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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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22nd September 1870.*

Read the following:—

No. 246. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th June 1870,
No. 4, 178.

Read the following letters:—

From the Collector of Cuddapah, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
dated on Circuit at Peelair, 19th May 1870, No. 90.

ADVERTING to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 20th December last,
No. 9,320, I have the honour to report that I have as yet been unable to come to
any satisfactory arrangement with the Shrotriendars.

2. First they declined altogether to sell outright, and said the Government
might occupy the land and pay them as annual rent, the fixed Tarwar assessment,
amounting to Rupees 72.8-6.

3. Finally they refused an offer of three times the annual Tarwar assess-
ment and stood out for an outright sale at Rupees 10 per acre, or some Rupees
4,000 in the aggregate.

4. Considering that the land has never been of any profit to them, this is
exorbitant. I have directed the Deputy Collector to inform them that Govern-
ment will not consent to give them so large a price, and that, if they do not come
to more reasonable terms, the Act for the acquisition of land for public purposes
will have to be had recourse to.

5. Unfortunately it is difficult to get hold of the parties who are of itinerant
habits, and some further delay is expected to occur before I succeed in completing
the negotiation.

6. The reference having already stood against me for some time, I write
this letter to inform the Board of the cause of the delay.

From A. SUDERSANA ROW GAUROO, Deputy Collector, to the Collector of
Cuddapah, dated on Circuit at Bhakarapuram, 24th May 1870, No. 104.

ADVERTING to docket of the 6th instant, No. 169, I beg to represent that the
Shrotriendars of Matsumurry refuse to sell the lands required for planting purposes
by the Forest Conservancy Department for 910 Rupees.

2. They have stated decidedly that they will not part with the lands unless
a sum of Rupees 5,000 is paid to them at the rate of 10 Rupees per acre.

3. The Shrotriendars seem to be under the impression that Government will
purchase the land for any price.

4. I beg to submit herewith a statement given before me by the Shrotriendars.

(True Copy.)

No. 101.

* With translation of the statement of the
Shrotriendars.

SUBMITTED,* in continuation of my
letter of the 19th instant, No. 90, for
the orders of the Board.

GURRAMKONDIAH,
31st May 1870.

(Signed) J. A. BOYLE,
Assistant Collector,
For Collector.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

BEFORE A. SUDERSANA ROW GAUROO, Deputy Collector on General Duty.

Deposition given by the undersigned Shrotriendars of Jammalamudgoo Talook on the 19th May 1870.

Q.—Are you willing to sell to the Government for Rupees 910 the land situated on the bank of the Chithravathy selected by them for plantation purposes?

A.—We are not willing to sell it for Rupees 910.

Q.—If you are not willing, what sum do you demand for it?

A.—Rupees 5,000.

Q.—If you are not disposed to come to reasonable terms on the payment of the proper price, the Government will be obliged to enforce the sale under Act VI. of 1857; what do you say to that?

A.—We cannot prevent the Government from taking possession of the land.

Q.—Hear and tell me whether the deposition you have given is correctly taken?

A.—It is all correct. What can we do when the Government are determined to take our land by force.

(Signed) LUTHER NARASIAN,
() STREEVARASIMHA SASTRY, Shrotriendar
() VASUDEVAYYA, do.
() SAMBAYYA, do.

Taken before me this nineteenth day of May One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy.

(Signed) A. SUDERSANA ROW GAUROO,
Deputy Collector.

(True Translation.)

(Signed) J. A. BOYLE,
Assistant Collector,
For Collector.

The Collector will be good enough to ascertain whether the Shrotriendars are still willing to rent the land to Government for Rupees 72-8-6 per annum.

No. 247. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd August 1870, No. 5,411.

Read again Board's Proceedings dated 24th June 1870, No. 4,378.

Read also the following letters:—

From the Collector of Cuddalore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madanapally, 30th July 1870, No. 135.

Advancing to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 24th ultimo, No. 4,378, I have the honour to state that the Shrotriendars have expressed in writing their willingness to rent the land in question to Government for Rupees 72-8-6 per annum.

From the same officer, dated Kadri, 9th August 1870, No. 138.

Advancing to Proceedings of the Board, dated 24th June 1870, No. 4,378, I have the honour to state that the Shrotriendars of Mutsumurry are still willing to rent the land in question to the Forest Department at the rate of Rupees 72-8-6 per annum for the whole.

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2. The sum of Rupees 72-8-6 is the assessment on the whole tract of land selected by the Forest Department for a fuel plantation. This tract contains a channel, a path, etc., which bear assessment. If the channel and the path be deducted with their assessment, the rental which the Forest Department will have to pay to the Shrotriendars annually would be something less than Rupees 72-8-6. The Shrotriendars are willing to accept as rent the assessment on the lands that may be actually taken up for the plantation.

3. I would suggest that the lands if required by the Forest Department on these terms be scientifically measured before they are taken up for the plantation, in order to ascertain their exact extent and assessment; as yet they have been measured only by a Revenue Inspector, whose measurement cannot be quite accurate.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G. O., 29th October 1869, No. 2,875.

2. In the letter recorded with the Government Order Major. Beddome said he would rather rent this land for planting than buy it even for Rupees 2,000, but the Board and Government thought it best to buy the land.

3. The owners are willing to rent out the land on the terms they first proposed, but they will not sell it for less than Rupees 5,000, an exorbitant price.

No. 248. ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1870, No. 1,487.

Forests, No. 5.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing Proceedings the Government authorize the Conservator of Forests to rent the land in question instead of purchasing it outright. A lease for twenty years with power to renew should be obtained if possible.

2. The Collector and his Deputy were both in error in declaring that, if the proprietors would not sell the land at the price named, it would be taken under the Act.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue
the Conservator of Forests.

Edw. A. S. Rodgers.

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