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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 23. J. ~~19~~ 1923

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd July 1863.

No. 449. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th July 1863 :—

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 7th July 1863, No. 123.

SIR,

I beg to forward copy of a letter* and its enclosure received from Mr. Brown, a retired Mate of the late Indian Navy. Mr. Brown requests that a grant of land may be allowed him on the Neilgherries. On conversing with him personally, he expressed himself as under the impression that in the spirit of the Despatch quoted in his letter, Government will feel inclined to grant the land sought. The early orders of the Board on the subject are requested.

* Dated 4th July 1863.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the decision of Government.

2. The Board do not question the desire of the Home Government to treat with all consideration the cases of the Officers of the late Indian Navy, but they do not gather from the extract of the Despatch that free grants of land to them were at all contemplated, and it is evident that whatever decision Government may pass in Mr. Brown's case must rule as a precedent to guide all future decisions in similar cases, should such occur.

No. 450. ORDER THEREON, 23rd July 1863, No. 1,371.

Mr. Brown's application cannot be complied with. The Government have no authority to make free grants of land under such circumstances.

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

Recd Pos. 7 March 63
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Re: 1374/1

Mr Brown's applications cannot be complied with. The Govt have no authority to make free grants of land under such circumstances.

From Sec. to Govt
23rd July 1863.

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1 Collr Coimbatore Dept 23
Mr Lally Hyd
17 July 63 R17

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Re: Govt for July
No. 1879.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 14th
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From Mr Peter Stevenson Edmond
Commander of the Indian Navy &c &c
Nov 61 C 2701.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Coimbatore with an application from Mr Brown late of the Indian Navy for the free grant of certain land on the Neilgherries.

No 1374 - 23rd July
W.H. an Order

- We have no authority to make free grants of land under the circumstances here detailed - Application must be refused. Sec. Govt

The Bd seem to have taken the correct view of the Despatch referred to - Govt land - Must be sold for cash & fetch Rs 3500 at auction! There are other applicants & this ofr be of them - Which is present Mr Brown as soon as he get the land selling it to some one else? If he has a claim & has every other employé who loses his employment by Re duction -

Orders requested

Sd