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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th May 1864.*

No. 96. Read the following letter from C. SANDERSON, Esq., to J. D. SIM, Esq.,
Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated Coonoor, 25th April 1864:—

SIR,

1. I beg to acknowledge receipt of Government Proceedings No. 685, with reference to
fibre land at Coonoor.

2. I observe that you have been misinformed as to the amount for which the Estate was
sold. The sum was Rupees 11,750, Rupees 7,000 of this is actual expenditure in opening and
purchase of tea plants. The remainder, Rupees 4,750, goes for superintending and profit, and
which sum covers only about one-third of the total loss by fibres.

3. Personally, I felt that the price assessed by Mr. Grant was a fair one, and was prepared
to pay the amount *before* negotiating any sale; but a partner of mine (who joined me subse-
quently to the Government grant) and also, at a later period, the Carnatic Coffee Company were
anxious to try the question as to averages.

4. In construing your Government Order of May last year, I took the words "he would
be allowed the option of purchasing it on paying the average price, &c.," to mean that I might
purchase *at or before* the end of five years.

5. Whilst my letter of the 20th May 1863 contemplated giving back the land to Govern-
ment (if the fibres failed), I confess that I thought the Government Order permitted me to go
beyond that offer, by allowing the "option of purchase," and it was that extended liberality on
the part of Government, which alone led me to substitute Tea for failing fibres.

6. With regard to the parenthetical remark that I had sold the estate "without permission
of Government," I beg to call your attention to my letter of the 30th January last, in which I
say "Desiring to effect a transfer of the land, &c.," and also to the fact that the estate was not
sold until the 22nd of February following, I trust I may plead that I had at least given notice to
Government.

No. 97.

ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1864, No. 798.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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From
Charles Lander:
= son Esq^r. Coonoor

Dated 25th 3rd Apr^l
Received 27th 3rd 1864.

Giving certain parti-
culars regarding the piece of
for which he sold the Fibre
land of Coonoor.

W^o 798.

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@ 5th May 1864. AT

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9th May 1864.