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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1184 Press / Mis.

Dated 9th September 1859.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 3d to 9th September 1859.

No. 1. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th August 1859, No. 3231.

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(In Con. 9th July 1859, No. 3323.)

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(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 3d September 1859, No. 1184.

In his letter now submitted by the Board Mr. St. Martin repeats his charge against the Forest Department at the Anamallies of coercing the Malsars to labour in the Forest. The allegation has been directly contradicted by the Assistant Conservator on the spot, Lieutenant Beddome, and the extract from that officer's letter given now by Mr. St. Martain, and appealed to by him as proof, does not contain a word to support the statement. It is observed however that this letter of Mr. St. Martin was written on the 1st July, and therefore before the order of Government of the 26th idem, No. 995, containing Lieutenant Beddome's denial.

2. The Government defer passing orders on the general subject of the Malsar farm till they shall have the report from the Conservator of Forests called for in the order of July 26th 1859, No. 995.

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

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From E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of COIMBATORE,

dated Coimbatore, 1st July 1859, No. 110.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 1731, dated the 12th May last, communicating Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 638, dated 9th May 1859, I beg to send a further report of Mr. C. A. St. Martin's, and to state that in lately visiting that part of the district referred to, I found Mr. Martin's statements to be correct, and the condition and habits of these wild and degraded tribes, much improved.

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Enc. 1.

From C. A. St. MARTIN,

To E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of COIMBATORE,

dated Coimbatore, 24th June 1859.

I beg leave to address you on the subject of the "Mulcers' experimental Farm" at the foot of the Anamallay Hills, and have been especially prompted to do so, with reference to the order of Government in the Revenue Department, which you were pleased to send me, dated the 9th May 1859, No. 638, para. 4, which states:

"The Governor-in-Council can see in these proceedings and in the other papers on the "subject, no evidence that the object for which this Farm was established is likely to be in any "material degree accomplished, and the Board of Revenue is requested to give their particular "attention to the matter and to report their opinion whether it would be advisable to continue "the experiment. In the mean time all expenditure not absolutely necessary is to be avoided."

2. The ruthless and savage condition of this tribe and their lawless attacks on native travellers and petty grain merchants frequenting those tracts of country along the base of the Anamallays, from Colongode in Malabar on one side, to the southern out-skirts of the Pullachee talook in Coimbatore on the other; and the failures of various attempts made by you to civilize, if possible, and endeavour to bring into one body the several members of this scattered tribe, (and turn their attention to agriculture,) was the original cause I believe, and as the only practicable way, that induced you to interest yourself with the Board of Revenue and Government on behalf of these men; especially when Captain Michael's co-operation and Mr. Reid's services were voluntarily offered to effect your object—and that much benefit has accrued to these men towards their reclamation, by the undertaking, will no doubt be acknowledged; for I have only to state, that complaints of depredations committed on those roads by the Mulcers, in the heart of a dense jungle, no longer exist to the extent they were wont to—and I can confidently say, that not a single Mulcer on the Farm would now be tempted, even with the prospect of a rich booty before him, to give up the quiet life he is now leading, and join any of his more unfortunate companions, who are still wedded to a life of robbery and wretchedness.

3. The Farm was established in March 1856 when Rupees 1,550 was sanctioned towards it.

The following Memo. will, I hope, be satisfactory as to whether the outlay has not been repaid.

Amount sanctioned.....Rupees		1,550 0 0
80 Bullahs of land cleared which the Ryots would purchase at 15 Rupees per Bullah.....Rs.	1,200 0 0	
79 Logs of timber sold to the Railway Company (in Treasury)..... „	79 0 0	
In cash in the Treasury..... „	264 0 0	
14 Logs sold to D. P. Works..... „	14 0 0	
	———	1,557 0 0
Excess of sanction in favor of the Farm.....		7 0 0

The cattle and tools, &c., and the logs* remaining in the Forest is not taken into account.

* About 313.

4. The result of their 1st harvest in 1857 was as follows:

4,096 measures of Cholum.
1,896 do. of Raggee.
710 do. of Gingelly.
520 do. of Chamah.
128 do. of Castor Oil seeds.
360 do. of Cumboo.
128 do. of Horse Gram.

Their 2nd Harvest in 1858.

