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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th December 1868.

Read again Proceedings of Government, dated 6th November 1868, No. 2,797 :—

No. 275. Read also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th November 1868, No. 8,131.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th October 1868, No. 282.

1. With reference to Proceedings, Board of Revenue, dated 28th September 1868, No. 6,899, directing me to report on the grant of certain Forest land to Rustomjee, as desired in paragraph 2 of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State's Despatch, dated 23rd July 1868, No. 9, and to state, as nearly as possible, the estimated loss entailed on Government by such grant,

2. I have the honor, in the first place, to refer to my predecessor's letter, dated 5th December 1867, No. 337, reporting on his predecessor's grant of 80 bullahs of land, about 305 acres, in Bolamputty village, on cowle or cultivating lease.

3. The forest in question, when the land was made over on lease by Mr. Thomas in 1861, was not then under the Forest Conservancy Department, and the extension of cultivation was at that time a desideratum, encouraged by the Revenue Officers of the period.

4. Without knowing the cost of preparing the timber, and bringing it for sale, I am unable to state the exact loss incurred by the lease of this land.

5. The tract in question is considered to contain about 180 trees of blackwood, and 200 Vengay, which are valued on the spot at 12,000 Rupees.

6. It would be a question for consideration, in correspondence with the Forest Department, whether the present proprietor, Andoo Sait, who acquired the land, inclusive of a tank and irrigated land in that locality, by mortgage, for Rs. 22,000, might not be required to give up such of the land as may be required for the purpose of a public forest, on obtaining a sufficient compensation.

Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order in the Revenue Department, No. 2,326, dated 5th September 1868, and in continuation of the Board's Proceedings of the 14th October last.

2. It appears that the Collector is unable to estimate, with any accuracy, the loss entailed on Government by the grant in question, the only point on which the Board considered it necessary to make a further reference to the Collector. The Board doubt, however, whether any more reliable data exist on which to form such an estimate, and resolve accordingly to submit this letter at once to Government.

3. The Board do not know if the Conservator of Forests is anxious to obtain the land in question as a public forest on payment of compensation to the mortgagee, or whether Government is prepared to consider such a proposal.

No. 276. Order thereon, 18th December 1868, No. 3,146.

Forests, No. 9.

1. In his Despatch, dated 23rd July 1868, No. 9, the Secretary of State, adverting to the Proceedings of this Government, No. 498, of the 22nd February preceding, called for a further report on the two cases in the Cuddapah and Coimbatore Districts therein referred to,

in which Forest lands had been granted by Revenue Officers without the cognizance of the Forest Department.

2. The papers above recorded, which relate to this subject, will accordingly be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

3. In paragraph 2 of the Despatch above quoted, it was observed that the grant in the Cuddapah District, which was the unauthorized act of an Assistant Collector, should have been repudiated directly it came to the knowledge of the Government, and it was suggested whether this course should not even now be adopted. Under the circumstances brought to notice by the Board in their Proceedings of 14th October 1868 in respect to this case, the Government do not feel themselves at liberty to act upon this suggestion, and think with the Board that there is no alternative but to uphold the grant in question.

4. The opinion of Government, as regards the case of the Forest land in the Coimbatore District, has already been recorded in their Proceedings of 22nd February referred to above in paragraph 1. The suggestion made in paragraph 6 of the Collector's present letter of 29th October 1868, No. 282, for obtaining such of the land in question as may be required for the purpose of a public Forest, on payment of compensation to the mortgagee, will be referred to the Officiating Conservator of Forests for report.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Officiating Conservator of Forests, with G. O., 6th November 1868, No. 2,797.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

G. O. 22 Aug 68 No 443-444
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BOARD OF REVENUE, MADRAS.

1868.

PROCEEDINGS, 17TH NOVEMBER 1868, No. 8,131.

Dated 17 Nov 1868
Rec'd 26 Nov 1868
Encl 2 Plans

Reported to England
By Desp. No. 24 of 1868
Min. Forests

NOVEMBER.

No. 8,131.

Read the letter from Deputy Conservator of Forests, Coimbatore, dated 3rd November 1868, forwarding a petition from one Rustomjee, praying for the grant of certain Forest land in the District, and stating that he is unable to do so for want of funds.

Grant of certain Forest land—in Coimbatore District, to one Rustomjee,—Collector's report of inability to state exact loss entailed on Government by, submitted to Government.

Rec'd 1 Dec 1868
Sent 2 Dec 1868

Reported to England
By Desp. No. 5 of 1868
Min. Forests

From The Asst Conservator of Forests Coimbatore 14 January 1869 Cto. 111.

Nos. 275-276.

Govt. of {1868} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 18th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 18th December 1868, No. 3,146.

DECEMBER

Nos. 275-276.

Alienation of Forest lands in Cuddapah and Coimbatore Districts.—Report of the Board of Revenue on this subject ordered to be forwarded to Home Government. Conservator of Forests to report on the suggestion to take up certain Forest land in Coimbatore on payment of compensation.

Revenue Depart.

No 3146

Proceedings of the Madras Govt
under date the 18th Decem. 68.

Read again Pro:
of Govt, Revd 16th date
6th Nov. 1868, No. 2797.

Read also the
following Pro: of the Bd of
Revenue.

Submitting Report
from the Collr of Coimbatore
of his inability to state re-
=spect loss entailed on
Govt by grant of certain
forest land to one Rus-
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(M. J. 17th Nov. 1868
No. 8131).

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Dated 18th December 68

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