

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 759	Press ~~Mis.~~
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th May 1863.*

No. 12. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st April 1863:—
Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector of Godavery, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Ambajepetta, 31st March 1863, No. 68.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, under date the 13th December last, calling on me to report on the upset price at which the unassessed waste land at the disposal of Government in this District should be put up for sale on parties applying for the same.

2. In the Delta Talooks of this District the unassessed waste is stated by the Settlement Officers in their reports to amount to 69,455 Acres. This is mainly land situated within the limits of a number of different villages near the coast, a considerable portion of which will be gradually rendered fit for cultivation as the means of irrigating the same from the Anicut are extended. Whether under the views enunciated in paragraph 9 of the Order of Government of the 21st February last such lands should be sold may be a question.

3. In the Upper Talooks the unassessed waste is given on the same authority at 1,04,962 Acres. There is besides a very considerable extent of land forming the hill tract of Juddunghi now included in the Peddapur Talook, which has not been surveyed. There is also similar land in the Yernagudem Talook. These tracts are, as the Board are aware, very unhealthy during several months of the year.

4. For the unassessed waste in the Delta Talooks, I would, if it should be determined to sell such lands outright, fix the upset price at 5 Rupees per acre. The water if taken to be of course paid for at the fixed rate per acre.

5. For the unassessed waste in the Upper Talooks, the rate recommended by the Board, viz., Rupees 2-8-0 per Acre, may well be adopted, and I would suggest the same rate for the tracts referred to in paragraph 3 should applications for any land in such localities be made.

6. With reference to the order of Government of the 24th September last and the Board's Proceedings of the 17th of the following month, I beg to state that any demarcation or detailed survey of waste lands in anticipation of applications being made for purchase does not appear to me to be necessary.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government for their decision.

2. The Board have ascertained from Mr. Master that although to much of the unassessed waste in the Delta Talooks the remarks of Government regarding the Kurnool District in paragraph 9 of their Proceedings, dated 21st February 1863, No. 375, are applicable, inasmuch as the extension of the Anicut channels may within a comparatively short period render these lands highly desirable property, still a considerable extent will remain to which there will be no objection to apply the Rules for the sale of unassessed waste in combination with the water rate should irrigation be supplied from the Government works. The Board would therefore recommend that a discretion be left to the Collector to apply the Rules to unassessed waste in the Delta Talooks or not according to the merits of each individual case.

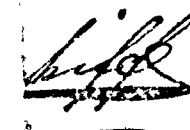
3. As to the upset price the Collector proposes Rupees 5 per Acre in the case of the Delta lands and Rupees 2½ in all other cases.

4. Considering that under the above limitation only the most inferior or most unfavorably situated lands in the Delta would be sold, and that the water rate would be charged for irrigation from the Government works, the Board see no sufficient reason for maintaining a distinction which there seems nothing in the circumstances of the land concerned to justify, and they therefore recommend that in all cases alike the upset price for these unassessed waste lands be fixed at Rupees 2½ per Acre in the Godavery District as in the Kistna.

5. The Board understand that there is no heavy jungle land included in these tracts except possibly in the very unhealthy hill district.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.



Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th May 1863.

No. 13.

ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1863, No. 759.

1. The Government are of opinion that it would be best that the land in the Delta Talooks of the Godavery District referred to in paragraph 2 of the Collector's letter, should be excepted from the operation of the Rules for the sale of unassessed waste.

2. Elsewhere in the District 2½ Rupees may be adopted as the upset price.

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

For Order. I think it would
be best to except the land
in the Delta referred to in
para 2 of Mr. Morris' letter.
The Exercise of the "Discretion"
proposed to be given to the Collector
is sure to be unsatisfactory
to all concerned - and the
Village Officers will make money
by it.

800 I lean here 2½ Rs may be
adopted as the upset price.

I do

It seems to me that the Delta wasteland
may be sold, as proposed by the Collector
subject to a water cess when irrigated.

is supplied to them. - In Karnool we
objected to this because the Irrigation
Company were to enjoy the profits from
furnishing water, & Govt had therefore
to look to the land tax alone in com-
pensation for its guaranteed interest
to the Company. - In the Godavari
district however Govt furnishes the
water & receives its profits. I think
it therefore advisable to encourage
cultivation in this Delta by selling
the waste lands subject to an even
- tual water rate.

- If the Waste lands of the Krishna
Delta are put up at Rs 2 1/2 per acre
the same course ^{should} be followed here
But Mr Purvis ^{proposed} price of Rs 5 does
not appear unreasonable. - He

seems nothing in the circumstances of
the land concerned to justify, and they
therefore recommend that in all cases
alike the upset price for these unassess-
ed waste lands be fixed at Rupees 2 1/2
per acre in the Godavari District as in
the Krishna.

The Board understand that
there is no heavy jungle land included
in these tracts except possibly in the
very unhealthy hill district.

(True Copy and Extract)

J. D. Smith
Secretary.

To
J. D. Smith Esq.
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

C. J. Smith

W. 759.

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the sale of unassessed
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adopted as the upset
price.

Wm. St. George
4th May 1863

14th May 1863
The Board of Revenue

should be dispensed to keep the delta land
unassessed. The people may consider it
they choose. The Government should be
decent - but they will, probably, they have
the land. The water will, but the water will be
the same.

Pro. 2nd Sept/62 no. 462-463.
21 Feb/63 --- 302-303-

Copy in a Letter to England
d/20th June 1857/1863

Revenue 1863. Disputes
Pro: of Govt for May.
W. J. M. H.

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 21st
Decr. 21 } April 1863.
Recd 22nd }

No.

Submitting for decision,
a letter from the Collector of the
Godavary District, reporting on
the subject of upset prices
for the unassessed Waste
lands in his District, in
with the Boards remarks
thereon -

1759 & 1760

W. J. M. H.

No. 12 & 13.

25 April 63