3,840 measures of Cholum and not 384 as noticed in the Government order of the 9th May 1859.
712 measures of Raggee.
96 do. of Cumboo.

5. The above with the incessant calls on these men from the Forest department as noticed by me in my reports to the Acting Collector, dated the 29th July and 9th October 1858, and the acknowledgment of the Assistant Conservator of Forests as contained in his letter, No. 442, dated 6th September 1858 to the Acting Collector, wherein that gentleman states:—"The "Mulcers residing in the village at the foot of the Timber slip have hitherto been of great "service to the Forest department, undertaking almost all the hutting, clearing brushwood to "guard against fire, and collecting the vucca nar for drag ropes. I am now experiencing the "greatest difficulty in procuring the services of even a single Mulcer for any of the above pur-"poses. The moopen or head man of this village informs me that Mr. Martin of your office "under whose charge they suppose themselves to be, has ordered them not to go up into the Forest "for employment, but to attend exclusively to their own fields;" will at once prove to you that if greater success has not resulted to their agricultural operations, the fault does not lie with the Mulcers, but to their almost abandonment of their fields to obey the Forest calls; but, to the contrary, great credit is due to the Mulcers for their perseverance amidst the most harassing and vexatious compulsory labor in the Forests, and which the para. above quoted by me fully confirms, as to the mode in which these men were employed.

6. Para. 4, therefore of the same order would seem to deprecate all effort in so benevolent an undertaking as the present—and as it implies that the object for which this Farm was established is not likely to be in any material degree accomplished, and that all expenditure should be restricted; I fear that the former order of Government, contained in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated the 29th May 1858, No. 703, intimating that the Government would be prepared to sanction an estimate for the construction of a stone dam across the Oopair for the benefit of the Mulcers' lands, and the digging of a well to supply them with water during seasons of drought, will meet with no consideration at present, although the Farm was established to reclaim these men from "their indolent habits and degraded condition and to teach them agricul-"ture"—and which has been partially accomplished, and the fact established that the minor object of the grant itself, turned to account by a return of money equivalent in land cleared and timber sold; and the undertaking therefore I presume, ought not to be considered as a failure. However, as a subordinate of course I beg to leave these considerations for superior judgment.

7. In conclusion, I beg to refer you to the undermentioned documents in support of what I have advanced.

Extract Proceedings Board of Revenue, No. 1531, dated 29th April 1858.
Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 703, dated 29th May 1858.
Extract Proceedings Board of Revenue, No. 1936, dated 31st May 1858.
Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 861, dated 22nd June 1858.
Letter from Acting Collector of Coimbatore, No. 194, dated 30th November 1858 to Secretary Board of Revenue.
Do. from do. do. No. 206, dated 16th December 1858 to do. do.
Extract Proceedings Board of Revenue, No. 660, dated 21st February 1859.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. B. THOMAS,
Collector.

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J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
Copy to Collector of Coimbatore.

Revenue 1859 Sept.
Nos. 94 & 30 Sept.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.—

Dated 17th
Dep. 23 } August 1859.
Rec. 24
C. I.

No. 3231.

Submitting in continuation of the Board's letter dated 4th ultimo a letter from the Collector of Coimbatore on the subject of the Ryotwar's farm.—

No. 1

No. 1181 — 7th Sept. 1859

Cancelled — Aug. — R. 2 Disp.

Board's Proc. Cons. 68-74. 33-34.
Do. 22nd " " No. 67. 68.
Do. 29 July 59 - 24-25.
Do. 10 May — 19-55.

letter of Mr. Martine was written on the 1st July, and therefore before the order of Government of the 26th idem No 995 containing Sir H. Beaufoy's remark.

2. The Government after passing orders on the general subject of the Malcas farm will then direct the respective grants the Conservator of forests calls for in the order of July 26th 1859 No 995.

6 Copies
To
The Board of Revenue Dirg. D.T.
& Conservator of Forests with the papers of

Revenue Office Dept.

Rec. of Gov. of Sept. 15

1854.

Rec. of the Hudson Co.

of 32 Shares Stock

from Phil. Sanderson for Estate

of J.S. Pettit Mad. Co.

No. 2447 48.

Received on the above

Account the sum of Three

Hundred & Twenty

Dollars

$320.00

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