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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th December 1862.

No. 363. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 2nd December 1862:—

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From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Chetterpore, 30th August 1862, No. 226.

SIR,

1. Having seen in the Calcutta Gazette* the Despatch of the Secretary of State for India, regulating the manner in which waste lands are to be sold, and leaving the upset price of such lands to be fixed by the local Governments in communication with the District authorities, I have the honor in view to shortening the time necessary for reference and reply to submit for the consideration of the Board and Government the scale of upset prices which under the circumstances of this District seem to me suitable to its waste lands.

* 16th August 1862, page 2,889.

2. Such lands are to be found to the greatest extent in the forest Mootahs of Gumsúr and Sooradah, where very extensive tracts of rich soil exist, but the evil reputation of the climate is such that scarcely a single application for land in that quarter has yet reached me. I do not expect however that this cause will long operate to deter purchasers. The other forest lands in Government Talooks lie on the eastern and southern base of a chain of hills in the Moherry Talook where there are many thousand Acres of excellent land, for seven thousand of which applications were registered some months ago. Unfortunately these localities have also an unhealthy repute which is fully justified by my personal experience, as I myself and four other gentlemen suffered for months from severe jungle fever caught from passing a single night at the base of these hills.

3. In consideration of this drawback and of the scarcity of agricultural labor in Ganjam, I think an upset price of 2½ Rupees an Acre will be quite sufficient for our forest lands.

4. Waste land of other descriptions consists either of plain or undulating ground covered with scrub, the soil of which is either light and sandy or red, here and there are also to be found tracts of the soil commonly known as "Cotton soil." These lands will all repay tillage, and I have no doubt of a large extent being ultimately brought under dry grain cultivation, but the soil is not rich as in the case of the forest lands of Gumsúr and those at the base of the Moherry hills, and with reference to this consideration and the difficulty which will be felt in obtaining labor for extensive agricultural operations together with the absence of any secure roadstead on the Ganjam coast, I would suggest no advance being made upon the original rate of 5 Rupees the Acre, proposed in Lord Canning's Minute. Besides the lands above described we have some extensive swamps which are susceptible of drainage. Some of these submerged tract, ave been already made the subject of application. The cost of drainage will of course be orne by the purchasers, and as such lands will always be more or less subject to submergence during heavy monsoons, and considering also that competitive sales are to be held in every cases I see no reason to rate them differently from the class previously recommended to be put up at 5 Rupees.

5. This classification has the advantage of simplicity and if there be some plots or tracts of higher intrinsic value they will no doubt fetch their proper selling price under the precautions taken in the Secretary of State's rules for securing publicity.

6. I would further solicit that early steps may be taken to place a Surveyor at my disposal, several applicants for land having been for months awaiting permission to clear and take possession.

(True Copy.)

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1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Board's Circular Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 6,507 of the 26th ultimo, communicating the Order of Government, dated the 24th idem, No. 2,080, Revenue Department, I have the honor to state that the prescribed notices in the case of 14,945* Acres of waste land have been already published in the District Gazette.

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2. The rates of minimum or upset price to be fixed on the forest, plain and swamp lands have been given in my letter of the 30th August last, No. 226.

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1. Under the circumstances of the Ganjam District the Government adopt the rates proposed by the Collector.

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Dated 26th September 1862, No. 5,334.
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(Signed) J. D. SIM,
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Garden	Max: R ap	Min: R ap	Average R ap
Rekhampore	10.4.7	0.5.4	3.12.9
Comotore	7a 10.2	~~0.—.7~~	3.2.0
Chicacole.	5.9.10.	0.7.8	3-11.6.

The Ganjam Area - like that of most unsurveyed Dist: is probably a big one. The above is all the information I can get to help you to a right decision -

Looking at the character of the District, I think Mr Forbes' rates may be accepted, care being taken to reserve the Valuable Sandal & other Forests which should [illegible] not to work or to sell as Forest - i.e. at a price superintending the value of the Timber.

Mr Forbes must have a good Surveyor - if not this - Not I suppose. Really don't know where they are to come from on such short notice for a temporary emergency.

J.D.S

Orders requested.

I would rather give to the people who wish to occupy and clear waste lands on low rates for a long term of years & people them to clear the forest & jungle than to do so for a few seasons and low rates - Annual settlements should be recollected that Government is still bound to establish roads & maintain Police & to execute all other functions with regard to them & the revenue for them of 2½ R below, a low value per acre will not amount to above 1 R per annum yearly per acre. Labour 1 R per annum. I object all together to the system of Licenses

W.H.

Revenue B. Office
Madras
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Secretary to the Board of Revenue

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Secretary

Revenue B. Office,
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To
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Secretary to Government
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From

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To

The Secretary to
Government R. D.

Dated 2d Decr 1862.
Despd 2d —
Recd 8th —

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Pursuant to Last Para of Gt

Submitting for orders two letters from the Collr of Ganjam reporting the extent to which arrangts have been completed for the purchase of waste lands and the minimum prices proposed for such

No 2687-24 Dec.
Written Order
No 2687 + 3641

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The Bd will provide the Collr with a suitable Survey Establt.

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(True Extract.)

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To the Board of Revenue.
" Collector of Ganjam.
" Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Saul

Is not Collrs letter to be printed? Yes

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