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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st September 1861.

No. 198. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th July 1861, No. 3,519 :—

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(In Cons. 3rd June 1861, No. 3,399.)

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Board's Proceedings, dated 8th August 1836, No. 1,422.

2. It therefore does not admit of doubt that the Tope in question is fairly the property of Government, and no reason whatever appears from the Collector's third proposal to "give it over to a respectable individual on the usual terms," meaning, the Board suppose, on the obligation of maintaining it, and paying the land tax.

3. Of the other proposals the Board approve the suggestion that the Tope be disposed of by public auction subject to payment of the land tax, unless Government prefer to dispose of it under the Freehold rules. They resolve therefore to request the sanction of Government for the sale of the Tope in question by public auction, and if free of assessment, that the upset price be fixed at Rupees 600.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 199. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1861, No. 1,846.

The Government are of opinion that the Board should re-consider their recommendation. There does not appear any reason for a sale at all. From the Collector's letter it is seen that the Tope rents for Rupees 183 annually ; and the upset price proposed by the Board is only $3\frac{1}{4}$ years purchase.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

In Cons. 3rd June 1861, No. 3,399.

From V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of MADURA,
dated Ramnad, 27th May 1861, No. 137.

I have the honor to report for the orders of the Board that in the village of Kochadai Madura Taluq, there is a tope now the property of Government which was formerly the property of a Cash-keeper, Bicajee Row, the whole of whose property was seized by Government to make good a deficiency in his cash chest.

2. In 1835, this tope was offered* for sale by Mr. Blackburne, the late Principal Collector. The highest bid then obtained was Rupees 288, but the bidders subsequently declined to complete the purchase, unless the tope was declared to be liable to the land instead of the tree tax. The Board having refused† this, the tope has been ever since rented out by the Collector. The last rent was quinquennial, amounts to Rupees 183 annually, and expires at the end of the current Fasli. The land on which the tope stands measures $5\frac{3}{4}$ gulies and the tax is Rupees 3-10-6.

3. I am informed that the tope is a valuable property and worth Rupees 400, if sold subject to the land tax. Applications to be put in possession of it under the rules contained in the Board's Circular of the 21st April 1858, have been made; but I did not consider that this tope could come under those rules and therefore have made this application to know, 1st, whether it is to continue to be rented as usual; 2nd, to be sold at auction, subject to payment of the usual land tax; or 3rd, whether I can give it over to a respectable individual on the usual terms, or whether it is to be sold outright as Freehold property.

* *Vide* letters to Board on the 24th December 1834, paragraph 2, and on 7th February 1835.

† *Vide* letter from Board on the 19th February 1835.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Secretary.

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

Copy to V. H. Levinge, Esq., Collector of Madura.

Exd. J. Wright.

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