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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 6th December 1860.

No. 83. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th November 1860, No. 5,305 :—

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4. The aggregate extent of land sold up to the present time is acres 4,590¼, the net proceeds being Rupees 2,14,983-12-10.

5. Compared with the sales of the previous Fasli those now reported on are smaller both in value and extent, which the Collector attributes to the Deputy Collector having during this season been much engaged on other and important works. The Deputy Collector's valuable services in connection with these escheats have been noticed by the Board on former occasions, and they readily believe that the smaller amount of work accomplished in the year under report, is not owing to any want of exertion on his part.

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Sanctioned on 8*th Feb.* 1860.....	2,000	0	0
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Expended in Fasli 1269	1,414	1	3
Remaining.....	1,049	14	5

9. The lands remaining to be disposed of in the escheat, fall under one or other of the following classes, viz. :—

First.—Lands held by indigent occupants who have not the means of buying up the proprietary right. Two courses are suggested with regard to these lands, either to confer the right

without purchase on the holders, or to allow the lands to remain in their possession as Government property to be sold hereafter. The Collector thinks the first suggestion might be adopted as it involves, but "very small loss to Government while the benefit to the parties themselves "would be very great." The Board see no reason for conferring the Government proprietary right as a general rule gratuitously on persons of this description, and would, therefore, leave them in their present position of tenants, consolidating their dues to Government, and issuing Ryotwary Pattás to them. In any special case, the Collector can recommend more liberal treatment.

Second.—Lands long in the occupation of wealthy parties who are disposed to dispute the right with Government. These cases, as being the most difficult to deal with, have been reserved to the last, and the Collector supports the suggestion of the Deputy Collector, that they should not be taken up immediately, but be deferred until the lands composing Class III are disposed of. The order in which particular lands shall be dealt with, is a matter of detail which the Board would leave to the judgment and discretion of the local Officers.

Third.—Lands belonging to Chattirams and Temples transferred to the care of the Zamorin Rájá under the Orders of Government, No. 1,449, in the Revenue Department, dated 20th November 1841. These form the greater portion of the lands remaining unsold, and the Collector is only awaiting the reply of the Rájá to address the Board on the expediency or otherwise of their sale.

In Cons. 6th December 1841, *No.* 2,627.

10. This question should be submitted at an early date, as it is desirable that the settlement of these escheats should not be unduly delayed without good cause.

11. The following abstract taken from paragraph 8 of the Collector's letters giv results of these operations from their commencement in Fasli 1262:—

Fasli.	Number of lands.	Extent in acres.	Gross produce.			Deduct compensation value, &c., paid to holders.			Net produce.		
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1269	559	492¼	22.851	9	10	6,966	0	0	15,885	9	10
Total.....	5,016	4,590½	3,44,429	11	10	1,29,445	15	0	2,14,983	12	10

(A true Extract.)

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

From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 17th October 1860, No. 199.

Dated 22nd September 1860.

I beg to forward a copy of the report of the Deputy Collector of the Southern Division, detailing the results of the sales of the jenm or proprietary right in the lands belonging to the Betatnád escheats. They were conducted as usual by the Deputy Collector and the Kottiam Tahsíldár.

2. The aggregate result is as follows:—

| Particulars of sales. | | | | Particulars of deductions, &c. | | | |

4. Rupees 120 have been deducted from the amount of the net proceeds of last year's sales on account of land which had twice been brought to account, and two small items of Rupees 5 each.

5. The collections made during the past season on account of former sales, come to Rupees 36,748-9-7. The expenditure incurred on this account, for a Vernacular Clerk and Peons allowed to assist the Tahsíldár, is Rupees 120-7-11, or Annas 5½ on every Rupees 100 collected.

6. The sum actually collected falls short of the amount, which should have been brought to credit by Rupees 5,300, but every endeavor is being made to realise it as speedily as possible.

7. The pay of the establishment engaged in this year's transaction, is given below, and sanction for the payment of the total sum, Rupees 1,414-1-3, is requested.

