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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 10th September 1863.

No. 153. Read the following letter from J. R. BOYSON, Esq., Government Solicitor, Madras, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 3rd September 1863, No. 656:—

SIR,

Dated 15th August 1863, No. 1,503, Revenue Department.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of Government noted in the margin.

2. Having obtained from the Board of Revenue such further information as I considered it necessary to submit to the Advocate General, I laid the papers before him for his consideration and

3. I now forward a copy of his opinion.

COPY OPINION.

1. I have perused the papers submitted with the Order of Government in the Revenue Department No. 1,503, dated 15th August 1863.

2. The letter of Mr. Ellis to the Revenue Board, dated 9th July 1863, No. 248, does not state whether the lands in question are Merassee or not.

3. If they are not Merassee lands I am of opinion that Government may deal with them in any way it pleases. In addition to the Sudder cases alluded to by the Board there is a recent decision of the High Court on its Appellate side to this precise effect. Special Appeal No. 839 of 1861, which will be found in Mr. Stokes' Reports, P. 12. The fact of abandonment for a series of years appears to be sufficiently established.

4. If the lands however are Merassee lands, "uncultivated waste," I need scarcely say that the question of the Meerasidar's rights is almost certain to be mooted if any attempt be made to sell them as proposed by the Collector.

(Signed) J. B. NORTON,
Advocate General.

31*st August* 1863.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. R. BOYSON,
Government Solicitor.

No. 154. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1863, No. 1,677.

1. Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

2. In regard to lands of the description mentioned in paragraph 3 of the Acting Advocate General's opinion, the Board will instruct the Collector for the present to limit himself to the levy of assessment.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Forwards Copy Advocate Generals opinion as to sale by Government of uncultivated lands within the limits of the High Court at Madras.

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In regard to lands of the descriptions mentioned in para 3 of the Adv: Genl opinion the Govt will instruct the Collr. for the present to limit himself to the levy of assessment. Jones

J DS

Fort St. George
10th Septr 1863.

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