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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 24-7-1863.

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No. 422. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th July 1865, No. 4,002.

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From T. SPRING, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, to the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, dated 12th April 1865, No. 91.

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(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT, *Collector.*

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No. 423. ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1865, No. 1,710.

Land Revenue.

1. The Government concur with the Board that to encourage the opening up of the Jewadi and Yelagiri Hills the ordinary waste land sale rules are more suitable than those in force on the Shervaroys, and accordingly sanction their introduction.

2. The Forest Department should, with the least possible delay, determine what portions it is desirable to reserve, and the orders of the Supreme Government as to the exercise of great caution in granting forest land, will be carefully observed.

3. The upset price per acre adopted for the Pachamullay Hills in Trichinopoly, viz., Rupees 5 for wood-land, and Rupees 2½ for grass, *plus* cost of survey and demarcation, seems suitable for the locality now in question; but on this point the Board will report after communication with the Collector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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W. Dalyell
Acting Secretary.

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.
Copy to Honorable D. Arbuthnott, Collector of Salem.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Dated 14th July 1865.

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No 4,002.

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Submitting with remarks letter from Col
tor of Salem recommending that rules for
of waste lands on Shevaroys be made app
ble to lands on Jewadi and Yalagherry Hi

No 1710-24 July
With an Order

No 122 & 123

C 21st July 65 ans^d

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the Govt^t view in each case but