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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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5th July 1861.*

No. 81.

Read the following Petition :—

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,

Fort Saint George.

The humble Memorial of James Westwood
Graham McIvor, a Coffee Planter residing
on the Neilgherries.

HUMELY SHEWETH,

1. That your memorialist received a printed *notice* marked A. from Mr. E. B. Thomas, the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 28th March 1861, and although your memorialist is not quite certain as to the authority from whom it emanates, since there is no indication of its having proceeded from your Government other than the signature of the Collector to warrant such an assumption, still your memorialist cannot for a moment doubt the assurance made to your memorialist verbally by the Collector that in serving the said notice on your memorialist he is acting under the authority of your Government, and in this belief your memorialist has thought fit to address the Madras Government direct, trusting that the subject of this appeal will meet with the best consideration of His Excellency the Governor and Council of Fort Saint George.

2. Your Excellency in Council will perceive from the general tenor of the notice referred to that the lease of lands* granted to me on the 29th December 1852 and 1st August 1853, is declared to be

* Measuring 1,600 cawnies.

forfeited to the State at the expiration of six months from date of notice unless Mr. John McIvor, one of the lessees, reaches India within that period.

3. Your memorialist would point out to your Excellency that by a mutual compromise, two of the parties to the lease Mr. William Graham McIvor and Mr. John McIvor, memorialist's brothers, resigned their interest and responsibility in the same to your memorialist, and that by a liberal interpretation of the conditions of the lease, no bar stood in the way of their fairly and equitably making over such interest to your memorialist, on whom it then clearly and solely devolved to fulfil the conditions of the said lease, in order to render the same irrevocable, at all events, the spirit and tenor of the lease cannot fairly be made to bear a different construction, adverse to my interests, unless indeed advantage be taken (to deprive me of the land in question after it has been in my possession for upwards of eight years) of what was obviously a clerical error in substituting in the lease, dated 1st August 1853, "and" for "or" in the words, "in the event of the said John and James McIvor not reaching India within two years from its date." Your memorialist may here mention that a similar lease for land measuring about 500 cawnies granted on the 29th December 1852 as aforementioned at Ooty, John or James McIvor is inserted, clearly indicating thereby that Mr. John McIvor's non-arrival to this country in no way affected your memorialist's claim to the land on his own account.

4. That although your memorialist does not pretend to deny that the implied condition in granting the lease of land was primarily to encourage the carrying out at Ootacamund of farming operations upon the English model, but that such idea was abandoned shortly after your memorialist entered on possession, owing to its being found on experiment to be impracticable, and would certainly have entailed loss and ruin on your memorialist if he had persevered in efforts which there were no reasonable grounds for supposing that any time and after any amount of labor and exertion would have rewarded his efforts, or realized the expectations entertained when the lease was granted, and that it was not the intention of Government to revoke the lease in case of failure in the English mode of farming, is *prima facie* evident from the fact that no allusion was made in the said lease to any such particular object for which the land was conditionally granted. Moreover the fact of your memorialist having been allowed to hold possession of the land for so many years with at least the tacit consent of the Local authorities, is further presumptive evidence of the lease being originally deemed intact, even if the farming on English principles proved impracticable as memorialist can show it did.

5. That your memorialist never entertained the remotest idea of his right to the possession of his land being ever questioned, whether or not an English farm proved feasible, will be seen from a correspondence herewith subjoined which took place between memorialist and Mr. Thomas only last year, and that your memorialist's right to the land was conceded by your Government

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will appear from the subjoined "Extract from the Minutes of Consultation" in the Revenue Department, No. 275, dated 2nd March 1858.

6. Though perhaps irrelevant to the immediate question at issue yet bearing remotely on it, your memorialist would mention that from the failure of Lord Elphinstone to raise an English farm on these Hills Sir Henry Pottinger pronounced the experiment to be altogether impracticable, and when His Lordship, after expending considerable sums of money at Katty, failed in his attempts to realize a farm on the English model, your memorialist could hardly be expected with means which could bear no comparison to those at the command of Lord Elphinstone to compass the same object.

