

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th May 1863.*

No. 86. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th April 1863 :—
Read the following letter from A. P. HODGSON, Esq., Acting Collector of South Canara, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated on circuit Cundapoor, 26th March 1863, No. 43.

SIR,

1. I have just received the Proceedings of the Board, No. 1,530, dated 14th March 1863, communicating the Proceedings of the Madras Government, with reference to Establishments for surveying Waste Lands; and I take the earliest opportunity to inform the Board that the quantity of land stated therein was not applied for under the Governor General's Resolution, but to be held on Puttah bearing assessment.

2. The entry of this land in the Statement annexed to your letter to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 28th November 1862, was owing apparently to my having omitted to state that circumstance in my letter of 15th October 1862 in reply to the Board's Circular No. 4,439, dated 10th July 1862, calling for a "Statement of the Survey Establishment likely to be necessary for dealing with lands which may be applied for under the Governor General's Resolution."

3. This information should properly have been supplied, but in my letter to the Board, dated 5th September 1862, No. 87, in reply to Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. 5,028, dated 2nd August 1862, I stated that no applications had been received for the purchase of land under the Governor General's Resolution, and in my reply to the Proceedings of the Board of 15th September 1862, No. 6,129, I explained that paragraph 2 of my letter of 5th September referred to ordinary Dhurkasts.

4. On a reminder, dated 26th September 1862, being received from the Board's Office, that the Board's Circular No. 4,439, dated 10th July 1862, calling for a Statement of the Survey Establishment required, remained unanswered, I wrote my letter of the 15th October 1862, No. 112, and forwarded with it a Statement of the quantity of land then applied for and the probable annual demand for land, and on the same date I replied to the Board's Proceedings, dated 15th September, No. 6,129, as before stated. Having but a short time before informed the Board that no applications had been received under the Governor General's Resolution, and being notwithstanding pressed for a reply to Circular No. 4,439, I thought this statement would be taken to refer to lands applied for under the old Dhurkast Rules.

5. I cannot but admit that I was in error in not stating distinctly that the Survey Establishment was required to assist the present Revenue servants in measuring the unassessed Waste Lands applied for under former rules, but I hope this omission may be excused.

6. A Survey Establishment in this District is under any circumstances urgently required, inasmuch as the present Talook Establishments cannot get through even the rough measurement of half the land that is applied for, and the delay which occurs in consequence is a constant source of complaint, and is moreover, preventive of the spread of cultivation to the extent that might otherwise take place. I therefore recommend that the sanction for the Survey Establishment, although given under the impression that it was required for another purpose, may not be withdrawn, and that, as there is now a vast accumulation of applications in arrears, the Establishment may be introduced into this District with as little delay as possible.

1. Submitted for the information and orders of Government.

2. The great desirability of maintaining a small Survey Establishment in Canara independently of the new rules for the sale of unassessed waste has frequently been represented, and although from the Acting Collector's letter, dated 23rd March 1863, No. 40, submitted with the Board's Proceedings of 1st April 1863, No. 1,979, it appears that only two applications have yet been received under those rules, yet more may be expected hereafter, and the Collector proposes to use the Survey Establishment now sanctioned in measuring lands applied for on ordinary Dhurkast.

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3. The Board would therefore strongly recommend that the sanction for the Survey Establishment be not withdrawn.

4. In the case of surveys made for the Court, &c., there will probably be no difficulty in recovering the charge at the established rate.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 87.

ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1863, No. 796.

Before passing orders on these Proceedings, the Government resolve to request the Board of Revenue to report, in communication with the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, whether the Establishment sanctioned in the Order of Government, dated 25th February 1863, No. 407, will be adapted to the work proposed by the Collector of South Canara. They will also state how the assessment on land given on ordinary Dhurkhast is arranged in that District.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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14 August 1863 C. no. 1915

Dated 17th April 1863.
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Recd. 18th April

No. 1

Submitting a letter from the
Collector of Coimbatore intimating that the
quantity of land entered in the statement annexed
to the letter of 28th Nov. 1862, has
not been applied for under the Governor-
General's Resolution, but as he held an
order, and recommending that the
Survey Establishment sanctioned by
Govt. be not withdrawn. -

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At 795-8 May

With an order

For the Secy to Govt