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No. 21. Read the following letter from Messrs. ARBUTHNOT & Co., Secretaries and Treasurers, Carnatic Coffee Company "Limited," to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 16th June 1864:—

Sir,

1. We have the honor to apply to you on the subject of a small block of land near Coonoor, which was lately purchased by this Company of Messrs. Sanderson and Herklots for an experimental endeavour to grow Tea and Chinchona.

2. It was not until some time after the purchase had been agreed to that this Company became aware of the exact circumstances under which Mr. Sanderson held the land from the Government. A supply of Tea seed had unexpectedly been received from China. It appeared of great moment to have it sown without any delay. The land at Coonoor was offered at that moment at a certain sum, irrespective of the demand of the Collector, on behalf of the State, which demand it would also fall to the purchasers to make good, and it was represented that a claim had been put forward (upon grounds which appeared reasonable) for an abatement of the large price, viz., Rupees 19-2-2 per Acre, at which in pursuance of the arrangement entered with Mr. Sanderson, the value had been fixed. Such were the circumstances under which this Company bought the land. The Government declined to make the abatement sought by Mr. Sanderson, and the full amount Rupees 1,922-10-2 being at the rate of Rupees 19-2-2 per Acre has accordingly been paid.

3. We are now instructed to request that the Government will be pleased to consider the question *de novo*, and while our Directors can urge no positive claim for concession, they would express their hope that the Government will take a liberal view of the question, and will under the peculiar circumstances of the case permit the Company to take the land in Fee Simple at the lowest upset price for forest and grass lands respectively, by payment of a sum equal to twenty-five years' purchase, as prescribed by the Regulations.

4. It is probably known to you that the high rate fixed for the land in question (Vellanee) was consequent upon the exceptionally eager competition that took place when lands on the Neilgherries were at first offered for sale. Had the more recent sales, after bidders for land had become better acquainted with the nature of the tenure, been included by the Collector when he struck his average, the price would have been much lower.

5. It is however mainly upon the new and still experimental character of the cultivation that is projected, that the Directors would mainly rely in this their appeal to be relieved in some measure of the double burden with which their undertaking is at present weighted. The China seeds, we may observe have, it is to be feared, entirely failed, while a few of those supplied by you from the Government Gardens in the North-West have germinated.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 1st July 1864, No. 1,131.

Land Revenue.

The Government cannot accede to the request made in this letter. The price of the land therein referred to has been fixed at 19 Rupees an Acre in strict conformity with the original agreement with Mr. Sanderson, who has admitted its fairness, and it cannot therefore be set aside. No land is sold on the Neilgherries on Fee Simple tenure, but the annual assessment is redeemable at twenty-five years' purchase.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Secretaries and Treasurers, Carnatic Coffee Company "Limited."
„ the Board of Revenue.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

Quebec 25th June 1864

Dear Sir

I received your letter
under date 7th February
from an application was
duly made to
the Crown Lands Office
Niagara for the
Lot, Con, of Humberstone
boundaries -

What we intended to
ask was that the Engineer
have the land in the Township
Lying N & E of the
Road & Lands & W & S

Ich habe die Ehre Ihnen
Ihre Bestellung
Wunschgemäß
zu übersenden

J. D. Smith

1st July/82 No 1131

An Acco for Duck land-
ing & Crane in addition
to the £19-2-2 already
paid but in Substitution
for it — It that Cam,
Sir with Jay, he got them
land for Redney & Brunswick
the Amount Appraisement
on the usual Terms, viz^t
25 Years purchase — It is
but to, but as Similar
Acts often times vide Ins
Lawsuits & Disagreem^ts
Land practically inoperative
in ordinary cases, the Act in

Completion that took place when Lands on the
Delaware were at first opened for Sale. But the
more Second Sales after Redemption Land have
become better acquainted with the nature of the Tenure
been undertaken by the Collector when he thinks
his Knowledge, the Price should have been made

Collector

5th Sect. It is hereby made the Duty of
the Surveyor General, whenever upon the application
of the Proprietor, that the Directions would minutely
specify in what their Appeal to be returned in Survey
Manner of the Lands been with certain their
Courses Distance in each Survey and also the
Quality of the Land whether Arable, Meadow, Pasture
Woodland or Barren, and to whom the Land was
granted

Surveyor

Chas Thomson
Secretary Pro Secretary

Jr.

From
The Heel & Land
Treasurers to the
Carnatic Coffee
Company Limited

Dated 16th June
Recd 18th " 1884.

For Orders

The price of Ut^o at 19/6
block has been fixed in
strict conformity with
the original agreement
and Mr Saunders claim
at 5/6 a fair price vide
para 3 of his letter 25
April 1884.

The land is held on
fee simple tenure on the
Neilgherries but the annual
assessment is redeemable
at 20 years purchase.

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fo 28 May 1803 N° 334.335
" 12th Dec.r 1804 " 196-197
" 21st April " " 342-343
" 29th " " " 403-404
" 2d May " " 25. 27.
" 9th " " " 96. 97

The Land in black
was assigned
by Mr Speechley
to other hands
& may be
disregarded
& Brewster's Heirs
& Devisees claim
one offer deemed
this ground purchase
& upon Assignment
of the Assignment
at 25 years purchase

[signature]

[signature]

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The Secretaries &
Treasurers to the
Carnatic Coffee
Company Limited

Dated 16th June
Received 18th June 1861.

Requesting that
the Company may be per-
mitted to take the Land
purchased by them near
Coonoor for Experimental
& Cultivation in fee simple
by payment of a
sum equal to 25 years
purchase -

For Orders

[signature]

Secretary

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