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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 8th September 1857.

No. 41. 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, 11th August 1857, No. 2685.

From Collector 16*th April* 1857, *in Consultation* 8*th June* 1857.
Pro. to Collr. 8*th June* 1857.
From do. 22*d do. in Cons.* 11*th August* 1857.

SIR,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the correspondence noted in the margin, regarding an application from Major Hunter for 300 Cawnies of land on the Neilgherries for the cultivation of coffee.

2. Major Hunter requests that the land may not be put up to auction as usual, but that it may be granted to him free of all other payments than the annual quit rent, which he is willing to pay on the entire extent from the day he is put in possession of it. The land is situated at Coonoor near Major Hunter's present estate, which consists of 70 Cawnies, held on the usual terms.

3. Considering the great expense Major Hunter will have to incur in clearing the land and fitting it for cultivation, and that the undertaking is in a measure experimental, the Board are of opinion that his case may be viewed as an exceptional one, and that special encouragement may equitably be extended to him. They therefore recommend under para. XX. of the rules for the grant of lands on the Neilgherries, that Major Hunter be permitted to hold the land in question on the conditions proposed.

C. O. B. page 588.

4. As regards the trees on the land the Board think that their preservation should be required only when they are in groups of a dozen or more, single trees here and there often interfere with agricultual operations, and their preservation by express stipulation unless required as boundary marks seems unnecessary. The Board think it would be a better plan to require that a certain portion of the area should be planted and maintained under timber always.

From Collector 19*th March* 1857.
Pro. 1*st June* 1857.

5. With regard to the grass puttahs of Burghers, the Board have informed the Collector that there is no objection to their being permitted to hold a certain portion of their putcut for pasture according to the hookumnamah of the District. The rule allows $\frac{1}{5}$ of the putcut to be held on $\frac{1}{4}$ of the fixed assessment. To this extent and on the terms laid down an occupant cannot be disturbed on others competing for the land, nor need he be ousted in regard to any excess if willing to pay the full assessment, provided the said excess has been bonâ fide held by him under a puttah, and is not merely taken up at the time to prevent the occupation of others.

6. Adverting to para. 2 of Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 5th February 1857, No. 138. Rev. Dept., the Board take this opportunity of stating that the revision of the present rules for the grant of lands on the Neilgherries is under consideration, and that the report required on the subject will be laid before Government as soon as possible after the receipt of the information called for from the Collector.

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, No. 900; dated 8th September 1857.

With the letter above recorded, the Board of Revenue submit an application from Major Hunter for the grant of 300 cawnies of land for Coffee cultivation on the Neilgherry Hills, free from all payments other than the annual quit rent, and they recommend it for sanction as an exceptional case, on the ground that the applicant will have to incur a great expense in clearing and fitting the land for cultivation.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has given the subject his best consideration, and he sees no reason to sanction an exception from the rules in favor of the present applicant.

3. The Government direct that all applications for land shall in future be accompanied by a map shewing its exact position, and they desire that one shall be furnished in this instance before any grant be made to Major Hunter.

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

Revenue Department

No. 1922

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 8th June 1837.

Read letter from the Collector of Coimbatore dated 23rd April 1837

(Hare Enter No. 54)

In this letter the Collector submits and reports on an application from Major Hunter of Coimbatore for 300 Cawnies of Land adjoining his present Estate.

2. Major Hunter is prepared to pay the Government Quit Rent on the entire extent sought but requests that the land may not be put up to auction as usual but granted to him free of all other payments than the Quit Rent.

3. The terms on which Land on the Hills is now held is under consideration, and it is possible that the abolition of the purchasing system - or at least a reduction in the upset price may be deemed advisable but as the ultimate decision will rest with Government the Board cannot take

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upon themselves to say whether these or in fact any other alterations will be effected.-

4. The present rules however provide for exceptional cases and if on further consideration the Collector is led to believe that special encouragement may equitably be extended to Major Hunter, the Board will be prepared to support his recommendation. Failing this, all the Board can do in the present position of the question is to engage that if Major Hunter takes the land on the terms now in force he shall have the benefit notwithstanding of any advantages which may be extended to land-holders in the pending consideration of the question.-

5. As regards Trees on the lands, the Board think that their preservation should be required only when they are in groups of a dozen or more. Single trees here and there often interfere with agricultural operations and their preservation by express stipulation seems unnecessary and injudicious.

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6. The Collectors letter of the 19th March last No. 53 was replied to on the 1st instant and further instructions seems unnecessary.

(A true extract)
(Signed) J. B. Sim.
Acting Secretary.

To E. B. Thomas Esq
Collector of
Coimbatore.

(A true Copy)

J. B. Sim

Acting Secretary.

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Revenue Board office,
Fort St George,
11th August 1837.

Read Register [illegible]

No. 2685

From,

I D Sim Esq.

Actng Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

To,

H Forbes Esq.

Actng Secretary to Government.
Revenue Department.

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A Bonnie Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St George 15th August 1837.

Read the Register of Letters received at this Office on the 15th August 1837.

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obt Servant

Rev. Board Office,
Fort St George,
11th August 1837.

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Acting Secretary

To

H Forbes Esqr
Acting Secretary to Government
Rev. Department.

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N° 900.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultations
Under date the 8th September 1857
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N° 2685

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