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No. 48. Read the following letter from Colonel A. McCALLY, Commissary General; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 19th December 1859, No. 224.

I have the honor to request you will do me the favor to bring under the notice of the Honorable the Governor in Council, the following circumstances connected with the grazing farm of the public cattle of this department at Sultanpore in the district of Ballári.

2. In a letter, dated 14th July 1849, No. 46, the Collector of Ballári brought to the notice of the Board of Revenue the claims of certain enamdars, whose enams were included in the grazing farm of the public cattle depôt at Sultanpore in the Cumply táluq. The Collector reported that on the tract of ground held possession of by this department as a farm, being surveyed and measured, it was found to cover 14,767 acres, bearing a survey assessment of Rupees 1,382-8-0, of which 735 acres assessed at Rupees 338-5-4 were enam land, and proposed that the enamdars whose names were included in the farm should have circar lands of equal value given them in exchange, and thus dispose of the matter.

3. This proposition was supported by the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings No. 354, dated 6th August 1849.

4. Government, however, in Extract Minutes of Consultation, Revenue Depatrment, No. 813, dated 28th August 1849, directed that a farm strictly for grazing purposes should be confined to lands under the control of Government and should not extend to private lands, or lands which being assessed are liable for revenues; that the extent of the farm consisted of not less than 14,767 acres, of which 11,233 consisted of hills and pasture ground and 735 acres of land belonging to pagodas, charities, or the village community, which should not have been taken up for public purposes, without the special sanction of Government, and which was ordered to be restored to the owners.

5. On the 7th November 1849, Colonel Tulloch, C. B., then Commissary General, forwarded to Government the report of Lieutenant Harris, Sub-Assistant Commissary General on the farm, together with a map of the grazing ground, and suggested that the proposition made by that officer, which was in substance the same as that made by the Collector, and recommended by the Board of Revenue, be carried into effect, viz., that the Sultanpore kawals should remain as they were and be carefully defined, compensation being granted to enamdars and others in other lands.

6. In his report above alluded to, Lieutenant Harris entered into full particulars regarding the grazing ground. He stated that nearly the whole of the low land skirting the hills was claimed as enam or assessed lands, that according to the orders of Government in Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 813, 28th August 1849, the perampoke or waste land consisting entirely of high, barren, and in many instances impassable hills for cattle, and quite inadequate as pasture ground for public cattle, was all that could be retained by this department, that by relinquishing the low lands where, in consequence of the drainage from the hills, grass grows more luxuriantly, the camels would suffer seriously, as the small and better description of shrub of the native name "nerinjee" on which they browse, grows only on the low lands. That the village cattle grazing at the edge of the hills, encroach considerably on the hills themselves, and that as the public cattle have to pass over the low ground to ascend the hills, endless disputes would arise between the public cattle servants and those to whom the ground is let for cultivation.

7. Lieutenant Harris in paragraph 5 of his report, further stated that taking the average of seasons, there was considerably more grass pasture than was absolutely required for bullocks. He could not, however, speak so positively regarding the camels. He suggested that should Government insist upon the limits of the farm being reduced, that the whole of the ground nearest Ballári marked A. on the map sent by him be relinquished, and that this department retain possession of the other range of hills defined on his map, with the exception of a tract of land near the village of Jugulghee, in which are a great many enams or assessed lands.

8. Lieutenant Harris submitted for consideration how much more profitable it would be to Government were the whole ground retained by this department, which would then run no risk from bad, dry seasons, and would be prepared to meet any emergency, as was the case in the time of the Karnúl war, when upwards of 2,000 bullocks and about 200 camels were subsisted on the farm for five months, without the slightest expense for dry forage.

9. The order of Government on the above letter, conveyed in Minutes Consultation No. 1181, 11th December 1849, was that the limits of the grazing farm should be reduced at least to the extent specified in paragraph 5 of Lieutenant Harris' letter, by which, besides the ground nearest Ballári marked A in the map being relinquished, 13 numbers of claimed lands would also be restored to their owners.

10. I have now received a communication from Lieutenant Moore, Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Ballári, requesting me to apply to Government that the grazing farm be restored to its original dimensions, by the restoration to it of that portion of land of which it was deprived under the operation of the order of Government above quoted.

11. The reasons in support of this application are: That in the whole of the kawuls within an area 8 and 10 miles around Sultanpore, little or no forage is available for the use of the bullocks, save only what is procured from under the small trees on the hills, and that, very bad and hardly worth cutting. The abbetta trees are scarce in the kawuls from which the leaves are cut for the use of the camels, and it is calculated that not more than three months' consumption can be obtained for them throughout the year, and in consequence of the present insufficiency half of the camels are obliged to go every alternate day to Rajapoor and Populgundy, five miles distant, beyond the limits of the present kawuls for charah, thus travelling 10 miles every alternate day over hard and stony ground, which causes their feet to become sore, and materially reducer them in condition. The bullocks also have to go about four miles distant on the hills daily to graze over stony ground by which they are lamed, moreover, no water is procurable around the kawuls, the bullocks, therefore, receive no water during the day, beyond what they get on their return to the lines in the evening from a nullah running between the karkhana and the kawuls which in wet weather is full and not fordable.

4	*Elephants.*	* 16	*Elephants.*
188	*Camels.*	150	*Camels.*
351	*Draught bullocks.*	875	*Draught bullocks.*
18	*Carriage* ,, *and*	100	*Forage. do.*
11	*Forage.* ,,		

12. The present insufficiency of foeage is caused by an increase of public cattle at Ballári as noted in the margin, and will become still more scarce when the allotment* of cattle fixed for the station, is completed.

13. I respectfully trust, therefore, the Honorable the Governor in Council will be pleased to issue orders that the grazing farm at Sultanpore in the district of Balláir may include within it that portion of which it was deprived in the year 1849, as it is the best part of the kawuls, comprising a greater space of ground than the present farm, which consists merely of hills covered with stones. Should my recommendation be attended to, there would be ample forage available for the whole of the public cattle throughout the year, otherwise it will be absolutely necessary for half of the cattle to receive forage at Ballári, which would cost about 14,600 Rupees a year, whereas the Collector of Ballári states that the land now applied for is leased out for only 100 Rupees per annum, the lease for which expired in June last.

No. 49.

ORDER THEREON, 23d December 1859, No. 1757.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for early report.

(Signed) L. FORBES,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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From
The Comy: General
Madras
To
The Chief Secy. to Govt
Fort St. George

Dated 19th } Decr 1859.
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No. 224.

Pro: of the Bd of Rev: 20th
Feb 1860. C. to 42 inclo
Solicits Orders to be
issued for that portion
of the Grazing Farm
at Sultanpore in the
District of Bellary to
be included within it,
of which it was deprived
in 1849 under the circum-
stances brought to notice.

No. 1757. 23d December
With two orders

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L F.

Fort St. Geo.
23d Decr 1859.

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