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செப்பனிடுபவர் பெயர் தி, மேரி.

செப்பனிடுவதற்காக எடுத்துக் கொள்ளப்பட்ட நாள் 10/06.

செப்பனிட்டு முடித்த நாள் 4/07

சரிபார்க்கும் முதல் மு. நி. பா. எ கையொப்பம்.

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 4th August 1857.

No. 5. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department; dated Fort St. George 23d June 1857, No. 2145.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation under date the 7th November 1856, No. 1186, Revenue Department, I am directed to submit for the consideration and oders of Government the correspondence which has passed with the Officiating Agent at Kurnool, relative to a modification of the lease granted to Captain Nelson for the waste lands of Peddacheroovoo and Siddapoor, with the view of affording him further encouragement, and the sentiments of the Board on the question.

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Pro. of Board 30th March 1857.
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3. , Representing the great difficulties he has to encounter, the large expenditure required, and insalubrious nature of the climate, Captain Nelson, in his letter to Government of the 23rd September 1856, has requested that he may hold his lands on the liberal terms granted to settlers in Pegu, which he states to be freedom from tax for 32 years.

In from Government 7th November 1856.

4. In referring this application to the Board, Government called their attention to the Cowles allowed for reclaiming forest land in Ganjam, the terms of which are as follows :

Pro. of Commr. 8th July 1851, No. 300.
In from Ganjam 15th Jan. in N. C. Dy. Cons. 10th July 1851.

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Second: 5 years— $\frac{1}{4}$ Assessment.
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Fourth. 5 years— $\frac{3}{4}$ do.
subsequently full assessment.

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Enc. in No. 5296 from Offg. Agent dated 18th Decr. 1856 in Cons. 30th March 1857.

6. Before coming to an opinion on the extent of indulgence towards Captain Nelson to be recommended to Government, the Board were anxious to learn the present state and future prospects of the Farm.

7. The extent of the Farm is stated to be about 40,000 acres, of which about 100 have been partially cleared. In addition a tank has been repaired at an expense of 250 Rupees. A Nullah turned back into its former course, and an Indigo Vat and other buildings erected at a cost of 1,750 Rupees.

From Officiating Agent 26th April in Cons. 23rd June 1857 para. 10.

8. Altogether Captain Nelson's expenditure is set down by him at the sum of Rs. 11,196, while the value of what he calls the assets, by which the Board suppose he means, the value of the land in its improved state, as well as of the buildings, cattle and implements, is estimated by him at Rs. 3,160.

Enc. from Officiating Agent 4th Decr. 1856, in Cons. 30th March 1857.

9. The produce hitherto, Captain Russell thinks, has hardly sufficed to keep the cattle and provide seed, and Captain Nelson's prospects of future gain will be seen to be regarded by that officer in a very desponding light.

10. Still, whatever may be the result to Captain Nelson himself, the effect of his exertions to the country, will, Captain Russell states, be beneficial. The Board therefore feel justified in availing themselves of the permission of Government, to recommend an improvement in the terms allowed him.

11. As regards the first 10 years the Cowles proposed for Ganjam are less favorable than Captain Nelson's present lease, and Captain Russell would prefer to modify the latter by levying one half instead of full assessment for 10 years after the expiration of the free rent term: postponing the collection of full tax till the completion of 20 years.

12. He is also in favor of allowing Captain Nelson to hold the Farm of the Poollary tax above the Ghat at a fixed sum so long as that tax is continued, and of vesting him with Magisterial powers.

