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No. 101. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd January 1863, No. 445:—

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 12th December 1862, No. 252.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit copy of a report from the Deputy Collector, Southern Division, on the sale of the Betutnad escheats in Fasli 1271.

2. An abstract of the result of the sales is appended:—

Description of land, &c.			Gross value.	Deductions.				Net value.
	Number.	Extent Acres.		Compensation for improvement.	Settlement of mortgage, &c.	Remissions.	Total.	
			RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.				
Wet	48	41	3,929 0 0					
Dry	13	13	164 0 0					
Garden	47	33	5,003 0 0					
		87	9,096 0 0					
Add increase obtained by re-sale of lands.....			409 0 0					
			9,505 0 0	2,026 0 0	240 0 0	344 0 0	2,610 0 0	6,895 0 0

3. By this it appears that 87 Acres with a gross value of Rupees 9,505 were disposed of. Deductions on account of compensation for improvement, mortgage and other liens and allowance for the poverty of long standing tenants when purchasing the proprietary right, making a total of Rupees 2,610 have to be subtracted, leaving a net value of Rupees 6,895, for the realization of which instalments as per margin have been agreed to.

4. Rupees 34,410-1-0 stood for collection on account of Fasli 1271 and former Faslis. Of these Rupees 29,310-1-0 have been collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 5,100. This will, it is hoped, be collected without delay.

Rupees 401-8-9 have been expended in paying a Clerk and Peons allowed to the Ponani Tahsildar for making the collections. Last year the expenses were only 72 Rupees on 19,735 Rupees collected. Explanation of the increase of charge has been called for, and will be submitted in due course.

5. Extra Establishment (1), Batta (2), Saderward (3), and Contingent charges (4), were incurred as noted, leaving a balance of Rupees 1,080-2-3 from the amount sanctioned for expenditure on this account.

6. An abstract Statement of sales from the commencement is given below:—

Particulars.	Number of lands.	Extent in Acres.	Gross produce.	Deduct compensation, and value of lines, &c., paid to holders.	Net proceeds.
			RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Fasli 1262	26	21½	2,385 8 0	900 8 0	1,485 0 0
1263	323	436	38,349 0 0	17,718 8 0	20,630 8 0
1264	724	739½	54,008 13 7	22,701 3 0	31,307 10 7
1265	610	568	48,766 9 5	17,385 10 0	31,380 15 5
1266	661	521½	41,595 8 0	15,884 12 0	25,710 12 0
1267	876	770½	51,626 0 0	20,786 12 0	30,839 4 0
1268	1,237	1,042	84,938 11 0	27,098 10 0	57,840 1 0
1269	559	492½	22,853 9 10	6,966 0 0	15,887 9 10
1270	250	287½	20,401 4 0	6,303 8 0	14,097 12 0
1271	108	87	9,096 0 0	2,610 0 0	6,486 0 0
Total...	5,374	4,964½	3,74,020 15 10	1,38,355 7 0	2,35,665 8 10

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7. The decrease in the sales is attributable to much the same causes as are noted by my predecessor in his report on this subject last year, viz., the want of efficient special assistance and the pressure of other duties.

Ramuni Panikar, Koteyam Tahsildar.
Valur Atchuta Nair, Hoozoor third Clerk.
Pannikote Kanara Menon, sixth Clerk.
Anandappan Pattur, Serishtadar of Waluvanad Talook.
Kunhi Raman Nambiar, first Inspector, Cherikel Talook.
Pangasha Menon, third Clerk, Special Assistant Collector's Office.

8. As I am addressing the Board separately on the general subject of the sale of these and other escheats in the District, I will not say more here than that the Koteyam Tahsildar and other servants as per margin, were deputed to assist Kanaran in this work some months back.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. CANAREN, Deputy Collector of Malabar, to G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated Ponany, 16th October 1862, No. 22.

1. I have the honor to submit a report of the progress made in the sale of the Vetutnad escheat in the last Fasli.

2. The following Statement exhibits the result of the operations during the year:—

Particulars of sale.				Average value per Acre.
Description of lands.	Number.	Extent in Acres.	Value.	
			RS. A. P.	
Nunjah	48	41	3,929 0 0	95 13 3
Punjab	13	13	164 0 0	12 9 10
Bagayat	47	33	5,000 0 0	151 9 8
Total...	108	87	9,096 0 0	104 8 10
Increase, consequent to the second sale of lands 17 Acres in extent, the price whereof was not paid as agreed to by their former purchasers.....				409 0 0
				9,505 0 0
Particulars of deductions, &c.				
Tenant's share in the value of the trees				Rupees 2,026
Kanom or mortgage				187
Inheritance				53
Remissions on the grounds of poverty, &c.				344
Net proceeds...				6,895 0 0
Amount of expenses...				522 4 4
Per centage on net proceeds...				7 9 2

3. The instalments as per margin have been agreed to by the purchasers for the payment of the value of the lands taken up by them.

