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15th September 1862.*

No. 280. Read the following letter from A. CAMMIADE, Esq., to T. PYCROFT, Esq.,
Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 2nd September 1862:—

SIR,

1. I am sorry to be obliged to trouble Government again on the subject of the 200 acres of forest land situated on the northern Sholay of the Shevaroy Hills, which were applied for by me so long back as the 15th November 1861, and which by the Order of Government No. 433, of 27th February 1862, to the Collector of Salem, had been directed to be made over to me subject to the Rules then under promulgation.

2. The then Collector of Salem, H. A. Brett, Esq., in his letter to my address on the subject No. 134, of 15th March 1862, informed me that in obedience to the orders of Government above quoted he had registered my application under those Rules and requested me to point out the boundaries of the land to Mr. Boalth, Special Deputy Collector, with the view to a final settlement of the transaction. Acting on the faith of these orders and letters, the ground selected by me was at once marked off with boundaries and pointed out to the Special Deputy Collector Mr. Boalth, and a working party with a Superintendent have been busily engaged ever since in clearing portions of the jungle and setting Coffee plants as fast as the ground can be got ready for their reception; and now after so many months have elapsed since I have taken possession of the land and after considerable personal trouble and expense I hear from my Agent on the Shevaroy that for some reason or other the present Collector, the Honorable D. Arbuthnot, Esq., has raised some objection to the land being made over to me.

3. Under these circumstances I trust I am justified in claiming the protection of Government, and would with all deference beg that early directions be given to the present Collector to make over the land in question to me at as early a date as practicable in accordance with the views expressed in the Order of Government of 27th February 1862, No. 433, and at such rate per acre as has been or may now be fixed for this description of land by the Local Government.

4. An order to this effect I would observe will be quite compatible with paragraph 76 of the Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir Charles Wood, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 14 of 9th July 1862, on the subject of the sale of waste lands in India, wherein it is mentioned: "It is not, however, intended that these orders should have retrospective effect, and if any arrangements in regard either to the purchase of waste lands or the redemption of land Revenue, have been actually completed under the provisions of the Resolution, they must so far as is compatible with the law, be scrupulously carried into effect."

No. 281. ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1862, No. 1,994.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report. Mr. Cammiade has evidently misunderstood the Order dated 27th February 1862, No. 433. That Order did not authorize the Collector to make over to him possession of the land alluded to. On the contrary it prohibited any such transfer pending the final orders of the Government of India on the subject of the grant of waste lands.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