13. On full consideration the Board would beg to recommend that Captain Russell's suggestions may be adopted except the last. Although it is very desirable that Captain Nelson should have some control over the wild people of the tract which he is labouring to civilize, and important to the Chenchoowars themselves that they should be able to obtain redress for wrongs committed, the one against the other, without recourse to a distant tribunal; the Board are of opinion that it would be very objectionable in principle to arm a private individual prosecuting an enterprize undertaken, in part at least, with a view to profit, with the full powers of a Magistrate over the people employed by him. It seems only just, however high his character may stand, that the Magistrate should be one independent of both parties, to hold the balance between them. Some degree of power, of the same kind, may however, the Board think, be conceded to him, as is sometimes the case with respect to Zemindars. They would suggest that the Officiating Agent, may be authorized to appoint Captain Nelson, if he thinks proper, an Ameen of Police under Regulation IV. of 1821 and Act XXX. of 1837. The only question is whether with reference to clause 2nd Section 11. Regulation IV. of 1821, Captain Nelson will not then be subordinate as a Police Officer to the Tahsildar. The Board would however hope that the Foujdary Udalut would see no objection to the tract of country being considered to be a distinct Police charge. Police Ameens employed in Zemindaries, corresponding at present direct with the Magistrate.

In Cons. 23rd June 1857.

14. It was omitted, in the proper place to draw the attention of Government to para. 12 of the Officiating Agent's letter of the 26th April last, in which he mentions as a fact important, to the consideration of the Cowle to be granted for reclaiming forest land, that the tract of jungle extending 65 miles under the Nulla Mulla Hills may be expected to come under the plough at an early period.

ORDER THEREON, No. 764; dated 29th July 1857.

No. 6.

1. Capt. Nelson, rent free lessee for ten years of Siddapoor and Peddacherroo in the District of Kurnool, having represented the obstacles experienced by him, in his efforts to clear and bring under the plough those waste and jungle lands, and having requested a more extended period of tenure on the same liberal terms, the Government called* upon the Board of Revenue to ascertain from the Agent in Kurnool the state and progress of the experiment, and to report the modification they would propose in Captain Nelson's lease. The Board now submit their correspondence with the Agent, and at the same time report their own views on the propriety of further encouragement being held out to Captain Nelson. In his first letter, the Agent spoke hopefully of the ultimate success of Captain Nelson's efforts; nor does his second communication tend to remove the impression created by the first; but in his third letter, he is observed to write less hopefully of the experiment; indeed, he states that "no one of a different temperament would either have undertaken such a scheme, or would persevere in it," and that Captain Nelson "neither expects to make a fortune, or money at all"; adding, "I can

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hardly tell what his object is, but he will do good." From a statement submitted, upwards of eleven thousand Rupees would appear to have been laid out on the farm, in partially clearing about one hundred out of about forty thousand acres, repairing a tank at an expense of 250 Rs., turning a nullah at 150 Rs., and erecting an indigo vat and other buildings at 1,750 Rs.; but the assets, comprehending as the Board presume, the improved land, buildings, cattle, and implements, are after all estimated at only 3,160 Rupees; the produce hitherto realized hardly sufficing to keep the cattle and provide seed. Notwithstanding these discouraging results, both the Board and the Agent, looking to the moral effect likely to be produced on the people of the country by Captain Nelson's labors, advocate the concession of liberal terms to him.

2. Three points are submitted for the orders of Government; first, the renewal of the lease of Siddapoor and Peddacherroo to Captain Nelson, on the expiration of the rent free tenure, at half assessment for ten years, and full assessment afterwards, thus postponing the collection of full tax until the completion of twenty years; secondly, the farming of the Poollery tax above the ghat to that officer, at a fixed sum so long as that tax continues; and thirdly, vesting him with magisterial powers, in order that he might have some control over the wild people of the tracts he is civilizing, and administer justice to the Chenchoowars. On the first point, as already observed, both the Board and the Agent are agreed. On the next, they are also in unison. As to the third, the Agent would vest Captain Nelson with police powers under Section 39, Regulation XI. of 1816, conceiving that his possessing some authority over that part of the country would tend to strengthen his position, and be conducive to the benefit of an uncivilized class who worship power, and obey the man invested with it; while the Board on their part deprecate on principle, the arming with full magisterial authority a private individual prosecuting an undertaking of a speculative nature, and constantly employing the people over whom his authority would extend. They however think that some degree of power may be conceded to him, as in the case of certain Zemindars; and they accordingly suggest that the Agent may be authorized to appoint Captain Nelson, if he deems it proper, an Ameen of Police under Regulation IV. of 1821 and Act XXX. of 1837; but with reference to the second clause of the second section of the Regulation, they recommend that Captain Nelson should be placed, not under the Tahsildar, but in direct correspondence with the Magistrate.

