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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 26th March 1863.

No. 281. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st March 1863:—

Read again letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 28th February 1863, No. 43.
(In Cons. 5th March 1863, No. 1,356.)

Read also the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 9th March 1863, No. 47.

SIR,

In reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 5th instant, I beg to report that I propose to give the land applied for by Serjeant Hopkins on the following Cowle tenure, viz.:—

First year free of rent.
Second do. ¼ rent.
Third do. ½ do.
Fourth do. ¾ do.

from the fifth year full rent, which full assessment being fixed at 1 Rupee per Acre, as has been the case in regard to lands formerly acquired by certain Europeans on the Neilgherries. I would add a condition to the lease to be granted to Mr. Hopkins that should he sell the land to any other party, the purchaser should pay assessment at the rate of 2 Rupees per Acre from the date on which he becomes the owner of it."

Ordered that the above papers be submitted for the favorable consideration of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 282. ORDER THEREON, 26th March 1863, No. 585.

The Government regret that they do not see cause for making an exception in favor of Serjeant Hopkins, who it is observed is in receipt of a pension, in consideration of his past services.

(Signed.) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

No. 1,256.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th March 1863.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., *Collector of* Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kenattoocadavoo, 28th February 1863, No. 43 :—

Pensioned Serjeant Hopkins in the Road Department on the Hills, with a wife and five children to support, has served Government for 38 years. He was 22 years in the Artillery, and of this period for 11½ years he held the rank of Serjeant. The remainder of his service close on 16 years he has passed on the Hills in the Road Department. He is now in the Segur Pass. Colonel, now General F. C. Cotton of the Engineers (retired), in a Certificate given to Serjeant Hopkins says, that the Engineer's Department "never had a more trustworthy or zealous member." Serjeant Hopkins now applies for a piece of forest land (30 acres) about two miles from Segur, and requests that it may be given to him on easy terms; in other words, that the new rules of putting waste lands up to auction may be waived in his favor; he states that the late Collector took a favorable view of his case, and promised to use his influence to get the land without its being put up to auction. Whether Mr. Thomas did make any promise, I cannot say; but I beg to place the Serjeant's request before the Board, in order that if they are inclined to support it, the orders of Government may be obtained on it. After a period of 38 years' service in India, an old European soldier may naturally feel anxious about a provision for his family, and Government may feel disposed under the circumstances to grant the boon sought.

The Collector is requested to state on what terms he would propose to give the land in question.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Enclosure, copy in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government R.D. dated 25th March 1863. No.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 5th March 1863.

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Requesting to know on what terms he would give the land to Serjeant Hopkins.

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Proceedings of the

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Submitting Letters from

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stating under what terms

of Land application for by

Serjeant Blofeldens may be

given to them.

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No 583. 20 March

Write one Order