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No. 3. Read the following letter from Mr. J. W. POTTER; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Revenue Secretary to Government, Madras; dated Arcot, 12th August 1859.

From the circumstance of Government having purchased the Cheapauk Palace I am induced respectfully to submit the following proposal and to solicit that you will kindly lay the same before Government for their favorable consideration.

As there is every probability of His late Highness the Nabob's property at Arcot called the "Now Laack Garden" being sold, I shall be glad to take up the same, as one holding, under a fixed revised assessment, providing Government would be disposed to purchase the property in question on my representation.

The extent and capabilities of the land within the limits of the aforesaid Garden are as follows:—

	Cawnies.		Rupees.	A.	P.
Nunjah.....	472 4 12	Vide Statement A.....	5,166	5	3½
Poonjah.....	59 14 8	do. B.....	114	1	4½
Peramboke.....	72 8 12	Unfit for cultivation.....	0	0	0
Tope.....	504 4 0	Contracts given in Fusly 1268.....	1,678	0	0
	<u>1,109 0 0</u>				

Amany, or ready money sales of decayed gatherings, grass &c.....	78	3	5
	<u>7,036</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>

but under a revised Government assessment it will be as follows:—

	Cawnies.		Rs.	A.	P.
Nunjah.....	472 4 12	Vide Statement C.....	3,230	15	1
Poonjah.....	59 14 8	do. D.....	81	14	10
Peramboke.....	72 8 12	Unfit for cultivation.....	0	0	0
Tope.....	504 4 0	Proposed Teervah at 1 Rupee per Cawny.	504	4	0
	<u>1,109 0 0</u>		<u>3,817</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>

It may be observed that the proposed Poonjah teervah at 1 Rupee the Cawny for the Tope land is too low when taking into consideration the revenue of the Tope to be in Fusly 1268 Rupees 1,756-3-5, including ready money sales of decayed gatherings, grass, &c., this can be easily explained, a suitable Establishment will have to be maintained for the care of the Tope, and although the greatest economy may be observed, yet, it will not fall short of an annual expenditure of Rupees 840; this item added with the amount of the proposed teervah and then comparing with the present revised Government assessment on Poonjah lands adjacent to it, viz. Rupees 1-10-0 and 2-0-0 per cawny, it will be found that the present proposed Poonjah teervah for the Tope land is not underrated. There is another important fact which ought to be remembered, i. e. the trees forming the tope, from age, are not now so productive as in former years; these points can be fairly investigated by and bye, should Government become the purchaser.

In the event of Government purchasing the garden and accepting my proposal to take up the same under a revised assessment, as one holding, it will not interfere with the rights of the Ryots, who have been in the habit of cultivating these lands by merely signing annual Moochilkas and receiving no Puttahs; but it will be the means of bringing into practice the intentions of Government as described in para. 3 of their Proceedings in the Revenue Department dated the 18th June 1859.

I take this opportunity of stating that I at present hold Cawnies 140-6-0 of land under a revised assessment Puttah, in the Arcot Talook of this District, and respectfully to assure you that Government will not be disappointed in noticing my proposal.

Having so far set forward such particulars as are absolutely necessary for the information of Government, as regards the aforesaid garden, I earnestly trust that you will kindly comply with the solicitation contained in the first para. of this letter, and favor me at an early date with the views of Government on the subject, for which kindness I shall ever feel sensible.

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P. S. In proposing a Poonjah Teerwah for the tope land in preference to the present mode of giving the produce of the trees on contracts, I consider it the safest way of collecting its revenue, as by a ground rent being fixed it dispenses with the maintenance of an Establishment and will leave no room for Revenue subordinates to exercise any undue control over the tope, the Government will, in the meantime, be positive of a fixed revenue at the end of each Fusly. Should such a proposal not meet the approval of Government the next proper course I think would be, after purchasing the garden, to dispose of all the trees on said land by having it cut down under the management of a trustworthy Agent and then fixing a ground rent. The sale of the trees will, I am quite confident, refund a considerable portion of such outlay that may be incurred for the purchase of the garden, and the land in question can then be assessed under the head of Poonjah; for, from its quality and situation it is not adapted for Nunjah cultivation. That in the event of Government adopting the latter suggestion, viz. to cut down and dispose of the trees, I shall be glad to undertake such an agency in consideration of a moderate commission being allowed on the amount of sales.

