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குறிப்பிட்டவர் பொறுப்பிலிருக்கும் பதிவுக் கட்டுவின்னும் எடுக்கப்பட்ட தாள்.

அந்த அலுவலகம் / தாலூகா எண் ———, தேதி ——— 198 .

எடுத்த தேதி.	ஏதன் பொருட்டு:			தாள் எடுக்கும் எழுதுதர் அலுவலர் பிறிதெழுத்தர் கருத்தொப்பம்.	திருப்பிக் கொடுத்த தேதி.	பெற்றெழுத்தரின் கருத்தொப்பம்.
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th September 1860.

Read the following papers:—

No. 300. From A. C. BARNES, Esq., Secretary to the Planters' Association of Western India, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vitri Wainád, 18th August 1860.

SIR,

1. I have the honor by order of the "Planters' Association of Western India" to forward to you for submission to the Government the annexed Resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Association held on the 14th of August. The Association are wholly at a loss to conceive on what information or prompting Mr. Bourdillon can have been led to asperse the planting body of Wainád in the reflections conveyed to their prejudice in his Memorandum. The Memorandum followed close upon the conference at Ootacamund held by His Excellency the late Governor of Madras, Sir Charles Trevelyan, with those interested in Coffee cultivation in Wainád, and at which a deputation from this Association was present, and the Association cannot but remark the extraordinary contrast between the kindness and courtesy which the gentlemen of the deputation received at Sir Charles Trevelyan's hands, and the totally opposite conduct which the Secretary to Government has in this instance assumed and most gratuitously assumed a right to pursue.

2. It is more than insinuated by Mr. Bourdillon in striving to support views which were overruled at the said conference by Sir Charles Trevelyan, that the Planters would seek to throw improper difficulties in the way of, and try to evade a tax, which they had cheerfully and readily acceded to under the circumstances in which it was proposed; and the Association must, on behalf of the Planters of Wainád, most indignantly deny that any grounds whatever exist for supposing them capable of such dishonorable conduct.

3. The Government has certainly not confirmed the insinuations of its Secretary, but it has equally not repudiated or reproved them; and has, moreover, both suffered them to remain on the records of Government, and given publicity to them; and the Association trusts they will not be thought asking too much in soliciting such redress as may suffice to remove the unfounded impression conveyed abroad as to the guiding principles of the Planters of Wainád.

Resolution I.—The attention of the Association having been drawn to the publication of certain Government papers on the subject of Coffee land taxation in Wainád and amongst which we find Memorandum by J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., Secretary to Government of date 29th of February 1860, containing the most injurious reflections and aspersions on the Planters of Wainád, who are represented as being likely to adopt the most improper means of thwarting and evading a legal impost. The Association feel called upon in justice to themselves and to the Planters generally of Wainád, to record their unqualified surprise and indignation at the wanton insult thus offered. They not simply deny that the Planters of Wainád are capable of acting as has been represented, but that Mr. Bourdillon who is personally an entire stranger to the District and to nearly all the residents within it, had any foundation whatever for his slanderous insinuations; and they feel constrained further to express their mingled pain and astonishment that the Government should have suffered such reflections upon a body of honorable men to be addressed to it unrebuked, and have even given currency to them by their communication to the public Newspapers.

II. That the foregoing Resolution be forwarded to the Government with the following letter.

No. 301. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE THE PRESIDENT.

This had better be recorded. I think that no further explanation than that already afforded in our Proceedings of the 6th July is called for—we there explain that the publication complained of was an oversight.

(Signed) W. MOREHEAD.

1st September 1860.

No. 302. ORDER THEREON, 18th September 1860, No. 1,632.

Ordered that the letter from the Planters' Association be simply recorded, in accordance with the President's Minute.

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

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No. 1788

From the Secretary to the Planters Association of Western India -

Dated 18th Aug. 1860
Rec'd 27th

Forwarding copy of a Resolution paped at a General meeting of the association, with reference to the publication of certain Govt Papers on the subject of Coffee land taxation in Wainad containing reflections on the Planters -

No. 1632 - 18th Septr

Read Despatch
Wainad Coffee

Read 20th Aug. to No. 73-78.
for July - to No. 61-62.
No. 2003
Minute by the Hon'ble the Pres.
This had better be recorded -
I think that no further Orders
in the matter than
what already provided in our
proceedings of the
6th July is
called for - as there
appears not to be
sufficient
No 300 & 301
of 27th August -
No 2 Sept. of 3rd September No 13

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 18th September 1860

Read the following

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From the Secretary to the
Planters Association of
Western India.

Forwarding copy of a Reso-
lution passed at a General meeting
of the Association with reference to
the publication of certain Government
Papers on the subject of Coffee land
taxation in Wynaad containing re-
flections on the Planters.

(Here enter 18th August 1860)

Minute by the Honorable the
President.

(Here enter 1st Septr 1860)

Ordered that the
letter from the Planters' Association
be simply recorded, in accordance
with the President's minute.

Pro: 6th July 60 - 2
61-62

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Pro: of Govt. for Sept.

No. 1632.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Dy 18th Septr 60

From the Secy: to the Planters
Association 8th Octr 60
Cn. 2350.

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Planters Association
of Wynaad

Letter from the Planters
Association with reference
to the publication of certain
Government Papers on
the subject of Coffee land
taxation in Wynaad, recorded.

No. 300 to 302.