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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th May 1864.*

No. 113. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. WOODFALL, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated Coonoor, 29th April 1864:—

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Order of Government, dated 5th April, No. 576, on the letter of the Collector of Coimbatore to the Secretary of the Board of Revenue, dated "Goodaloor, 2nd March, No. 36," I beg to forward for your perusal and information, the accompanying letters from the late and present Collector, and Proceedings of the Board, on the subject of an application made by me for land in the neighbourhood of "Lamb's Rock," and which was met by a refusal on both instances, on the ground that the Conservator of Forests objected to the destruction of the Sholah immediately adjacent thereto, though my application was only for grass land.

2. The Proceedings of the Board No. 2,831, dated 7th May 1862, will give you a succinct statement of the facts up to that date, and will show, *vide* paragraph 5, that the destruction of that Sholah having already been commenced, was brought under the notice of the Collector on the 17th of the same month; though it was only in the end of March 1863 that Mr. Grant, as stated in his letter to me of the 31st of that month, was "enabled to visit that locality." And then only, unless I am misinformed, at the request of another person who, in ignorance of my previous claim, wished to obtain the land.

3. By the Proceedings of the Board, dated 7th August following, it appears that Mr. Grant, in his letter to the Secretary, made no allusion to the Sholah; but reported that he found the land which I had applied for two years before came "within the prohibition ordered in "the Government Proceedings, dated 6th May of that year (1863), No. 221" and concluded by mentioning that the Tahsildar reported that I had since withdrawn my application. Which was the case; but not because I no longer wished to have the land, but because I was wearied out with the delay, and disheartened by the vexatious objections with which my applications had been met, and despaired of ever obtaining it.

4. Had I obtained the land when I first of all applied for it, I might now have been looking forward to, very shortly, reaping the fruits of what I had laid out on its cultivation. At any time of life four or five years is a long time to look forward to; but as I have to make provision for a young family, I should still be glad to obtain it if Government would grant it to me even for the purpose of planting. But I have had such abundant experience of the delay and annoyance attending applications made through the Collector as to deter one from repeating the process.

No. 114. ORDER THEREON, 10th May 1864, No. 807.

Before passing orders on this application, the Government resolve to instruct the Collector and Conservator to report without delay what land in the vicinity of the Coonoor Ghât should be reserved and what land should be made available for sale under the rules. This report will be accompanied by the sheets of the Map comprising the locality, in which the tracts reserved should be marked.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ Collector of Coimbatore.

„ Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Coimbatore Coll^r's Office
N^o 384 From Putacannad 20th December 1861
E. B. Thomas Esq^r

To Collector of Coimbatore
Lieut. Coll. C. Woodfall

Sir, Coonoor
With reference to your letter of
the 6th Instant, I beg to inform you
that I have made a reference to the
Board of Revenue and am waiting for
their orders. So soon as their reply is
received I will communicate the same
to you. no orders have yet been
issued by this Government on the new
land Rules.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant

E. B. Thomas
Collector.

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[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side. Some words like "received" and "amount" are visible.]

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Coimbatore Collectors Office
Coimbatore 11th April 1862

From

To
C. B. Thomas Esquire
Collector of Coimbatore
Colonel Woodfall
Coonoor
Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 1st December 1861, applying for 200 Cawnies of land in the vicinity of Lamb rock under the new rules, I beg to inform you, that the Officiating Conservator of Forests, states that the ground in question, embraces a wooded crest and cannot be granted. I regret I cannot therefore comply with your application.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt
P. B. Neerunda
Collector

[Handwritten signature/initials]

No. 2,881.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 7th May 1862.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel C. WOODFALL, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Coonoor, 17th April 1862 :—

1. I have the honor to request that you will bring to the notice of the Board that a considerable time ago, eighteen months, or two years it may be, I applied to Mr. Thomas, Collector of Coimbatore, for a grant of 200 Cawnies of Grass and Forest land, in the vicinity of Coonoor near Lamb's Rock, on the usual terms ; for the purpose of forming a Plantation of Tea and Coffee.
2. This application Mr. Thomas declined to submit to the Board on the ground that Government had issued orders, under the advice of the Conservator of Forests, that no more Forest tracts should be granted above a certain height; and in this decision I acquiesced.
3. Shortly afterwards, however, I learnt that Government had granted a large tract of Forest at no great distance from Ootacamund on very favorable terms to Mr. Rae, for the purpose of forming a Tea Plantation; and I then renewed my application for 200 Cawnies of land under the same conditions, and for the same purpose. This Mr. Thomas was kind enough not only to forward, but to support with a strong recommendation that it should be granted, only with the proviso that the Forest should be restricted to what was sufficient for the formation of nurseries, two or three Cawnies. Some correspondence passed regarding this matter between the Board and Mr. Thomas, to which I beg you will refer; but in the end the Board declined to recommend that the land should be granted to me except on the usual terms. But as this did not suit my purpose at that time, I allowed the matter to drop.
4. When, however, the new rules for the sale and purchase of land were promulgated by the Supreme Government, I renewed my request for the 200 Cawnies of "Grass land," in a letter addressed to Mr. Thomas on the 1st December 1861; in reference to which I received a reply yesterday, a copy of which I append, in which he expresses his regret that he cannot comply with my application, as "the Officiating Conservator of Forests states that the ground in question embraces a wooded crest and cannot be granted."
5. As the wooded tract in question does not, I think, much, if at all, exceed in quantity what Mr. Thomas formerly recommended might be allowed for the formation of nurseries; and as I can state from personal observation that a good portion, at least, of the valuable timber contained therein has been already felled and sawn up, apparently, for sale; and, as is to be supposed, this has not been done without the knowledge and sanction of the Officiating Conservator of Forests, I do not feel that the reason given is a valid one for rejecting my application *in toto*, and I now, therefore, beg to submit it direct to the Board, as I have apprised Mr. Thomas it is my intention to do.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Copy of Mr. Thomas' letter.

