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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th November 1864.

No. 133. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st October 1864, No. 7,139:—

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th October 1864, No. 215.

1. I beg to know whether the Sholahs which surround or are adjacent to the Toda munds are to be sold under the Waste Land Rules, in the event of their being applied for by Europeans or Natives intending to cut them down with a view to planting Tea, Chinchona, or to selling the timber for firewood.

2. My own idea is that all the Sholahs adjacent to the Toda munds should be preserved. They, in fact, form a portion of the mund. During the south-west monsoon, they afford protection from the inclemency of the weather both to the Todas and their buffaloes, and were they cut down, the Todas would simply have to desert the locality with their herds, as they would then be exposed to the drifting rains and cold piercing winds fatal alike to man and beast. In fact if all the mund Sholahs are allowed to be cut down, the Todas, I consider, are doomed to early extinction. Their homes now surrounded with a thousand pleasing associations will become uninhabitable and they themselves feeling that they have been deserted by the Government to which they looked for protection will, it is to be feared, become a sullen and discontented people, smarting under a sense of unjust treatment. Much anxiety has, as a rule, been displayed by Government and the local authorities, to improve the condition of the Todas, and to get them to take to agricultural pursuits. The preservation of their homes in all their natural beauty will certainly be a means to this desirable end, as it will tend to keep them settled in particular localities; eventually it is hoped to direct their energies to the cultivationof the soil.

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1. Ordered to be submitted for the decision of Government.

2 The Board are of opinion that the Sholahs surrounding or adjacent to Toda munds on the Neilgherries should be absolutely reserved.

No. 134. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1864, No. 2,071.

Land Revenue.

The Government concur generally in the Collector's views, but they cannot pass an absolute order to the effect recommended by the Board. It may often happen that the reservation of a *portion* of a Shola would be ample. The proper course is for the Collector to enter the Sholas which he thinks ought to be reserved for the Todahs in the list of reserved lands which he is preparing for the orders of Government.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 7,139.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

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

Copy to P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 31st *October* 1864.
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No. 7,139.

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Fort St. George
11th November 1864

J. D.S.