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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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

No. 159. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th February 1861, No. 621 :—

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 28th January 1861, No. 13.

SIR,

I beg to forward an application for 100 acres for Tea; from careful inquiry, I believe the offer to be a *bonâ fide* one, connected with a Capitalist at Home, and likely to be fully and fairly carried out. I recommend the application to the favorable consideration of the Board and Government, much of it is forest land, but at a low elevation.

The Collector's letter is deficient in several particulars, but before calling for further information the Board resolve to lay the letter before Government and ascertain whether they are disposed to make any further grants of land for Tea cultivation on the same terms as were conceded to Mr. Rae, provided of course that the applicants can satisfy the Collector that they have the means and intend *bonâ fide* to make the experiment.

(A true Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 160. ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1861, No. 338.

Rules, liberal in their terms, having been fixed for regulating the grant of land on the Neilgherries and other Hill ranges, the Government are not disposed to permit departure from those rules, whatever may be the purpose for which land is sought.

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

No. 621.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th February 1861.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. K. W. LASCELLES, Esq., to E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated Ootacamund, 23d January 1861.

1. I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to do me the favor to procure from Government a grant of 100 acres of land, for the purpose of forming a Tea plantation.

2. The site that I wish to occupy is to the north of Nediwuttum, to the right hand side of the Government road, and is not within the limits of the land claimed by Mr. J. Ouchterlony, that gentleman claiming only the south and west of the road. It forms a portion of that tract recently transferred to the Coimbatore Collectorate, is about the level of 6,500 feet within the range of the Forest, and a portion is of the same elevation as the Nediwuttum Public Bungalow.

3. I may mention that the speculation is to be made in connection with a gentleman in London, of considerable experience in Tea generally, and the subject would be fairly tested, and have every advantage, both of large capital and ample experience to carry out the experiment.

4. In conclusion I have only to solicit that, as the outlay in such speculation is very heavy—not less than 350 to 400 Rupees an acre—you will kindly procure the land for me on as favorable terms as Government will grant.

(True Copy.)

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

The Collector's letter is deficient in several particulars; but before calling for further information, the Board resolve to lay the letter before Government, and ascertain whether they are disposed to make any further grants of land for Tea cultivation on the same terms as were conceded to Mr. Rae, provided of course that the applicants can satisfy the Collector that they have the means, and intend *bonâ fide* to make the experiment.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

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

Copy to E. B. Thomas, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 312.

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 4th }
Desp^d 4th } Feb^y 1861
Rec^d 5th }

No. 621.

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Submitting with the
Board's observation a letter
from the Collector of Coimba-
tore forwarding an ap-
plication from Mr. Mc
Lascelles for 100 Acres of
land for the purpose of
forming a tea plantation
on the Neily herries -

Mr. Logan

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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenues.

Dated 4th
Desp.d 4 } February 1861.
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Encl.s 1.
No. 338. 12th Tribunal
No. 621.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Coimbatore and its Enclosure an application from Mr. Lascelles for 100 acres of Land for Tea Cultivation and requesting to be informed whether Govern=ment are disposed to make any further grants of Land for Tea Cultivation on the same terms as were conce=ded to Mr. Rae.
Prov.l of the Dr. 13th March 1861 No. 731

No. 338.

Answering Letter from Collector, Coimbatore, forwarding Application from Mr. Lascelles for Grant of Land on the Terms granted to Mr. Rae.

Read the Letter from the Collector of Coimbatore forwarding the Application of Mr. Lascelles for a Grant of Land on the Terms granted to Mr. Rae.

Resolved that Mr. Lascelles be informed that Government are disposed to grant Land for Tea Cultivation on the same Terms as those granted to Mr. Rae.

Ordered that a Letter to the Board of Revenue be prepared accordingly for Signature.

No. 159 of 1860.
C. G. Feb. 27th.

Rec.d 27th February 1861.
Ans.d 13th March 1861.
Copy to the Board of Revenue. Page 311.

- Mr. Lascelles has been informed that Government are disposed to grant Lands for Tea Cultivation on the same Terms as those granted to Mr. Rae.

Ordered that a Letter to the Board of Revenue be prepared accordingly for Signature.

Under Secretary Dalton
Initd - Revenue Liberal
Wilson