Resolved that the above letter be forwarded to the Collector of Coimbatore for report.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

W. Hudleston
Sub-Secretary.

To E. B. Thomas, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Copy to Lieutenant-Colonel C. Woodfall, Coonoor.

Exd. J. Wright.

13th May 1862
W. Hudleston

Recd 11/31/62

124 Cinnamon 31st March 1862.
From P. Grant Esquire
Collector of Cinnamon
Lt Colonel C. Goodfall

Sir, I have this day received a letter
dated 27th Instant No 158, from Major Morgan
in charge of the Neilgherry Shola, in
which he states that the Shola above
Camp's Rock, applied for by you in
your letter to the Board of Revenue
cannot be granted.

2. I do not enter into the reasons
stated by Major Morgan for objecting
to the giving away of the Shola. but
had he sanctioned the step, I should
have deemed it right to have reserved
the Shola on public grounds, as one
of the most beautiful spots which
visitors and Invalids resorting to Coonoor
have recourse to on excursions of

being

Recd 11/31/62

1862. Department.

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 7th May 1862.

No. 2,881.

Forwarding to the Collector of Coimbatore
for report a letter from Collector Woodfall
applying for 200 Acres of Grass land.

10/10/62

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of pleasure, would be divested of all
its beauty were the jungle to be cut
down. It was only on Friday last
that I was enabled to visit the
locality.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt. Servant.

Thos. Grant
Collector.

Recd-1134/63.

Revenue Department.

N:
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 7th August 1803.

Read the following letter.

N: 145.

From

P. Grant Esq.

Collector of Coimbatore.

To

W. Audleston Esq.

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

With reference to the Board's
Proceedings of the 7th May 1802 N: 2881, I
have the honor to report that I visited
the land applied for by Colonel Woodfall
in his letter to Board dated 17th April
1802, and find that it comes within
the prohibition ordered in the Govern-
ment Proceedings of the 10th May 1803
N: 221, wherein I am directed not to
sell any more land in or near the
top of the Coonoor ghaut, the same
being

being required for planting purposes
by the Forest Department. I may
also mention that the Sahildar reports
that Colonel Woodfall has since with-
drawn his application.

Coimbatore Collector's }
Office, Camp, Kollegalim. }
4th August, 1863. } (Signed P. Grant
Collector.

Communicated to Colonel
Woodfall with reference to his letter
dated 17th April 1863.

(True Copy and Extract)

Known to
Secretary.

To
Colonel Woodfall.

W. A. P. S.

Note: In the order of 16 May 1863
 No. 221, put in the Railway
 Dept. - prohibited the Chief from
 selling any more land in
 or near the Valley of the Conon
 flume, above Kullair & in.
 Directed him to arrange with
 the Conservator to plant Aus-
 tralian Acacias wherever
 there was land for the purpose
 near the top of this flume.
 The object of the order was to
 reserve land & provide fuel
 for the Rail or Tramway de-
 signed by the late Col. Dick-
 tenbury.
 The order being, &c., &c.

Dec: 1134/61

Proceedings of the
 Council of the
 Government

Dated 19th
 Dec: 1863

No.

Communicating to Colonel
 Macpherson letter from the
 of Committee stating that the
 land applied for was under
 the prohibition ordered in Govt
 Order of 16 May 1863, No 221.

16 May 1864
 No 1854

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When it has at least reached in
respect to land from the
the Civil & Co. servatory
and it seems as much as
fit to have planted and
might be able as a
the rules unless reported
proceed for the other
certain places in the order of the
or - the latter order might be
to work & land and probably the
for some time
Scharf's order
I have left day & day
The Civil might be told that
with a special list on the hills
put expect applications for land
to be promptly dealt with
Order repeated I do.

Pro. 5 April/64 No 87. 88.
-- 8 Aug/63 -- 83-24

Revenue 1864. Vols.
Pro. of Govt for May.
No. 1131.

From
Lieut. Col.
C. Woodfall
Coonoor.

Dated 29th April 1864.
Received 2nd May 3 1864.

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S. O. 10 May

Forwarding cor-
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subject of an appli-
cation made by him
for grass land in the
neighbourhood of
"Lamb's Rock" on the
milgherries, and re-
questing Govt to
grant him the same
for planting purposes.

No 113.

25 May/64 RY

Revenue Department

No. 807.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt
under date the 10th May 1864

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Woodfall, Coonoor.

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S.P.S.

14 Copies of the Report of the
1 - Chief of Comptroller
1 - Chief of Forestry

Revenue 1864. Debit
No: of gold for clay.

No 887.

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May 1864.

From the 1st of June 1864 to the 1st of June 1865
From 1st of June 1865 to 1st of June 1866
From 1st of June 1866 to 1st of June 1867

List
of
Debit

No 1134114.

The City Committee
and the Street Commissioners
are required to report
certain particulars on
Col. Wood's application
for land with the
neighbourhood of Lamb's
Beach near Concor.