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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th June 1862.*

No. 238. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th May 1862,
No. 2,915:—

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to
W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated
Ootacamund, 21st April 1862, No. 94.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th July 1861,
No. 4,054, sanctioning the sale of 2,198 acres of jungle waste
lands in Anamalli and Marchinaickenpolliem villages, I have the
honor to report that a great portion* of it, viz., 1,911 acres
has been sold in public auction for 12,860† Rupees.

* Also the Nunjah waste measuring
6½ Cawnies.

† Added to 18,000 Rupees before
realized by sale of lands.

2. The sale of the other portion is stopped, pending the receipt of the new and subsidiary
rules for the disposal of Government waste lands.

3. Adverting to paragraph 3 of the above Proceedings, I request the Board will be good
enough to obtain the sanction of Government for spending the sale proceeds of this land in the
improvement of works referred to in paragraph 4 of my communication, dated 12th July 1861,
No. 153.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. In accordance with the views expressed by Government in paragraph 3 of their Proceed-
ings, dated 7th September 1860, No. 1,515, the Board granted
permission for the sale by auction of certain lands in the
Coimbatore District in their Proceedings noted in the margin,
which are herewith submitted.

In Cons. 8th September 1860,
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3. The greater portion of these lands have been already sold liable to the payment of the
Government assessment, and with the distinct understanding that the right of Government to
revise the assessment was reserved.

4. As some of the lands were jungle lands situated near the Annamally Hills, and had been
long known as immemorial waste, the Collector has deferred the further sales until the receipt
of the final orders of Government as to the sale of waste lands.

5. A sum of Rupees 36,860 has been realized by the sales up to this time, and the Collector
desires to have the sanction of Government for its expenditure in the improvement of that
portion of the District in which the lands are situated, by the extension of the irrigation works,
roads, &c.

6. It would be observed that the jungle lands, which have been assessed at 9 Annas per
acre, have been sold at a little more than Rupees 7 per acre, or for about fourteen years' purchase
of the assessment, which still remains to be paid on them.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL, Sub-Secretary.

No. 239. ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1862, No. 1,326.

The Government cannot sanction the arrangement proposed in paragraph 5 of the Board's
Proceedings, and the money realized by the sales of waste land must be included in the General
Revenue. They will be prepared however to consider favorably such projects for improving the
localities named as may be submitted in the usual way.

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

No. 62.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 7th January 1861.

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated 23rd November 1860, No. 229 :—

1. With reference to the Order of Government, dated 7th September 1860, No. 1,545, I have the honor to forward a list, showing the extent of waste jungle and other land applied for for cultivation in this District, and request the sanction of the Board for selling the same by public auction.

2. The extent of 2,198 Acres of jungle land applied for in Pullachy Taluk, is assessed at 9 Annas per acre, with reference to the rate prevailing in the neighbourhood; it has been long applied for and lying over, and comprises many applicants.

3. The sale of the 100 Acres of Nunjah land in Suttimungalam Taluk, is unobjectionable and desirable; and will probably fetch a large sum to Government; the land is rich, and the proposed amount of assessment varies from 3-6-6 to 7-6-0 per Acre; the Tahsildar suggests the sale by public auction as the best mode for its disposal.

4. The sale of the small piece of land in Errode, viz., nine-sixteenths of an Acre, assessed at 7-13-7, is also unobjectionable.

P. S.—There are contesting applicants in each case.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—List showing the extent and description of waste jungle and other land applied for for cultivation in Coimbatore District.

1. If it shall be found on careful inquiry that the Tanks cannot be restored with advantage, the Board authorise the sales of land proposed in the villages of Gopalchittipollium, Vellalapollium and Velangoil.

2. They also authorise the proposed sale of land in the Brammanaparia Agraharum.

3. They see no such special circumstances in the remaining cases as to justify a departure from the general rules for the disposal of applications for land.

4. The Collector is directed to cause it to be fully understood that the assessment on the lands so sold is open to revision by Government, as in the case of all other lands not permanently settled.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary.

To E. B. Thomas, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 29th July 1861.

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated 12th July 1861, No. 153:—

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 62, dated 7th January 1861, I beg to assure the Board that very careful inquiry was instituted in every case recommended for sale. It was found the tanks could not be restored. I append a list of other *similar* lands applied for. Careful inquiry has been instituted in each case.

2. As regards the jungle land in Pullachy, which the Board *object* to sell, I would earnestly request their re-consideration. It is old immemorial waste; nearly all heavy jungle, towards the Animallay Hills; a few years ago *infested* by wild beasts; the *soil* is strong and good; it is sought for by rich Ryots of that neighbourhood, some merchants, and others who have made money by timber dealing, &c., and wish to *invest* their capital. The two Poligars of Pullachy are amongst the bidders; there is no "claim" or "right" whatever upon this jungle land; there are *several* applicants in every case; to *give* it merely to the first applicant in point of *time* will be to sacrifice needlessly a large amount which will otherwise fairly accrue to Government.

3. If land is the security for the Revenue, and the Government the proprietor of all *bona fide* Forest and *waste* land, on which a Puttah has never existed, then I submit the value of this land fairly belongs to Government, as its natural and proper resource. Capitalists are ready and anxious to buy which is clearly Government's to sell; *they* will best improve and sink capital in the land; they will surely *not* give *more* than its worth; they dispossess no one, but the tiger and the elephant.

4. In once more requesting the Board's leave to *sell* this waste, I also request that the Board would *submit*, if they cannot *recommend*, my further request, that the sum realized, whatever it may be, may be devoted to the improvement of that part of the country; its irrigation and its roads, for which the District Engineer has not sufficient funds, and the country is suffering accordingly.

5. The applications for these 2,198 acres of jungle in Pullachy bordering on the Animallay Hills, are strictly of the exceptional* character; in dense jungle far from villages and claims, and requiring to be cleared, if only to lessen the *fever* prevalent there. To *give* these lands without sale to the first applicant on the list, will be simply a large sacrifice of Government rights to others willing to pay; the sale in this case will prejudice no one, but benefit Government itself, and that to a large amount.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the extent and description of the several lands applied for for cultivation in Coimbatore District.

1. The Board sanction the sale of the right of occupancy in the undermentioned lands as particularized by the Collector, subject to the payment of the assessment on the land, and reserving the power to Government to revise that assessment at will.

First.—The bed of a ruined tank in Bramadasum.

Second.—The land in Cusbah Dharapuram.

Third.—The Nunjah waste in Animallay village.

Fourth.—The jungle waste in Animallay limits, included in the List submitted by the Collector on 23rd November 1860.

2. Mr. Thomas will notify the intended sale widely in the District, and clearly explain the terms.

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of the Board of Revenue
to the Secy to Govt. D. D.
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Board's Proceedings
to the Collector of Coimbatore
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regarding the sale of
jungle waste land.

3. On receiving from him the report of the result of the sale of the last two lots above-named, the Board will address Government on the subject of the application of the sale proceeds to local improvements.

4. The remaining lots included in the List submitted with his letter, do not appear to the Board to fall within the intention of the Government order.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary

To E. B. Thomas, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Sub-Secretary.

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