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7. I have for some time past been making inquiries with a view to define the boundaries of the Jenmis properties along the hill ranges to the east of this District. It is highly desirable that this should be done. The rightful owners, whether Government or private individuals, will then be able to exercise their rights, which with the uncertainty prevailing in many places now, it is very difficult for them to do satisfactorily. I hope to have the most important tracts visited by one of my Assistants or myself before long; and shall then propose that specified lots of the best Government lands available for Coffee, &c., be marked out, surveyed, and advertised as being in the market.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th November 1863.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Advertisement.

Submitted for the information of Government. The Board fully approve the Collector's proceedings.

No. 142. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1863, No. 2,032.

Order to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

From Salisbury Gazette of 8th Sept. 1863

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 13th day of May 1863, the undermentioned lands were leased by Cundawutty Takyakul Shack Isthyak Shah Vulliah Tungul to WM. Sowerby Esq., viz. Wallakadowan Mullay, Annacholay Mullay, Eastern and Western sides of the Carampooya river and smaller hills and ravines thereunto attached, situated in Wallawanad kurray and attached to the Kunnath Mullay, bounded as follows, on the East Vulliah Mookutyan Mullay and Westward to the Cherry a Mookatyan Mullay, on the South and North to the extreme boundary of the said Condotty Tungul's lands, to the extent of 6000 cawnies, such boundaries including the Walaghat Coffee Estates, called the Anneseley, Wellesely and St. Augustine.

All persons are cautioned against trespassing on any of the said lands or Estates or purchasing or dealing with the same without the consent of said WM. Sowerby Esq.

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

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Submitting letter from the Collector of Malabar reporting upon trespasses committed on Government lands by private individuals.

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W.Ogilvie, Esq. Mng. Dy. Supt. Govt. Press, Madras.