	RS.	A.	P.
Pay of the extra establishment	940	5	2
Batta.....	417	14	3
Contingent charges...	43	7	7
Sádirwárid.....	12	6	3
Rupees...	1,414	1	3

8. The sum sanctioned for the payment of expenses incurred in the sales, was Rupees 7,000. Of this, there now remains a balance of Rupees 1,523-10-6, which, it is expected, will cover the expenses of the coming year.

9. The following statement exhibits the result of the sales of the escheated lands from the time they were first commenced.

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10. Although the amount of the sales effected this year has fallen far short of that of the past season, it is not to be concluded that less attention has been directed to the work; for, it must be borne in mind that in addition to it, the Deputy Collector has had the duties of his own office to engage his attention.

These duties have, during the past season, been excessively heavy. A thorough revision of the land revenue accounts of his Táluqs, and a comparison of them with the lands to which they refer, and which have, to a great extent, been measured, have been carried out, and Pattás exhibiting the actual holdings have been issued, for the first time, perhaps in Malabar.

The work has given great satisfaction to the people, and brought an increase of revenue to Government.

11. The escheated lands which remain to be sold, may be classed as follows:—

1st.—*Lands in the possession of poor tenants.*—Some of them hold the lands on improving leases, but to force them to purchase the proprietary right just now, would be to deprive them of the means of further improvement, whilst others are physically incapacitated by sickness, &c., from doing much to their lands.

In cases of this nature, great leniency is urged; indeed I think the suggestion of the Deputy Collector that the lands should be conferred on them without purchase, might be adopted. The loss to Government would be nominal or at least very small; whilst the benefit to the parties themselves would be very great.

2nd.—*Lands in the possession of wealthy parties, who have held them for a long time.*—It must be borne in mind, that in transactions of the nature of the sales of the escheats, the more difficult cases are likely to be left to the last for decision. Such has been the case in the present instance, and the Deputy Collector thinks that it will be well not to take them up at once, but to pass on to the 3rd class, namely, lands belonging to Chetrum and Temples, the care of which was handed over to the Zamorin Rájá under the Orders of Government, dated 20th November 1841.

Embodied in the Board's Proceedings, dated 6th December 1841.

12. I am inclined to recommend the adoption of this suggestion, especially as it is made by one who has an intimate knowledge of most of the circumstances, on which the claims made to the lands are founded; but before doing so, I shall address the Board again shortly, as I cannot come to a definite decision on the point, until I hear from the Zamorin Rájá on the subject. He has been written to on the matter several times, but he seems to have a difficulty in replying, as he evidently does not like to dispute the right of Government to the jenmom or proprietor's right, which, at the same time, he can't bring himself to acknowledge. His predecessor acted in the same way, but I hope, shortly, to hear from the present Rájá.

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From C. CANAREN, Esq., Deputy Collector, to P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated Betutpoodiangady, 22nd September 1860.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit a report of the progress made in the sale of the Betatnád escheat in Fasli 1269.

2. The following statement exhibits the result of the operations during the year:—

Particulars of sales.					Particulars of deductions, &c.													
					Amount deducted on account of													
Description of lands.	Number.	Extent in acres.	Value.	Average value per acre.	Settlement.	Number of lands.	Gross proceeds.	Kinkanom or compensation for improvement on garden lands.	Vettukanom or expenses incurred in bringing land into cultivation.	Kanom or mortgage.	Anubava avagashom or compensation for claim of perpetual enjoyment.	Remission.	Total.	Net proceeds.	Amount.	Per centage on net proceeds.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
				Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Nanjah ...	178	115	7,625 13 5	66 5 0	... ...	...	22,144 8 0	4,876	291	1,422	63	314	6,966	15,178 8 0	1,293 9 4	8 2 3
Punjah ...	188	203	3,177 0 0	15 10 5	... ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Garden ...	198	174¼	12,027 0 0	69 0 4	By me.....	17	707 1 10	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	707 1 10	... ...	... ...
Total...	559	492¼	22,829 13 5	46 6 1	By the Kottayam Tahsíldár.	447	22,144 8 0	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Interest ...	...	...	21 12 5	... ...	... ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Total...	559	492¼	22,851 9 10	... ...	... ...	464	22,851 9 10	4,876	291	1,422	63	314	6,966	15,885 9 10	1,293 9 4	8 2 3

1269.....	1,758	1	10
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Total...	15,885	9	10

3. The instalments as per margin, have been fixed in the agreements with the purchas ers for the payment of the value of the lands taken up by them.

