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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2185- Press ~~His~~.

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Dated 17-8- No 1868.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th August 1868.

Read the following :—

No. 254. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th March 1868, No. 1,947.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kurnool, 20th January 1868, No. 496.

1. Agreeably to paragraphs 7 and 20 of the Government Orders, No. 2,340, of the 5th October 1867, and to paragraph 5 of No. 29, of the 6th of January 1868, I have the honor to bring to your notice that the right of grazing in the hill forests of the Nallay Mullays is sold annually by the Collector, and the sum realized (about 3,000 Rupees) is carried to the credit of Land Revenue.

2. These forests are a reserved tract, and have been under our department for nearly six years ; they are by far the most valuable that we possess on the eastern or dry side of the Presidency, and their importance is annually increasing ; our department keeps up a large and expensive establishment for their conservancy, and much attention is required to keep in check the depredations of the graziers. Under these circumstances, it is only fair that the amount of the grazing dues should be credited to the Forest Department, and not to Land Revenue, and I request that the Board will represent the same to Government.

3. If the grazing dues were put up to auction by our department certain rules might be drawn up to check the wholesale destruction of saplings and to prevent, as far as possible, jungle fires, and the Contractors would besides feel themselves in a greater measure under our control.

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1. Forwarded to the Collector of Coimbatore for his observations.

2. Mr. Wedderburn should report whether there are any prescriptive grazing rights in the forests referred to, and under what circumstances the auction sales were sanctioned.

No. 254. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th April 1868, No. 2,671.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coonoor, 27th March 1868, No. 96.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th March 1868, No. 1,947, calling for report as to the grazing rights on the Nullay Mullay Hills, I have the honor to state that these hills being in the Kurnool District, I have no official information regarding them.

2. Although formerly Sub-Collector of Cuddapah, which formerly included a large portion of the Nullay Mullay Hills, I have no recollection of the grazing rights being sold by auction, and imagine that the custom referred to must be peculiar to the Kurnool District.

Resolved that the foregoing letter, together with a copy of the Board's Proceedings, dated 18th March 1868, No. 1,947, be forwarded to the Collector of Kurnool, with the request that he will report on Major Beddome's letter, giving the information called for in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings in which that letter is embodied.

No. 256. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th July 1868, No. 5,452.

Read again letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, dated 20th January 1868, No. 496, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 18th March 1868, No. 1,947.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th May 1868, No. 174.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Nos. 1,947 and 2,671, dated 18th March and 8th April 1868, I have the honor to state that the practice of renting out Pullery on the Nullay Mullay Hills in this district, has existed from a very long period.

2. Up to 1858, Jungle rents also were included under Pullery, but when the former rents were abolished under the authority conveyed in paragraph 24 of the Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 400, dated 27th March 1858, the latter was ordered to be retained.

3. The practice of selling the Pullery by public auction annually is carried on, as ordered by Government in paragraph 13 of Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 1,026, dated 8th September 1855, in the case of Guntoor District.

4. The figures noted in the margin shew the sums realized from this source from Fusly 1261 up to Fusly 1277.

Fusly.	Amount. Rs.	A.	P.		Fusly.	Amount. Rs.	A.	P.
1261...	1,589	4	0	Inclusive of Jungle rents.	1270...	300	0	0
1262...	1,125	14	0		1271...	300	0	0
1263...	1,025	14	0		1272...	300	0	0
1264...	729	4	0		1273...	300	0	0
1265 ..	483	4	0		1274...	300	0	0
1266...	525	4	0		1275...	2,350	0	0
1267...	585	4	0		1276...	4,060	0	0
1268...	300	0	0		1277...	2,000	0	0
1269...	300	0	0					

5. I have no objection to transfer the management of the Pullery to the Forest Department, as applied for by the Conservator of Forests, should it meet with the wishes of the Board of Revenue.

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1. Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. Up to Fusly 1267 (1857-58) Jungle rents, (or a tax on shepherds and on the owners of horned cattle,) and a pasture or grazing tax in the hill forests of the Nullay Mullays, were included under the head of Pullery, and realized Rupees 799, or thereabouts.

