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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd March 1866.*

No. 372. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th February 1866, No. 1,076.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th January 1866, No. 26 :—

1. When out at Sholoor, at Mr. Rae's Tea Plantation, about three weeks ago, in company with Dr. Cleghorn and Mr. Markham, Mr. Rae pointed out to me a large portion of his plantation, which he stated was unfit for Tea cultivation, and for which he requested that I would give him other land. He based his request on the following sentence—"The Government see no necessity for entering, "at present, on the question of a further grant of land, unless Mr. Rae points "out any adjoining his present lot which he wishes to have, in consequence of "a portion of the latter proving, as alleged by him, unfit for Tea cultivation"—in paragraph 3 of the Government Order, dated 5th February 1863, No. 245, communicated with their Proceedings, Revenue Department, in which Mr. Rae's letter of the 8th December 1862 is embodied. I request the instructions of the Board of Revenue for my guidance. The extent of land represented to be unfit for Tea cultivation, amounts to from 100 to 150 acres. Of this extent, about twenty acres may be unfit for cultivation, as consisting of rock and stone, the rest of the land is in its normal condition; no attempt to cultivate it has been made. Whether Government intended that, under these circumstances, so large a portion of an estate of 240 acres should be pronounced and accepted as unfit for cultivation, I must ask the Board to decide. One of the first things that strike a person, on considering the question, is, why did the owner choose this land, originally, for Tea cultivation; if palpably unfit for Tea cultivation now, it must have been equally so in the first instance. Another thing to be considered is, that if this land is bad, it will be difficult to get good land any where near the plantation, as all the Government land, Sholah land excepted, about Sholoor is similar—at least, my observation leads me to conclude so—to the land which is now declared to be unfit for Tea cultivation. That the land is of an inferior description, I believe to be the case, especially when compared with that portion of the plantation on the east side, a great portion of which seems to have been formerly covered with jungle and forest.

2. A copy of Mr. Rae's last letter on the subject of the land is annexed; the plan has been, as *requested*, returned to him.

From Mr. H. D. RAE, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Cotacamund, 5th January 1866, No. 2.

1. As requested I have now the honor to herewith enclose the Map of the Sholoor Estate, shewing in pencil the land in lieu of which Government have allowed, that other land in the neighbourhood of the estate should be accorded me.

2. As the plan in question belongs to the "Counterpart" of my lease, may I, therefore, beg the favor of its being returned at your convenience.

1. Submitted for the orders of Government.
2. The case does not appear to require any expression of opinion by the Board.

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23rd March 1866.

No. 373.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd March 1866, No. 709.

Land Revenue.

The Government Solicitor will be requested to
report on Mr. Rae's application, with reference to the
lease prepared by him.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Government Solicitor,
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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To,

P. Grant Esq.
Collector of Laminatore

Cotacaimund 5th January 1866

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Sir,

Your most obedient servant

T. D. Rae.

/ True copy

J. Grant
Collector

When we are in the present state of land, he selected his present site & marked out his boundaries. He exercised his judgment in making the only place where he could have any more land he must buy it.

The Cdr has rightly stated the situation & put on this point. The pub Solicitor will be expected to report on Mr Rae's application with reference to the land he purchased.

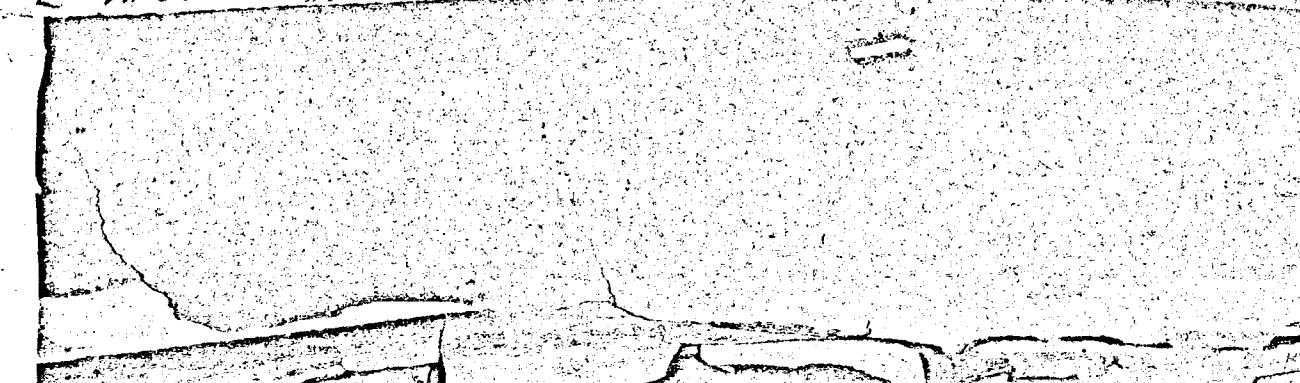
Yours - J.D.S.
4 To the Govt. Solicitor General
14 The Strand, London

23 March 1866

Mr Rae is a troublesome person & has been dealing with him through the Solicitor. No doubt - but I

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don't find out what the Solicitor can tell us in this matter. It is a question of fact. How much of Mr Rae's land is unfit for tea cultivation? That is what is compared with the rest of his plantation - and when is the land which must adjoin his present land 50 x 74 63? That he wants to have a plan of it? We have a plan of his estate & the neighborhood showing what he wishes to know, and what to put ahead of



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(Signed) P. GRANT,
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(True Copies and Extracts)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 1,076.

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