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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th October 1863.

No. 162. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th September 1863, No. 6,155:—

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 13th August 1863, No. 5,061.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 14th September 1863, No. 204.

1. Adverting to Board's Proceedings dated 12th ultimo, No. 5,061, I beg to observe that the lands alluded to in my letter reviewed in those Proceedings are termed "unassessed" as over the greater portion of them the soil has never been turned, and consequently, by Malabar custom, has never borne assessment.

2. As stated in paragraph 2 of my letter the lands are generally fitted only for Ponom or Hill paddy. For this a few acres here and there have occasionally been taken up for a season's cultivation; paid on the cultivated area the rates prevailing in the neighbourhood; and then relapsed into waste.

3. Most of the lands are immemorial waste.

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1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted to Government for consideration and orders.

2. It appears to the Board that the sale by auction in freehold of the lands in question is the most likely mode of turning them to good use, and the rates named by the Collector though somewhat higher than have been generally adopted for upset prices are, it is presumed, reasonable for the locality. It is evident from the description of the land that the low lands are relatively more valuable than the hilly portions covered with scrub jungle. These last are not similar in character to the heavy forest lands on the West Coast, but have generally been more or less denuded of good soil, the heavy periodical rains having washed it down to the lower level.

3. Five Rupees per Acre for the scrub jungle corresponds with the rates fixed for similar tracts in Canara. The rate proposed for the open lands, viz., Rupees 10, represents, it is presumed, an actual superiority in the quality of the land.

No. 163. ORDER THEREON, 14th October 1863, No. 1,876.

The upset prices proposed by the Collector of Malabar and recommended by the Board of Revenue in these Proceedings, viz., Rupees 5 per Acre for Ponom lands, and Rupees 10 for the more open and level lands are sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 5,061.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 13th August 1863.

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 31st July 1863, No. 158:—

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,642, dated 4th May 1863, I have the honor to state that in the Taluks noted there are some lands to which the Rules for the sale of unassessed Government waste may be applied.

Cherikal, Koteyom, Kurumbrenad, Calicut, Ernad, Waluvanad, Ponani, and Palghat.

2. These lands are generally escheated property, and comprise chiefly hills covered with low jungle on which Ponom or Hill paddy cultivation is occasionally carried on.

3. The upset prices I would propose are Rupees 5 per acre for Ponom lands, and Rupees 10 for the more open and level lands.

4. If these rates are sanctioned I believe that some applications will be made for lands, but I have nothing to guide me to an opinion as to whether applications are likely to be numerous. Of course a careful discretion will be exercised in disposing of any lands on the terms.

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1. The Collector is requested to explain in what sense these lands are termed unassessed.

2. It appears that they form portion of escheated estates, which formerly it is to be presumed were charged with their share of the public burdens; and that they are still occasionally occupied for cultivation, when, it would seem probable, they become liable to assessment.

3. The rules regarding unassessed waste are in fact generally applicable only to immemorial waste, though there may be exceptions.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To G. A. Ballard, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

Encr in the Ora of the Bd of Revn to the Secy to Govt R. D. dated 29 Sepr 1863 No. 6155.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 13*th August* 1863.

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No. 5,061.

Requesting explanation of the sense in which the lands in certain Taluqs are termed unassessed.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to G. A. Ballard, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 29th September 1863.
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No. 6,155.

Submitting with remarks letter from the Collector of Malabar informing that the lands alluded to in Board's Proceedings No 5061 are termed "unassessed."

No 162 & 163

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Fort St. George
14th Octr 1863

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