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

No. 93. Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 3rd May 1860, No. 13:—

1. In His Excellency's Minute of 23rd February 1860, and the Government Orders thereon, it is clearly laid down that *all* land on the Nilgiris should be sold by auction, Building sites at an upset (Redemption) price of 10 Rupees per acre; Farming lots without any such upset price, but only liable to competition at auction, the rent to be one Rupee per acre for *all*, the points I have any doubt, and would ask Orders on, are, whether the one Rupee per acre has reference only to future, or also to present holdings; and whether the Order of 5th August 1859, No. 1,053, is at all superseded by Section 3rd in paragraph 23 of Minute of 23rd February.

2. It would, I think, be advisable to make one Rupee per acre the universal rate applicable to all agricultural holdings. The present rates, (hitherto fixed under the Board's Orders, on the neighbouring Survey "Taram" Assessment rates,) of course vary in each locality, some pay above, some below one Rupee. To simplify accounts, and assimilate all, I would propose to lower those rates which happen to be a little above 1 Rupee, and raise those under 1 Rupees, but in this latter case, I would propose to make it up to the holdors, by deducting the excess from their redemption tax whenever they like to redeem, or if the Government object to raising (at all) present existing rates, those (a few only) which are below 1 Rupee may remain untouched.

No. 94. ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1860, No. 796.

In reply to the questions asked in this letter, the Collector of Coimbatore will be informed that no change is to be made in the rate of Assessment where it has already, been fixed; and that paragraph 23 of the Governor's Minute of the 23rd February modifies the Order of the 5th August 1859, to the extent of making 10 Rupees an acre, and not 20 years purchase of the quit rent, the upset price of Building lots on the Nilgiris.

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

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I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant —
E. B. Thomas
Collector —

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The Collector of Coimbatore.

To
The Secretary to
Government
Fort St. George.

Dated 3d May 1860.
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No 13.

Requests orders on certain points with reference to His Excellency's Minute of 23rd February 1860.

No 93 & 94.

No 796. 17th May
Written an order

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Unreply to the questions asked in this letter, the Collector of Coimbatore will be informed that no change is to be made in the rate of assessment where it has already been fixed; and that Para 23 of the Governor's Minute of the 23d February modifies the order of the 6th August 1859, to the extent of making 10 purchases one cent. and not 20 years purchase of the quit rent, the upset prices of building lots on the Nilgiris.

Fort St. Geo.
17th May 1860.

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