7. Having, as your Memorialist trusts, disposed of the only objections which have been raised in the notice, dated 25th March, to question his right to hold the land he possesses on the leases granted to him, your memorialist would respectfully submit that it would indeed be a great hardship if he were deprived of the labor and money he has expended on the land for the past eight years. If Government were to carry into force the determination arrived at in the notice of the 25th March last, it would be tantamount to a confiscation of your memorialist's property, money and labor, just at a time when your memorialist expects to realize some advantages for the many years of toil and difficulty your memorialist has passed through to render the land productive and to bring it to yield a return; and as land has hitherto been ordinarily leased for five years and then taxed at a uniform rate of 1 Rupee per cawny per annum, your memorialist is willing that this rule should be applied to his case, and thus convert your memorialist's tenure into the ordinary holding, on principles which have guided the Government heretofore in leasing land to others. Your memorialist is willing to accede to the conversion of his present tenure to reduce it to the ordinary practice and to pay the assessment of one Rupee per acre on the land leased to your memorialist.

8. Your memorialist is willing to relinquish his right to the (20) cawnies of land situated at Ootacamund, provided your memorialist be allowed to reserve all the land at Karturi, measuring 934 cawnies, 4 grounds and 1,782 square feet, according to the plan in your memorialist's possession.

8. Now that advantages of no ordinary nature are offered to European capitalists to induce colonization on the Hill ranges on a more extended scale than has heretofore obtained, it would seem fitting in your memorialist to ask for increased facilities at the hands of the Government, for carrying on his operations, instead of having as in the present instance, to combat obstacles that are thrown in your memorialist's way; obstacles that must if generally made known tend to deter others from embarking in similar undertakings, to the injury of the resources of the country and to the diffusing of impressions unfavorable to the authorities in the estimation of the English public. And your memorialist shall ever pray.

(Signed) J. McIVOR.

OOTACAMUND,
25th May 1861.

To Mr. WILLIAM GRAHAM McIVOR,

Superintendent of the Horticultural Gardens at Ootacamund.

Mr. JOHN McIVOR, now or late of Dollar in Scotland; and Mr. JAMES McIVOR of Ootacamund and Karturi in the East Indies.

Whereas the above named William Graham McIvor, as the Agent for and acting on behalf of the above named John McIvor, on or about the 19th day of December 1852, by letter addressed to Captain John Ouchterlony, then an Officer in the service of the East India Company and holding the office of Superintendent of the Neilgherry Survey, did inform the Government of Madras that the above named John McIvor was formerly engaged in the active working of a farm in Shillingshire, and was desirous of proceeding to the East Indies for the purpose of establishing a farm on the Neilgherry Hills, to be conducted by him upon English principles, and also that the said John McIvor proposed to bring with him European stock, consisting of horned cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry, wherewith to stock his farm; and likewise to introduce in the cultivation of his farm European implements and laborers, and that since his (the said William Graham McIvor's) arrival at Ootacamund, he had been enabled to make experiments in the cultivation of almost all kinds of English grain, green crops, and pasture grasses, which had succeeded so well as

