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No. 193. 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, 22nd December 1862, No.—

SIR,

1 In continuation of the correspondence* noted in the margin, regarding application for waste in Ganjam, Coimbatore and Malabar, I have the honor to submit the replies noted in the margin† to that portion of the Government Order dated 24th September 1862, No. 2,080, in which information was required as to the extent to which arrangements for the sale of waste lands had been completed, and the proposed minimum price per Acre free of assessment.

* To Government 2nd December 1860, No. 7,888.
Proceedings do. 14th October 1862, No. 6,582A.
Do. 3rd December 1862, No. 7,901.

† No. 6,991, from Vizagapatam, 25th October in Cons. 3rd November 1862.
„ 7,807. „ Cuddapah, 5th in Cons. 9th December 1862.
„ 6,894. „ Kurnool, 23rd in Cons. 29th October 1862.
„ 7,378. „ Kurnool, 14th in Cons. 19th November 1862.
„ 7,678. „ Kurnool, 3rd in Cons. 3rd December 1862.
„ 7,381. „ North Arcot, 17th in Cons. 19th November 1862.
„ 6,932. „ Trichinopoly, 28th in Cons. 30th October 1862.
„ 6,997. „ Salem, 30th October in Cons. 3rd November 1862.

2. The following Abstract exhibits the information in brief:—

Districts.	Extent to which arrangements for the sale of waste lands have been made.	Proposed minimum price per Acre.	Average rates of assessment on land in the Districts as obtained from Board's records.
Vizagapatam..	No further arrangements than registering applications for 428 Acres of land.	5 Rupees per Acre for uncleared land and 15 Rupees per Acre for cleared land.	Not ascertainable in the Board's Office.
Cuddapah	No arrangements made....	5 Rupees for unassessed waste whether cleared land or brushwood.	Rs. A. P. Nunjah rates per Acre... ... ... 10 8 0 Punjah rates per Acre... ... ... 2 13 0 Totacal rate per Acres... ... ... 9 9 0
Kurnool.....	Applications for 4,100 Acres have been registered, of which that for 3,000 Acres will probably prove to be inadmissible.	Mr. Banbury, as Acting Collector, proposed 20 Rupees per Acre for black Cotton soil, 10 Rupees for sandy clay, and 5 Rupees for red ferruginous, a deduction of 25 per cent. to be made from the minimum upset price for lands covered with trees or low jungle. Mr. Minchin, the Collector, to whom reference was made, would reduce the rates 50 per cent. on jungle lands and 25 per cent. on land clear of trees, if the object be to encourage large sales; and considers that land on the Nulla Malla hills should be sold at a minimum price of 2½ Rupees per Acre.	Not ascertainable in the Board's Office.
North Arcot.	Nothing has been done for the purchase of waste lands.	In Palmanair and the western part of Gudiatum and Chittoor Talooks, Rupees 3 per Acre for cleared land, and 1 Rupee per Acre for jungle lands. In the rest of the District 5 Rupees per Acre for lands free of forest and capable of irrigation by construction of new works, 3 Rupees for other cleared lands; and Rupees 2 for lands over-grown with jungle.	Rs. A. P. Average Nunjah rate per Cawny in the northern Talooks and portion of the southern Talooks.... ... 5 6 0 Do. southern Talooks, being the consolidated teerwah.... ... ... 6 12 0 Punjah rates per Cawny northern and southern Talooks... ... ... 1 15 0
Trichinopoly.	Has not received applications for purchase of waste lands or redemption of the Land Revenue.	10 Rupees an Acre for the land at the base of the Pachamalai hills, the only unassessed waste in the District.	Dry... ... ... 1 4 11 Wet... ... ... 5 2 8
Salem....	No arrangements have been made...	8 Rupees an Acre for superior jungle land, 4 Rupees for common grass land, and 2½ for land in the low country.	Dry... ... ... 1 4 6 Wet... ... ... 6 10 9 Garden... ... ... 4 0 3

(Signed.) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 15th January 1863.

No. 194. ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1863, No. 100.

The Government await the Board's recommendation as to the prices to be fixed for each District, for unassessed waste sold on Freehold tenure.

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

From G. BANBURY, Esq, Acting Collector of Kurnool, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq, Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd October 1862, No. 115.

1. In reply to your communication, dated 26th ultimo, No. 6,507, I have the honor to submit the information therein called for, regarding the sale of waste lands.

