

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. <i>207</i>	Press <i>Mrs</i>
Dated <i>14th September 1967</i>	

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6th September 1869.*

No. 100. Read the following letter from Messrs. ARBUTHNOT & Co., Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 29th July 1869:—

We have the honour to address you with reference to our lease of the Palcondah and Hoonjeram Talooks, which will expire on the 12th July 1871.

During the last five years we have laid out a considerable sum in the erection of Indigo factories in the Palcondah Talook, and have done much to encourage this branch of cultivation. These operations have been attended with much advantage to the cultivators, and we are frequently appealed to by them to enlarge our existing factories, and to place others on lands which, from their situation, cannot take advantage of those already built.

Before, however, committing ourselves to any further expenditure of capital, and to the increased staff which an extension of our operations would require, we desire to ascertain if the Government are disposed to give us a renewal of our lease.

We are so well aware of the difficulties we might find in our way were the talook to pass out of our management, that we do not feel disposed to increase our present stake, unless we can be assured of a continued possession for a fair number of years.

We believe the Government are satisfied that, while in our hands, the talook has been efficiently managed; that the ryots are contented and prosperous; and that they derive very material advantages from the works we have established among them; but in order to give some indication of the advance the talook has recently made in prosperity, we beg your attention to the following short comparison of the official returns for Fusly 1255, the year before our tenancy commenced and Fusly 1277.

<i>Inhabitants.</i>		
Fusly 1255	64,020	
" 1277	95,561	
	Increase...	31,541

<i>Ryots.</i>		
Fusly 1255	1,720	
" 1277	2,500	
	Increase...	840

Land under cultivation including Jeraity, Inam, Moossa, Doratanam Agraharam.

Fusly 1255	21,309	acres.
" 1277	27,690	
	Increase...	6,291 acres.

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Fusly 1255
" 1277

Ploughs
..... 5,000
..... 8,261

Increase... 3,261

Fusly 1255
" 1277

Cattle
..... 15,000
..... 28,521

Increase... 8,521

Fusly 1255
" 1277

Carts
..... 690
..... 2,605

Increase... 2,915

Fusly 1255
" 1277

Iron Charriots
..... 36
..... 38

Increase... 2

These are the mother of
minor branch charriots that
and efficient repair

in the river, and do not include the many
added by us, all which are kept in good

Fusly 1255
" 1277

Markets
..... 6
..... 8

Increase... 2

(These are the weekly and
numerous in every village.)

and not common bazaars which are

We have also reason to
holders, and the like, are very
which their rights have been

that Tamudars, Mucassaders, Agaharum
by their satisfaction with the manner in

With regard to the large
we paid the ryots, during 1867

in cattle and carts, we may mention that
over Rupees 10,000 for cart-hire alone.

We may also mention that
expended over Rupees 50,000
Rupees, and as before observed
these additions to the present
great an extent.

on the outlay on godowns, etc., etc., we have
of our Indigo factories during our present
urgently solicited by the ryots to under-
and the erection of new ones, to at least as

Our payments to the ryots
of Rupees 28,878-9-4 in 1867 and

Indigo plant are large. They amounted
to Rupees 20,704-2-0 in 1868.

As there is but a very small
with Indigo, and as this cultivation
when the larger portion of the

of the talook lands at present cultivated
the dry season from January to June,
and otherwise he idles, and does not inter-

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tere with the regular crops of paddy, it is easy to understand the anxiety which
the ryots evince that we should give them increased facilities for it, especially
when it is considered that in cases where a ryot is entitled to receive money for
Indigo plant delivered or to be delivered, the collection of his list is deferred
until settlement of his account.

Furthermore, there is an essential difference between the position we have
held in the talook, and that of an ordinary renter whose sole source of profit are
the rents he can obtain from the ryots. For, by the encouragement of Indigo
cultivation, we create for ourselves an interest from our occupancy, independent
of any small advantage we may derive from the rent roll; while, at the same time,
we materially improve the position of the ryot by enabling him to utilize the land
he holds to the fullest extent, and to obtain a return from it during a period of
the year unsuited to the cultivation of the ordinary products of the district.

