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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1741

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

No. 282. Read the following letter from W. R. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chairman of the Carnatic Coffee Company, Limited, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 10th September 1863:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Orders of Government No. 2,457, dated 21st November 1862, and No. 2,676, dated 23rd December 1862, I have now the honor to request that you will again be pleased to bring the subject of this Company's application for land on the Anamallay Hills under the favorable consideration of the Madras Government.

2. I understand the Rules now in force to be those of the 6th March 1863, numbered 476, and of general application to all "wastes" not otherwise specially provided for.

3. Those Rules appear to require that all lands applied for shall be first surveyed, then advertised for a period of three months, and then put up for sale by auction at an upset price.

4. The observance of these conditions would occasion great and perhaps indefinite delay, and another season would undoubtedly and of necessity be lost. It is therefore hoped that the Government will be pleased to treat this Company's application in an exceptional manner, and to permit it at once to occupy a block of 3,000 Acres of land on the Annamallay range for the cultivation of Coffee and other produce.

5. The Government will doubtless be glad to see those Hills opened up as speedily as possible, but they cannot be ignorant of the enormous difficulties that must inevitably be encountered by those who shall undertake the task of pioneering in so uninhabited and almost unexplored a region; reputed, moreover, to be most unhealthy, for it is impossible to determine without actual experience at what elevation immunity from fever may be found, and it is feared that there, as in other places, those lands best suited for Coffee cultivation may lie within its influence.

6. I am further requested to ask that for the foregoing reasons, and also in consideration of this Company having long ago applied for land in the locality referred to and having gone to some expense in prospecting it, the Government will permit the land, 3,000 Acres, to be at once marked off—receiving payment for the same gradually as each block of 500 Acres is brought into cultivation.

No. 283. ORDER THEREON, 23rd September 1863, No. 1,741.

1. The Government regret that they are unable to accede to the request contained in the foregoing letter. The upset price fixed for the Annamallays is only 5 Rupees per Acre, which is equivalent at five per cent. to an annual rent charge of only 6d. per Acre.

2. If the Company have pointed out the land they seek, as they were requested to do in G. O. dated 23rd December 1862, No. 2,676, the Collector will have it marked out durably and advertise it for sale, in anticipation of a regular Survey, on the Company agreeing to be bound by the result of the Survey in the manner set forth in G. O. dated 28th February 1863, No. 439.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Chairman of the Carnatic Coffee Company, Limited.

„ Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Block of 500 acres is bought ^{clear}
into cultivation. That is the ^{applied}
C^o. See the ^{the}

I. That the sale by auction
shall be dispensed with ^{do so}
and / I include the
upset price adopted as the
value.

II. That while 500 acres are
now paid for, 2500 acres ^{more}
shall be reserved for them.

III. That the formalities of
advertisement shall be
dispensed with.

As to the first, the fact
has already been referred to
to point out on any terms
they please - that they can

I cannot see
that any good
has been done
for them

comply with the applica-
tion if so desired.

As to the second, there
is the difficulty that the
proposed 3000 acres as
the maximum of cut it
down to 500 - and that fact
has always strenuously
opposed to reservations which
formed part of Lord Cam-
rings scheme & which Sir C
Wood overruled.

As to the 3^d I do not
think there is much risk
but as the C^o have been 10
years the passive, the delay is
their own fault.
Special Exceptions
are always objectionable & in-

Narrating that there is the
 De said in favor of this ^{It is not}
 Co. if they are really culti- ^{How}
 vating, not land p^{ro}ving. ^{can we}

Should say however that
 1000 acres would be ample
 for an Experiment. price
 \$5000 - half now & half
 3 or 5 years hence - Orders
 requested.

J.D.

W. If you make any
 point the Co. must
 first point out the land
 of course.

I would like closely to the order on me
 shall have and be for me, and furnish

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 I cannot see that there is any
 special ground for making an
 exception in this case.

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 is brought into cultivation.

I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,

W. H. Woodruff
 Chairman

No. 21 Nov 02 to 255-204
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 Secy of Govt for 22/11/80

Chairman of the Annamally Coffee Company. Dated 10th Dec 1882, Annam 12th Dec 1882. In honor

23 Dec 1882
 With an order
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To Govt order, with

28/11/82

Annamally a letter which decided from the Government with my report about such the report that will be very good several reasons were shown for withdrawal from the Annamally had with I could not succeed in his request. I see no real reason and about the Annamally should be the report that the Government the completed with. of the Company's. About the machind out the land. The Survey may be out of the proceeding meetings. But the completion - all that. mentioned in a machind proceeding mentioned in a paper survey of the Co. owned to be

Recd. To the Chairman of the
 P.C. 15-10-82