(Signed) J. W. POTTER.

STATEMENT A.
Now Laack Nunjah Land.

Localities.	Cawnies.	Present rate.		Amount.		
		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	
Poolyenkun.....	4 6 12	24	8 0	108	5 4 1/2	
	1 12 8	22	12 0	40	8 4 1/2	
	29 4 4	21	0 0	614	9 3	
	20 2 12	17	8 0	353	0 1 1/2	
	31 2 4	14	0 0	435	15 6	
	20 8 12	12	4 0	251	11 1 1/2	
	7 11 12	10	8 0	81	3 4 1/2	
	1 3 4	9	10 0	11	9 10 1/2	
	10 6 0	8	12 0	90	12 6	
	0 15 8	7	14 0	7	10 0	
Yary Oolvoy.....	8 9 4	7	0 0	60	0 9	
	0 14 8	6	2 0	5	8 9	
	10 7 8	5	4 0	54	15 4 1/2	
	3 11 0	4	6 0	16	2 6	
	2 10 0	3	8 0	9	3 0	
	12 5 8	21	0 0	259	3 6	
	20 1 4	17	8 0	351	5 10 1/2	
	14 14 0	13	2 0	195	4 1 1/2	
	6 7 4	9	10 0	62	2 6	
	14 7 4	7	0 0	101	2 9	
Cumbuthum.....	11 1 8	3	8 0	38	13 3	
	17 2 12	17	8 0	300	8 1 1/2	
	10 0 0	17	8 0	175	0 0	
Raza Goottie.....	10 4 4	13	2 0	134	11 7 1/2	
	5 0 0	8	12 0	43	12 0	
	0 8 0	5	4 0	2	10 0	
Avaray Curray.....	8 7 8	14	0 0	118	9 0	
	18 12 0	10	8 0	196	14 0	
	53 0 12	8	12 0	464	2 3	
	6 4 8	6	9 0	41	3 9	
	9 11 12	5	4 0	51	1 7 1/2	
Tenghall.....	10 3 8	3	15 0	40	4 0	
	2 9 12	14	0 0	36	8 6	
	2 4 4	10	8 0	23	12 7 1/2	
	0 4 8	8	12 0	2	7 4 1/2	
	12 4 0	7	14 0	96	7 6	
Monyempett.....	5 3 4	5	4 0	27	4 7 1/2	
	5 5 12	3	8 0	18	12 1 1/2	
	2 0 0	10	8 0	21	0 0	
	2 12 0	7	0 0	19	4 0	
	8 15 0	5	4 0	46	14 9	
Vydelinga Kholay in Poolyencun.....	5 6 8	4	6 0	23	10 0	
	23 2 4	2	10 0	60	12 1 1/2	
	2 6 4	1	12 0	4	2 6	
	17 1 8	3	15 0	67	4 11	
	472	4	12	5,166	5	3 1/2

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STATEMENT B.
Now Laack Poonjah Land.

Localities.	Cawnies.	Present rate.		Amount.		
		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	
Poolyenkun.....	1 1 4	2	0 0	2	2 7 1/2	
	4 4 0	0	15 9	4	2 10 1/2	
	6 0 12	1	7 7 1/2	8	14 1 1/2	
Yary Oolvoy.....	5 14 12	0	15 9	5	14 1 1/2	
	0 5 12	3	8 0	1	4 3	
	1 2 0	6	3 9	7	0 0	
Raza Goottie.....	23 2 12	1	15 6	45	9 9	
Avaray Curray.....	1 10 0	12	4 0	19	14 6	
	10 12 4	0	15 9	10	9 9	
	0 8 0	6	2 0	3	1 0	
Tenghall.....	5 1 0	1	1 6	5	8 4 1/2	
Monyempett.....	59 14 8			114	1 4 1/2	

STATEMENT C.

