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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th August 1863.

No. 34. Read the following letter from J. W. MINCHIN, Esq., to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated August 1863 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to lay before you a case of considerable importance to me, and which is causing much loss of time and annoyance to others.

2. In May 1862 I obtained from the Nellumboor Tiroomalpad a tract of land situated on the banks of the Mayar river near Goodaloor, at the foot of the Neddavuttum Hills, on lease for a period of years; on the 28th of this last April, I received an offer from Colonel Scott of Ootacamund, to buy my right to the land for Rupees 4,000, which I accepted but on the 17th May; I heard from Colonel Scott that he had been warned privately by Mr. Grant, Collector of Coimbatore, that Government claimed the land for which he was in treaty with me, and Colonel Scott wished this dispute should be settled before the bargain was concluded. In answer to my question whether Government in the event of the land in dispute proving theirs, would eject cultivators holding on lease from the Rajah: Mr. Grant informed me that Government wished in such case to keep cultivators in possession, on principle, receiving the rents in lieu of the Rajah, but that the circumstances under which the land was taken up would be considered as to whether sufficient care had been taken in ascertaining the Native's rights, &c., &c.

3. Colonel Scott thinks from this letter that Mr. Grant doubts the good faith of my proceedings in obtaining this lease.

4. I would request that some enquiry may be made into the circumstances.

5. I obtained this land before any dispute had arisen between the Rajah of Nellumboor and Government, and could not but suppose that all the land that he claimed in the neighbourhood belonged to him, as much had been cultivated for years on his title without dispute.

6. But without entering into this question, it is a positive benefit to Government that this land should have been taken up from the Rajah should they eventually gain the suit, as the cultivator will have to pay the 2 Rupees per Cawny due to the Rajah at present by the terms of lease, on the whole holding, and also 2 Rupees per Acre on the cultivation* which would not have been due if taken up from Government under the new Rules.

* Coffee Tax.

7. As it is of great importance to Colonel Scott that this dispute may be speedily settled, so that he should not lose this working season, I would urgently beg that such enquiries as are necessary may be at once instituted.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 4th August 1863, No. 1,451.

1. Forwarded to the Collector for early report through the Board of Revenue,

2. Mr. Grant will limit his enquiries on this occasion simply to the nature of the transaction without going into the question whether the lands are Government property or not.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue 1863 Chapter
Pro: of Govt for Augt
No. 1822.

From J. W. Trinchin
Esqr.

Dated
Received 4th } Augt
1863.

Pro. of the Board of Revenue
D/ 24th August/63 C. A. 2055
From the Collr of Malabar
D/ 11 Nov/63 C. A. 2805
Requesting that
same enquiry may be made
regarding the objection raised
by the Collector of Coimbatore
to his selling to Col. Scott of
Ootacamund a tract of land
bought from the Nellumbun
Rajah at the foot of the
Neddevattum Hills.

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4th Augt/63.

I. D. S.

11 Copies to the Bd of Revl. Cappt. 6th Augt. M. & C. 4th
1 " Collr of Coimbatore Cappt. 5th