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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th June 1868*

No. 551. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th June 1868, No. 4,282 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 8th August 1867, No. 1,837, Revenue Department.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th January 1868, No. 128.

ORDER THEREON, 8th August 1867, No. 1,837.

Land Revenue.

1. The Government approve the conclusions at which the Board have arrived, as set forth in the above Proceedings, and authorize them to take the necessary steps for the issue of permanent Sunnuds in the old form, slightly modified to suit existing circumstances, to all the Poligars entered in the list accompanying their Proceedings, and at the existing Peishcush.

2. The Sunnuds will be printed on parchment, and the Board will submit a proof of the modified form, for the approval of Government, before striking off the requisite number of copies and corresponding Muchilkas.

3. The Government desire that the Board will re-consider the question of the suitability of this form to the cases of the Vedapatti and Jothimpatti Polliems in Coimbatore, and perhaps also that of Konur in Tanjore. These appear to be comparatively inconsiderable estates, for which a simpler form of Deed might be more appropriate.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

1. The foregoing Order will be communicated to all Collectors for their information.

2. The Board see no reason why two forms of Sunnud should be issued. They are of opinion that a slight modification of the old form will be sufficient.

* See Appendix to Standing Order, p. 443.

Whereas, for a long series of years the Estate of _____ included in the district of _____ and consisting of the villages hereinafter named, has been held on temporary lease by yourself and your predecessors, and whereas the Government have now determined to confer on you a permanent property if in your estate, it is hereby declared that the assessment, &c.

3. In lieu of paragraphs 1 and 2 of the form,* they would substitute the clause shewn in the margin, and would omit the first five words of paragraph 3, making it the continuation of clause 1. Throughout the document they would change the word 'Zemindary' into 'Estate,' and would omit from it paragraphs 9, 13, and 14 as being unnecessary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th June 1868.*

No. 552.

ORDER THEREON, 24th June 1868, No. 1,769.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government approve of the modified form of permanent Sunnud, proposed by the Board of Revenue, for issue to the Poligars on conversion of their temporary tenures into permanent Estates, and will not press their suggestion for the use of a simpler form in the case of the small polliems of Vedapatti, Jothimpatti, and Konur.

2. The Board will cause the necessary number of copies to be printed on parchment, with the corresponding Muchilkas, and forward to Government the Sunnuds ready for execution by the Governor in Council.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

*To be submitted for those forwarded with Board's
Proceedings dated 9th Jan 1868 No. 4282.*

FORM OF PERMANENT SUNNUD.

*Sunnud-i-Milkeut Istimrar, or Deed of Permanent Property, granted by
Governor in Council of Fort
St. George, on the part of Her Majesty's Government, to
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1. WHEREAS for a long series of years your Estate of

consisting of the villages hereinafter named, has been held on a terminable tenure by yourself and your predecessors, and whereas the Government have now determined to confer on you a permanent property in it, it is hereby declared that the assessment of your estate has been fixed from the commencement of Fusly at the annual sum of Rupees which said sum of Rupees shall be, and is hereby accordingly declared by this Sunnud to be the permanent annual Jumma of your estate, payable in the current coin of the realm, in fixed monthly instalments, agreeably to the separate Kistbundy signed by you.

2. This permanent assessment of the land tax on your estate is exclusive of the revenue derived from the manufacture and sale of salt and saltpetre; exclusive of the Sayer, or duties of every description, whether by sea or land, the entire administration of which the Government reserves to itself; exclusive of the Abkarry or tax on the sale of spirituous liquors, and intoxicating drugs; exclusive of the excise which is or may be levied on commodities or articles of consumption; exclusive of all taxes, personal and professional as well as of those from Markets, Fairs, and Bazaars; exclusive of Lakheraj lands (lands exempt from the payment of public revenue) and of all other alienated lands paying a small quit-rent (which quit-rent unchangeable by you, is included in the assets of your estate); and exclusive of all lands and roosooms heretofore appropriated to the support of Village and Police Establishments. The Government reserves to itself the entire exercise of its discretion in continuing or abolishing temporarily or permanently, the articles of revenue included,

according to the custom and practice of the country, under the several heads above stated.

