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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th September 1866.

No. 665. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th September 1866, No. 6,585.

Read again letter, dated 7th August 1866, recorded in Board's Proceedings of 22nd August 1866, No. 5,976.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th August 1866, No. 283 :—

In reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 5,976, dated 22nd August, I have the honor to inform the Board that I have six applications for waste land on the Pulnis, and that I cannot estimate the cost of survey till I have visited the sites applied for, which I will do next month, and inform the Board the cost of establishment required, which, however, would have to be borne by the parties ; there is no difficulty about the cost ; the difficulty is to get a Surveyor when wanted.

1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted to Government, with the Board's request that in anticipation of the Collector's proposals for a temporary Survey Establishment and its entertainment, the system adopted on the Nilgiris for sales of waste land before survey may be extended to the Pulnis.

2. It is very undesirable that intending settlers should be discouraged by excessive delay in the disposal of their applications.

No. 666. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1866, No. 2,618.

Land Revenue.

The Government sanction the Board's proposal in paragraph 1 for reasons assigned in paragraph 2 of their foregoing Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 5,976.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd August 1866.

Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th August 1866, No. 256 :—

1. I have the honor to bring to notice, that great difficulty is experienced in disposing of applications for purchase of waste lands on the Palany hills for want of a Surveyor attached to the office of the Collector. In the plains also, when parties wish to redeem the land taxed on their house and office-grounds, topes and small gardens, the want of a Surveyor is equally felt ; in fact, the necessity of a survey before the advertisement of the sale in the case of waste lands, and the absence of a Surveyor, makes the rules for the disposal of waste lands almost prohibitory of their disposal; also, in the case of the redemption of the land tax, the want of a Surveyor to map the ground, the land tax of which has to be redeemed, renders the application of those rules almost impossible. I beg, therefore, the Board will bring the subject to the notice of Government direct, or through the Honorable Mr. Pelly, that steps may be taken to provide me with a Surveyor.

2. I am aware I should not be able to find work to keep a Surveyor in constant employment, and beg to suggest the following comparatively inexpensive mode of supplying one.

3. One of the writers in my office receives a salary of fifty Rupees a month ; if forty Rupees a month were added to it, a man could be found to fill the post on ninety Rupees a month, who could do the duty of a writer when not surveying, and would be available to be sent to make any survey required. The party requiring the survey to be made should be required to pay to Government the cost of the Surveyor's services while so employed from the date of his leaving my Huzzur office to date of his return, the Surveyor being required to travel at a certain rate per diem, and to have such expences paid, or such payment should be required to be made as the Government may please to fix for the services of the Surveyor, as I am aware that the payment of the mere salary would not cover the proposed extra cost of forty Rupees per month.

4. As I should require the services of another during the temporary absence of the Surveyor, I should be allowed to employ a substitute during such absence, on a salary at the rate of thirty-five Rupees a month, to be paid out of the fee paid by the party requiring the survey to be made.

5. The above plan will not pay Government the cost of the different surveys, but I do not see how they are to be made without some of the expenses falling on Government, unless Government direct that the Range Officer do make the surveys, on the requisition of the Collector, and the Government at the same time should fix what fee per acre is to be paid by the party requiring the survey to be made.

6. Till final orders are passed, I have the honor to request sanction to advertise the sale of waste lands according to their estimated acreage, after they have been thoroughly demarcated by the applicant, under the conditions that the purchaser should agree to pay for the cost of survey when made, and the value of the land found in excess, or to receive back any value found to have been paid in excess of the correct area of the advertised block of land.

The Collector is requested to state the probable number of estates to be surveyed, and their extent, and how long it will take to survey them. The suggestion of the Collector for the appointment of a Surveyor does not commend itself to the Board. They are of opinion that a small temporary establishment would do the work more effectually, and the Collector will propose such establishment as he may deem necessary for the purpose.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Madura.

Exd. J. Wright.

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The Govt Sanction the 1/3d pro
posal in para 1 of Mr Hennessey a
dated 10th June 1865 and
signed in para 2 of their
foregoing letter.

W. P. N.

Mr Hen Bd 29 Aug 66

Sept 28th

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Proc. 27 Sept 1866

Dated 22nd August 1866.

No. 5,976.

Requesting Collector of Madura to state probable number and extent of estates to be surveyed, and how long it will take to survey them, and desiring him to propose a small temporary establishment for the work.

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desiring him to propose a small temporary establishment for the work.

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No. 3214.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 14th September 1866.

No. 6,585.

Submitting letters from Collector of Madura and requesting that system adopted on Neilgherries for sale of waste land before survey may be extended to the Pulny Hills.

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