

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 866	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated	27-4-1865.

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

No. 318. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th April 1865.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 8th April 1865, No. 62:—

SIR,

In Fusly 1272 (A. D. 1862-63) the rates of assessment on the Neilgherries were reduced from 11 to 5, and the shifting system of cultivation disallowed; in other words, the Burghers' cultivation was restricted to the lands entered in their Puttahs— if they chose to throw these up, they were informed that they could only be acquired again under the Waste Land Rules, *i.e.* by purchase. To compensate for the abolition of the shifting system, a general reduction of 25 per cent. on the rates of assessment was allowed. The consequence of these orders was that, at the time of settlement, the Burghers retained a large quantity of the land which they had been in the habit of cultivating, but which then lay fallow, and the result was a considerable increase of revenue. I endeavoured to convince the Burghers that the old system had passed away, and that the new one would be strictly adhered to, they are now well aware of the fact; but I learn that whilst many of the more intelligent and cunning people took up land in many cases, they dissuaded their poor fellow-cultivators from doing so, and told them that there was no necessity to do so, as Government would give them land hereafter. This was more especially the case in the division of the hills called Macknad, where the Monigar is accused of having imposed on the people to such an extent, that now they really are in straits for want of land. I have been informed of these matters personally by the people. At times one is inclined to say serve them right, for when a European tells them the truth, they are incredulous, but when a countryman tells them a tissue of lies, they are credulous to a degree, and seem to believe every thing that he utters; however, we must take the people as we find them, and make allowances for them. At the risk, therefore, of being considered inconsistent, I now beg to recommend that the Burghers be allowed, especially those in the Macknad division, to take up an additional quantity of the assessed waste land without purchase. The assessed waste amounts to 4,009 bullahs, assessed at Rupees 8,497. The people ask to be allowed to take up 730 bullahs, assessed at Rupees 878. The orders of Government on the subject are requested at an early date, to enable me to dispose of it in the current settlement.

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Submitted for the early orders of Government. The Board observe that, in their Order, dated 1st July 1864, No. 1,132, the Government ruled that in future lands on the Neilgherries were to be granted to Burghers only under the Waste Land Rules, but under the circumstances of the case, as represented by Mr. Grant, the Board recommend that advantage be taken in the present case of the provisions of Rule XXI., and that the Burghers be permitted to take up the additional 730 bullahs on Puttah as desired, on the understanding that the indulgence will not again be granted under any circumstances.

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ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1865, No. 866.

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Under the peculiar circumstances stated, the Government accede to the Board's recommendation. The Government conclude that the Monigar who misled the Burghers has been dismissed, if the accusation stated to have been preferred against him has been enquired into and substantiated.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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