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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 700 354-55	Press Mis.
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No. 354. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th March 1866, No. 1,489.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 19th February 1866, No. 1,169.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 23rd February 1866, No. 68 :—

1. Adverting to the Board's Proceedings, dated 19th instant, I have the honor to state that the conclusion of the proceedings of the Special Court now sitting on the rival claims of Government and the Kurumbranad Rajah to the waste lands in south-east Wynaad, does not seem very near.

When the Rajah's claims were advanced, I addressed the Board on the subject, and was referred to Act XXIII. of 1863.

From Collector to Board, dated 8th December 1863, No. 263.
Proceedings of Board, dated 17th do., No. 7,991.

The Act does not make any provision for such a case as that under notice.

2. But if Government are pleased to sanction the arrangement, I see no objection to Messrs. Vertue and Minchin entering on the land by agreement, as far as Government is concerned, that if the land is hereafter adjudged to be Government property the improvements made by the tenancy be taken at a fair valuation, and the land then put up to auction with the value of these improvements, *plus* cost of survey, &c., as an upset price, and sold in all other respects according to the Waste Land Rules.

3. Before such entry, however, the boundaries of the land intended to be taken up must be specified, so that it may be seen that the requirements of the rules, as to shape of block, size, &c., are complied with.

4. It will, of course, fall to Messrs. Vertue and Minchin to make their own arrangements with other claimants.

5. If the applicants assent to these terms, I think it very desirable they should be allowed entry, *quoad* Government, with the least possible delay.

Ordered that the above papers be submitted for the orders of Government, with reference to Government Order, dated 4th November and 23rd December 1864, Nos. 2,036 and 2,315, Revenue Department.

No. 355. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1866, No. 700.

Land Revenue.

1. The Collector of Malabar will report when the Proceedings of the Special Court are likely to terminate, and why they have been delayed so long.

2. The arrangement as to the land applied for by Messrs. Vertue and Minchin is sanctioned, as far as the Government are concerned, on the terms proposed by the Collector ; but Messrs. Minchin and Vertue will be required to bind themselves, by an agreement, absolving Government from all responsibility in the event of any claim being made against them hereafter with regard to this transaction.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Malabar.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 1,169.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 19th February 1866.

Read the following letter from Messrs. VERTUE and MINCHIN, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 15th February 1866 :—

1. We have the honor to request that the Board will sanction our taking possession of a block of land, situated near Charambody, in the Wynad Taluk of Malabar, generally known as the Parcherry Mullah. This land is in dispute between Government and the Kooroomber nad Rajah, and the matter is being investigated by a Special Court; but as Mr. Ballard, the Collector, informs us, the end of the proceedings of the Court seems very indefinite.

2. Considering, therefore, that a very long time may elapse before any determination is come to by this Special Court, we propose that we may be allowed to enter on the land on the understanding that we make arrangements with the other claimants, receiving a guarantee on the part of Government that if the land is adjudged Government property, we shall be continued in possession as if we had purchased under the Waste Lands Act.

3. We shall be glad if the Board will give this matter early consideration.

Forwarded to the Collector of Malabar for any remarks that he may wish to offer.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. LUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

Copy to Messrs. Vertue and Minchin.

Exd. J. Wright.

Received the Paper noted in the
Margin on the 22nd March 1866.
Entered in the Register of Letters
Received, Vol. 14 Page 1866.

Department.

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Rec'd 22nd March 1866 No. 354

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated, 19th *February* 1866.

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No. 1,169.

Forwarding to the Collector of Malabar, for remarks, a letter from Messrs. Vertue and Minchin, requesting to be allowed to take possession of a block of land in Wynad Taluk, in dispute between Government and the Kooroombernad Rajah, on certain conditions.

No. 1,489.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th March 1866.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with Board's Proceedings, 19th February 1866, No. 1,169.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.
" to Messrs. Minchin and Vertue.

Exd. J. Wright.

Bo. Trans/64 pp. 63-64
23 Dec.-pp. 269-270

The name of Mr. Barnell, who has permanently settled the Malabar District, shd be removed from the Wolfpit-cum-Ash of and place of the Finnish Head Lady Head as per Govt. Sub-Collectorship 14.3.66

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Pro. of the Board of Rev. Dy 29th June 1866 No 1970.

No 354 to 355.

C. 14 March 1866.

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Pro: of Govt for March

No. 698.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 5th March 1866.

Dep. Sec.
Rev. Sec.
Ex. Sec.

No. 1,489.

Submitting for orders letters from Collector of Malabar suggesting that land applied for by Messrs Vertue and Minchin in Wynad, be made over to them on certain conditions pending decision of Special Court appointed for investigation of the rival claims of Government and the Kurumbranad Rajah to waste lands in South-east Wynad.

No 700 22nd March
With order

No. 700.

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14 to the Board of Rev dd 23-3.
The Collr of Malabar

22nd March 1866.