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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of December 1859.

No. 68. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th November 1859, No. 4915.

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore; to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th November 1859, No. 212.

In reply to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th ultimo, communicating the orders of Government of 21st idem, No. 1422, I beg to observe, the removal of all the huts took place in my absence. I gave in my former report, all the information I could obtain, from enquiry and from the records. The compensation in both cases was a small sum.

2. In further reply to paragraph 2, the number of the huts at Utákamand was 12, they were valued by myself, the Tahsildar and Sub Engineer, on personal inspection, and comparison with other similar huts on the hills: it did not include the value of the site, but only of the huts: other sites, to build similar huts on, was of necessity given to those thus ousted, but *out* of the cantonment, at a distance of two miles, and in a locality *far less valuable*. The distance from the Dispensary to the nearest hut was about 100 yards. The site on which they stood, (excavated by the parties formerly, and fit only for building,) has been since sold at auction for an European cottage, for 100 Rupees, which has been carried to the credit of Government; so that the actual expense to Government will only be 147 Rupees.

3. In reply to paragraph 3, other ground was given, but as said above, in a less eligible and less valuable site, there were six huts, they were of different sizes, computed as above. The *walls** were of course not burnt, but hardened by the fire, and the huts, if rebuilt on their old central site, would have sold for more than the sum now computed, the situation (close to the market) being coveted, and *one* small house having been actually mortgaged for 37 Rupees. Mr. Boswell's and Mr. Cherry's object seems to have simply been, a compliance with the distinct and strongly expressed opinion of the two medical officers, who wished the removal on sanitary grounds. Kunúr and Utákamand are daily becoming more crowded, and land increasing in value. The mere *sites*, with *permission* to build, would fetch now, at auction, the full sum asked in compensation, compensation was due justly, and should have been made at the time. The parties appealed to me strongly immediately on my return. All parties would at this moment far rather return to the old sites than accept the compensation.

* *And were as good as ever; the wood only being burnt.*

4. Though I did not think it necessary to trouble Government with all these minute details in so small a matter, I went into them all *carefully*, *personally*, and on the *spot*, before I wrote at all.

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Submitted for the orders of Government, with reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 4159, dated 14th October 1859, and the Government order, No. 1422, dated 21st October 1859.

In Con. 22nd October 1859, *No.* 5254.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

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No. 69. ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1859, No. 1767.

The Government sanction the payment of Rupees (247) two hundred and forty-seven as compensation for eighteen huts at Utákamand and Kunúr removed for sanitary reasons.

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

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Acting Secretary.

To

J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to Collector of Coimbatore.

Ed. J. Wright.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue -

Dated 30th
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No 4915.

Submitting for orders a Communication from the Collector of Coimbatore, furnishing the further information required by Government as to the removal of the huts at Ootacamund on Sanatory grounds.

No 1767 - 24th December

With an order

No 1767

The Government sanction the payment of Rupees 247 / two hundred and forty seven as compensation for cattle huts at Ulla Kommund and Kunnur removed for sanitary reasons -

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