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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 15th May 1868.

No. 386. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st May 1868, No. 3,205.

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ranigunta, 28th February 1868, No. 59:—

1. I have the honor to enclose copy of an application* made to the Tahsildar of the Palamanair talook by the Reverend Mr. Chamberlain, of the American Mission. The Reverend Mr. Chamberlain offers in this, to take up all the waste land belonging to the now deserted village of Bodiverepalli, with the object of founding a new settlement on the site of the old village, and of gradually reclaiming and bringing under cultivation a tract of land now for the most part over-grown with scrub-jungle. The terms which Mr. Chamberlain proposes are, first, that the land shall be made over on a progressive lease for twenty-one years, *i. e.*, free of assessment for the first five years, and to be brought up by instalments of quarter, half, three-quarter, during the three succeeding periods of five years, respectively, to its full beriz, on and from the 21st year from date of lease; secondly, that one cawny shall be allowed free as a building site; and thirdly, that the registered Service Inams, namely, Stala Maniem, Reddi Maniem, Curnum Maniem, Toti Maniem, and Sakala Maniem, five cawnies in all, shall be entered in his name, and that the appointment to these several posts shall be in his patronage.

* Dated 18th April 1867.

2. The Reverend Mr. Chamberlain further requests that the old name of the village may be changed to Arunodaya.

3. I beg to enclose a statement shewing the registered area of the village, the extent now in the occupation of ryots, and the actual waste now applied for by Mr. Chamberlain. From this it will be found, that the total registered area of the old village measures forty-four cawnies, assessed at Rupees 66. Of this, five cawnies, assessed at Rupees 25, are in the holding of ryots. The remaining thirty-nine cawnies, bearing an assessment of 42 Rupees, compose the tract for which Mr. Chamberlain now applies.

4. I accompanied Mr. Chamberlain over the ground last year, and gathered from what the people then said, that they had no objection to the acceptance of Mr. Chamberlain's proposals. The dry land was then much over-grown with prickly-pear and low jungle, and would cost labor and money to reclaim. A part of the wet land was under crop, and the remainder had apparently not been cultivated for years. Owing to the isolated situation of the ground, and the difficulty in watching the crop, the present occupants did not appear to set much value on their land, and would probably surrender their right on very easy terms to Mr. Chamberlain, when he has once established a footing in the place.

5. I told Mr. Chamberlain at the time, that there was no precedent for so long a lease as he asked for, and that, on principle, I could not recommend a relaxation of the ordinary terms of the progressive cowle, as in his case such mode of treatment might be liable to misconstruction. I therefore beg to suggest, that the tract be offered to Mr. Chamberlain on the usual terms of the five years progressive lease, that one cawny of the area be granted free of assessment as village site, and that the old name be changed as he desires.

6. As regards the patronage of village office, that must remain, as elsewhere, in the hands of the Revenue authorities, and be exercised in accordance with the principles which should regulate it.

7. If the Board are pleased to accept these suggestions as the basis of a further negotiation, I will at once ask Dr. Chamberlain whether these terms suit him, and if they do, complete the transaction.

From the Reverend J. CHAMBERLAIN, to the Sub-Magistrate of Palamanair, dated 18th April 1867.

1. I wish to make an application for the land once belonging to the village of Bodiverepalli, situated four miles south-east of Palamanair.

2. More than sixty years ago, the village was deserted and the land left to run waste, so that there is now high jungle on the most of it. Only a few cawnies of the land has ever been cultivated since, and none of it, I understand, within the last twelve (12) years.

3. If the land be given me, I propose to commence a village nearly on the site of the old one, and to improve the land as fast as may be; but as most of the people who will come to the village are without means, the subduing of the jungle will be attended with great difficulty.

4. The land is now bringing in *no revenue whatever* to Government, and although given me for very little, that little will be a clear gain to Government.

5. I request, therefore, that all the land formerly held by the villagers of Bodiverepalli be given to me on the following terms, viz.:—

(1.) Free for five years while cutting the jungle.

(2.) On a progressive cowle for fifteen years more, consisting of *one-fourth* of the assessment for the second period of five years. *One-half* for the third period of five years, and three-fourths for the fourth period of five years, leaving the full assessment to be paid on the twenty-first year from this date.

6. I also request to be allowed one cawny of land free as a *village site*, and also the customary "*Maniem* lands" in my own name, (I being responsible for the proper filling of all the village offices,) viz.:—

Stala Maniem.	}	In all, *five* cawnies to be proportioned and located on the survey of the land.
Reddi „		
Curnum „		
Toti „		
Sakala „		

7. In case the land is given me, I wish the privilege of having it re-surveyed, and plotted out into such fields as I may indicate, and I request that it may be called in future accounts the village of "*Arunodaya.*" (ಅರುನೋದಯ)

8. In the classification of the lands, I request that it be borne in mind that under the formerly imposed tax, the villagers found it impossible to make sufficient profit to live, as is witnessed by the land being deserted, and no application being made for it for a term of many years, and that the ultimate assessment be now made as light as is consistent with fairness.

9. I wish also to urge as a reason for giving the land on as favorable terms as possible, that it is designed as a means of obtaining an honest livelihood for numbers of poor people, who might otherwise become a tax on Government and private benevolence. I think it is always considered sound policy for Government, to aid the poor to take care of themselves.

Trusting that this application will meet with a favorable response from the Government authorities.

Statement shewing the Ayacut, &c., of the village of Bodiverepalli in the talook of Palamanair.

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The entire area of the village. { Nunjah ...	7 4 0	32 2 1	1 0 0	6 3 1
	44 4 4	66 7 11	7 3 12	15 5 10
Under Ryots' holding ... ... Nunjah ...	5 7 4	24 15 5	.....	.....
Remaining waste applied for by Reverend Chamberlain on cowle terms... ... ... { Punjah ...	37 0 4	34 5 10	.....	.....
Remaining waste applied for by Reverend Chamberlain on cowle terms... ... ... { Nunjah ...	1 12 12	7 2 8	.....	.....
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(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Collector.

RANIGUNTA,
8th February 1868.

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1. Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board understand that that part of the district in which the village te sought by the Reverend Mr. Chamberlain is situated, is in a very bad condi- on and much in need of enterprise; they, therefore, recommend that the terms fered by him be accepted, except as regards the appointment of the village rvants. The approval of Mr. Chamberlain's nominees should rest with the ollector.

3. With reference to the modified terms suggested by the Collector, the oard believe that Mr. Chamberlain knows the usual cowle terms, and would have plied for the land under them had he been willing to do so.

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o. 387. ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1868, No. 1,370.

Land Revenue.

The Government authorize the Board of Revenue to dispose of the application in the manner proposed by them.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

o the Board of Revenue.

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Ref. 1370.3

Dr Sir I authorise
the Bishop of Ldy. Lodge
to apply on my
behalf for the
Summer Preparatory
Term - J.H.

15th May/68.

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