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8th July 1863.*

No. 166. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th June 1863:—
Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLE-
STON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 5th June 1863,
No. 107.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit my report on the result of the sale of certain lands on the Neilgherries.

2. The order of the Board, dated 15th ultimo, forwarding the revised rules passed by the Honorable the Governor in Council on the 6th March 1863, and numbered 478A, reached me only lately. Consequently, the sales of the lands alluded to were conducted under the rules sanctioned in the Government Order of the 6th December 1862, No. 2,554.

3. The names of the applicants, situation, description and extent of the lands sold as well as the dates of sale, names of purchasers and amount of purchase money are shown in the subjoined table.

Names of Appli- cants.	Situation of land.	Whether forest or grass.	Extent of land.				Date of sale.	Names of purchas- ers.	Amount of purchase money.		
			AS.	R.	P.	SYDS.			RS.	A.	P.
Messrs. Vincent and H. De'Facien.	At Kartery in Maiknaud of the Neilgherry Talook	Forest	45	0	35	0	1863. 16th March.	Mr. H. De'Facien.	1,310	0	0
R. H. Grimes, Esq.	Yellamalay (Sentinel's Rock) in Todanad Vil- lage Talook	Forest Grass	7 14	0 3	0 8	0 16	6th April.	H. R. Grimes, Esq.	7	0	0
			21	3	8	16					
C. Sanderson, Esq.	At Uputhalay near Cconoor	Forest Grass	25 75	0 0	0 0	0 0	18th May.	Nunjapah Row.	3,000	0	0
			100	0	0	0					
			167	0	3	16			4,317	0	0

4. In each of the above three cases the land was carefully inspected by myself in company with the Tahsildar, and the opinion of the Assistant Conservator of Forests was also obtained as to the existence or otherwise of any objections to the sale of the land on forest consideration. The prescribed advertisement, drawn up in English and Tamil, with the particulars of the lot and the place and time of sale was duly posted for thirty clear days on the land itself as well as in the neighbouring villages, in the Offices of the Assistant Collector and Tahsildar and the nearest Police Office, as enjoined in paragraph 9 of the rules under which the lands were sold. It was also inserted in the District Gazette, and a written notice was sent to each applicant. No claims to the lands incompatible with the sale were preferred on or before the dates fixed for the sale. The land applied for by Messrs. Vincent and De'Facien was sold by the Assistant Collector, Mr. Hodgson, and the other two lots by myself in the Assistant Collector's Office at Ootacamund by public auction, without upset price but subject to the payment of annual assessment by Clause 13 of the rules. In two instances the lands were at once surveyed and demarcated, and plans drawn out.

5. The Board will observe that in Nos. 1 and 3 the result has been satisfactory, while in No. 2 the amount realized was small, owing to the absence of competition for land in that part of the Neilgherries known as Yellamullay, and situated in a distant out-of-the-way part of the

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hills without roads. Mr. De'Facien deposited immediately after the sale the prescribed 10 per cent. of the purchase money or Rupees 131, and paid the residue within thirty days from the date of sale together with the cost of survey and demarcation, which amounted to Rupees 68-0-0, according to the Memorandum received from the Executive Engineer of the Neilgherry Range. The price of the land purchased by Mr. Grimes, being small, no deposit was made, but the full amount was paid in thirty days together with the survey cost as

Price of the land, Rupees	7	0	0
Cost of Survey, "	35	4	0
	42	4	0

shown in the margin. Mr. De'Facien and Mr. Grimes request that the Title Deeds for the lands purchased by them may be drawn up respectively in the names of Mr. Vincent and Colonel Grimes,

for whom they were purchased. I would at once prepare the deeds of conveyance and forward them to the Board of Revenue for the seal of Government, but am prevented from doing so for want of printed forms. I therefore request that a supply of about 200 forms be transmitted for use

6. In regard to Mr. Sanderson's application, I beg leave to report that the land has not as yet been surveyed; the single Surveyor employed for the purpose of surveying lands applied for under the new rules, being engaged on other applications. As Mr. Sanderson was earnest in his request for the early sale of the land, it was, after the usual notice and other preliminaries, put up to auction under the authority conveyed in the Government Order of 28th February 1863, No. 439, and subject to the conditions therein prescribed in regard to any excess or deficiency which may be found in the lot on actual survey. The auction was attended by several European planters and by a large number of native merchants, &c. The competition was keen, and the land was eventually knocked down to Nunjappa Row a merchant of Ootacamund for 3,000 Rupees. He at once deposited Rupees 300, the 10 per cent. of the purchase money, together with the estimated cost of the survey, and elected to pay the residue within thirty days from the date of sale, to which effect he has executed an Agreement. I have written to the Executive Engineer requesting that the land may be surveyed without delay; so soon as this is done and the actual area of the land is ascertained, the Board shall be duly informed regarding any excess or deficiency which may be found in the lot.

7. The deposit made by the original applicant, Mr. Sanderson, on account of the survey cost has been returned to him.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government.
2. The Collector will please to forward for the Board's inspection the detail Statement of the cost of survey and demarcation in each of these cases, explaining the nature of the boundary marks that have been constructed, and stating whether the charge includes that for preparing plans in duplicate.
3. The cost appears to the Board to be excessive.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 167.

ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1863, No. 1,233.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Koimbatore - Collr's Office }
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Yours &c &c &c

W. A. Lytle
Sub Secretary

To J. D. Smith Esq
Secretary to Government.
Revenue Department.

C. J. Smith

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28 Feb 163 no 432433-
6 Mar 164 no 166468B

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Wishing for information
in letter from the Collector of
Providence regarding the
result of the sale of certain
lands in the city of Providence.

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