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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 677. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th October 1866, No. 7,147.

Read the following papers :—

Board's Proceedings, dated 13th August 1866, No. 5,624.

Letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 13th September 1866, No. 227.

1. I have received the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 13th ultimo, No. 5,624.

2. With respect to the opening part of the Board's Order, calling on me to explain whether the payment stipulated for in the permanent Puttah, viz., Rupees 76-2-10, is the full assessment on the whole area, or the full assessment on Cawnies 85, Grounds 2, Square-feet 1,099, and the one-fourth of the full assessment on the remainder, I beg to refer you to paragraph 3 of my letter to the Board, embodied in their Proceedings under acknowledgment, where it is stated that Mr. Fletcher pays the full assessment on Cawnies 85, Grounds 12, Square-feet 15, and one-fourth of the full assessment on the remainder. According to the old Hukumnama of the District, one-fifth of the estate was allowed to be held on payment of one-fourth of the fixed assessment, only so long as that portion is *bonâ-fide* used as grass for pasturage. Under these circumstances, if the portion now held as grass is brought under cultivation, it is liable to be charged with full assessment. As the revenue payable on a portion of the estate is thus liable to fluctuation, I called upon Mr. Fletcher to state whether he would sacrifice the indulgence he now enjoys, and obtain a permanent Puttah on payment of full assessment on the whole area, amounting to Rupees 89-4-1, or continue to hold the land as heretofore, and have an ordinary Puttah without the seal of Government. A copy of his reply is enclosed, for the Board's information, from which it will be seen that he agrees to the former proposal. I have accordingly prepared a new Puttah (herewith sent) altering the amount, and giving it the same number as that given to the one sent to the Board with my last letter, and which will have to be cancelled, and I request that it may be stamped with the seal of Government and returned to me.

The plan, which is now in the Board's Office, should be stitched to this Puttah.

3. With regard to the latter part of paragraph 4 of my last letter, I beg to observe that it would appear from the enclosed copy of Mr. Fletcher's letter, that he paid in 1854 Rupees 10 to Government, for the survey of his property, and has forwarded to this Office the Neilgherry Tahsildar's receipt for the same. Consequently, that clause only of the Puttah which refers to the actual cost of demarcation has been struck out.

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From Mr. F. FLETCHER, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Ootacamund, 27th August 1866.

1. In reply to your letter of the 21st instant, I beg to say I shall be happy to pay the *full* amount of quit-rent on the grass land, making the total amount Rupees 89-4-1, as mentioned in your communication, my desire being to obtain a permanent Government grant for the entire property.

2. With reference to part of paragraph 4, I beg to enclose, for your perusal, the receipt for the Survey plan, by which it will be seen I paid 10 Rupees to Government for it just about twelve years ago.

ENCLOSURE No. 2—Puttah.

1. Ordered that the foregoing papers be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that, in accordance with Rule 5 of the "Subsidiary Rules "for the Redemption of the Land Revenue, and for the grant of permanent Puttahs," annexed to the Board's Standing Circular, No. CXXII., dated 12th September 1863, the revised Puttah received from the Collector of Coimbatore be sealed and returned for delivery to Mr. Fletcher.

2. The property consists of a Coffee estate, and a piece of land attached to the estate, upon which the Superintendent's cottage is built, the whole measuring Cawnies 106, Grounds 8, Square-feet 160, subject to the payment of Rupees 89-4-1 annually, being the full assessment on the land according to the Taram rates.

3. The original Puttah forwarded by the Collector has been destroyed in the Board's Office since the receipt of the revised Puttah now submitted to Government, and the Collector will be requested to attach his seal and that of Mr. Fletcher's to the ends of the string with which the plan is fastened to the revised Deed, on the receipt by him of the latter with the seal of Government affixed.

No. 678. ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1866, No. 2,932.

Land Revenue

1. Ordered that the Puttah be sealed and returned.

2. The plan attached to the Puttah must be signed by the present Collector, and numbered to correspond with the latter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

*Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue, with Puttah.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 5,624.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 13th August 1866.

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 31st July 1866, No. 194:—

1. At the instance of Mr. F. Fletcher, of Ootacamund, I have the honor to forward a permanent Puttah for his property known as "Adutoray" estate, in the Paranganad village, on the Neilgherries, and to request that the same may be stamped with the Seal of Government and returned to me.

2. The property in question consists of two detached pieces of land, as will be seen from the plan annexed to the Deed. One is the "Adutoray" coffee estate, itself measuring Cawnies 105, G. 10, S.-ft. 10, and the other is the Superintendent's cottage attached to the estate, measuring G. 22, S.-ft. 150, making in all Cawnies 106, G. 8, S.-ft. 160. These two pieces of land are separately shown in the Schedule.

3. Mr. Fletcher acquired the property both by purchase from Burghers' holdings and from Government waste many years previous to the rules for the sale of waste lands on the Neilgherries came into operation. On Cawnies 85, G. 12, S.-ft. 1,099, he pays the fixed full assessment according to the Taram rates, and on the remainder (Cawnies 20, G. 19, S.-ft. 1,461,) which is occupied for pasturage, one-fourth of the fixed assessment is paid agreeably to the old Hookumnamah of the District.

4. The boundaries of the property are well defined by permanent marks, both natural and artificial. The survey of the land was made by a Government Surveyor at a time when it was not usual to recover the cost from the proprietors; consequently that part of the Puttah which refers to the payment of the actual cost of Survey, &c., has been struck out.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Permanent Puttah for Mr. F. Fletcher's property.

The Collector will please to explain whether the payment stipulated for in the permanent Puttah, viz, Rupees 76-2-10, is the full assessment on the whole area, or the full assessment on Cawnies 85, G. 12, S.-ft. 1,099, and the one-fourth of the full assessment on the remainder; and in the latter case to state how the rule in the District Hookumnamah to which he refers was applied when the entire land in a holding was brought under cultivation.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

Enclosure in Rev. Proc. of letter
Bd of Rev. to the Govt
Govt. No. dated 5 Oct/66
No. 7147 1866. Department.

Rev. 3549/66.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

*Dated* 13*th August* 1866.

No. 5,624.

Requestiug certain information from Collector of Coimbatore with reference to Permanent Puttah proposed to be granted for Mr. Fletcher's property known as "Adutoray Estate" in Paranganad village on Neilgherries.