

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 668

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Dated 27-3-1868.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th March 1865.*

No. 449. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th March 1865,
No. 1,500 :—

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YELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th February 1865,
No. 33.

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lands given up by the Railway Company.

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" ment."

3. It might not be out of place here to mention the cause which has led to my writing this
letter. Certain lands that had been given up to the Railway Company have, since been relin-
quished, of which those mentioned below are some :—

				Amount paid for acquisition.				Amount of 25 years' purchase.			
No. 212	Acres....	7 20 8	Assessed at Rupees	19 11 6	12	0	0	89	7	6	
" 211	do.	3 2 8	do. do.	3 3 6	1	0	0	22	11	11	
" 224	do.	4 7 0	do. do.	8 13 11	1	0	0				

Mr. White, the District Munsiff of Tripatur, applied for these lands on Puttah, but, accord-
ing to the interpretation of the rule above referred to, the lands should, properly speaking, be
sold.

4. By the Freehold Sale Rules the upset price on lands is twenty-five years' rent, but, in
the present case, were the lands put up in this manner, there would be no purchaser. It will be
observed that, for two of the numbers entered in the statement given in paragraph 3, Rupees 13
only were given, whilst, for No. 212, nothing was paid by Government, as it was waste at the
time it was taken up by the Railway Company. As to the disposal, I would recommend that the
lands be given under the Durkhast Rules should the Board see fit to forego the amount paid by
Government for the acquisition of the land. The amount in these instances being small, there
perhaps would be no objection to have the lands given on Puttah; but there requires a fixed
rule by which all similar lands relinquished should be dealt with.

5. I might remark that on the Shevaroy Hills, where lands is disposed of, the upset price
of the land sold is only the demarcation and survey charges, and the purchaser is liable to pay
the assessment yearly besides.

6. The only other course which seems open is to put up the lands to sale at the amount at
which they were acquired for Railway Company, but subject to the payment of the annual
assessment which was paid on the land prior to its transfer to the Railway Company.

1. Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board are of opinion that the proper course to adopt would be to sell all such lands
to the highest bidder at auction without any reserve price, subject, however, to the payment
of the annual assessment, which, if redeemable under the rules for the sale of lands, might be
redeemed at the option of the purchaser.

No. 450.

ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1865, No. 668.

Land Revenue.

The Board's recommendation is approved, except as regards
the right of redemption which should not be conceded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 1,500.

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"	211	"	8 2 8	"	8 3 6	12 0 0	80 7 6
"	221	"	4 7 0	"	8 13 11	1 0 0	221 11 11

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

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

Copy to C. N. Pochin, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem.

Mrs. J. Wright.

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Recd. 1863.
Department
of Agriculture.

No. 183
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 16th March 1863.
Secretary
Board of Revenue

No. of the Board of Revenue
1863/1864 No. 1,500.

Submitting for orders letter from the Acting
Collector of Salem requesting instructions in re-
gard to the disposal of lands given up by the
Railway Companies?

The Board's recommendation
is approved. Subject no regards
the right of redemption which
should not be considered. —

Wm. H. H. H. H. H.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
23rd March 1863.

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