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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th July 1863.*

No. 210. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st June 1863 :—
Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to W. HUDLE-
STON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Cuddalore, 8th June
1863, No. 146.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of the Board No. 2,823 of the 12th ultimo, held on review of my letter to the Board, dated 22nd April last, on the subject of unassessed waste lands in this District.

2. The Board request me to re-consider the subject, and they express the opinion that the facts stated by me do not warrant my assertion that strictly speaking there are no unassessed waste lands in South Arcot.

3. When originally giving my attention to the subject of the unassessed waste lands in the District, I necessarily consulted with the Sheristadar and other Officers of experience, and, for the reasons already recorded, I came to the conclusion with them that "strictly speaking there were no unassessed waste lands." The entire correspondence on the subject was laid before me, and the orders of the Revenue Board in their letter of the 4th June 1855, fixing the classification and assessment of all waste lands, appeared to me finally to dispose of the question, and to exclude those lands from the category of unassessed waste, and therefore from the operations of the newly promulgated rules.

4. The various dates of the correspondence and of the Board's Proceedings are quoted in paragraph 1 of my former letter, and I have nothing to add in explanation of why I was ultimately led to adopt the opinion therein expressed.

5. Of course if I am mistaken in viewing the Board's instructions contained in their letter of the 4th June 1855, No. 1,384, as bringing all waste lands of the District within the category of classified and assessed, such lands are now available for appropriation under the new rules, and the particulars of the information called for under the orders of Government by the Board's Circular Nos. 6,597 and 6,910, dated 26th September and 17th October 1862 respectively, will at once be prepared and furnished.

6. Out of the original 7 lacs Cawnies of Perumboke there yet remain, as stated in paragraph 3 of my former letter, 5,77,619 Cawnies for disposal, *minus* such portions as are in actual occupancy by temples and tanks or which are incorporated with rivers and streams, and thus unfit for cultivation. The reclaimed Perumboke, since the orders of the 4th June 1855, consists of scattered spots and tracts amounting to 95,351 Cawnies with unreclaimed patches intervening, the latter varying in extent of from 2 to 20 Cawnies. It is a question how such patches are to be dealt with, whether on the principle of the classification and assessment of the surrounding lands disposed of under the Board's orders as above, or whether at the option of the applicants under the new rules. I presume, under the view expressed by Government and the Board, that these patches must be included in the total of the unassessed waste lands declared available to the public and for which the accounts will now at once be prepared.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings dated 12th May 1863, No. 2,823.

2. The Board's orders of 4th June 1855, to which Mr. Reade alludes, instructed the Collector when assessing newly reclaimed Perumboke lands, to classify and assess them with reference to quality, &c., so as to place them on an equality with other lands of a similar description in the village, rather than to take the average of the village rates as had hitherto been the practice.

3. The Board see nothing in this order to preclude the application of the new rules for the grant of unassessed waste in freehold, if land should be sought on these terms. The rules expressly state that the grant of lands on ordinary Durkhast, subject to assessment, is not precluded by them, and in such cases the Board's order of 1855 would apply.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

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ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1863, No. 1,271.

The Government concur with the Board that the rule referred to in paragraph 3 of their Proceedings does not preclude the sale of land still in a state of land unassessed under the new rules. These lands will accordingly be declared saleable, the prices being Rupees 5 and 2½ per Acre for forest and cleared land respectively.

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

Revenue Department.

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*Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 24th June 1863.*

Read the following letter.

(12/11/63)

From

C. W. Peake Esq.

Collector of South Arcot.

To

W. G. G. Esq.

*Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Madras.*

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of the Board N^o 2823 of the 12th Meeting held on review of my letter to the Board dated 22nd April last on the subject of unassessed waste lands in this District.

2. The Board requests me to reconsider the subject and they express the opinion that the facts stated by me do not warrant my assertion that strictly speaking there are no unassessed waste lands in South Arcot.

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4. The various dates of the correspondence and of the Board's Proceedings are quoted in Para 1 of my former letter and I have nothing to add in explanation of why I was ultimately led to adopt the opinion therein expressed.

5. Of course if I am mistaken in viewing the Board's instructions contained in their letter of the 11. June 1855 N^o 1384 as bringing all waste lands of the District within the category of classified

classified and assessed, such lands are now available for appropriation under the new Rules and the particulars of the information called for under the orders of Government by the Board's Circular N^o 6507 and 6940 dated 26. September and 17. October 1852 respectively, will at once be prepared and furnished.

6. Out of the original 7 laes bawies of Perumbok there yet remain, as stated in Para 3 of my former letter, 577,649 bawies for disposal minus such portions as are in actual occupancy by Temples and Tanks or which are incorporated with rivers and streams and thus unfit for cultivation. The reclaimed Perumbok since the orders of the 11. June 1855 consists of scattered spots and tracts amounting to 95,351 bawies with un-reclaimed patches intervening, the latter varying in extent of from 2 to 20 bawies. It is a question how such patches are to be dealt with, whether on the principle of the classification and assessment of the surrounding lands disposed of under the Board's orders as above, or whether at

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South West, India }
Cutch, Sindhar, }
5th June 1883. }
Sd/-
Signed, C. H. Beards
Collector.

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