2. I apprehend that when the term "waste land" is made use of in connexion with this subject, it is confined to lands which are both unsurveyed, and unassessed; under this interpretation, I have conducted the necessary inquiries.

3. The lands in this District are divided into three classes.

1st. Regad or black cotton soil.

2nd. Massub or sandy clay.

3rd. Lal or red ferruginous.

I would fix as the lowest upset prices, 20 Rupees per acre for the Regad; 10 Rupees for the Massub; and 5 for the Lal; this is 20 years' purchase for each respectively, calculated at the lowest rate of assessment now fixed on each class. In the event of any land being thickly covered with trees or low jungle, a deduction of 25 per cent. upon the minimum upset price might be allowed.

4. The above standards may perhaps seem higher than has been anticipated; but the value of land in this District is now rapidly rising, and it would, I venture to predict, be necessary to put a fair value thereupon, in order to prevent the numerous proposals which will doubtless be made by the richer Ryots, with a view of obtaining tracts useful only for pasturage; and then levying from their poorer fellow villagers, a tax for grazing in localities to which they have always hitherto had free access, thus engendering much local ill-feeling and animosity. I may also state that by far the largest portion of available waste will be found under the head of Lal, and thus liable to the lowest rate of 5 Rupees, fixed as the upset price for this class.

5. My acquaintance with the District is so very limited that I feel considerable diffidence in offering any opinion. I am however supported in the present recommendation by the Deputy Collector, Ragoonatha Row, who possesses both local knowledge, and experience in these subjects.

6. It will be seen from the accompanying account, that up to this time but very few proposals have been made for obtaining freeholds of this nature, and amongst even these few the largest appears, from my casual inquiry, to be of the nature above referred to, and tendered with a view of obtaining a right of levying a cess similar to the lately abolished Poolary tax, thus interfering with prescriptive rights. In the event of this being rejected, as will most probably be the case, the extent of land actually solicited amounts only to acres 1,100.

REGISTER of applications for waste lands in the Kurnool District.

Number.	Names of applicants.	Extent of Land.		Villages of Nandikotkoor Taluk	Remarks.
		Acres.	Coontas.		
1	Kalay khan Hoossainzu Rissaldar of the Kurnool Irregular Horse. ...	100	...	Chettajootoor. Bhanakacherla pasturage, &c., in Gadethamadoogoo of Nandikotkoor Taluk.	The whole of this area must be surveyed.
2	Bapoorow	1,000	...		
3	Coomarasawmy Moodeliar, Tahsildar of Nandial Taluk.....	3,000	...		

Exd. J. Tulloch.

From D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq, Acting Collector and Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam,
to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th October 1862,
No. 887.

1. In reply to the Miscellaneous Circular Proceedings of the Board No. 6,507, dated 26th September last, paragraph 1, I have the honor to state that no further arrangements than registering applications for waste lands, as directed by the Board in their Miscellaneous Circular, No. 2,318 of the 9th April last, have been made in this District, and the particulars regarding these applications were fully communicated by me in my letters of the 7th instant, Nos. 823 and 824.

2. As regards the prices at which the several descriptions of land should be sold, I am of opinion, after communicating with the Subordinate Officer in charge of the Nursepatam Taluk, that the minimum price for uncleared lands should be Rupees 5 per acre, and for cleared lands, Rupees 15 per acre.

3. No applications have been received in reference to the redemption of the land revenue.

Exd. J. Wright.

From Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th October 1862, No. 188.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Board's Miscellaneous Circular, Nos. 6,507 and 6,940, dated the 26th of September last, and the 17th instant, respectively.

2. Up to this I have not received any applications either for the purchase of waste land, or for permission to purchase the redemption of Land revenue, as previously explained in my letters noted in the margin.

Dated 8th August 1862, Nos. 140 and 141.

3. I learn from the Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, that all immemorial waste in this District has been surveyed and classified, with the exception of a tract of land at the base of the Pucchamalai range of hills, in the Perumbalur Taluk; this tract is covered with dense jungle extending for some 10,000 acres, or thereabouts.

4. Considering the condition of the people and the general circumstances of this District, I am of opinion that the standard allotment of waste lands may be here fixed at 50 acres, and I consider that 10 Rupees an acre (20 years' purchase) would be a fair minimum upset price.

Exd. J. Wright.

Letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th October 1862, regarding the sale of waste lands.

