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Order No. 335 dated 25th March 1857

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 31st March 1857.

No. 3. Read the following *Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 10th March 1857, No. 742.*

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura,* forwarding an application for lands proposed to be allotted as sites for new hamlets.

**Dated 1st Nov. 1856, in Cons. 10th March 1857.*

(Here enter No. 249.)

In the letter of 27th March 1856,† the Collector repeated the suggestion made in the previous communication‡ that the local officers should be allowed when waste land is not available, to allot sheigal or assessed lands for the formation of a new hamlet, or the extension of village sites. The recommendation was based on the facts that the area in some cases was exceedingly large, and that the cultivated portion at the time of the survey was by no means so extensive as it has now become, and the extent of land assigned for village sites was proportionately restricted. Hence from the spread of cultivation the village sites are now found frequently to be insufficient and inconveniently situated for the Agricultural community. Mr. Parker further suggests that lands allotted to cultivating ryots should be exempted from taxation and that non-cultivating ryots should pay assessment for the ground on which they build, but be allowed to redeem it at so many years' purchase. Although the rule at present is not to exempt sheigal land from assessment, when houses are built upon it, yet as the spread of cultivation would be facilitated by the formation of new villages, or the extension of those already existing, the Collector was instructed§ to report any case, in which it might appear desirable to appropriate sheigal land to such a purpose free of assessment. The present application has been submitted in consequence. The extent of Poonjah land proposed to be allotted is C. 9 As. 3½ bearing an assessment of Rupees 13-15-2. The parties who wish to build on this ground have engaged to cultivate the waste lands contiguous to it, and the Board recommend that sanction may be accorded to the Acting Collector to make over the Poonjah land to the applicants rent free, or subject to the regular assessment or a light quit rent payable by non-cultivators according as on the receipt of the further information required from the Acting Collector the Board may determine.

†In Cons. 1st Aug. 1856.

‡From Madura 3d March in Cons. 24th April 1854.

§Pro. to Madura 1st Aug. 1856.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, *No. 285; dated 25th March 1857.*

Under the circumstances represented, and agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the Acting Collector of Madura to assign for building purposes to the applicants alluded to, 9 C. 3½ As. of Poonjah land in the Tenkurray talook, assessed at Rupees 13-15-2, rent free or otherwise as the Board may determine on receipt of the further information they have called for.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Revenue Department

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/ A true Extract /

Acting Secretary

To,

T. Forbes Esq.
Actg Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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Revenue Department

№ 2433.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st August, 1856.

Read letter from the Collector of Madura dated 27th March 1857.

In Con. 1st Aug. 1856.

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In this letter Mr. Parker repeats a suggestion formerly made by him that when ground is wanted to enlarge the site of a Village, or to form a new one and no Poramboke land is available, the local Officers should be allowed to allot Sheigal land for the purpose. Mr. Parker further recommends that cultivating ryots should receive plots of this ground for their houses rent free, and that non-cultivators should pay Assessment for the ground on which they build; but should be allowed to redeem it at so many years purchase.

2. At present the rule is that Sheigal or Assessed land is not to be exempted from taxation, when houses are built

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 10th March 1857.

Rec'd 12th March 1857.

From Collector of Madura

№ Rs. 285. 25th February

Submitting a letter from Mr. Parker, Collector of Tinnevelly relative to Land for purposes of the Village and the Government Sheigal land.

Ordered, that the Records of the Tinnevelly Collectorate be called for, and that the Collector be requested to report whether Sheigal land is ever granted rent free for the purposes of building houses for the Ryots, and if so, under what circumstances, and whether the Board may determine on the receipt of further information from him.

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built upon it and there are obvious reasons for such a course. But there may be occasions, as observed by the Collector, when the spread of cultivation will be facilitated by the formation of a new hamlet, or by the extension of a Village site so as to admit more residents. The assignment of pieces of ground for occupancy in this manner is also in accordance with ancient usage.-

3. The sanction of Government is however required before a fesfed land can be appropriated to such a purpose and be exempted from payment of revenue. Mr. Parker is therefore instructed to report to the Board for orders any cases in which it appears desirable to appropriate Sheigal land to this purpose. The description, extent and Appointment of the land should be given, with a short explanation of the circumstances which led to the application. In any instances where delay is inadvisable immediate reports may be

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made, but otherwise periodical Statements, asking for assignments of land can be forwarded.-

4. The Board intend that the Sheigal land to be assigned for the purpose in view should be either waste or such as can be obtained without expense to Government. They also wish the applications to be confined to occasions, where the formation of a new Village or the extension of an existing one is necessary to promote cultivation. They are anxious to avoid lessening the value of private lands in the neighbourhood of towns or in populous Districts by any measure which would discourage their being sought for building purposes.-

5. With regard to Mr Parker's proposal that cultivating ryots should have the sites of their houses within the Nuttum areas free, and non-cultivators be called on for assessment, the Board wish to be informed at what rate it is proposed to tax

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the latter, and what the practice of the District now is. They agree with Mr Parker that it would be desirable to allow occupants of land within a Village Nattum to redeem the land tax if practicable, but comparatively little advantage would arise to Government unless all the land in a Nattum was redeemed, and the Board do not consider the measure capable of being carried out if among other difficulties. a ryot ceases by a change of ownership ipso facto exempt from taxation on passing from a non-cultivating to a cultivating owner.

/A true Extract/
/signed/ J. D. Sim
Subsecretary

To,
R. D. Parker Esq
Collector of Madura

/A true Copy/
G. Shiers
Acting Secretary

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The Board of Revenue forwarding the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to Government dated 10th January 1857. No 242

To
The Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Forwarding the accompanying copy of a Village suit.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

under date the 25th March, 1857.

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