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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 145. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 4th August 1863,
No. 4,869 :—

Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to W. HUDLESTON,
Esq., Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Chatterpore, 2nd July 1863, No. 28.

SIR,

1. In reference to the enclosed copy of an application for certain forest land on the western slope of the Mahendra mountain, I have the honor to request the authority of the Court of Wards to issue a Puttah or grant to the applicant, Mr. Gordon Willoughby Forbes.

2. The land is in the Jaluntra Estate, it is chiefly above the altitude at which the Sowrahs of the neighbouring valley cultivate their dry crops, and will consequently never be cleared or cultivated unless with the object of planting Tea or Coffee for which it is now sought. The grant will, therefore, benefit the Estate.

3. The exact extent of the land applied for by my son cannot be ascertained till it is cleared, but I apprehend the boundaries will suffice for the terms of the grant.

4. I may further observe that leases of forest land (not assessed to the Peshkush) at a fixed rent executed by Zemindars are binding on their successors. Probably the terms on which Government land is given for Coffee plantation in Wynad will be considered by the Court sufficiently advantageous to the Estate, the rate of assessment is beyond what the Zemindars usually fix on forest clearings. I am not, however, acquainted with all the terms of the Wynad rules, and should be glad to be furnished with a copy if the Board can spare one.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From G. W. FORBES, Esq., to G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, dated———.

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(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES, Collector.

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

2. The Court doubt whether the Collector as Manager of the Estate on behalf of the Court of Wards, would be justified in making a grant of land to his own son on any terms.

No. 146. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1863, No. 1,505.

Under the circumstances stated, the Government concur in the Board's objection to the land referred to in these Proceedings being granted to Mr. G. W. Forbes.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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W. D. Sim

Sub-Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
Copy to G. S. Forbes, Esq., Collector of Ganjam.

Exd. J. Wright.

* Sale by auction at upset
price of Survey & Demarcation
Subject to an annual assessment
of 2 Rs. per acre of forest land

Recd 1863. Department.
No. of Post for Aug.

No 1858.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 4th August 1863.
Despatched 7-8-
Received 8-2-

From Mr. Wm. G. Forbes
28 Aug 1863 C. No. 1852 in P. No.
22 Sept 1863 N. No. 263-264.
No. 4,860.

28/10/63-15 Aug.

Submitting for decision a letter from the Col-
lector of Ganjam requesting sanction for the grant
of certain Forest land on the western slope of
the Mahendra Estate to one Mr. G. W. Forbes

With an order
for Dr. decy

Consent in the Board's opinion
to grant being granted under the
circumstances.

Wm

Under the circumstances stated
the Govt. consent in the Board's
objection to the land referred
to in these proceedings being
granted to Mr. G. W. Forbes.

From Mr. W. G. Forbes
15th Aug 1863

the office of the Board of Revenue

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