There is also a source of profit to the population in the employment of cooly
and other labour at the Indigo vats during the season of manufacture, besides the
wages paid to the permanent establishments.

To the ryot there is this further advantage in the presence of our agency,
viz., that it gives him the opportunity of disposing, on the spot at the market-rate
and without delay, of rice, oil-seeds, or other exportable produce he may have
grown. He is thereby relieved from the possible necessity of a resort to the
soucar for advances to pay his rent, and he is relieved also from the exactions and
delays to which it has sometimes been said that he is liable when he entrusts his
produce for sale to the Coumty or Native dealer.

We may refer very briefly to the benefits conferred upon the talook by the
introduction of a Dispensary and of a School; both of these buildings have been
erected by contributions from the inhabitants and from ourselves, and without
further aid from Government than a portion of the pay of a Dresser, a free gift of
medicines in the case of the Dispensary, and the pay of a Schoolmaster in that of
the School.

Having thus laid before you, as briefly as possible, our chief reasons for desir-
ing a renewal of our present lease of the Paleondah and Hoonjeram Talooks, with a
few of the arguments which it appears to us may be adduced in support of our
application, we have now the honour to request that the Government will be
pleased to renew our lease for a further period of twenty years, and upon the same
terms and conditions as those now in force.

Should our application be complied with, it is our purpose at once to set about
the extension of our Indigo factories; and as it is now full time to make the needful
arrangements, having regard to the approaching cessation of the monsoon rains, we
have the honour very respectfully to request that we may be favoured with an early
reply on the subject of this letter.

No. 101

Omrah Mangana, 6th September 1869, No. 2,514.

Miscellaneous

Referred to the Collector of Viza-
gapatam for report through the Board
of Revenue.

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2. Mr. Minchin should be instructed to make a careful personal inspection of the Palcondah and Hoornah Estates, and should compare their progress under Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. with the progress of adjacent lands under Zemindary and Government management.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Edw. F. R. Dardeman.

Recd January 1869 - 52-89
 - 5th March 1869 - 59-90
 - 10th April 1869 - 101-152
 - 3rd July - 52-89

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Messrs. Robertson & Co

Dated 29th 3 July 1869
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Requesting a renewal
 of their present lease of the
 land at Manjeran
 for a further period
 of 20 years

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated September, 1869

Recd

G. O. 5th September 1869, No. 2, 514

Nos. 100-101

Fawcett and Hooper's Estate in
 Singapore District. Messrs. A. B. & Co.
 application for the renewal of their lease, refer-
 red to the Collector for report

Recd. July 1869

Memorandum regarding the request of
Messrs. John H. & Co. for an extension of
their lease of the Palmer & Co. & Boyd & Co.
Tulsey.

John H. & Co. dated
July 1869, Messrs. John H. & Co.
& Co. request a renewal of
their present lease of the
Palmer & Co. & Boyd & Co.
Tulsey, and also request
an extension of their lease
of the Palmer & Co. & Boyd & Co.
Tulsey.

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Tulsey.

7. When the lease
expired - that is to
say in 1861, Messrs
A. Cuthbert & Co.
plied for its renewal
at the collector's
support to their oppo-
sition with no suc-
cess from their ma-
nagement. But Mr.
Walker thought the
Commissions of the
Northern Circars was
against renewal of
the lease because it
would interfere with

1. The first part of the
 2. volume is devoted to a
 3. history of the country
 4. from the first settlement
 5. to the present time. It
 6. contains a full and
 7. accurate account of the
 8. progress of the colony
 9. and the state of the
 10. country at the present
 11. time. It is a most
 12. interesting and useful
 13. work, and one which
 14. every citizen should
 15. possess. It is a most
 16. valuable addition to
 17. the library of every
 18. family. It is a most
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 23. valuable addition to
 24. the library of every
 25. family.

themselves and by their
 resources in undertaking
 the cultivation of waste
 lands and reclaiming
 damaged villages.
 10. The Government
 in 1856 granted a further
 extension of five years
 but did not raise the
 rent, although the demand
 for this last year had
 reached Rs 13,909 and
 Rs 12,422 respectively. It
 has been our policy
 to have a small share
 of the land revenue
 in contribution.

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As given in the Standard



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