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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of March 1860.

No. 9. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th February 1860, No. 724.

Read the following letter from C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., Collector of Chingleput; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort St. George, dated Saidapet, 3rd February 1860, No. 34.

I have the honor to furnish the Board with information relative to the Róshan Bág and Homes' garden, as required by their order, No. 312 of the 19th instant, passed on Proceedings of Government, No. 73 of the 16th idem.

2. The Róshan Bág came into our possession 1857, and Homes' garden only a few months ago. The former was found to be rented out in various portions to twenty-two leaseholders, six of whose leases have since expired, and the latter to seven, of whom two only remain, the other five having expired either before or with the end of 1859. All these leaseholders hold their rents from the late Nawáb or the Nawáb's widow, Kyratu 'Nissa Bégam. The unexpired leases will all have to run out between this and Fasli 1276, as shewn in the statements.

3. The statements received with the Government Proceedings adverted to, are herewith returned. They are copies of statements furnished by me at Sir Charles Trevelyan's request to His Excellency's Private Secretary. It will be seen from the statements, that, besides the leases adverted to, there are various kinds of trees separately rented out on annual tenders. These trees entered at the foot of the statements are not within the limits of the lands leased out to the leaseholders. They may be bonâ fide described as "Sarkár trees," and can be appropriated at any time before they have been given on lease for the year, or if leased before the orders of Government regarding them are received, at the end of the Fasli.

4. The expired leases have either been, or will be, renewed by the year. They, therefore, exist subject to the same conditions as the "Sarkár trees." It must be remembered, however, that as regards the leases and expired leases in the Róshan Bág, the leaseholders will have to be paid the value of the trees they may have planted, each according to the particular conditions of his individual lease. These conditions are of two sorts, to pay the leaseholders the value of their trees considered as fruit trees, and the expired leaseholders their value as fuel by the bandy load. In neither case, owing to the trees being nearly all Goa shrubs, can the sum be of any consequence.

5. These conditions do not affect the trees in Homes' garden. No mention is made of them in any of the leases. They absolutely lapse to Government on the expiration of the leases, the last of which terminates on the 31st January 1862.

6. Besides the above sources of revenue and other items, which will be found in the accompanying statement C, there is a village of Oddars in the Róshan Bág and a few owners of houses or huts in Homes' garden, who pay together an annual quit rent of Rupees 225-3-0 levied rateably on the houses. No houses or huts have been allowed to be built since either of the gardens came under my charge.

7. If the Government intend to appropriate any of the land now included in the leases or in the expired leases in the Róshan Bág, it will of course be necessary to first arrange with the leaseholders; but, on the other hand, if it is decided to sell the land in lots, there can be no objection to selling them, subject to the leases.

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ABSTRACT.—Statement shewing the different trees planted in the Róshan Bág.

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ENC. 3.

ABSTRACT.—Statement shewing the Revenue of the Róshan Bág from all sources in Fasli 1268, and the Revenue derivable from Homes' garden lately acquired.

The Board resolve to submit the above report to Government, and request to be informed with reference to paragraph 4 of the order, *In Consultation 17th January* 1860, *No.* 231. dated 16th ultimo, No. 73, R. D., if they are to endeavor to arrange with the leaseholders for the relinquishment of their leases before the regular periods of expiry.

2. The Board do not doubt, that, for a suitable compensation, the leases will generally be relinquished, but they are not quite sure, that Government wish them to treat with the parties at once.

3. The sale of the lands, with the reservation that the leases shall not be disturbed by the purchasers, would, the Board think, depreciate their value, but there is nothing to prevent the adoption of this course.

4. The Collector will abstain from renewing or granting any leases until further orders.

5. The Board would be glad to be allowed the use, for a few days, of the plan ordered in paragraph 2 of the order above quoted.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1860, No. 329.

The Board of Revenue will be informed that Government would prefer arrangements being made, as the Board propose, for the early termination of the existing leases for ground in the Róshan Bág and Homes' gardens.

2. The plan of the estate will be sent to the Board, for temporary use as requested by them, so soon as it is ready. Meanwhile the Chief Engineer will be good enough to report about what time the Government may expect to receive the plan, which he was directed to prepare in paragraph 2 of their order of the 16th January last, No. 73.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government -

Under date the 1st ~~February~~ March 1860

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