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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 780

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th May 1863.*

No. 55. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st April 1863,
No. 2,311 :—

Read again letter from the Acting Collector of Kistna, dated 6th March 1863.

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 21st March 1863, No. 60.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board dated 13th instant, I have the honor to report, that I propose to sell unassessed waste lands only, at the rates mentioned in my letter of the 6th instant.

2. Under the lowest class, Rupees $2\frac{1}{2}$ per Acre, come the brushwood jungles in the upland Talooks. In the Masulipatam portion of this District, where joint rents are in force, the villagers take a large extent of jungle land, for the pasturage of the village cattle, at a very low rate of eist. As these lands, however, do not bear a field assessment, I would include them in the unassessed waste.

3. The swampy lands in the coast villages proposed to be sold at 4 Rupees per Acre, have never been assessed, and the highest rate of 6 Rupees per Acre is intended for cultivable Porumbokes, unencumbered with jungle, in the villages in the interior.

1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted for the decision of Government.

2. The Acting Collector proposes three rates for the upset price of unassessed waste, viz., Rupees $2\frac{1}{2}$ per Acre for scrub jungle lands in the upland Talooks, Rupees 4 per Acre for the swamps in the coast villages, and Rupees 6 for other waste lands unencumbered with jungle, both in the Delta and upland Talooks, the annual water rate being chargeable if Government water is taken for the cultivation.

3. The scrub jungles which are very extensive require much labor and expense to clear them, and are likely to be taken up only for pasturage.

4. The swamps must be drained at considerable expense, and need to be saturated with fresh water for two or three years to get rid of the Salt in the surface soil.

5. The open wastes not included in the foregoing can be more cheaply brought under cultivation.

6. It appears to the Board that the two last classes of land possess no superiority or advantage whatever over the quality of waste land, which elsewhere will be sold under the rules at Rupees $2\frac{1}{2}$ per Acre, and they would therefore recommend that this rate be adopted throughout the District as the upset price for unassessed waste, trusting to competition to adjust minor inequalities.

7. There are no heavy jungle lands available for sale in the District. The reserves recommended by the Acting Collector will of course be maintained.

8. As regards building sites, the Board infer from paragraph 7 of the Acting Collector's letter dated 6th March 1863, that the lands to which he refers are *assessed*; and if so, they will not come under the operations of the rules for the sale of unassessed land.

9. If however the lands in question are *unassessed*, the Board see no reason for treating them differently as regards the upset price from other similar waste sought for cultivation.

10. Their position will ensure greater competition and higher resulting prices.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1863, No. 780.

The Government concur with the Board that $2\frac{1}{2}$ Rupees per Acre would be a suitable minimum price. Water, if supplied from a Government source will of course form a separate charge. The "Epi" and "Chundra" forests as well as the Soap Nut and Mangrove jungles mentioned by the Collector will of course be reserved.

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

No. 2,311.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 21st April 1863.

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Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 21st March 1863, No. 60:—

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board dated 13th instant, I have the honor to report, that I propose to sell unassessed waste lands only, at the rates mentioned in my letter of the 6th instant.

2. Under the lowest class, Rupees 2½ per acre, come the brushwood jungles in the upland Taluks. In the Masulipatam portion of this District, where joint rents are in force, the villagers take a large extent of jungle land, for the pasturage of the village cattle, at a very low rate of cist. As these lands, however, do not bear a field assessment, I would include them in the unassessed waste.

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5. The open wastes not included in the foregoing can be more cheaply brought under cultivation.

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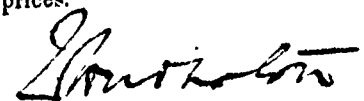
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(A true Copy and Extract.)



Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to E. B. Foord, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District.

Exd. J. Wright.

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21st June 1863

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No. 2311.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 21st April 1863
20th 24th June
20th 25th June
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No. 2311.

Submitting for decision letters from the Act-
ing Collector of Masulipatam, proposing three
rates for the upset price of unassessed waste,
with the Board's remarks thereon.

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should be a suitable mini-
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form a separate charge.
The "Epi" & "Chandra" forest
as well as the "Sank" and
the "Sank" forest
of the "Sank" side of course
be revised.

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