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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th November 1861.

No. 60. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th October 1861, No. 5,849:—

Read the following letter from J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of South Canara, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Mangalore, 23rd September 1861, No. 167.

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2. Nothing of the sort has ever been applied for before, as the few spots now cultivated in the District with this crop are all on the plain, at the foot of the ghâts, and very small in extent. I have not seen the ground now applied for; but I am informed by Mr. Thompson, the Forest Overseer in South Canara, that he has; that it is at a good elevation, covered with heavy virgin Forest, and that the soil is rich. It is so distant from any river of sufficient size to float timber, that it would never pay to cut and bring out such as is to be got there.

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2. I have experimented on Bourbon and Sea Island Cotton, on my Coffee plantation in the Nuggur Division, during the years 1847, 1848, 1849 and 1850, at a similar elevation, and succeeded. I recommended similar experiments being made on the coast ranges to Dr. Wight; herewith a copy of his report on my Cotton, &c., as also a copy of a paper sent me by Major Onslow on my being obliged, from repeated attacks of fever, to quit the Nuggur Division. I mention these circumstances, and forward documents, with the hope of inducing you to grant me the waste jungle land on easy terms, free of rent or taxes, for a certain number of years, or till the land is brought under cultivation.

3. I might here state, for your further information, that when clearing primitive jungle land for any description of cultivation, I do not burn generally but in heaps; as I consider general burning destroys the fertility of the soil for ever; any good timber there may be on the land, I will bind myself, if necessary, to preserve for Government purposes. On inquiries, I find the jungle above described is not conserved.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. FRASER, *Collector.*

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hands of a single individual a very large extent of valuable forest land at an absurdly inadequate rent. Under the Neilgherry, Shervaroy, and Pulny systems, the upset price of the land applied for would be Rupees 20,000, and this the Board presume the applicant is not prepared to pay.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 61. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1861, No. 2,116.

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(Signed) J. D. SIM,

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Secretary.

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

Copy to J. Fraser, Esq., Collector of South Canara.

Exd. J. Wright.

Revenue 1861 Department.
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Dated 24th October 1861.

Despatched. 31st Oct.
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No. 5,849.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of South Canara forwarding an application for 1000 acres of Coffee land on the Koadre Moak Range, and recommending that the land applied for is excessive and that its upset price under the Neilgherry and Pulney systems would be Rupees 20,000, which the Board presume the applicant is not prepared to pay.

From Mr Wm Elliott-Planter
Mangalore
23 Dec/61 Col No 3084
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No: 2116. 5th November
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