4. Rupees 29,310-1-0 have been collected in the last Fasli on account of sales made in that and former Faslis as per Hoozoor accounts, and a sum of Rupees 401-8-9 has been expended in paying the Vernacular Clerk and the Peons allowed to the Ponany Tahsildar for making the collections; the latter sum showing a proportion more or less of Rupee 1 and Annas 5½ to every 100 Rupees collected.

5. Of the amount that should have been collected, about 5,100 Rupees have unavoidably fallen into arrears; but it is expected that the same will be collected ere long.

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6. The following are the expenses which attended the sales and the collections:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Pay of the extra Establishments as per Appendix A.....	756	10	0
Batta as per Appendix B.....	148	0	0
Saderward do. C.....	1	1	6
Contingent charges do. D.....	18	1	7
Total...	923	13	1

7. Of the amount sanctioned for Extra Establishments, &c., viz., Rupees 8,900, there is yet a balance of Rupees 1,080-2-3, which will I think be insufficient for the expense for the current Fasli, and I therefore request to obtain sanction for a further sum of Rupees 2,000.

8. The annexed is an abstract Statement of sales from the commencement:—

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Total...	5,374	4,964½	3,74,020	15	10	1,38,355	7	0	2,35,665	8	10

9. I beg to attribute to the following the decrease of the the operations in the Fasli under report.

First, want of ministerial officers as it has been brought to your notice; and secondly, the very tedious work of revising the Land Revenue accounts of the two old Talooks, in addition to my ordinary Magisterial and Revenue duties of the four similar Talooks left to my charge.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. BURNELL, Assistant Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—List of Extra Establishment entertained in Fasli 1271 for conducting the sale of Vetutnad escheat, and for collecting the sale proceeds thereof.

1. Ordered that the foregoing report on the sale of the Betutnad escheats in Fasli 1271, be submitted to Government.

2. In the year under report 87 acres only of the above escheats were sold, the gross proceeds of which amounted to 9,505 Rupees, the net proceeds, after deducting 2,610 Rupees for compensation to tenants, settlement of mortgages, &c., being 6,895 Rupees payable by instalments in three years, as shown in the margin of paragraph 3.

3. The work accomplished in Fasli 1271 has been the smallest of any year from the commencement of operations, with the exception of the first year, viz., Fasli 1262, in which 21½ Acres only were sold at a gross value of Rupees 2,385-8-0, the net proceeds being Rupees 1,485. The average work accomplished in the intervening years was 608 Acres sold, yielding Rupees 45,266-12-11 in gross value, and Rupees 28,410-11-1 in net proceeds per annum.

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Want of sufficient assistance is assigned as the cause for the small amount of this work, and the Collector's proposals on the subject of a special establishment were submitted to Government with the Board's Proceedings, dated 13th August 1862, No. 5,310.

4. The charges for conducting the operations of the year under report amounted to Rupees 923-13-1, or about $13\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the net proceeds. The balance available for the operations of Fasli 1272 was Rupees 1,080-2-3, which sum, the Deputy Collector considers insufficient, and he asks for a further grant of 2,000 Rupees. The Collector does not notice this application, and the Board presume that his separate application includes all that he deems necessary.

5. In paragraph 4 the Collector notices the excessive charge of Rupees 401-8-9 incurred in making the collections of the year on account of these escheats. The Board await the explanation called for by him in respect to this charge.

6. The Collector states that from the commencement of operations in Fasli 1262, Acres 4,964 $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Betutnad escheats have been sold, producing a gross return of Rupees 3,74,020-15-10, or deducting compensation, &c., a net return of Rupees 2,35,665-8-10; but it is observed, that both the Deputy Collector and Mr. Ballard have, for Fasli 1271, placed under the headings "Gross produce" and "Net proceeds" respectively the figures 9,096 and 6,486, instead of 9,505 and 6,895, which represent the real results of the year. The difference, Rupees 409 was the amount gained by a resale of 17 Acres of land on the default of the first purchaser, and as the price obtained by the second sale was the *bonâ fide* proceeds of the particular extent of land, the additional sum of 409 Rupees ought not to be excluded from the calculation. Including this sum, the total gross and net proceeds of the Betutnad escheats sold would be Rupees 3,74,429-15-10 and Rupees 2,36,074-8-10 respectively.

7. The Board recommend that the charges for conducting the operations of the year, amounting, as noticed above, to Rupees 923-13-1, be sanctioned.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 102.

ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1863, No. 496.

1. This Statement calls for no special remark from the Government.

2. The sales effected have been very small, but the special establishment sanctioned in G. O. 30th January 1863, No. 214, will enable the Collector to prosecute the work with the energy desired by Government.

(Signed.) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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*From Mr. George
12th March 1863*

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