3. Conceiving that the efforts of Captain Nelson to reclaim the wilds of Sidapoor and Peddacherroo, to bring them under cultivation, and to civilize their inhabitants, are calculated to have a good and enduring effect on the country, even although the speculation may not be profitable in a pecuniary point to him, the Government approve of the first two recommendations of the Board and the Agent; and accordingly grant authority that, at the end of his present ten years' lease, Captain Nelson be allowed to hold the lands for the further period of ten years on half assessment, and on full tax afterwards; and that the Poollery contract above the ghat be continued to him at a fixed sum so long as that tax continues. Para. 13 of the Board's letter, regarding vesting Captain Nelson with police powers, will be referred to the Judicial Department for consideration and disposal.

4. The Government observe that the Board draw their attention to the mention made by the Agent in para. 12 of his letter of the 26th April last, of the likelihood of the tract of land, extending 65 miles under the Nulla Mulla hills, being soon brought under the plough. By this the Board probably intend to warn the Government that, whatever orders they may pass in Captain Nelson's case, will be quoted as precedents by other parties hereafter, but the Government observe that in the paragraph to which the Board refer, the Agent particularly says that "there are fewer drawbacks" to the cultivation of the land he refers to, than of that which has been undertaken by Captain Nelson. But besides this, there were peculiar features in the case of Captain Nelson's offer which do not apply to ordinary offers to clear forest land for cultivation; he was the first to undertake the difficult task of reclaiming a wild inhospitable region and its no less wild inhabitants; he was required to reside in an unhealthy tract, it was hoped he would civilize a hitherto untamed race, and his project altogether was distinct from those to which the Board probably refer, and may be separately treated.

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

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*E. M. C. 7th November 1856, No. 1186.

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Pro of Govt for July
No. 764
Pro of the Madras Govt
9th July 1857.
Int Cons 4th Aug.

Authorizing the renewal of the Lease of Siddapoor and Peddacheroo to Captain Nelson on the expiration of the present term, at half assessment for ten years and full assessment afterwards; and the farming of the Pullery tax above the ghat to that Officer.

Revenue Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
23d. June 1857.

No. 2145

From,
J. D. Sim Esq.
Ag. Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

To,
A. Forbes Esq.
Ag. Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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Fort St. George,
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J. D. Sim
Ag Secretary.

To,
H. Forbes Esq.
Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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From The Ag Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
To The Ag Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Department

Dated 23d } June 1857
Recd 25th }

7 Enclo. No. 2145
6 Do Returned
S.C. Ro. 764 29th July

Submitting correspondence with the Offg Agent at Kurnool relative to a modification of the Lease granted to Captain Nelson for the waste lands of Peddache-rooo and Siddapoor, with the view of affording him further encouragement and stating the sentiments of the Board on the question.

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8 Revenue Department

No.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th March, 1857.

Read letters received from the Officiating Agent to the Governor at Kurnool dated 4th and 18th December 1856

(Here enter Nos 112 and 118)

In Extract Minutes Consultation of 7th November 1856 No. 1186 Revenue Department the Government forwarded copy of a letter from Captain Nelson, and called upon the Board to report upon the propriety of conceding to him more liberal terms than he now enjoys for bringing into cultivation the waste lands of Peddacheroo.voo and Siddapoor.

2. The conditions upon which these lands were granted were exemption from tax for ten years, and an advance of Rupees 3000.

3. The Board are fully impressed with the importance of this undertaking and are prepared to recommend

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a further extension of the period of rent fre tenure should there be sufficient ground for such indulgence, but they observe that Captain Russel, while he testifies in general terms to the great difficulties Captain Nelson has to encounter, and considers him deserving of every encouragement, is altogether silent on the progress made in clearing and repairing tanks and improving the means of irrigation &c. and offers no opinion upon the future prospects of the undertaking.

