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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 25th January 1859.

No. 45. Read the following letter from J. W. CHERRY, Esq., Acting Collector of Coimbatore; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 29th December 1858, No. 66.

SIR,

1. As a satisfactory sequel to the correspondence about Major Hunter's land I have the honor to subjoin for the information of Government a copy of a letter that I have just received from Mr. A. R. W. Lascelles.

2. It confirms most completely the result of the enquiries made on the subject, and with which the Government have been already pleased to express their approval.

From A. R. W. LASCELLES; to J. W. CHERRY, Esq., Acting Collector of Coimbatore, dated Ootacamund, 28th December 1858.

SIR,

Having perused in the published Government records the Statements of Major R. Hunter respecting a piece of land adjoining his Estate at Coonoor, together with your letter to the Board of Revenue on the subject, I consider that I am probably strengthening the hands of the authorities, whilst I am also doing as I would wish to be done by; by informing you that I was the proprietor of the Estate joining the said piece of land, and in the habit of frequently visiting it for ten years, prior to 1856, and that up to that date, there had been neither Kraal, hut or cattle on the ground, neither had it ever been cultivated or claimed during that period, the man called Chavanah (an inhabitant of the Dayvella village) was in my service for many years of the above named period, and never once named his having any puttah for, or claim to the land, but on the contrary, both myself and all the Burghers in the neighbourhood were perfectly well aware that it was Government waste land, and if I mistake not Major Hunter had been informed by me of this fact when purchasing my Estate.

Whilst I entirely agree with you that every apparently well authenticated case of grievance or injustice sustained by settlers in this country should meet with every enquiry and redress, I cannot but be aware that many of the Statements and complaints made by persons of this class are either from ignorance or other causes wholly devoid of foundation, and having had therefore the most intimate acquaintance with the facts, persons and localities of the case in point, I have deemed it my duty to address you this communication.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. CHERRY,

Acting Collector.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, No. 99; dated 25th January 1859.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

No. 66

Coimbatore Collector's Office

Coimbatore 29th December 1858.

From

J. W. Cherry Esq^r

Acting Collector of Coimbatore

To

J. Eyroft Esq^r

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George

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Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

W. Henry
Acting Collector

W. H. Henry

Amos: 80th March / 58. 12th 11 1/2.

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From
The Collector of the Customs

To the High Secretary
Government

Dated 29th Dec 1858
Received 13th January 1859

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The Secretary for the
Colonies for the

information of the
City of Edinburgh
The Secretary for the
Colonies having referred
to the Hon. Secretary

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The Secretary

Records

25th January 59.

217th June

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