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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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London 8th August 1863.

Revenue
N. 46.

Sir,

I have had under my consideration in Council, your Letter of the 22^d. May last, (N. 46) with which you forward Copies of the General Rules for the sale of Unassessed Waste Lands within your Presidency, and also of Special Rules applicable to Lands in the Keilgherry and Sherwaroy Hills and the Wynad Talook of Malabar. These latter lands having been by previous orders, subjected to a general average assessment, do not come within the scope of the rules promulgated, regarding the sale of unassessed Waste.

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His Excellency
The Honourable
The Governor in Council
Fort St George.

2. The rules appear to be in conformity with the instructions contained in my Despatch of the 9th July (1844) 1862, as adapted to the circumstances of your Presidency and have my approval. The only provision which seems to call for remark is that portion of Rule II. which declares that, "if, after survey, at the request of an applicant it should prove that the lands are not saleable under these rules, the applicant must still pay the expense of surveying them". It appears to me to be the duty of the Collector to ascertain in the first instance whether the lands applied for are saleable under the rules, and if they are found not to be so, to avoid the needless expense of a survey, and that it would be unfair to charge the applicant with expenses which have been

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been incurred, not from his default, but from that of the Officers of Government.

3. The rates of respect price for land in the different districts have been carefully considered, and will, I trust, be found suitable. You will, however, watch their operation, with the view of modifying them, wherever it may be found to be necessary.

4. I trust that the application of the Kelghum system and rates to the Wynaad Talook, will be a step towards getting rid of the objectionable plan of levying the assessment only on the cultivated area, which involves the necessity of periodical inspections of the lands. The terms on which grants have already been made must of course be respected, but the proprietors may perhaps be induced to accept fresh grants on the new conditions by

by which they would be
relieved from all interference
on the part of the revenue
officers.

5. I observe with
satisfaction that, owing to
your not having issued
any Rules, framed under the
Resolution of October 1861, and
to your having entrusted the
Collectors to do no more than
register and notify applications
you have not had occasion
to act on the authority conveyed
in para. 76 of my Despatch
before referred to.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant

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The object of
Rule XI was to prevent
put from loss in
cases where claims
were not apparent
at first -

The receipt of
an application
the Collector as
rule as he can whether
the land is saleable -
he cannot then make
a formal enquiry
because it would
involve delay of
which the applicant
might complain of
also he cannot until
the land is marked
out & advertised ac-
cording to Rule XI, it

is difficult to get
out claims.

If in this process
he believes the
land as available,
he calls for a de-
posit for survey ex-
penses - the land
is then marked
out - notified for
sale and adver-
tised for 3 months.
purposely to allow
claimants to
come forward. If
any one should
do so, why should
not pay the expense
of survey? The ap-
plicant who selects
the site, ought surely
to do so - he cannot
be in the morning

Yes. I would
explain
J.P.

party and might
find this out, when
he selects the block.

Shall this be ex-
plained to the House
yet? It is a mistake
to have to alter our
rules and this
rule really ^{only} compels
an applicant to
exercise some caution
and not apply
for land belonging
to others

L.P.

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Sept 1818
Communicated to the Board of Revenue, where in

attention will be directed to the requisition in para 3, and to the sugges-
tion in the last sentence of para 4.

Copy of the letter addressed by Govt under this date to the
Secretary of State in reply to his observations in para 2 in respect to the con-
tention of Rule XT therein referred to will be furnished to the Board
for their information.

From St. George
5th Oct 1818
14 copies sent to the Secy of Revenue 145 Copies 6 Cents

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The Secy of State for India
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The Secy of State for India
No 46

Received on the
7th Sept 1863
Via
Marseilles

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Accordingly observation
on the letter forwarding copies of
Rules and of Little Des. relating
the sale of unassigned Waste Land
in this Presidency.

c 1818-5th Oct

With an order