4. The Board moreover are not disposed to set down the project as an unremunerative one simply because the first year and a half which was naturally occupied in clearing jungle &c. brought in no returns. It appears to them that there are no sufficient data for coming to any such conclusion and that the carrying out of the Scheme has hardly arrived at such a stage as to allow of an estimate being formed of its probable results, whether profitable or otherwise.

5. On the above points therefore the

the Board desire further information.

6. In offering any suggestion for the modification of the terms of the lease, the Officiating Agent will keep in view the conditions upon which Cowles are granted for forest land in Ganjam as communicated in the Commissioner's Proceedings of 8th July 1851 No. 300. It is therein provided that for Anadi bunjer land over-run with forest, no assessment should be levied for the first 5 years, that for each succeeding period of 5 years, ¼ - ½ and ¾ of the demand payable on the nearest assessed land should be charged, and that after 20 years the land should bear the full assessment.

7. Before passing final orders upon Captain Nelson's second request, viz.t that the Poollary may be rented to him for the term of his lease without competition, the Board desire to know whether the Officiating Agent has ever received complaints relative to Captain Nelson's management of the Poollary

Poollary-

(A true Extract)
(Signed) L. Forbes
Ag Sub Secretary-

To

Captain T. G. Russell
Officiating Agent to the Governor
of Fort St. George at Kurnool.

(A true Copy)

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Ag Secretary-

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Enclosure in a letter from
the Ag Secretary to the Board
of Revenue to the Ag Secretary
to Government Revenue De-
partment dated 23d June 1857.
No. 2145

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Copy
Boards Proceedings to Govrnt
dated 30th March 1857.
Respecting the grant of
Waste Lands on Rent to Captain
Nelson in Ganjam District.

No. 4. (11)

From
A. P. Onslow Esqr.
Collector of Ganjam

To
Walter Elliot Esqr.
Commissioner Northern Circars
Rajahmundry

Sir,

Para 1. Personal observation has made you aware of the existence in the District of Ganjam of large tracts of forest land in a state of nature. It is not likely that they will ever yield entirely to the industry of man, but it is not extravagant to suppose that if due encouragement be held out cultivation will be rapidly extended to such a degree as to make a very sensible impression upon them, and in this belief I venture to invite your attention to the expediency of establishing a System of Cowle in the District.—

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2. The tracts of forest land, to which I more particularly allude, are situated in the resumed Zemindaries of Goomsur, Soordah and Mohery. There are also large tracts of land overrun with jungle, but of a less heavy description in the Small Moondas of Boden and Pattalagam. The heaviest forests amount

forests are those in which the Dammer tree and the Bamboo prevail. They present no such formidable obstacles as to deter men possessed of an ordinary degree of enterprise from undertaking to clear them. Fevers which obtain more or less in all jungle tracts are not here of a malignant description, and people are at hand if due encouragement were afforded to avail themselves of it. The measure is calculated to benefit the state not only by increasing its revenue but by the effect it will probably have on the character of the people. At present Goomsur, Soordah, Ookhorry are overrun by a race of men the descendants and Connexions of the armed retainers of the former Zemindars whose addiction to an idle vagabond mode of life is fostered by the wildness of the country and who would it cannot be doubted soon follow the example which would be set them by Brahmins and others from the towns and villages who would gladly seize the opportunity of improving their fortunes and I speak not unadvisedly when I say that there is a considerable number of persons who would thus employ themselves.—