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to warrant him (the said William Graham McIvor) in recommending most strongly the scheme of European farming on the Neilgherry Hills, both for agricultural purposes, and for the breeding of cattle of all kinds. And the said William Graham McIvor requested the assistance of Captain Ouchterlony in submitting a proper application to the Government, on behalf of the said John McIvor, for the necessary land, with the view of it being submitted to the Court of Directors of the said East India Company. And whereas the East India Company being desirous of promoting the objects referred to by the said William Graham McIvor, certain proceedings were taken, and certain letters and correspondence passed between the said William Graham McIvor, as such Agent for and acting on behalf of the said John McIvor, and the Government of Madras or their Servants and Agents respectively acting for and on the behalf of the said East India Company, as likewise certain correspondence between the said John McIvor and the said Court of Directors, whereby or by some part thereof the plans of the said John McIvor were more fully developed, and in consideration of the promises in the letters of the said William Graham McIvor and John McIvor made, the said East India Company consented that land measuring 1,600 cawnies or thereabouts should be leased to the said John McIvor, for the purpose of enabling him to establish such proposed farm, and to conduct the same on the principles and in the manner in such letters and correspondence mentioned or referred to. And whereas subsequently the said William Graham McIvor, as such Agent for and acting on behalf of the said John McIvor, proposed that the said James McIvor should be associated with the said John McIvor in the said undertaking, and that his name should be introduced into the proposed leases, jointly with that of the said John McIvor to which request the Government of Madras, acting for and on behalf of the said East India Company, acceded. And whereas in part fulfillment of such proposed arrangements, and in consideration of the promises in such correspondence so made, by or on behalf of the said John McIvor, the Collector of Coimbatore by a certain instrument in writing, bearing date on or about the 29th day of December 1852, purported to lease to the said William Graham McIvor, on behalf of the above named John and James McIvor, a certain tract of land at Ootacamund aforesaid in the said instrument in writing particularly mentioned and described, rent free for the first ten years, but subject (amongst other things) to the payment of Goodoo as therein mentioned and which said instrument was delivered by the said Collector to the said William Graham McIvor, as the Agent for and on behalf of the said John and James McIvor. And whereas by a certain other instrument in writing, bearing date the 4th day of January 1853 signed by the said William Graham McIvor, as such Agent for and on the behalf of the said John and James McIvor, it is recited that the said tract of land had been leased to him the said William Graham McIvor, on behalf of his brothers the said John and James McIvor, and that the same was to be held by them the said John and James McIvor subject (among others) to a condition that the said lease should be revocable in the event of the said John and James McIvor not reaching India within two years from its date, unless prevented by shipwreck or other unavoidable accident duly proved to the satisfaction of the Government of Fort Saint George. And whereas the said William Graham McIvor, John McIvor and James McIvor have failed to carry out and fulfil the promises contained in the said letters and correspondence, and which were to be performed and fulfilled by or on behalf of the said John McIvor and James McIvor. And whereas the said John McIvor did not reach India within two years from the 29th day of December 1852, nor has he at any time since that date reached or arrived in India, and it has not been duly, or in fact, proved to the Government of Fort Saint George, that the said John McIvor has been prevented from so reaching India by shipwreck or other unavoidable accident. Now this is to give you the said William Graham McIvor, John McIvor and James McIvor, and each of you, notice unless the said John McIvor shall reach India within six calendar months from the date hereof, it is the intention of the Government of Madras, acting for and on behalf of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India in Council, to revoke the said instrument in writing bearing date the 29th day of December 1852. And further take notice that you are hereby required, in the event of the said John McIvor not reaching India within such space of six months, to quit and deliver up on the 29th day of December 1861 to the Collector of Coimbatore, for and on behalf of the said Secretary of State for India in Council, the possession of the said tract of land at Ootacamund aforesaid in the said instrument in writing

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dated the 29th day of December 1852, particularly mentioned and described. Dated, this twenty-eighth day of March 1861.

(Signed) E. B. THOMAS,
Collector of Coimbatore.

Examined. Triplicate.

Delivered to Mr. James McIvor personally this Triplicate of the above notice.

27th April 1861. (Signed) E. B. THOMAS.

Ootacamund, 16th April 1860.

From No. 120.

E. B. THOMAS, Esq.,
Collector of Coimbatore,

To Mr. J. McIVOR,
Ootacamund.

SIR,

Return requested

1. I beg to send for your perusal an Extract from a Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, to the Madras Government, paragraph 43.

2. You will be aware that your lease makes no mention of Coffee, it certainly did not intend it, and that the lease also forbids you selling* Timber or selling, or in any way alienating the land, under these circumstances (and as you will probably yourself say, that you consider an experimental Scotch Farm impracticable), I would beg to ask you if you would be willing to relinquish the rest of the land (having only about four years to raise), provided you are allowed to retain all the land you have now actually under Coffee. I ask, in order that I may have something definite to report to Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) E. B. THOMAS, *Collector.*

Ootacamund, 10th May 1861.