4. Circumstances rendered it necessary during the Fasli to make a deduction of 120 Rupees from the net proceeds of the sales affected in last Fasli, and the particulars thereof are as follows:—

Deduction made for two Nanjah lands measuring 1 Acre, 7 Annas and $\frac{1}{8}$th, which had been twice brought to account in Faslis 1265 and 1268..... ..... Rs. 130 0 0
Deduct Kanom.....Rs. 5 0 0
Remission brought to account prior to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 8th February 1860, No. 204..... ..... 5 0 0
10 0 0
Net amount Rupees 120 0 0

5. Rupees 36,748-9-7 have been collected in last Fasli on account of sales made in that and former Faslis as per Húzur accounts, and a sum of Rupees 120-7-11 has been expended in paying the Vernacular Clerk and Peons allowed to the Tahsíldár for making the collections. This latter sum shows a proportion of 5¼ Annas to every 100 Rupees collected.

6. Of the amount that should have been collected, about 5,300 Rupees have, unavoidably, fallen into arrear, but efforts are being made to collect the same ere long.

7. The following are the expenses which attended the sales and collections, for which I request that sanction may be obtained:—

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Pay of the extra establishment as per Appendix		A.....	940	5	2
Batta,	as per	do. B.....	417	14	3
Contingent charges,		do. C.....	43	7	7
Sádírwárid,		do. D.....	12	6	3
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10. It will be observed, that the net proceeds of sales in the Fasli under review, are far less in amount than those of the previous years. In explanation of this, I would most respectfully solicit your attention to the arduous and intricate nature of other duties I had to perform, in connection with the revision of the land revenue accounts of the Betatnád and Shernad Táluqs for about eight months of the year, to the great advantage of Government as well as land-holders.

I trust that under such circumstances, the result of the operations carried out, in reference to the Betatnád Escheat, may be deemed satisfactory.

11. The greater portion of the property now remaining unsold, consists of Lackeraj and Mulguzari lands, appertaining to chetrams and devasoms adverted to in paragraph 13 of my last report. I am awaiting instructions as to whether these lands are to be sold or not.

12. As regards the other portion, I would respectfully suggest the expediency of not disposing of them all at once. Some of the lands have, for several years, been in the possession of cowldars in straitened circumstances. They may, if compelled, buy the lands, but they will in that case be deprived of the means of improving the same, since the little money they possess must inevitably come into our hands. I would, therefore, recommend that the sale of these lands be deferred for some time. There are also lands held by poor, leprous, blind and otherwise diseased persons, who may also buy them if constrained to do so; but such a course would, I fear, leave a door open for rich persons to deprive them of the lands. I beg, therefore, you will give this point your kind consideration. So far as I can judge, I think it would be better either to give them these lands gratis, or let the same remain in their possession as Government property, to be sold hereafter, without subjecting the holders to hardship.

NOTE.—*To buy the lands they must borrow money, and the lenders will eventually get them out of their hands.*

13. Of the remaining lands, the greater portion is in the possession of very wealthy and litigious persons. I do not consider it prudent to deal with such lands at once. Considering the character of the people, I think it advisable to dispose of them gradually.

14. After deducting the lands above adverted to, there will remain but a very small portion to be sold.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) P. GRANT, *Collector.*

No. 84.

ORDER THEREON, 6th December 1860, No. 2,327.

1. These proceedings, and the papers accompanying, relate to the progress made in Fasli 1269 in disposing of the proprietary right of the lands of the Betatnád Escheat.

2. The extent of the land sold during the year was 492¼ acres, and the amount realized Rupees 22,851-9-10; deducting from this sum compensation, value of liens paid, &c., viz., Rupees

6,966, the net proceeds were Rupees 15,885 9-10 of which Rupees 1,758-1-10 were payable within the Fasli and the remainder by instalments in the next three years. The charges of the year amounted to Rupees 1,293-9-4 or 8⅛ per cent. on the net proceeds. The work done during the Fasli was less than in any previous year except at the commencement, good reasons are however assigned for this. There can be no doubt that the right of Government to the lands is just and valid, but legal proof of it is not always easily procurable and much care and tact are necessary in asserting it. The mere extent of lands sold is therefore, no fair criterion of the amount of work done.

