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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 91. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th May 1868, No. 3,909.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th April 1868, No. 143 :—

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 1,788, dated 11th March 1868, paragraph 2, I have the honor to report that the land alluded to was made over to Achaya under the following circumstances.

2. Achaya applied to R. Raganatha Row, Deputy Collector in charge of Nundial, in August 1863, for 493-75 Acres of land under the Durkhast Rules. The application was referred for the opinion of Mr. Lemon, who was at the time Sub-Assistant Conservator of Forests. He recommended the land to be granted for cultivation, and stated that, in his opinion, the land was formerly under cultivation, as there were traces of a large tank with fields under it. On this, the Durkhast was accepted, and the land made over to Achaya on the 15th October 1863.

3. In 1864, a person named Ramsing made Durkhast for another plot of land measuring 500 Acres ; this was ordered to be sold by public auction, as there were trees on it fit for agricultural implements, on the condition that the purchaser of the trees should be the tenant of the land. The tenant right of this land was thus sold by auction on the 18th January 1865, and purchased by Achaya for Rupees 1,300, and made over to him according to the Collector's notice on the subject.

358-85, excess in Durkhast land.
163-87-0, in the land sold by auction.

4. On Achaya's land being subsequently measured, an excess, as per margin, was found. For this excess he was charged. The whole area of the holding in his name is Acres 1,576-17, assessed at Rupees 758-3-9.

5. Achaya has since died, and the puttah has been transferred to Umbammah, his widow, and Subbaya, his undivided brother.

6. I fear the present tenants will not willingly let these lands go out of their possession for the Rupees 500, the highest sum sanctioned by Government for the re-purchase, should they be sold by the Court.

Government Order, No. 719, dated 19th March 1868.

1. Submitted to Government, with reference to Government Order, dated 19th March 1868, No. 719.

2. It will be seen that the Collector anticipates that the lands in question will fetch a higher price than 500 Rupees if sold by auction, and that originally 1,300 Rupees were paid for them.

No. 92. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1868, No. 1,554.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government authorize the Collector, in communication with the Acting Conservator of Forests, to bid as far as Rupees 1,500 for the entire block, should the sale yet have to take place.

2. Major Beddome will instruct his subordinates to be more careful in the opinions they give as to the eligibility of forest land for occupation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Kurnool.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
„ the Accountant General.

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