To

E. B. THOMAS, Esq.,
Collector of Coimbatore.

SIR,

I have duly received your communication No. 120, dated 10th April last, together with its enclosure from the India Home Government.

That my lease "makes no mention of Coffee" is, in my opinion, nothing to the purpose, since it does not stipulate that I am bound to cultivate any particular produce whatever, and leaves me my option of turning my lands to any account that suits me, even to selling timber, since I have permission to do so.

I am indeed very thankful for the happy compromise in my favor which you propose to effect between the tenor and spirit of my lease on the one hand, and the remarks and observations of the Home Government on the other, viz., to allow me to have my present planted lands, and a "four years' raise" to boot.

I prefer however to make an effort to convince you that the arguments contained in the Home Government's Despatch, dated 10th April 1855, No. 10, are, to say the least, erroneous and fallacious. I use these expressions because I am aware that the sentiments and arguments contained in the Despatch are not original, but that they are the clipping of the Madras Government. When the Home Authorities are convinced that what I assert is true, I feel confident that the whole tenor of the Despatch will be altered in my favor.

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Now, I can affirm without fear of meeting a successful refutation, that my lease contains no stipulation whatever, that its validity or otherwise rests on the specific condition of improvising "an experimental Scotch Farm," with improvements, cereals and cattle, and I would ask to point out the clause which contains such conditions, therefore any arguments grounded on such an hypothesis fall to the ground, seeing that the conclusions are necessarily chimerical. The lease should have been submitted to the Home Authorities when the grant of land in question was submitted for their revocation. If this was done they would have been convinced by its terms and tenor that it was perfectly unconditional. The lease confers on me liberty to turn the land to any advantage I chose, barring such formal conditions as to time, which appear in all the ordinary leases.

I therefore am content to stand or fall on the terms and conditions of my lease, if tried before a competent Court either of law or arbitration.

(Signed) J. McIVOR.

No. 274.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date the 2nd March 1858.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Reporting on the subject of a complaint preferred by Mr. J. McIvor respecting the manner in which he had, on sundry occasions, been treated by the Collector of Coimbatore, and submitting the correspondence relating thereto. (Here enter 19th January 1858, No. 255.)

From the correspondence submitted with the above Proceedings it would seem that the Government are not likely to realize the anticipations of the establishment of a farm on an English model, and the introduction of grasses and cereals from England, which they found on granting to Mr. McIvor the very favorable terms under which he holds his land; but as his lease contains no clause which would warrant the Collector's inspection against the tenant's wishes, the Government consider it needless to refer the matter for the opinion of the Advocate General.

2. Ordered that the above correspondence be reported for the information of the Honorable the Court of Directors, in continuation of Extract Minutes Consultation, 26th February 1856, No. 213.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) JOHN M. BOSWELL,

Assistant Collector.

I, E. B. Thomas, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore for the time being, by and with the authority of the Governor in Council of Fort Saint George to me conveyed by an order in Council bearing date the 7th May 1852 do hereby lease to Mr. William Graham McIvor on behalf of his brothers John and James McIvor all that tract of land situated at "Kartairi" in the Taluq of the Neilgherries in the Collectorate of Coimbatore bounded on the East by waste land, West by land held by Burghers, South by do. do., and North by do. do., consisting of 934 Cawnies, 4 Grounds and 1,789 square feet as per plan* annexed to be held by the said John and James McIvor, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, for the term of 25 years from the 1st day of August 1853, subject to the following conditions and restrictions, viz.:—

* Plan will be sent hereafter, there being no one at present available for making one.

(1.) The said John and James McIvor, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall hold the said land rent free, for the first ten years from the date of this lease, no Todar compensation or "Goodoo" is leviable on the land.

(2.) After the expiration of ten years from the date of this lease, the said John and James McIvor shall be charged with a rent to Government of one Rupee per annum for every cawny of land ploughed or otherwise turned up, during the year, whether cropped or fallow, and this lease shall be renewable at the expiration of the period of 25 years from the said day of 1st August 1853, on condition that the whole extent of the land (934 Cawnies, 4 Grounds and 1,789 square feet) and not merely that under the plough, shall then become subject to the ordinary rates of assessment prevailing on the Neilgherries.