3. The total extent of land sold since Fasli 1262, when operations commenced, to the close of Fasli 1269 amounts to 4,590½ acres; the net proceeds arising from them are shown below:—

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Deduct sums discharged under different heads...	1,29,445	15	0
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Do. in realizing arrears of former years...	120	7	11
Total Rs...	1,414	1	3

4. Agreeably to the Board's recommendation the Government sanction the expenditure incurred during the year, amounting to Rupees 1,414-1-3.* The deduction of Rupees 120 from the amount of the net proceeds of the sales in Fasli 1268, noticed in paragraph 4 of Mr. Grant's letter, is also sanctioned. It appears doubtful from paragraph 8 of the Board's Proceedings whether the unexpended balance of the sanctions for necessary charges will be sufficient for the expenses of the current year. The Government will be prepared to authorize such further advance as the Collector may apply for through the Board.

5. The Government concur in the views expressed by the Board in clause first of paragraph 9 with respect to lands occupied by persons in indigent circumstances. In all such cases, Pattás will be issued to them as tenants according to the usage of the District.

6. The order in which cases are to be taken up must be left, as suggested by the Board in clause second of paragraph 9, to the judgment of the Collector.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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to be sold.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Collector.

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ABSTRACT.—List of extra establishment entertained in Fasli 1269, for conducting the sale of the Betutnad escheat.

ENC. 3, B.

ABSTRACT.—List of batta paid in Fasli 1269, as per Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 11th November 1857.

ENC. 4, C.

ABSTRACT.—Contingent bill of cooly hire paid for conveying office furniture on account of Betutnad escheat in Fasli 1269.

ENC. 5, D.

ABSTRACT.—Saderward expenses incurred on account of the Betutnad escheat in Fasli 1269.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Contingent charges,					
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	do.	D	12	6	3
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Remaining	1,049	14	5

9. The lands remaining to be disposed of in the escheat, fall under one or other of the following classes, viz.:—

First.—Lands held by indigent occupants who have not the means of buying up the proprietary right. Two courses are suggested with regard to these lands, either to confer the right without purchase on the holders, or to allow the lands to remain in their possession as Government property to be sold hereafter. The Collector thinks the first suggestion might be adopted as it involves, but "very small loss to Government while the benefit to the parties themselves would

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be very great." The Board see no reason for conferring the Government proprietary right as a general rule gratuitously on persons of this description, and would, therefore, leave them in their present position of tenants, consolidating their dues to Government, and issuing Ryotwary Puttahs to them. In any special case, the Collector can recommend more liberal treatment.

Second.—Lands long in the occupation of wealthy parties who are disposed to dispute the right with Government. These cases, as being the most difficult to deal with, have been reserved to the last, and the Collector supports the suggestion of the Deputy Collector, that they should not be taken up immediately, but be deferred until the lands composing Class III are disposed of. The order in which particular lands shall be dealt with, is a matter of detail which the Board would leave to the judgment and discretion of the local Officers.

Third.—Lands belonging to Chatrams and Temples transferred to the care of the Zamorin Raja under the Orders of Government, No. 1,449, in the Revenue Department, dated 20th November 1841. These form the greater portion of the lands remaining unsold, and the Collector is only awaiting the reply of the Raja to address the Board on the expediency or otherwise of their sale.

In Cons., 6th December 1841, No. 2,627.

10. This question should be submitted at an early date, as it is desirable that the settlement of these escheats should not be unduly delayed without good cause.

