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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 12th August 1861.

No. 168. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th July 1861, No. 4,100 :—

Read again letter from the Acting Collector of North Arcot, dated 17th May 1861, No. 95, reporting the sale of the Vellore Ábkári Farm.

(In Cons. 20th May 1861, No. 3,092.)

Read also the following letters from the same Officer, dated 25th June 1861, No. 130, and 6th July 1861, No. 147.

(In Cons. 28th June and 8th July 1861, Nos. 3,948 and 4,197.)

1. Ordered that the foregoing letters be submitted for the information of Government.

2. In the letter first recorded, Mr. Robinson reports the sale of the Vellore Ábkári Farm, which has been let for fourteen months, from 1st May 1861 to 30th June 1862. The highest bid obtained for it was Rupees 34,000, being 25,600 Rupees below what it let for last year. This large decrease is owing to their not having been the same spirited competition as on the last occasion.

3. In the two subsequent letters, the Collector reports the sale of the Púnganúr Ábkári Farm for Rupees 14,450, this sum being 5,100 Rupees in excess of the annual average of what the farm let for on quinquennial lease, and the sale of the small farm of 159 villages transferred from the South Arcot District for Rupees 4,500, being an increase of 911 Rupees over the last rent. One small farm, comprising 22 villages, transferred from Madras on the 1st instant, was not put up to sale as it is included in the lease held by the Renters of the Madras District for the current Fasli.

4. The net result of the sales of the farms above enumerated is a decrease of Rupees 19,589.

5. The general Ábkári lease of the District does not expire till 30th June 1862, the above small farms were consequently sold for the current Fasli only, in order that the Abkári of the whole District may be rented at the same time on the expiration of the lease.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 169. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1861, No. 1,613.

The Government wish to be informed what was the upset price fixed for the Vellore Ábkári Farms.

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

In Cons. 20th May 1861, No. 3,092.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of NORTH ARCOT,

dated Chittoor, 17th May 1861, No. 95.

I have the honor, with reference to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 9th ultimo, to report for their information that the Vellore Abkarry farm was put up to auction on the 30th idem, and knocked down to the joint names of Mr. J. J. Corbett, Veloru Seshachella Mudali and Govindu Mudali for Rupees 34,000 which was the highest bid. This is 25,600 Rupees below what the farm let for last official year.

2. When the farm was put up to auction on the last occasion, there was a spirited competition which terminated on its being knocked down to Messrs. Corbett and Morison for 59,600 Rupees, a sum not only far in excess of the rental amount of the previous official year, but also of the average of the 10 years immediately preceding.

3. So far as I can learn, the speculation was far from profitable, and Messrs. Corbett and Morison were probably only induced to bid so high as they did, out of a desire to secure themselves as Abkarry renters of the district, against rival interests with which it might be troublesome and expensive to contend.

	Rupees.
* 1851-52	25,050
1852-53	27,200
1853-54	31,200
1854-55	24,600
1855-56	25,010
1856-57	25,010
1857-58	34,950
1858-59	34,950
1859-60	44,950
1860-61	59,600
	3,32,520
Average,..	33,252

4. Taking into account the extra two months for which the farm runs, the present bid, you will find from the marginal* statement, is just about the decennial average.

5. The farm has been let on the usual conditions. The contract is, as the Board have authorized, to run for 14 months ending with the 30th June 1862, on which date the general Abkarry lease of the district expires.

6. I have, as the Board have directed, added to the 5th condition a clause prohibiting the sale of liquor to any number of the Mofussil Police when on duty.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Enclosure 1 in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Govt. dated 30th July 1861 No. 4100

1861. Despatch

Letter from the Collector of North Arcot to the Board of Revenue dated 17th May 1861 No. 95, regarding the sale of Abkarry Farm

In Cons. 28th June 1861, No. 3,948.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of NORTH ARCOT,
dated Palmanair, 25th June 1861, No. 130.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, No. 3,238, requesting me to report at once the result of the sale of the Abkarry farms of this district for Fasli 1271.

2. I have already reported to the Board in my letter of the 17th May last, No. 95, the sale of the Vellore Abkarry farm, which has with the permission of the Board been let for 14 months, commencing from 1st May 1861 and ending with the 30th June 1862. The highest bid obtained for the farm was Rupees 34,000, being 25,600 Rupees below what it let for last official year. The circumstances which led to this large decrease will be found explained in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of my letter above referred to.

3. The Punganur Abkarry farm was under the terms of the notice put up this day to auction, and knocked down to the parties named in the margin for Rupees 14,450, the highest bid. This sum is 5,100 Rupees in excess of the annual average of what the farm last let for on quinquennial lease.

4. And here I may remark, with reference to the concluding part of paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 10th June 1861, No. 3,019, that in consideration of the farm having been last held on quinquennial tenure, and of the novelty of some of the conditions on which it has now been re-let, I purposely fixed the upset price somewhat lower than might have been otherwise necessary, in order to bring a larger number of bidders into the field, and encourage competition. The bidding was very spirited, and the result will, I think, be allowed by the Board to be most satisfactory.

5. There yet remain to be let the two small farms of the 159 villages recently transferred to this district from South Arcot, and of the 22 villages of the Madras Collectorate, which are to be annexed to this district from the 1st proximo. These have been advertised for sale on the 29th instant, the results of which will be communicated to the Board in due course.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

1861. Oct. 4th

Enclosure 2 in Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
to the Secretary to Govt. P.D.
dated 30th July 1861. No. 4100.

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Letter from the Collr. of N. Arcot to the Board of Revenue dated 25th June 1861. No. 130. Regarding the sale of Abkary Farms.

In Cons. 8th July 1861, No. 4,197.

From J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of NORTH ARCOT,
dated Chittoor, 6th July 1861, No. 147.

Adverting to the concluding paragraph of my letter of the 25th ultimo, No. 130, I have the honor to report that of the two small farms therein referred to, that comprising the 22 villages, transferred from Madras on the 1st instant, has not been put up to public outcry in this district, as Mr. Cunliffe has subsequently informed me in his letter of the 25th ultimo that the farm of these villages has been included in the lease already issued to the renters of his district for Fasli 1271, and is opposed to any change being made until the Abkarry leases of the 20 villages, and of the Satiaved taluq transferred from this to the Madras district, fall in as they will at the close of Fasli 1272. The arrangement being convenient and simple had my ready acquiescence.

2. The other farm, viz., that of the 159 villages transferred to this district from South Arcot, was under the terms of the Advertisement put up to auction at Vellore on the 29th ultimo, by the Sub-Collector. The annual Abkarry demand for these villages under the lease that has just expired, amounts to Rupees 3,589. The upset price having been fixed at some three-fourths of this sum or Rupees 2,400, the farm was ultimately knocked down to Darmaraya, Udayan of Chetpat, for Rupees 4,500, the highest bid, a result which may be considered most satisfactory.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Enclosure 3 in Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
to the Secretary to Govt. R. D.
dated 30th July 1861. No. 4,100.

1861. Despatch No.

Letter from the Collector of North Arcot to the Board of Revenue dated 6th July 1861 No. 147 regarding the sale of Abkary Farm.

No. 4,100.

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(A true Extract.)

R. Lushington

Secretary.

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

Copy to J. D. Robinson, Esq., Collector of North Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 30th July 1861
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Letter
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Submitting with remarks a letter from the Collector of North Arcot reporting on the Sale of the Vellore Abkary farm.-

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No 1613

The Government wish to be informed what was the upset price fixed for the Vellore Abkary farm.

Extract Leo.
12th Augt 1861

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