Rec'd Nov. 3rd 1862.

Read a letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd October 1862, forwarding a letter from the Collector of Salem, dated 30th October 1862, regarding the sale of waste lands.

From the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Namcul, 30th October 1862.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Miscellaneous Circular dated the 26th ultimo, No. 6,507, communicating the Proceedings of the Madras Government dated the 24th idem, No. 2,080, and calling upon Collectors to furnish at once the information required in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Government Order.

2. With regard to the first point on which information is called for, I beg to state that in no case have arrangements for the purchase of waste land, or the redemption of Land Revenue, under the Resolution of the Government of India of October last been completed. Up to the present date 95 applications have been registered. In the case of 24 applications the preliminary inquiries by subordinate Officers having been made, I am about to publish the Notice required by paragraph 6 of the Draft Rules. In the remaining cases the preliminary inquiries have not yet been completed.

3. With regard to the second point, I beg to state that the minimum upset prices specified in the margin, are in my opinion adapted to the circumstances of the several descriptions of Government land available in this District. The unassessed waste lands available in the low country are of the poorest quality, for all available land of superior kind has been already taken up since the liberal reductions in the land assessment in this District were effected. In the case of Shervaroy Hills too, I do not think the rates I have fixed are low. The rates in both cases are equal to the value of the land available, and if in any case the land from its situation should be of higher value, than the upset price I have fixed, the competition at auction will speedily raise the price to the real value. I request the Board will inform me whether the old plan of accepting Durkasts for unassessed waste land is to be abandoned, and the new purchase system alone adopted, or whether parties may be allowed a choice between the old and new rules. If the former is resolved on, I apprehend that an increase of cultivation on the Shervaroys by the Malayalies, or on the plains by the Ryots cannot be looked for.

Land on the Shervaroy Hills. Upset price per acre.	Rs.	A.	P.
1. For superior kind of jungle land	8	0	0
2. For common grass land..	4	0	0
Land in the low country..	2	8	0

Exd. J. Wright.

From J. FRASER, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 17th November 1862, No. 236.

1. In reply to the Board's Circular, No. 6,507, dated 26th September last, I have the honor to inform you that nothing has been done in the District under the Governor General's Resolution of October 1861, for the purchase of waste lands.

2. In fixing the upset price for Porumboke or unassessed waste, I would divide the District into two portions, the first consisting of Palmanair Taluk and the Western part of Gudiatum and Chittoor Taluks bordering on Palmanair, and the second comprising the rest of the District.

3 In the latter case I think the upset price may be fixed at 2 rates, lands free of forest, and so situate as to admit of the construction of a private tank without interfering with Government works of irrigation, may be sold at a minimum price of 5 Rupees per acre, the upset for other cleared lands being Rupees 3.

4. The minimum price for lands overgrown with jungle in the same tracts may be fixed at Rupees 2 per Acre.

5. In the Palmanair Taluk and its adjacent ports already mentioned, I think there should be only one rate for cleared land, viz., Rupees 3 per Acre, and the upset price for jungle covered land should be one Rupee per acre.

Exd. J. Wright.

Extract

Extract submitted for the sale of waste lands above mentioned.

Proposed minimum price per Acre.

Rate of assessment on Land in the Dis. Acres of Lands obtained from Govt.

Rl. a. p.

Were not received 10 Rupees an Acre for the Land at the Head of the Purchase of waste Lands or redemption of the Lands Rents.

Brl. 1-4-11
Mal. 5-2-8

Mr. Chamberlain

Collector.

* No assignments for private Land.

Were not received 8 Rupees an Acre for single Land at Pulicat Mal. 6-10-9
for which matured Land Gowrin 4-2-3
and 2½ per Cent on the Land Cowle.

Brl. 1-4-6

Collector

Enclr. No 6 in a Letter from the Secy. to the Bd. Rec.d to the Secy. to Govt. R.D. dated 22d Decr. 62

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Letter from the Ag. Collector of North Arcot to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 17th November 1862 Regarding the sale of waste Lands.

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From

The Secretary to the
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To

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reporting the extent to
which arrangements have
been completed for the
purchase of waste Lands
& the minimum price
proposed for such.

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Within in Order

The Govt. await the Bd's
recommendation as to
the prices to be fixed for
each District - for un-
-assessed waste sold on
Freehold tenure.

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Fort St. George
15th January 1863

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