

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th May 1863.*

No. 326. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th May 1863 :—
Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Cuddalore, 22nd April 1863, No. 109.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th instant, No. 2,055, communicating the orders of Government requesting more precise information from me relative to the unassessed waste lands in this District, I have the honor to state that since the submission, by the late Collector Mr. Maltby, of the Statement appended to paragraph 13 of his letter to the Board, dated 17th December 1853, which exhibited seven lacs of Pymaish Porumboke lands in the ten Hulus Talooks as lying waste, Mr. Hall in paragraph 12 of his letter to the Board, dated 19th May 1855, No. 99, solicited permission to assess the newly reclaimed Porumboke lands in the ten Hulus Talooks at the modified village rate, and the Board in reply, under date the 4th June 1855, No. 1,384, authorized the classification and assessment of those lands at the modified teerwah placing them on an equal footing with other lands of the same description in the villages in preference to the suggestion of Mr. Hall to adopt the average of the village rates.

2. The general rules laid down in revising the tax on the Porumboke lands have been fully explained by that Officer in paragraph 6 of his letter to the Board, under date the 9th May 1857, No. 91, and also in paragraphs 52 and 53 of his Jummaundy Report, dated 25th September 1857.

3. I beg further to state that the total Ayacut of Porumboke lands in the ten Hulus Talooks, after deducting that appertaining to the villages transferred from this to North Arcot, amounts to 6,73,000 Cawnies, a portion of which was reclaimed as stated by Mr. Hall in his letter of 19th May 1855, amounting to 61,620 Cawnies up to Fasli 1262. Another portion was reclaimed and brought under cultivation from Fasli 1263 to Fasli 1271, amounting to 33,731 Cawnies, the aggregate being Cawnies 95,351, leaving a balance of 5,77,649 Cawnies, in which are included lands covered with dense and unhealthy jungles, hills, rocks, tanks, Hindu Temples and rivers and streams, &c., all of which may be assumed as permanently unfit for cultivation. It is true that here and there, there may be spots of Porumboke land available for cultivation in future years, and should offers be made for such spots they may be treated, I presume, in accordance with the spirit of the Proceedings of the Board first quoted (4th June 1855).

4. Under the foregoing explanation the Government will, I trust, be satisfied that there is no unassessed waste land properly so-called in this District for which it is likely applications will be made under the new rules.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order dated 7th April 1863, No. 616. The Board, however, consider that the facts stated do not warrant Mr. Reade's statement that "strictly speaking there are no unassessed waste lands in South Arcot."

2. The rules laid down for the assessment of *reclaimed Porumboke* in no respect affected the position of the *unreclaimed* and unassessed waste, and there can be little doubt that the 5½ lacs of Cawnies of such unreclaimed waste include much that is capable of being brought under cultivation.

3. Lands "covered with dense and unhealthy jungles" are probably composed of rich soil, and might with advantage in many places be brought under cultivation without violating the precautionary rules regarding the sale of forest land.

4. The Collector will be requested to re-consider the subject, and to report further on it without delay.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 327. ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1863, No. 918.

The Government concur in the remarks made by the Board of Revenue. They will await the further report called for from Mr. Reade.

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

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For - J. L. George
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Letter from the Collector of S. Atreel

dated 19th May/55. N. 499

I. 9th May 57. N. 491

Report from P. 25th Sep. 57. N. 1176

P. Pro. 1st June 1855 N. 1325

P. Pro. 7th April/63 N. 27828

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N. 1107.

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Board of Revenue

Dated 12th
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Pro. of the Board of Revenue 12th
June 1855. N. 1325.

Submitting for informa-
tion a letter from the Collr
of S. Atreel affording in-
formation re:
relative to the unoccupied
waste lands in his com-
District, with the Bd's
remarks on the Subject.

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