3. You shall regularly pay in all seasons the amount of the permanent assessment above fixed, the remissions which have occasionally been granted according to the custom of the country on account of drought, inundation, or other calamity of the season, shall now cease, and never be revived, and if (which God forbid) you should fail to discharge your engagements, your estate and your personal property shall be answerable for the consequence of such failure.

4. In this event your personal property will be liable to attachment in the first instance, and your lands will ultimately be liable to be sold and transferred from you for ever, for the payment of the public revenue: but under the moderate terms of the assessment on your estate, this event can never happen except in consequence of your own default, for the Court of Judicature will protect you against such an injury, unless warranted by your failure.

5. You shall be at free liberty to transfer, without the previous consent of Government or of any other authority, to whomsoever you may think proper, either by sale, gift, or otherwise, your proprietary right in the whole, or in any part, of your estate; such transfers of your land shall be valid, and recognized by the Courts and Officers of Government, provided they shall not be repugnant to the Mahomedan or the Hindu laws, or to the Regulations of the British Government; but unless such sale, gift, or transfer, shall have been regularly registered at the office of the Collector, and unless the public assessment shall have been previously determined, and fixed on such separated portions of your estate by the Collector, such sale, gift, or transfer shall be of no legal force or effect, nor shall such transactions exonerate you from the payment of any part of the public land tax assessed on your entire estate previously to such transfer, but your whole estate shall continue to be answerable for the total land tax, in the same manner as if no such transaction had occurred.

6. In the event of the sale of any part of your estate for the liquidation of arrears of the assessment, or in satisfaction of the decree of a Court of Judicature, or in the event of the transfer of any part of your estate by gift, sale, or otherwise; you shall furnish the Collector with

true and correct accounts of your entire estate, and of the portion of your estate to be so separated, for a period not less than the three years preceding such sale or transfer, in order that the due proportion of the public revenue may be fixed thereon. The assessment to be settled on the separated parts of your lands, shall always bear the same proportion to the actual produce of the separated portion, as the total permanent Jumma on your estate bears to the actual produce of the whole estate, so that, if the accounts to be furnished by you should be correct, no partial assessment can happen, nor any increase of the fixed Jumma be ever made under whatever changes or improvements your interests or your pleasure may lead you to introduce into the estate.

7. In order that you may at all times be enabled to comply with the conditions of the 6th Article of this Sunnud, by which you are bound to furnish true and correct accounts of your estate when required by the Collector, you shall support the regular and established number of Curnums in the several villages of your estate. The Curnums shall be appointed from time to time by you, and shall obey all regular orders issued by your authority, but they shall not be liable to be removed from their offices, except by the sentence of a Court of Judicature. In the event of your having, or of your under-farmers, tenants, or ryots, having cause of complaint against the Curnum of any village, for a breach of duty, you shall be at liberty to institute, at your own peril, a Suit in the Udalut of the Zillah, for the purpose of bringing such Curnum to trial and punishment; but in the event of your dispossessing a Curnum of his office without such previous regular process, you shall be liable to make such satisfaction for the injury as the Udalut of the Zillah may decree. Where a Curnum may be dismissed from his office by the sentence of a Court of Judicature, you shall, in the first instance, select a successor from the family of the last incumbent, provided any member of that family shall be capable of the duty of Curnum; but if no member of it shall be capable of discharging that duty, you shall exercise your discretion in the appointment of a proper person. The name of the person appointed to succeed shall be reported to the Collector.

8. The Government having charged itself with the maintenance of the Police of the coun-

Given in Fort St. George this day
of by and in the name of the
Right Honourable the Governor in Council.

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