(3.) The said lease shall be revocable in the event of the said John and James McIvor not reaching India within two years from its date unless prevented by shipwreck or other unavoidable accidents duly proved to the satisfaction of the Government of Fort Saint George, and any portion of the land comprised in the lease which may be unappropriated or unimproved by the said John and James McIvor, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, at the expiration of ten years from the date of his arrival in India, shall be liable to be resumed by Government.

(4.) The said John and James McIvor, their Heirs, Executors or Administrators, shall not sell, mortgage, or otherwise alienate their interest in any part of, or sublet any portion of the lands hereby leased without the previous permission of Government and any such alienation made without such permission, shall be wholly null and void.

(5.) The said John and James McIvor, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall not work any mine for the purpose of raising coal or ore or other mineral matter excepting stone and slate in the land hereby leased without the special permission of Government certified by the Collector in writing, and on the demand of Government conveyed to them by the Collector in writing, they shall surrender any part of the said land which may be required for the purpose of working such a mine therein on behalf of Government with a sufficient road way to it.

(6.) The said John and James McIvor, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall erect boundary marks defining the limits of the land hereby leased according to the directions which shall be given to them by the Collector and shall maintain them in good order.

(7.) The said John and James McIvor, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall maintain and keep open all existing roads, foot paths and rights of way through or over the land hereby leased as marked in the plan hereunto annexed. They shall also allow road ways there or over the said land for the purpose of giving access to any other land belonging to the Government which is not otherwise conveniently accessible on a demand to that effect being made to him by the Collector in writing.

(8.) The said John and James McIvor, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall allow any portion of the land hereby leased to be taken for the purpose of forming any road or channel or other works of general utility or convenience or necessary for the exigencies of the public service or for any public purpose whatsoever on its being certified to him in writing by the Collector that such portion of the land is needed for such purpose and a demand being made accordingly for the surrender of the same.

(9.) The said John and James McIvor, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall not stop, impede or alter the course of any spring or stream of water, rising in, or passing through or over or by the side of the land hereby leased, nor appropriate to their own use the water of such a stream, or spring to the prejudice of any party or parties, or of the public or otherwise than as shall be directed by the Collector in writing.

(10.) The said John and James McIvor, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall not fell the trees or do anything to destroy the woods, or any part of them now standing on the lands hereby leased without the special permission of the Collector.

(11.) When the said John and James McIvor, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be required to surrender any portion of the land hereby leased to afford a way of access, to other land under Article 8 of this lease, or to form a public road or for some other public purpose or purposes of Government under Article 8 or in order to the working of a mine therein by Government under Article 3 they shall be entitled to compensation for the land

surrendered provided it shall have been brought into cultivation or prepared for cultivation which compensation shall be settled by mutual agreement between them and the Collector or determined, failing such agreement by arbitration in the manner following, that is to say one referee shall be appointed by the said John and James McIvor, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and one by the Collector, and these two shall select a third. The award of the Arbitrators or one of the majority of them shall be final, unless it be set aside by the summary decision of the Civil Courts of the Coimbatore District for gross partiality or incompetence, on which ground it may be challenged by either party, and both parties shall be bound to submit to the award which shall be given by the Court after hearing the evidence adduced by them respectively or by the complainant alone, if the other party after due notice shall fail to appear and offer evidence. In the events of the first award being thus set aside, Arbitrators shall be appointed a second time in the manner aforesaid, and their award whatever it may be, shall be final. If the land required to be surrendered shall be still in its original conditions, that is, not improved by cost or labour, no compensation shall be claimable for it, but if the whole area of the farm shall have been assessed under article two, a proportionate abatement shall be made for the portion surrendered.

(12.) In all disputes regarding boundaries, springs, water-courses, roads, and rights of way, which may arise between the said John and James McIvor, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and other parties in which the Government is uninterested, they shall be bound to abide by the decision of the Collector, subject however to an appeal to the Board of Revenue and Government, when the question or dispute relates to a matter in which the Government is interested and the said John and James McIvor, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, may not be satisfied with the decision of the Collector they may appeal to the Board of Revenue and if dissatisfied with the issue of such appeal may institute a suit in the Civil Court of the Zillah for the determination of the point at issue in which suit the Collector shall be Defendant.

