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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th May 1865.*

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Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated Camp, Erode, 31st March 1865, No. 52 :—

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No. 87.

ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1865, No. 928.

Land Revenue.

1. The proposed exchange is sanctioned.
2. Paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings will be considered in the Department Public Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 1,616.

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Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp Cottamungalem, 11th March 1865, No. 33 :—

I have the honor to inform you that the new Conoor Ghaut runs for a distance of 512 yards through a Coffee estate owned by a native named Nunjappa Row, a resident of Ootacamund. The track, originally three feet wide, has been widened to about twenty feet, and entails the destruction of 1,125 large and 610 small coffee trees. The value of the ground and these trees is considerable, but Nunjappa Row is willing to take in lieu thereof, as compensation, a piece of jungle land adjoining his estate, between twelve and thirteen cawnies in extent. I beg most strongly to urge the adoption of this transfer to him. The only argument that can be brought against the step, is that the beauty of the locality will be somewhat diminished by the destruction of the jungle, and its conversion into a Coffee estate; but, on the other hand, Government will be saved the payment of a considerable sum of money as compensation, at a time when public money is by no means over-abundant.

Before submitting the Collector's proposal for the sanction of Government, the Board resolve to request the Collector to report the probable amount of compensation which would be awarded to Nunjappa Row, and the extent of his land which is required. Mr. Grant will also be good enough to state the average selling price of forest land similar in quality to the 12 Cawnies he proposes to assign to Nunjappa Row, and whether he proposes to assign it subject to the payment of an annual assessment or not. The terms on which Nunjappa Row holds his present lands should also be given.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

To P. Grant Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

Requesting certain information relative
the land belonging to Nunjappa Row taken
by the Coonoor Ghaut and the compensati
to be awarded to the owner.

No 1,616.

Dated 22nd March 1865.

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

