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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th October 1860.

No. 72. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th September 1860, No. 4,199 :—

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated 4th September 1860, No. 145 :—

SIR,

1. I beg to send copy of letters from and to Captain Godfrey on his application for 200 acres for planting.

2. The site he asks is unobjectionable, barren, and will be much improved by plantations ; 200 acres is a large quantity, perhaps 100 may be first given ; and for *bonâ fide planting* (which can give no return for many years), I would be disposed to recommend that three years' free Cowle be granted, the land being of course put up as per paragraph 30 of Governor's Minute of 23rd February, and liable to pay 1 Rupee per acre if cultivated ; I would suggest half a Rupee if *only planted*, or *grazed*.

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1. Submitted for the Orders of Government with the Board's recommendation that the Collector may be authorised to proceed to the sale of the land on the terms fixed by Government, viz., without any upset price and subject to payment of an annual quite-rent of 1 Rupee per acre, the right of redeeming this quit-rent at 20 years' purchase being reserved to the purchaser.

2. The Collector recommends that the land be exempted from assessment for the first three years and thereafter pay only half Rupee per acre, if used solely for planting or pasturage. Considering that Captain Godfrey can reap no benefit from his Tree plantations for at least three or four years, the Board are willing to recommend exemption from assessment for four years, but they do not see any special reason for altering the assessment prescribed by Government, which was doubtless fixed after full consideration. The fact that the Australian Acacias flourish on the Hills has been fully established, and the high price of firewood at Ootacamund probably leads Captain Godfrey to believe that the speculation will be profitable ultimately. This, however, is a question for him to decide. If the rate of assessment fixed by Government for universal application be too high, its general reduction should be proposed for that reason, but there is nothing before the Board to justify them in making such a proposition at present.

3. As regards the extent of the Estate the Board recommend that 200 Cawnies be granted as desired by Captain Godfrey, who is the best judge of what he can profitably occupy. The assessment is payable yearly, and it is immaterial to Government whether the land is held by Captain Godfrey or by others, and certainly better that he should have it, than that it should lie waste.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

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No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1860, No. 1,787.

1. The Board of Revenue submit an application from Captain Godfrey, for 200 acres of land in the Neilgherries for a timber and fuel plantation. Mr. Thomas suggests a grant of 100 acres with exemption from taxation for three years and thereafter a quit-rent of eight Annas per acre if the land be used solely for planting or pasturage. The Board of Revenue would give the whole extent applied for without any reduction of the established rate of one Rupee an acre, but they propose exemption for the first four years.

2. The Government authorize and direct the Collector to put up the whole 200 acres on the terms fixed in the Order of April 4th 1860, No. 517, paragraph 7, for land for farms and plantation on the Neilgherries, viz., to be sold by auction, without any upset price, subject to a tax of one Rupee an acre. The terms are moderate, and the Government see no cause whatever for relaxing them. It is observed that a very few months ago the Board refused to recommend relaxation in a similar case, when the terms were more stringent than they are at present.

Board's Proceedings January 21st 1860, *No.* 347, *in Proceedings of Government, February 11th* 1860, *No.* 213.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

Captain

Memo on Rev. 2030.

The rule proposed by Sir Ch. Trevelyan, & approved by Govt. for all "farming & planting Lands in the Neighbourhood" was to put us too disabled per to ameliorate, without an upset price, & subject to a yearly rent of a Rupee an acre. There was to be no period of exemption - If it is to continue under these terms they are to be better immediately. 2. The better course is to fix on a rent in the Land, & leave the holder to do what he likes with it - whether

in Prest. of Govt. of Italy

11/60. The rulers were then more severe than, as the land was but ill at 20 rupees an acre. The Govt. declined to accede to the request—

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-gence may perhaps be a term, indeed, in a case like this. Rais where an experiment of great public importance is to be tried; but in this case there is no experiment.

D.W. Sept 22.

P.S. On a former occasion the Govt. Themselves declined to countenance an application for easier terms for land for planting firewood - See Para 4 of their letter

Revenue Department

No 1787

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 4th October 1860.

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Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue.

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of Coimbatore forwarding
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Nilgherries

(Here under 15th Sept 1860 No 1199)

The Board of Revenue
submit an application, for-
~~ward their~~ the Collector of
~~Coimbatore~~, from Captain
Godfrey, for 200 Acres of
land in the Nilgiris for a
timber and fuel
plantation. Mr Thomas
suggests a grant of 100 Acres
with exemption from as-
taxation

The land should be sold
under the rules now in
force.

Memo

Do the rules above
mentioned - for Coffee
Estates - being held
on short terms of
not more than 999 years
if no rent - only Assessment
for cultivation - be
extended here?

W. Elliot

Coffee Estates would pay the Assessment fee at once - be-
-sides the case of the Neilgherries is different - Land can
be turned there to remunerative purposes - I would adhere to
the rules. Ellt

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No. 1787.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Dd 4th Octr/60.

Further Ro. of Govt 12th Decr 1860
No 1787/78

Collector of Coimbatore
to sell by auction the
whole 200 acres of land
in the Neil cherries applied
for by Captain Godfrey for
a timber and fuel planta-
tion, on the terms fixed
in Para: 7 of the order of
4th April 1860.

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Copy in a Letter to Govt
Dd 24th Nov 21/60 No. 130.

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No 72 & 73.

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