3. In 1858 the former tax was abolished, but the latter was retained, and the right to it has been ever since sold and managed by the Collector. From the year 1858-59 to 1864-65 the proceeds realized amounted to Rs. 300 annually, and in the past three years to Rs. 2,803* on an average annually, all which sums have, as a matter of course, been credited to the Revenue Department.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1865-66	2,350	0	0
1866-67	4,060	0	0
1867-68	2,000	0	0
	3)8,410	0	0
	*2,803	5	4

4. Major Beddome now brings to notice that these forests are a reserved tract annually increasing in importance, and by far the most valuable of the eastern forests under his department; that they have been nearly six years under such control, and have a large and expensive establishment for their conservancy; and on these grounds suggests that the sale and management of the grazing rights on them be

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transferred from the Revenue to the Forest Department, and that the sale proceeds of such right be credited for the future to the latter department.

5. In favor of this arrangement it may be urged that the Forest Department has the greatest interest in, and the best means of preventing injury to the forest by the cattle admitted into it by the renters of the pasturage. There can be no doubt of this being the case, and the consideration is one of great importance. On the other hand, however, it may be apprehended that the Forest Department, in its anxiety for conservancy, may overlook the importance of affording sufficient pasturage for the cattle of the Kurnool and adjacent districts during the hot season. It is not too much to affirm that the well-known and valuable breed of Nellore and Guntoor is dependent for its existence on the western jungles. During the last three years of drought and scarcity in Salem the jungles of that district were the preservation of its cattle.

6. It may be possible to mark out the reserves so as to leave a sufficiently extensive tract of jungle for grazing purposes, or otherwise to secure abundant pasturage; but should it be impracticable to effect this the Board have no hesitation in pronouncing the interests of the Agricultural classes the more important and valuable of the two, and as the Officers of the Conservancy Department may not, as a general rule, be disposed to view matters in this light, the Board think it preferable that matters should remain as they are, and are not disposed to recommend the transfer of the grazing rents to the Conservancy Department.

7. The allotment of timber reserves and grazing tracts should be settled by the Collector, in communication with that Department, care being taken that special instructions are framed for the protection of grazing rights to the full extent required.

No. 257. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1868, No. 2,185.

Forests, No. 10.

1. The Government consider that the Board of Revenue have taken a safe and proper view of the proposal of the Forest Department to bring under its control the much valued and important grazing privileges enjoyed in the forests of the Nullay Mullay Hills by the graziers and cattle owners of more than one district.

2. The present arrangements in respect to these privileges will accordingly be maintained.

3. The Officiating Conservator of Forests should, in communication with the Collector, arrange for marking out what is required as a timber preserve; the latter Officer taking care to avoid relinquishing any part of the forests that is likely to be wanted for grazing purposes.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 1,947.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 18th March 1868.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

Copy to the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Exd. J. Wright.

R. Mo. No 2599 of 68.

Sir Mr of Rev: a Mr has been taken a copy of the proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the 18th inst. to enable him to report whether certain proscriptive grazing rights exist in Nullay Mullays forests, and under what circumstances the auction sales of these grazing tracts were sanctioned.

8 August 68.

Encl / in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secy to Govt R.D. dated 28 July 1868 No 5452.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 18th *March* 1868.

Encl 1

No. 1,947.

Proc. 17th Augt 1868 Ld 2574

Requesting Collector of Coimbatore to report whether there are any proscriptive grazing rights in Nullay Mullays forests, and under what circumstances the auction sales of these grazing tracts were sanctioned.

Pd 17th Augt 68

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Revenue Depart.

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
under date the 17th August 1868.

Read the following

Pro: of the Bd of Revue:

Submitting for orders
of Govt proposal made
by Conr of Forests for
transferring to Conservancy
settlt grazing rights on the
Nullay Mallay Hills in Thir-
=rootpalli, & stating that Bd are
not disposed to recommend the
transfer:-

(R. I. 28th July 1868 No
5452)-

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2. The present
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pect to these privileges
will be maintained.

3. The Officers
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communication with
the Collectors, arrange
for marking with
a brand as required
by the Forest Rules,

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
&c. &c. &c.

Forest Office,
Coimbatore, 13th April 1882.

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