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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 29-10-1861.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 29th October 1861.

No. 354. Read the following letter from H. D. RAE, Esq., to E. BREEKS, Esq., Private Secretary to the Governor, dated Ootacamund, 14th September 1861, No. 29 :—

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 27 of the Memorandum (No. 25) of the 2nd instant, which I had the honor to submit through you to His Excellency, and in which I mentioned that my original application had been for 550 Cawnies of ground, which is equivalent nearly to 740 acres of which a portion of 240 acres has been already granted me, I have been searching over the hills for a suitable locality where the remaining 500 acres could be taken up without presenting any difficulties from too close proximity to the station of Ootacamund, from disputed claims, or from present opportunities of turning the land to a different account. Such a spot, I think, I have found in an extensive tract of forest in the neighbourhood of Mail Koondáh. It is distant about 15 miles (by the traces of an old road) south of Ootacamund at the extreme verge of the plateau; there is no open road of communication with it, and the aforesaid traces are now quite impassable from the hollows having got filled up by bogs and swamps: further, as the forest is a large untouched tract of about 6,000 acres there can be no rival claim to any part of it. It lies, so to speak, *beyond*, and at some distance away from any of the forest land that has been granted and taken up for Coffee plantations on that side of the mountains. And what I would now ask respectfully to submit to the Governor is that His Excellency would sanction a grant of 500 acres from this forest (to make up the aforesaid total of 550 Cawnies or 740 acres) for my cultivation of Tea. I would at the same time ask leave that in the new lease that may be given me for this land a Clause be introduced providing that if at any time I introduced the culture of Cinchona in place of Tea within it the lease should not thereby be vitiated.

No. 355. ORDER THEREON, 29th October 1861, No. 2,068.

Mr. Rae will be referred in reply to this application, to Proceedings of Government, dated 23rd August 1860, No. 1,422, in paragraph 7 of which he was informed that his wish to extend his holding at Sholoor hereafter on the same terms on which he holds his present grant, would be complied with if he proved successful in his undertaking. The Government do not consider the success of the experiment has yet been established, and Mr. Rae has not yet signed his covenant with Government for the grant already made.

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

It appears to me that the Crown would stand at the disposal of Mr Rae for his Lea Expenses ment is amply sufficient for the pur= =pose - I dislike the system of giving to different applicants Land on different terms - there ought to be one general principle and one set of rules for the disposal of Govt Land. and it would be desirable that the Govt should establish the with as little delay as possible. let the Letter be opened in the Revenue Board for a report in the first place as to the different modes in other Land has been granted for one purpose or another and in the event of a suggestion as to Mode in which applications for grants of Land shall be met with in future - when the terms are once known & made public applications for special consideration or Mr Rae will no longer be troubled with such difficulties in the form please - our printed form will answer every purpose

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Dy Supt Govt Gardens
29 Oct 1867

Wm D Rae
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Dr. 2068.

To the Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Sir,

I have the honor to be,
Your most obedient servant,
A. Rae.

Bangalore Cantonment
1st October 1867.

I have the honor to request that if at any time Government may be disposed to grant any land for the cultivation of Cinchona in place of that within the Lease which will shortly fall in, I may be allowed to exchange the latter for the land situated as follows.

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