

Revenue Department

No 24

Dated 6-1-1859

*Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 11th January 1859.*

No. 19. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd December 1858, No. 4491.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, dated 5th November 1858.

*In Cons. 3rd December 1858.*

Resolved that the above letter be submitted to Government with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation 7th June last, R. D. No. 764.

*In Cons. 18th June 1858.*

2. The Acting Collector reports that he has, though with much difficulty, prevailed on the Burghers of old Coonoor to part with the land required at Jackatalla for a Sanitarium.

3. The land measures 120 Cawnies, of which  $20\frac{1}{2}$  Cawnies, are cultivated and  $99\frac{1}{2}$  "Burty" or land only occasionally tilled. The Burghers rarely cultivate the same spot of ground in two consecutive years, owing partly to the poverty of soil, but in a greater measure no doubt to their defective system of Agriculture. The Board have already refused

*Pro. to C. 24th Nov. 1857.* to recognise the rights of the Burghers to spots thus cultivated once in five or six years and intermediately neither tilled improved

nor paid for, when others willing to pay for them regularly every year required them for agricultural or other purposes. So long as the land is not sought by others on these terms the Burghers are free to shift their Puttahs and cultivation, but to admit claims based on such desultory operations would be unjust to settlers of energy and capital who can and do turn the land to account every year, as well as to Government. For these reasons the Board cannot recommend that compensation should be allowed specially for the "Burty" land. For the cultivated extent Mr. Thomas named 70 Rupees per Cawney as a fair sum and this though liberal is not more

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|                     | Rupees. | convenient a spot. At this rate the Burghers are entitled |
| Houses, &c. ....    | 1730    | to Rupees 1412 for their cultivated land and their Houses |
| Cultivated land.... | 1412    | &c. which must be removed are valued at Rs. 1730. So      |
| "Burty" do ....     | 3494    | that the total compensation for these two items amounts   |
|                     | —       | to Rs. 3142. Mr. Thomas proposed to give the Burghers     |
|                     | 6636    | 35 Rs. per Cawney for the Burty land making the total     |
|                     |         | compensation amount to Rs. 6636 as shewn in the margin.   |

The Burghers themselves request that the valuation of their buildings may be paid to them and that in lieu of the remaining sum (Rupees 4906) they may receive an annual payment of Rupees 200, an arrangement to which Mr. Cherry objects.

4. The Board have referred to the correspondence connected with the former purchase of land for the Cantonment but are unable to find from it at what rate compensation was calculated and Mr. Cherry has also omitted to state the Assessment payable on the land now required. On the previous occasion Government apparently paid 850 Rupees and an annual allowance of Rupees 150 for about 600 Cawnies, besides, as-

*Extract Minutes Consultation 18th in Consultation 25th May 1848, No. 532, R. D.* signing a Bullah of land rent free in perpetuity. A further sum of 150 Rupees and an annual allowance of Rupees 15 was made for another portion apparently about 58 Cawnies. It thus appears that Government on these occasions paid only Rs. 1,000 and granted an annual allowance of Rs. 165 for rather more than 650 Cawnies

whereas, now, Rs. 200 per annum is sought for only 120 Cawnies, leaving out of consideration the compensation proposed for buildings. At 5 per cent interest these payments represent respectively capital sums of Rupees 3,300 and 4,000 to the former of which the ready money payment of 1,000 Rupees has to be added. The compensation would thus amount to Rupees 4,300 for 658 Cawnies against 4,000 for 120. As already stated the Board do not consider that the Burghers' claim to the "Burty" lands is admissible and it would certainly be undesirable to establish such a precedent. On the other hand Government will doubtless desire to treat the Burghers with liberality particularly as they have been dispossessed of lands and homesteads on several occasions. The Board think that if a sum of Rupees 4,000 is offered in

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satisfaction of all claims Government will act towards them with great liberality. The Board would also allow the Burghers the option as before of receiving an annual allowance in lieu of the whole or any portion of the compensation and recommend that it should be calculated at 5 per cent.

5. The Board are unable to trace any pledge given to the Burghers that no more lands would be required from them.

6. It will be seen that the Burghers have received 500 Rupees in advance and are to quit the land by the 1st April next. The Acting Collector should have awaited the orders of Government before adopting this step as the Burghers may now complain with a colourable pretext of breach of faith on the part of Government, if they do not receive the full sum they demand or expect.

7. The last para. of the Acting Collector's letter does not require notice on this occasion.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, Secretary.

No. 20.

ORDER THEREON, No. 24; dated 6th January 1859.

1. The Board of Revenue here reply to Extract Minutes Consultation 7th June 1858, No. 764, in which they were requested to direct the Collector of Coimbatore to adopt measures to purchase from the Badaga cultivators, the lands required for the proposed sanatorium or convalescent Depot at Jackatalla.

2. Mr. Cherry the Acting Collector now reports that he has though with much difficulty, prevailed on the Badagas of old Coonoor to part with the land required for the sanatorium, measuring 120 Cawnies, of which 20½ C. are cultivated and the rest *Bharti*, or land the right to cultivate which is claimed but which is never altogether cultivated, portions being alternately taken up and abandoned according to the defective system of agriculture pursued by the Badagas, (who rarely cultivate the same ground for two consecutive years, except the fields immediately adjoining their homesteads). The Board rightly disallow any claim to special compensation for this *Bharti* land.

3. For the cultivated area 70 Rupees a Cawnie is the price named, and Rupees 1,730 is the proposed compensation for the removal of houses, cattle pens, &c., making in all Rupees 3,142.

4. The Badagas have been assured that they will be liberally dealt with; and have probably been led to expect that they will be compensated for some at least of their *Bharti* land (as Mr. Thomas the Collector is of opinion that these claims are admissible). The Government concur, under these circumstances, with the Board when they propose Rupees 4,000 as the sum to be given to the inhabitants of old Coonoor.

5. With reference to the Board's remarks as to the high value of the land, it is observed that it is the oldest, and one of the most cherished locations of the tribe.

6. The proposition of the Badagas for a yearly payment in lieu of the ready money payment cannot be acceded to; but the Collector should, in communication with the Board, endeavour to adopt a means of securing them from their fears as to the safety of so large a sum in cash.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY.

Acting Secretary to Government.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation  
Under date the 6<sup>th</sup> January 1858.

Read the following extract from  
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Revenue.

Secretary 3 Dec/58 No 4491.

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local authorities have endeavoured  
to dissuade the Kadaga communities  
from the practice, though with  
little success: The Board rightly  
disallow any claim to special  
compensation for this Kharti land.

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From the Messrs. Luntz & Co. of  
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Concerning the Bonds  
 issued for the Grant of  
 4000 Rs to the Badagad of  
 Coonoor for the Forest Reserve  
 for the Government of India  
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