Localities.	Cawnies.	Revised assessment rate.		Amount.		
		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	
Poolyenkun.....	4 6 12	9	0 0	39	12 9	
	1 12 8	9	0 0	16	0 6	
	29 4 4	9	0 0	263	6 3	
	20 2 12	9	0 0	181	8 9	
	31 2 4	9	0 0	280	4 3	
	20 8 12	8	0 0	164	6 0	
	7 11 12	7	8 0	58	0 2	
	1 3 4	7	0 0	8	6 9	
	10 6 0	7	0 0	72	10 0	
	0 15 8	6	8 0	6	4 9	
Yary Oolvoy.....	8 9 4	5	12 0	49	5 2	
	0 14 8	5	4 0	4	12 2	
	10 7 8	4	8 0	47	1 9	
	3 11 0	4	0 0	14	12 0	
	2 10 0	3	1 0	8	0 8	
	12 5 8	9	0 0	111	1 6	
	20 1 4	9	0 0	180	11 3	
	14 14 0	8	8 0	126	7 0	
	6 7 4	7	0 0	45	2 9	
	14 7 4	5	12 0	83	1 8	
Cumbuthum.....	11 1 8	3	1 0	33	15 7	
	17 2 12	9	0 0	154	8 9	
	10 0 0	9	0 0	90	0 0	
Raza Goottie.....	10 4 4	8	8 0	87	4 2	
	5 0 0	7	0 0	35	0 0	
	0 8 0	4	8 0	2	4 0	
Avaray Curray.....	8 7 8	9	0 0	76	3 6	
	18 12 0	7	8 0	140	10 0	
	53 0 12	7	0 0	371	5 3	
	6 4 8	5	8 0	34	8 9	
	9 11 12	4	8 0	43	12 10	
Tenghall.....	10 3 8	3	4 0	33	3 5	
	2 9 12	9	0 0	23	7 9	
	2 4 4	7	8 0	16	15 10	
	0 4 8	7	0 0	1	15 6	
	12 4 0	6	8 0	79	10 0	
Monyempett.....	5 3 4	4	8 0	23	6 8	
	5 5 12	3	1 0	16	6 7	
	2 0 0	7	8 0	15	0 0	
	2 12 0	5	12 0	15	13 0	
	8 15 0	4	8 0	40	3 6	
Vydelinga Kholay in Poolyencun.....	5 6 8	4	0 0	21	10 0	
	23 2 4	2	4 9	53	2 5	
	2 6 4	1	8 6	3	10 7	
	17 1 8	3	4 0	55	8 11	
	472	4	12	3,230	15	1

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STATEMENT D.

Localities.	Cawnies.	Revised assessment rate.			Amount.		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Pooyenkun.....	1 1 4	1	6	0	1	7	9
	4 4 0	1	0	0	4	4	0
Yary Oolvoy.....	6 0 12	1	4	0	7	8	11
	5 14 12	1	0	0	5	14	9
	0 5 12	2	4	0	0	12	11
Raza Goottie.....	1 2 0	2	12	0	3	1	6
Avaray Curray.....	23 2 12	1	6	0	31	13	9
	1 10 0	6	0	0	9	12	0
	10 12 4	1	0	0	10	12	3
Tenghall.....	0 8 0	2	12	0	1	6	0
Monyempett.....	5 1 0	1	0	0	5	1	0
	59 14 8				81	14	10

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1859, No. 1122.

Should the nine lack garden become the property of Government, Mr. Potter will be at liberty to address the Collector on the subject of this letter.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Wm. J. W. Cotton
Dress.

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