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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 8th October 1862.

No. 95. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th September 1862, No. 6,004:—

Read the following letter from A. P. HODGSON, Esq., Acting Collector of South Canara, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Mangalore, 21st August 1862, No. 81.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to inform you that pursuant to the Order of Government dated 5th November last, No. 2,116, my Head Assistant, in November last proceeded, accompanied by Mr. Elliott, to inspect the land which the latter applied for on the range of Hills forming the eastern boundary of this District, and reported that the land was apparently well suited for the purpose for which it was required.

2. When I was about to furnish Government with my report on the subject, Mr. Elliott informed me that there was other land in the same range, but further north, that would suit him much better, and requested that it might be inspected. As I was not at all sure that Mr. Elliott would not again change his mind, and being unable myself to proceed to the spot, I deputed the Tahsíldár of Udipi Táluq to do what was required in the matter. When this Officer was on the point of starting, Mr. Elliott wrote to him to say that the jungle was so thick that it would be impossible for him to enter it, and that it would be useless to attempt the inspection of it. Mr. Elliott shortly afterwards left the District, and has not been heard of since. The Tahsíldár subsequently went to the Ghât, and failed in an attempt to ascend it, owing to the jungle on the slopes being next to impenetrable, and in consequence of the absence of any practicable path.

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4. Mr. Elliott moreover requires that the land be given to him free of tax for five years.

5. Under these circumstances, I cannot recommend that Mr. Elliott's request be complied with. I can conceive no good that can possibly result from the grant being made to him, and the terms are those that I feel sure Government will be unwilling to accept.

6. If nothing were known of the capabilities of jungle land in this country, the indulgence asked for might be granted; but as its very productive character is an ascertained fact, I see no reason, especially under the circumstances above stated, for departing from the rules prescribed for the grant of forest land in favor of Mr. Elliott. It would be giving him the monopoly of a large tract of land, probably to the exclusion of others who might be willing to take it on the usual terms.

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1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings quoted by the Acting Collector.

2. The alteration in the rules for the grant of waste land would probably have materially affected Mr. Elliott's proceedings even had he otherwise been decided in his views and wishes.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 96. ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1862, No. 2,168.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Secretary.

To Honorable T. Pycroft, Chief Secretary to Government.

Copy to A. P. Hodgson, Esq., Acting Collector of South Canara.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 9th September 1862.
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No. 6,004.

Submitting with reference to Government Proceedings dated 5th November 1861 No 2116 a letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara regarding Mr Elliott's application for waste land with the Board's remarks thereon.

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