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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 3132 Press ~~Mis.~~

246-247. Dated 16-12- 19 1868

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No. 246. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st November 1868, No. 8,237 :—

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 3rd November 1868, No. 61.

1. Messrs. Vertue and Minchin purchased, on 1st October 1866, under the Waste Land Rules, 200 acres of forest land near the Avalanche.

2. The land has not been surveyed by Government.

3. Messrs. Vertue and Minchin's account with the Government, in consequence of their purchase, stands as follows :—

				RS.	A.	P.
Purchase money (subject to increase or decrease according to area)				50	0	0
Assessment from 1st October 1866, to 31st October 1868, on the estimated area 200 Acres (forest) .				833	0	0
			Total ...	883	0	0
Deposit				250	0	0
Deduct { Purchase money		50	0 0			
Demarcation		26	4 0			
				76	4	0
Balance in deposit				173	12	0

4. On the 21st and 26th instant, Messrs. Vertue and Minchin, in letters A. and B., requested permission to withdraw from the purchase, forfeiting the Rupees 250 on the ground of commercial depression, and that they have not touched the land in any way further than that it has been demarcated.

5. Considering the situation of the land, and the present depressed state of Tea and Coffee investments, I do not think a purchaser could be found if the land were to be put up to auction for arrears.

6. The land being forest land, I would recommend that they be allowed to withdraw from their purchase on the terms mentioned in their letter.

From Messrs. VERTUE, MINCHIN & Co., to the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, dated Ootacamund, 21st October 1868.

1. We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 19th instant, having reference to a block of land purchased by us from Government on 1st October 1866.

2. In consequence of the commercial depression of the past two years, and the special want of confidence that has ensued in Tea and Coffee investments, we find that we shall not be able at present, or probably for some time, to cultivate the land that was sold to us.

3. A sum of Rupees 250 was deposited by us to cover cost of survey and sale.

4. We wish to be permitted to withdraw from this purchase, the money deposited being of course forfeited. And if hereafter, the prospects for Tea and Chinchona cultivation improve, we may again apply for this land, and repay it at auction as before.

From Messrs. VERTUE, MINCHIN & Co., to the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, dated Ootacamund, 26th October 1868.

The land at the Avalanche, referred to in your letter, No. 197, of 23rd instant, lies about half a mile to the eastward of the Avalanche Bungalow, on the same slope of hill. The land is almost all under forest. We have never touched it in any way, beyond having the boundaries demarcated.

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16th December 1868.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The land is so situated that its reservation is, in the opinion of the Board, highly desirable, and compliance with the Commissioner's proposal is, therefore, recommended.

No. 247. ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1868, No. 3,132.

Land Revenue.

Under the circumstances stated by the Commissioner of the Neilgherries and the Board of Revenue, the Government ... objection to allow Messrs. Vertue, Minchin & Co. to withdraw from the ... land alluded to, forfeiting the money deposited by them.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin

No. 3707.

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Dated 21st September 1868.

FOR ORDERS.

I am not aware that Mr. Mercer any objection to the agreement being completed with such consideration. Mr. Vertue's recommendation

29 Nov.

Govt. of {1868} Madras.

To REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated December, 16*th*.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 16th December 1868, No. 3,132.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 246-247.

Land purchased by Messrs. Vertue and Minchin on the Neilgherries.—Sanction granted to their withdrawing from the purchase on forfeiture of the deposit money.

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Pro. of the Madras Govt.

Under date the 16th Octr/68

Read the following Pro. of the Bd. of Rev.

M.C. 21st Nov./68 No. 8237

Under the circumstances stated by the Commissioner of the Fisheries and the Bd. of Rev. the Govt. have no objection to allow Messrs. Vertue Minchin & Co. to withdraw from the purchase of the land alluded to, forfeiting the money deposited by them.—

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