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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1074 Press ~~Mis.~~

425-426

Dated 20 th April 1869

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No. 425. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th March 1869, No. 1,838 :—

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 5th February 1869, No. 19.

On the 21st November last I forwarded for execution, to Mr. H. R. Dawson, junior, of Madras, a Title-deed for a block of land purchased by him on the 4th March 1863. The plan attached shows the block to consist of 134·73 acres of forest and 74·78 acres of grass. It was accordingly assessed at Rupees 269-7-4 for the forest and Rupees 74-12-6 for the grass.

2. Mr. Dawson disputes the charge of Rupees 2 per acre for the larger extent, on the ground that the land is covered with bamboo and scrub with a few trees here and there, and can scarcely be denominated forest land. On my pressing the matter of payment, Mr. Dawson expressed a wish to relinquish to Government the portion charged as forest, and marked A., B., C., on the accompanying sketch.

3. To this proposal I would beg to call the Board's attention. He has had possession of the land since the date of sale: the forest block, however, remains in its original state, and he has not touched it. The question is—Is he to be permitted to relinquish the land now, and to be excused payment of assessment thereon from the date of sale?

4. Under the circumstances of the case, I would recommend that permission be granted.

Enclosure No. 1.—Sketch.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board consider that if the land, which Mr. Dawson wishes to resign, was duly advertised as "Forest," subject to the assessment of 2 Rupees per acre, his claim is untenable.

3. As, however, the block is quite distinct from the rest of the property; has never been utilised by Mr. Dawson, whose purchase and possession of it have probably not prevented others from buying it; and as the Commissioner recommends the arrangement; the Board resolve to apply to Government for permission to resume the block referred to, and remit the past assessment, no refund, however, of purchase-money (if any has been paid) being permitted.

No. 426. Order thereon, 20th April 1869, No. 1,074.

Miscellaneous.

Sanctioned as recommended by the Board of Revenue in paragraph 3 of the foregoing Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 20th Apl. 1869.

Read the following Pro.
of the Board of Revenue

Requesting sanction for re-
mission of certain Forest
land in the Nailgherries
purchased by Mr Dawson,
and for remission of part
assessment due on it ____

H.R. 17th March 1869, A 1038.

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Sanctioned as
recommended by
the Board of Revenue
in para 3 of the
foregoing Proceedings.

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Copy of Resolution of Government,
REVENUE.
To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE.
&c., &c., &c.
Dated April, 20th.
Read.
G. O. 20th April 1869, No. 1,074.
APRIL.
Nos. 425-429.
Forest land purchased by Mr. Dawson on
the Nellgherries.—Its resumption on behalf of
Government and the remission of part assessment
due on it, sanctioned.