3 I am aware of the objections which have been so frequently urged against encouraging a spirit of speculation by the inducement of a bonus, but I do not think them applicable to the measures I am about to propose, while the fact is

sufficiently apparent that altho' the Districts alluded to have been subject to the administration of the Officers of Government for many years a spirit of turbulence and disaffection unknown in other parts of the Madras Presidency still prevails, so that it is high time I submit that something should be done to bring about a happier state of affairs. If matters are to be left to take their own course unassisted by the efforts of those who are in a position to control them Goomsur may yet become again the scene of turmoil and rebellion, and it cannot be doubted that a measure which has for its object the encouragement of agriculture will in conjunction with laying the country open by means of roads, a subject which I have brought under the notice of the proper department, and of which I take this opportunity of respectfully soliciting your advocacy, do more to tranquillize the people and attach them to Govern^t than any other that could be adopted.—

4 The following are the rules which I beg to propose for your consideration.—

For Amady Bunjee and Coompote consisting of heavily timbered forest lands and thick Bamboo jungles a free cowle for the first three years of occupation. Thenceforward a permanent assessment of Annas Six (Rs. 6) per Acre.

5 For other description of Anady Bunjer lands known as Laykh Anady Bunjer I would propose the following terms.

1st That they should be liable to no Rent for the first five years.

2d To one fourth of the assessment to which land of similar capability is liable in the neighbourhood, in the Sixth year.

3d To one half in the seventh.

4 To three fourths in the eighth

5 To full assessment in the ninth.

6 For "Bunjer Bunjer" or land once cultivated left waste for five years.

1st No assessment for the first year.

2d One fourth of the full assessment for the second year.

3 One half in the 3d.

4th Full assessment in the fourth year.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant.

Ganjam District,
Collector's Circuit Cutcherry,
Ganjam, 15th Jany 1831.

Collector & Agent to the Govr

(E.C.) [illegible]

No 300 (13)

1 The Commissioner approves of the proposal for encouraging the cultivation of old waste lands submitted in the foregoing letter. Much care and circumspection however are required in fixing the terms for each class of improvements, lest by making them in any instance too favorable, the ryots should be tempted to transfer their labor and enterprize from more valuable lands already in occupation, to those which would yield less revenue but prove more profitable to themselves.

2 This objection applies particularly to the first description of waste specified Viz. the anadi burjer over-run with forest. The terms of the Cowle would limit the demand on such land when fully reclaimed, to 6 annas per Acre in perpetuity. Instead of this the Commissioner would propose that no demand should be levied the first 5 years, $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the average demand on the nearest similar assessed land in each period of 5 years succeeding, and the full amount

amount after 20 years.

3 The terms proposed for Layek Anadi Buryer appear fair. Vizt no assessment for the first 5 years, then 1/4 in the 6th 1/2 in the 7th 3/4 in the 8th and the full levy in the 9th year, tho' perhaps the period of entire exemption is somewhat too long.

4 ~~Mr~~ Absolute exemption from tax is not usually allowed in other districts on the 3d description — Layek Buryer or fallows of 5 years. In lieu of that condition the Commissioner would suggest the levy of

1/4 the assessment in the 1st year
" " 2d "
1/2 " " 3d "
3/4 " " 4th "
Full assessment......

5 With these modifications the Commissioner is prepared to sanction the proposed Cowlenamah. He would farther suggest that persons offering to undertake clearings under the first description of lease should satisfy the Collector of their competency to accomplish the task, giving security if required, and that in all cases it should be a condition in the Cowle that the parties

parties shall not relinquish the maamool lands already in their occupation.

Masulipatam
8th July 1831

(Sigd) Walter Elliot
Commr.

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Rev. Department

No. 764. (15)

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
(Under date the 29th July 1857)

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(Mr Burgess's Cawle)

agement being held out to Captain Nelson. In his first letter, the Agent spoke hopefully of the ultimate success of Capt Nelson's efforts; nor does his second communication tend to remove the impression created by the first; but in his third letter, he is observed to write ~~anything~~ less hopefully of the experiment; indeed, he states that "no one of a different temperament would either have undertaken such a scheme, or would persevere in it", and that Capt Nelson "neither expects to make a fortune, or money at all"; adding, "I can hardly tell what his object is, but he will do good." From a statement submitted, upwards of eleven thousand rupees would appear to have been laid out on the farm, in partially clearing about one hundred out of about forty thousand acres, repairing a tank at an expense of 250 Rs, turning a nullah at 150 Rs, and erecting an indigo vat and other buildings at 1750 Rs; but the

assets, comprehending as the Board presume, the improved land, buildings, cattle, and implements, are after all estimated at only 3,160 Rs; the produce hitherto realized hardly sufficing to keep the cattle and provide seed. Notwithstanding these discouraging results, both the Board and the Agent, looking to the moral effect likely to be produced on the people of the country by Capt Nelson's labors, advocate the concession of liberal terms to him.