11. The following abstract taken from paragraph 8 of the Collector's letters gives the results of these operations from their commencement in Fasli 1262:—

Fasli.	Number of lands.	Extent in acres.	Gross produce.	Deduct compensation value, &c., paid to holders.	Net produce.
			R. A. P.	R. A. P.	R. A. P.
1262	26	21¼	2,385 8 0	900 8 0	1,485 0 0
1263	323	436	38,349 0 0	17,718 8 0	20,630 8 0
1264	724	739½	54,006 13 7	22,701 3 0	31,305 10 7
1265	610	568	48,764 1 5	17,385 10 0	31,378 7 5
1266	661	521¼	41,595 8 0	15,884 12 0	25,710 12 0
1267	876	770¼	51,626 0 0	20,786 12 0	30,839 4 0
1268	1,237	1,042	84,851 3 0	27,102 10 0	57,748 9 0
1269	559	492¼	22,851 9 10	6,966 0 0	15,885 9 10
Total.....	5,016	4,590½	3,44,429 11 10	1,29,445 15 0	2,14,983 12 10

(A true Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Note.—The work done this year is less than in any preceding year except at the commencement—good seasons are never assigned for this.—There can be no doubt that the right of pat

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of pat to the lands is just & valid but it is not always easy to establish such proof as the Courts accept and much care & tact are necessary in asserting it. The mere extent & value of land sold is therefore no fair criterion of the amount of work done.

I beg the orders of Govt on clauses first of para 9 of the 19th Nov. The Collector wishes to give the proprietary rights & free tenure to the lands assigned to Malabar-paying to Govt annual assessment year by year.

The order in which cases are to be taken up must, I think be left (as the Board say in cl 2 para 9) to the judgment of the Collector

J. D. S.

Rev Dept

N° 2327

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 6th December 1866

Read the following Pro-
-ceedings of the Board
of Revenue -

Submitting with the
Board's observations a letter
from the Collector of Malabar
reporting on the progress
made in Fasli 1269 in
disposing of the proprietary
right of the lands of the
Betaluád Escheat

(Here refer 14th Nov. 1866 N° 5365)

1 These proceedings
and the papers accompany-
-ing, relate to the progress
made in fasli 1269 in
disposing of the pro-
-prietary right of the lands
of the Betaluád escheat

2 The extent of the
land sold during the
year was 1923/4 acres
and the amount realized
Rupees

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" 21 Dec 46 & 50 51
" 10 Feb 52 & 53
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
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Read 4th December 1866
Rec'd 22nd
Ans'd 31st Dec. 1866
N° 5385

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Rupees 22,851-9-10; de-
-ducting from this sum
compensation, value of
liens paid &c. viz Rs.
6,966---- the net proceeds
were Rupees 15,885-9-10
of which Rupees 1758-1-
10- were payable within
the fasli and the re-
-mainder by instalments
in the next three years.

The charges of the year amounted to Rs 1293-9-6 or 8½ per cent on the net proceeds.

The work done during the fasli was less than in any previous year except at the commence- -ment. Good reasons are however assigned for this. There can be no doubt that the right of Government to the lands is just and valid but ~~it must~~ ~~Exist~~ ~~always susceptible~~ of it is not always easily procurable ~~of such~~ legal proof ~~as the Courts accept~~ and much

much care and tact are necessary in ascertaining it. The mere extent of lands sold is therefore no fair criterion of the amount of work done.

3 The total extent of land sold since fasli 1262, when operations commenced, to the close of fasli 1269 amounts to 4590½ acres, the net proceeds arising from them are shown below

Gross proceeds	3,14,429-11-10
Deductions discharged under different heads	129-14-5-15-0
Net proceeds	2,14,983-12-10

4 Agreeably to the Board's recommendation the Government sanctioned the expenditure incurred during the year, amounting to Rupees 11016-1-3.

The deduction of Rs 120 from the amount of the net proceeds of

*Expended in connection with the sales in 1269	Rs 129-9-6
do in realizing arrears of former years	120-7-11
Total Rs	11016-1-3

of the rates in Fasli 1268, noticed in para 4 of Mr. Grant's letter, is also sanctioned. It appears doubtful from para 8 of the Board's proceedings whether the unexpended balance of the sanctions for necessary charges will be sufficient for the expences of the current year. The Govt. will be prepared to authorize such further advance as the Collector may apply for thro' the Board.

5 The Government concur in the views expressed by the Board in Clause first of para 9 with respect to lands occupied by persons in indigent circumstances. In all such cases

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cases, pattas will be issued to them as tenants according to the slope ~~and the class of soil~~ of the District ~~collected periodically~~.

6 The order in which cases are to be taken up must be left, as suggested by the Board in clause second of para 9 to the judgement of the Collector.

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