(13.) If the rent payable annually under this lease be not duly discharged within the space of one month after the same shall have been due it shall be lawful for the Collector of Coimbatore for the time being after demand in writing for the said rent to levy the same by distraint and sale of any personal property which may be found upon the said land or of any personal property belonging to the said John and James McIvor, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, wherever found and if the proceeds of the property so distrained and sold shall be insufficient to cover the public demand with all costs of distraint and sale and if the said John and James McIvor, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall neglect to make good the deficiency or if they shall fail after due notice in the performance of any other of the conditions stipulated in this lease then it shall be lawful to the Governor in Council of the Presidency of the Fort Saint George to resume the said lands with all the Buildings standing on them and this lease shall thereupon determine and cease to have effect.

(14.) It is to be clearly understood that this lease confers no authority on the said William Graham McIvor, John McIvor and James McIvor, or his or their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to oust the present occupants of small patches of land comprised within the area leased who on the contrary will be maintained in their occupancy unless the Collector finds it convenient to give them other lands in lieu.

COIMBATORE, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
PULLACHY, 14th July 1853.

(Signed) E. B. THOMAS, *Collector.*

No. 82.

ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1861, No. 1,345.

Forwarded to the Government Pleader for his opinion on paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Memorial.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

In this memorial
Mr Mc Ivor reasons
strates against the
proceedings which
have lately taken
place to eject him from the
lands he holds at
Kartary and Ota
cannied. & offers
to pay for the former
as if he had it on Copley
for 5 years & thereafter

Subject to a rent of
1R per acre - He got the
land in 1854 - so that
by this arrangement
he would have to pay
for 2 years back - His
lease is 10 years free
& thereafter at 1R per
acre for all & claimed.

It is true, as he
states, that his lease
contains no stipulation
as to growing English crops
etc. but it was for this
purpose that he got the

land on easy terms
and this he knows &
very well - that he
said that he was going
to cultivate coffee - for com-
pensation & the like he never saw
could have had such such
terms.

The matter is now
in the hands of one
of the Law Officers of the
Govt. and the Govt. cannot
deal with the application
without first referring
to them - or the Sec.

- case of the proceedings
taken may be regarded.

Mr. Mc Larr has
not only been treated with
great kindness and
attention - v. the letter at
page 8 of his memorial -

On the other hand
there is no thing gained
by compelling him to
try the English & co. do - for
he would do so - if they
paid better than other
planters - and if they
do not pay he then, neither
he nor the soil will benefit
by their cultivation - Co.

Considering this & also
the uncertainty of
experience of legal
proceedings, the right
to be satisfied by a com-
promise - if the law
officers advise such
a course - If he were
told that the soil would
stay proceedings on
his agreeing to pay
on his entire estate
12 per acre from &
after the 3rd or 4th year

of his acquisition - he
would, I think, be
sufficiently provided
and for he said
much from the day

It would be
optimal with him
to keep the other land
on the same terms or
to give it, if, as I believe,
he has never turned
them to account - if
the order requested

S. L.

Law Officer to be
consulted
S. L.

For Order

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Forwarded to the Govern.

ment Pleader for his opinions on

paras 7 & 8 of the Memorials.

Let Lt Gen.
5th July 1861

J. D. J.

3 Copies to Mr. H. P. Thacker. Piff: 5

I am glad you have
been so long at home,
and I hope you will
be able to stay there
for some time.
I am very much interested
in your work,
and I hope you will
be able to do it well.

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(P) Ringförmig der Zeit.

No 1504.

The first thing I did
 was to go to the
 office and see
 what was going on.
 I found that the
 work was very
 much behind.
 I then went to
 the bank and
 saw the manager.
 He told me that
 the money was
 all right, but
 that the interest
 was not being
 paid. I then
 went to the
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Lafayette 1345. 5th July

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Heinrich ...

27 June 1964