2 Three points are submitted for the orders of Govt; first, the renewal of the lease of Siddapoor & Peddacherroo to Capt Nelson, on the expiration of the rent free tenure, at half assessment for ten years, and full assessment afterwards, thus postponing the collection of full tax until the completion of twenty years; secondly, the farming of the Pottery tax above the Ghaut to that officer, at a fixed sum so long as that tax continues, ~~instead of yearly sale & purchase~~; and thirdly, vesting him with magisterial powers, in order that

he might have some control over the wild people of the tracts he is civilizing, and to administer ~~even~~ justice to the Chenchoowars, ~~or between themselves~~. On the first point, as already observed, both the Board and the Agent are agreed. On the next, they are also in unison. As to the third, the Agent would vest Capt Nelson with police powers under Sec 39, Reg XI of 1816, conceiving that his possessing some authority over that part of the country would tend to strengthen his position, & be conducive to the benefit of ~~a~~ an uncivilized class ~~savages~~ who worship power, and ey the man invested with it; while the Board on their part deprecate on principle, the arming with full magisterial authority, a private individual prosecuting an undertaking of a speculative nature*. They however think that some degree of power may be conceded to him, as in the case of certain Zemindars, and they accordingly suggest that the Agent may be authorized to appoint Capt Nelson, if he deems it proper, an Ameen of Police under Reg IV of 1821 and Act XXX of 1837; but with reference to the second clause of the second section of the Regulation, they recommend that Captain Nelson should be placed, not under the Tahsildar, but in direct correspondence with the Magistrate.

* and constantly employing the people over whom his authority would extend.

3 Conceiving that the efforts of Captain Nelson to reclaim the wilds of Siddapoor and Peddacheeroo, to bring them under cultivation, and to civilize their inhabitants are calculated to have a good and enduring effect on the country, even although ~~it~~ the speculation may not be profitable in a pecuniary point to him, the Government approve of the first two recommendations of the Board and the Agent,

Agent; and accordingly grant authority that, at the end of his present ten years lease, Captain Nelson be allowed to hold the lands for the further period of ten years on half assessment, and on full tax afterwards; and that the Poollery contract above the Ghat be continued to him at a fixed sum, so long as that tax continues.

Para 13 [illegible] of the Board's letter, regarding vesting Captain Nelson with police powers, will be referred to the Judicial Deptt for consideration and disposal.

4. The Government observe that

that the Board draw the attention to the mention made by the Agent in para 12 of his letter of the 26th April last, of the likelihood of the tract of land extending 65 miles under the Nulla Mulla hills, being soon brought under the plough. By this the Board probably intend to warn the Govt. that, whatever orders they may pass in Captn. Nelson's case, will be quoted as precedents by other parties hereafter, but the Government observe that in the paragraph to which the Board refer, the Agent particularly says

ays that "there are fewer
rawbacks" to the cultivation
the land he refers to than of
that which has been
undertaken by Captain
Nelson. But besides this,
there were peculiar
features in the case
of Captain Nelson's offer
which do not apply to
ordinary offers to clear
orest land for cultiva
tion – he was required to reside
in an unhealthy tract,
it was hoped he would
civilize a hitherto un
tamed race, and
his project altogether was
distinct from those
to which the Board
probably refer, and
may

he was the first to undertake
the difficult task of reclaiming
a wild inhospitable region
& its no less wild inhabitants

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may be separately ~~dis~~
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