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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated	13th June	1859.

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No. 11. Read the following letter from Captain W. F. MARRIOTT, Acting Secretary to Government of Bombay, Military Department; to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; dated Bombay Castle, 31st May 1859, No. 3220.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter from Mr. J. Mullaly, Officiating Indian Naval Store-keeper dated 9th Instant, together with the original Memorial which accompanied it praying for the grant of a tract of land in the Wynaad Districts.

I am to state that so far as compliance may depend upon the character of the applicant His Lordship in Council desires to support the application by the highest terms of recommendation.

Mr. Mullaly commenced his service as a Clerk in the Military Auditor General's Office and rose to be Uncovenanted Assistant Secretary to the Military Board and finally Acting Assistant Secretary in charge, conducting the duties of Secretary for some time. On the abolition of the Military Board he was appointed to the responsible post of Indian Naval Store-keeper which he now holds.

Mr. Mullaly's character and services have rendered him at all times a distinguished man in his own sphere.

From J. MULLALY, Officiating Indian Naval Storekeeper; to Captain W. F. MARRIOTT, Acting Secretary to Government; dated Bombay, 9th May 1859.

I beg leave to submit the enclosed Memorial to the address of the Honorable the Governor of Madras, and I shall feel extremely grateful to His Lordship in Council for any support which with reference to my past services of 33 years, he may be pleased to grant to the prayer of my Petition in transmitting it to the Madras Authorities.

To the Honorable Sir C. TREVELYAN, President and Governor of Madras.

The Memorial of Mr. J. Mullaly, Officiating Store-keeper of Her Majesty's Indian Navy, Bombay, 9th May 1859.

Most Respectfully Sheweth,

That your Memorialist arrived at Bombay from England in the year 1825 and entered the service of the late Honorable East India Company as a clerk in the Military Auditor General's office in September 1826, that he has a large family consisting of seven sons, that several of his sons have been sent home and educated in England and having arrived at Man's Estate, they have been brought out to India that nearly the whole of the savings which he was enabled to effect from his comparatively small salary as a clerk have been expended in the education of his sons at home, with the view of qualifying them for useful employment in India; that it appears to be the wish of the Government to encourage the settlement of Europeans in the interior of India for the purpose of developing the resources of this country, that he is anxious to avail himself of the same for the purpose of making a provision for himself and large family in the field now opening up in the Wynaad and other parts of the country in and about the Neilgherry Hills for Coffee planting, but that as his means are small, he humbly solicits the free grant of a spot of the Government land now lying waste in those Districts in the same way that Her Majesty's Government make grants of land in the colonies to the officers of that service, and your Memorialist in duty bound will ever pray.

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 12. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government Revenue Department; to Captain W. F. MARRIOTT, Acting Secretary to Government, Bombay Military Department, dated 13th June 1859, No. 777.

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 31st May forwarding a Memorial from Mr. J. Mullaly asking for a free grant of land in Wynaud or on the Neilgherry Hills, for the

purpose of coffee planting; and strongly supporting the application, on the part of the Bombay Government, so far as personal character may be regarded as a condition of such a grant.

2. I am directed to state in reply that the practice of granting Government land free does not exist in either of the localities mentioned. In the case of Wynaud the whole of the country, with the exception of a small portion, is private property, over the disposal of which Government has no control. With respect to the Neilgherry Hills, where the soil belongs in a qualified sense to Government, a system has been established of putting up to auction all land applied for. The Governor in Council regards this as the only fair and safe way of disposing of the land; and the Bombay Government will perceive that it is impossible to depart from the practice in any one case without rendering it difficult to avoid doing so generally.

3. I enclose Mr. Mullaly's Memorial, and request that you will be good enough to return it to him, together with the purport of the preceding para.

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Captain W. F. Marriott,
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Military Depart.

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Fort St. Geo. 13th June 1859.

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To the Acting Secretary
to Govt. of Bombay
Military Depart.
Dated 13th June 1859.

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