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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th March 1870.*

No. 27. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd November 1869, No. 8,151:—

Read the following letter from Captain R. F. OAKES, R.E., Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Covilputty, 17th September 1869, No. 686.

I HAVE the honour to forward the correspondence noted in the margin, relative to a demand made by the Tahsildar of Tanjore for the payment of kist on certain portions of land brought under cultivation within the upper and grand ancient jungles. From my letter to the Collector it will be observed that the

To Collector of Tanjore, No. 625 of 1st Sept.
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greater part of the land thus cultivated consists of a garden which has been let out on rent annually, or for five years at a time, by the Executive Engineer, and the proceeds carried to the head of Jungle Funds. A portion consists of our beds for seedlings for the jungles, and a sum of 9 annas and 3 pies is demanded for vegetables raised by the Lascar in charge of my bungalow at the upper ancient. Thus, as I inform the Collector, I am willing to pay annually to the Jungle Funds, but I deprecate the transfer of the amount of the kist claimed from the Jungle Fund, not that so small a sum makes any difference to that fund, but I deprecate the interference of the Revenue Department in any way with these jungles. They have always hitherto been under the control of the Department Public Works, and so, in my opinion, they should continue to be. The land in these jungles is so cut up by pits for embankments by old calagums or channels which have been closed, and are for the most part so low that they are not fit for cultivation, but this will not prevent applications being made for the lands if the Revenue Department are allowed to interfere with them in any way, and it is most undesirable that any private individual should acquire property on these narrow strips which separate the Canavery from the Coleroon. It is most difficult to protect them and to prevent the rivers from encroaching upon them as it is; and if private individuals acquire any portion of them, the control of such portions will be taken from this department, and the consequences may be most disastrous. It may be said that because the Revenue Department is allowed to interfere with the land, that is no reason why any portion of it should be rented out to private individuals, to which I have only to reply that, as almost all the other paddy lands in the division have been rented, and that with the most disastrous consequences to the rivers, and entailing large expenditure on Government annually, I deprecate the prohibition of an enthusiastic Revenue officer endeavouring to increase the land revenue by letting out these strips on durkhas, as has been done with the paddy lands elsewhere, and thus perhaps endangering the very existence of the bank which divides the Canavery and Coleroon at two such important points as the upper and grand ancient. A breach in these banks might deprive the delta of its supply of water, and render the cultivation of the banks and their conservation most costly, the expense consisting not in simply closing the breach, but in diverting the water from the channel formed by the breach. This might be the work of years.

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Enclosure No. 1.

From Captain R. F. OAKES, R.E., Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Collector of Tanjore, dated 1st September 1869, No. 625.

I have the honour to enclose two Statements of Revenue (to be returned), claimed by the Tahsildar of Tanjore for land brought under cultivation within the upper and grand abcut jungles in 1867-68 and 1868-69.

2. The greater part of the land thus cultivated consists of a garden which is rented, the proceeds being paid into the Treasury to the head of Jungle Funds. In a portion seedlings are raised for the improvement of the jungles, and there is a charge of 9 annas and 8 pies for a small patch of ground within the enclosure

around my bungalow at the upper abcut. I believe my Lascar, who is in charge of the bungalow, raises vegetables in the latter when the rivers are low, and hence I am willing to pay the amount of 9 annas and 8 pies per annum, and to credit it to the Jungle Funds; but as the garden, which is rented, has been in existence for years, and the sum derived from the rent has been credited to the Jungle Funds, and the amount claimed must be paid from the Jungle Funds; and as these jungles are under the charge of the Department Public Works, I deprecate any change in the head to which even a portion of the proceeds is to be credited, and any interference on the part of the Revenue Department.

Enclosure No. 2.

From G. L. A. MORRIS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, dated Vellur, 11th September 1869, No. 317.

With reference to your letter, dated 2nd September 1869, No. 625, I have the honour to state that in no rational way, the land reclaimed by you should not pay Government land in the same way as any other land brought under cultivation, the same being deducted from the annual rate derived by your department from the abcutted jungles, and the remainder being credited to the Small Grants Fund.

2. This payment by your department will not, it appears to me, in any way subject your department to any interference from the Revenue authorities, but will rather strengthen the rights of the Department Public Works with regard to this land as against all other individuals.

3. I return the enclosures of your letter under reply.

Resubmitted to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

21st September 1869.

Resubmitted to the Board of Revenue for their remarks.

From Sir John G. Dalrymple,

10th September 1869.

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

The Board are of opinion that it would be unsound in principle and inexpedient to exempt cultivated land from the land-tax, merely because it is situated within the limits of a jungle reserved for the security of irrigation works.

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2. In the present instance, if the puttah were made out in the name of the Superintending Engineer, the integrity of other portions of the reserve would be in no way endangered thereby; whereas, in regard to the portion actually cultivated, the puttah would, as pointed out by Mr. Morris, strengthen the rights of the Government through the Department Public Works.

No. 28.

ORDER THEREON, 5th March 1870, No. 312.

Irrigation, No. 1.

THE Government observe from Captain Oakes's letter, dated 17th September 1869, No. 686, that the land in

question is a narrow strip which separates the Cauvery from the Coleroon, and the preservation of which in its integrity is highly important for purposes of irrigation. They are therefore of opinion that it should be left as at present at the disposal of the Department Public Works who are best able to judge as to the proportion of it which can be with safety cultivated.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

1870.

Read the following.

Proceedings of
the Board of Revenue

Assuming that land
brought under cultivation
within upper and lower
ancient jungles in Tanjore
Dist. should not be exempted
from assessment, merely because
jingles are reserved for
security of irrigation works.

No 3rd Nov 1870. N. 8151.

I think that it is undesirable
to interfere with the present arrangement
regarding the land - a narrow strip - between
the two rivers. They certainly ought
not to be let to private individuals
it should be in the hands of the
Dept. as they now are. ~~It~~
There is no advantage in any change
and a possibility of the land being
misadventured becoming private
property. M. H.

The Government
concur with the
Board of Revenue.

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Ordered by the
Superintendent
Upper & Lower
Jungle in
District

Rev. & Department

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Proceedings of the Indus Government
Under date the 5th ^{March} February 1870

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue.

Informing that land brought
under cultivation within upper
and lower ancient jungles in
Sangre Dist. should not be ex-
empted from assessment much be-
cause jungles are reserved for
security of irrigation works.

H. E. S. 3rd 1870

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letter dated 17th September
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the Cultivation
of the Sugar Cane
in the
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