

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 583	Press Misr
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Dated	25. 3. 1863

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th March 1863.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 274. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th March 1863.
Read again the letter from the Collector of Salem, dated 19th January 1863, No. 6.
(In Cons. 23rd January 1863, No. 394.)

Read also the following letter from the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to
W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated on
circuit Machairy, 5th March 1863, No. 32.

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated the 11th ultimo, No. —, I have the honor
to enclose an advertisement for the sale of the four plots of land applied for by Major Hunter
on the Shevaroy Hills, and to request the Board of Revenue will be good enough to have it put
up in their Office. I have sent a copy for publication to the "Port Saint George Gazette" and
I will also publish it in the Salem Gazette.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the sanction of Government. As Major Hunter's applications
are of some standing, and the proposed terms of sale are not different as to upset price and
Quit-rent from those proposed to be introduced under the new rules for the sale of waste, the
Board recommend that the sale be allowed to proceed.

2. The Collector's attention is called to paragraph 5 of the Government Order, dated
21st September 1859. He should not have advertised the intended sale in anticipation of
sanction.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 275. Official Memorandum from Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, to
W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Fort Saint George,
13th March 1863, No. 55.

The undersigned has the honor to request the Secretary to the Board of Revenue to report
when Major Hunter was put in possession of the land referred to in the Board's Proceedings of
12th instant, and what were the terms on which it was made over to him.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

No. 276. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th March 1863, No. 1,536.
Read the following Official Memorandum from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
(Here enter 13th March 1863, No. 55.)

Communicated to the Collector of Salem, who will furnish the required information as quickly
as possible.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 277. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th March 1863.
Read the following letter from the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to
W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Salem,
16th March 1863, No. 1/2.

Sir,

In reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 14th instant, No. —, I have the honor to state
that Major Hunter was put in possession of the lands referred to, in November last, under the
old Cowle Rules which exempt the assessment on the lands for the first five years. The assess-
ment of 1 Rupee is paid from the sixth year.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th March 1863.*

Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to the Memorandum from the Revenue Secretary dated 13th March 1863.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 278.

ORDER THEREON, 25th March 1863, No. 583.

The Collector had no authority to grant the lands on the terms stated, but as it would be hard now to subject Major Hunter to the risks of a sale by auction, the Government will not object to let him have the lands (without sale by auction) at the regulated assessment of 1 Rupee per Acre payable from the date of possession. If Major Hunter objects to this the lands can be sold as proposed, but at an upset price equalling the value of any improvements effected by Major Hunter, which value, if the land is purchased by any one else, will be made over to Major Hunter, and if the land be bought by him will be refunded to him.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

No. 827.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 11th February 1863.

Read the following letter from the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Puthragounden Poliam, 19th January 1863, No. 6:—

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 23rd October 1862, and to the latter part of paragraph 3, I have the honor to inform you that I placed Major Hunter in possession of the lands he applied for under the old Dhurkast rules, which have been hitherto in force on the Shervaroy Hills.

2. In the Board's Proceedings dated 23rd December 1862, No. 8,400, I am informed that the old Dhurkast rules were superseded by the rules which accompanied the Board's Proceedings dated 23rd September 1859, No. 3,852, I beg to observe that these rules have been a dead letter, and in no instance has waste land been applied for under them. Such being the case, I conclude that the Board intended that the land should be made over under the only rules that have ever been acted on, and accordingly Major Hunter was placed in possession as mentioned above. I now request the Board's instructions regarding these lands.

1. The Board observe that the Government Order circulated by them on 23rd September 1859, disposed of the question of waste land sought for building sites, and of the redemption of the assessment on lands in occupation on the Hill ranges, and that any doubt regarding the terms on which land not required for building sites could be obtained in the Hill tracts was removed so far as regards the Palnis, Nilgherries, and Shervaroys by the Government Order of 4th April 1860, communicated to the Collector of Salem with the Board's Proceedings dated 21st idem, in which a report on the size of farming allotments to be sold by auction without any upset price, but subject to a quit rent of one Rupee an acre, redeemable at 20 years' purchase, was called for from the Collector.

2. The Board cannot trace on their records any reply to this call, but in the face of these Government Orders they do not consider themselves at liberty to allow the old Cowle rules to operate in any cases of applications of later date than the receipt by the Collector of their Proceedings dated 21st April 1860, No. 1,960. If any of Major Hunter's applications were received prior to this date, the Board will not object to allow him the benefit of the old rules to the extent included by them. For anything beyond this they are unable to confirm the Collector's proceedings, and must request him to intimate to Major Hunter that the Cowle cannot be granted, and that the land can only be obtained under the more recent rules.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary.

To Honorable D. Arbuthnott, Collector of Salem.

Exd. J. Wright.

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 Proceedings of the
 Board of Revenue

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Enclosing copy of a letter from
 the Collector of Salween in regard
 to the sale of certain lands on
 the Shevany Hills & requesting
 to obtain sanction of Govt
 for the same.

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Examine the Proceedings
 of the Board of Revenue
 and report to the
 Government

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No.
 Rev: 596/1863

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 11th February 1863.

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Issuing certain instructions respecting the
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one else will be made over
to Major Hunter and if the
land ~~is~~ be bought by him
will be repaid to him.

S.D.

Front St. George
25th March 1838

14 Copies of the Report
with one enclosed Receipt
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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 19th

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Recd. 20th

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Submitting a letter
from the Col^l of Sahar
intimating that Major
Huntley was put in possession
of certain lands under the
old Cawle rules which exempts
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past five years.

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With an order