therein entered, which I have reason to believe is not the *bonâ fide* property of the holder.

3. Of the land marked No. 2, measuring Acres 4, G. 20, A. 8, only Acres 1, G. 14, A. 8 have been taken up, as it now appears that a site for the Custom House can be found on the other side of the Cove, on the hills being scarped and the materials applied to the wharves under construction.

4. As this site will have many advantages over that proposed on the land No. 2, only so much of the latter as is required for a road has been purchased.

5. As yet I have paid no money, for the people would willingly take back their land; and just as the above arrangement was completed, Colonel Walker was placed under the orders of the Bombay Government; and until their Superintending Engineer arrives, it is not known whether the works at present proposed will be carried out.

6. The enclosed list gives the extent and cost of each holding purchased. The sums to be paid are large, and the ground has no doubt been valued at higher rates than could have been obtained for it under ordinary circumstances.

7. This is but natural. The evident intention of Government to make great local improvements at Beitkál has not been overlooked by the Native community, and the value of property has risen in consequence.

8. However high the price per Acre may appear to be, I am still satisfied that the Assessors have acted fairly, as I think the following circumstances will prove.

9. There is a small garden having a water frontage to the North of No. 1. It is shown in Captain Fraser's map, but not I think in that furnished to the Board, of which I have no copy.

10. This garden measuring 24 Goontahs was sold in execution of a decree nearly two years ago, and the price paid for it was Rupees 350.

11. It is not yet in bearing and is very inferior to the other gardens purchased. The owner will sell it to Government for the sum paid by him, plus expenses (Rupees 10) and interest at 12 per cent. on purchase amount from date of purchase. To this offer I have acceded, subject to the confirmation of the Board; and the rate to be paid per Acre is Rupees 708-5-4, nearly equal to the price settled by the Assessors for the land taken up under Act.

12. This land also will be gladly taken back by the owner, if not eventually required.

13. I now proceed to state particulars regarding the ground alluded to in paragraph 2 as not the *bonâ fide* property of the holder, and to submit my views of the best mode of dealing with it.

14. No. 8 in the list already furnished to the Board and described as measuring Acre 1-8-0 turns out to be composed of $21\frac{5}{16}$ Goontahs, belonging to Gueny No. 44 "Bhumi Dêvata Wurg," and Goontahs 26 and 3 Anays said to form Gueny No. 18, Déva Kunbi Wurg.

15. This Wurg No. 18 is entered in the Stalwar Chitta of Fasli 1228 as "Koralaya Usmah Stalla," which may mean a Kommery and a sandy place. As twelve Annas and ten Pies of the beriz in this Wurg is Kommery Koralaya, the balance Rupees 1-4-9 may be supposed to relate to

some sandy place, but there is nothing further to be gathered from the accounts except that in the Pymash Chitta of Fasli 1232, it is stated that this Warg contains neither garden nor rice lands.

16. Now the land at present claimed in this Wurg answers neither description. It is neither Kommery nor sandy. It is either salt marsh, or land reclaimed by levelling at the foot of a hill.

17. The Kommery shist has already been deducted from the annual beriz, and the question now is whether I am to accept these 26 Goontahs and 3 Anays of the paddy field as representing Wurg No. 18, or whether I am to consider it concealed cutivation and assess it accordingly.

18. If I assess it, the beriz at 1 Rupee per acre would amount to Annas 10-5, and the holder would probably give up Wurg 18.

19. The only accounts I have, go to show that no land was Pymashed as belonging to this Wurg, and therefore the resignation of it by the proprietor would simply reduce the assessment he pays by 1-4-9.

20. Under these circumstances, I think it best to accept the proprietor's statement, that these 26 Goontahs and 3 Anays of land represent Gueny Wurg 18, and to pay him for it at the rate awarded for similar land.

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1. The Board approve of the course proposed by the Collector in paragraph 20. They do not consider that such a discrepancy between the description of the land in the old accounts of Fasli 1228 and its present appearance is sufficient to justify the assumption that it is concealed untaxed cultivation.

2. On the other points raised in the Collector's letter it does not appear necessary for the Board to pass any orders. His letter will be submitted to Government for such orders as they may deem proper.

3. The Board observe that the actual value for the land, as determined by the Arbitrators, is Rupees 544-10-1 per acre, which appears to them by no means excessive under the circumstances of the case.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 438. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1862, No. 382.

Ordered to be communicated to the Government of Bombay.

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

Ordered that the following letter be despatched :—

No. 439. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated 21st February 1862, No. 383.

SIR,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to transfer, for disposal by the Government of Bombay, the papers noted in the margin regarding certain lands at Beitkál required for public purposes.

From Board of Revenue, dated 6th February 1862, No. 343, with one enclosure.

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No. 383.

The Secretary to the Govt
of Bombay.

Sir,

I am directed by His
Excellency the Governor in
Council to transmit for disposal
by the
Govt of Bombay, the
papers noted in the margin regarding
certain
Claims at Belthole required
and Sketch for Public purposes.

I have &c
J. P. [illegible]

Fort St George
21st July 1862

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