

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	793	Press Mis.
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No. 347. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th March 1870:—

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 24th January 1870, No. 501.

Read also the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Madras District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on circuit at Trivellore, 9th February 1870, No. 42.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 24th ultimo, No. 501, conveying the Order of Government on the subject of certain pasture-lands, required by the Commissariat Department, in the neighbourhood of the village of Alamadi in the Ponneri Talook, for the use of slaughter-cattle and sheep required for the European Troops at the Presidency, I have the honour to state that, according to a statement received from the Tahsildar in 1865, the total extent of waste land within the limits of Alamadi is Cawnies 2,000. Of this extent a tract of about Cawnies 200 is under Jungle Conservancy, and an establishment of two Peons is entertained to watch the tract and prevent the destruction of the jungle.

2. The villagers of Alamadi used to pay a nominal rent for the whole of the jungle-land in the village. Mr. Fane finding, however, that the system of renting led to the wholesale destruction of the jungle, more particularly in the villages adjacent to Madras, cancelled all such rents in Fusly 1276. The whole, therefore, of the jungle-land in the village, with the exception of the conserved tract, may be disposed of by Government in any manner they may think proper.

3. As regards communal rights of the villagers, such rights extend only to cutting wood for agricultural and domestic purposes and to grazing their cattle. The village of Alamadi is a small and poor one, containing not more than fifty or sixty houses or rather huts, and paying a revenue of between Rupees 500 and 600. I consider that Cawnies 300 is ample for the wants of the villagers, and that if that extent is marked off, and reserved for their use, the remainder of the waste land in the village, which is available, amounting to Cawnies 1,500, may be placed at the disposal of the Commissariat Department for grazing purposes.

In reply to the above Proceedings the Acting Collector reported that in the village of Alamadi there were about 2,000 Cawnies of waste jungle-land, of which 200 were under conservancy as a fire-wood reserve, of the rest he proposes to set aside 300 Cawnies for the use of the villagers as grazing-ground, and was of opinion that the remainder, (viz., 1,500 Cawnies,) might be fairly handed over to the Commissariat as a cattle-farm.

2. Before passing orders on the above the Members of the Board took an opportunity of visiting the ground in question in company with Colonel Loudon, Deputy Commissary-General.

3. They found, in addition to the land in question, that about 500 Cawnies, forming part of the water-spread by the enlarged Sholavaram Tanks, which must be taken up by Government and compensated for, available for the use of the Commissariat.

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4. The jungle-land is very bad soil, and will provide but scanty pasturage, but will still be useful as an extensive and probably healthy run for sheep.
5. The tank water-spread is also poor, sandy soil, but it has been hitherto cultivated with nunjah crops under the Alamadi Tank; when the Sholavaram Lake is full, it will be submerged, but as the water subsides, it will probably afford good grazing-ground, even if it cannot be cultivated with crops of green fodder.
6. The Board are of opinion that the whole extent, including 1,500 Cawnies, reported as available by the Acting Collector, should be demarcated and handed over to the Commissariat so soon as compensation has been paid for the land now held on Puttah.
7. The Board believe that money for compensation is available from the funds of the Madras Water Works Project, and the Acting Collector should lose no time in settling the compensation for such parts of the land as are still unpaid for.
8. The village site of Alamadi will not be actually submerged, but it will be nearly surrounded with water, and the villagers desire to remove to another site on higher ground. The Board consider that this measure is most desirable on sanitary grounds, and will take steps for allotting them space for re-building the village on high ground which should be free of assessment.
9. The Acting Collector should arrange for the new site being properly laid out in streets before it is occupied.
10. The Board believe that a considerable tract of land in certain villages within the spread of the Red Hills Lake will be available in a similar manner, and they recommend that it should also be placed at the disposal of the Commissariat so soon as compensation shall have been paid for it.

No. 348. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1870, No. 703.

Miscellaneous.

The Board will instruct the Collector to make over to the Commissariat Department at once the 1,500 Cawnies of land, referred to by him in the neighbourhood of Alamadi. The additional tract of 500 Cawnies, recommended for transfer by the Board, should be made over as soon as it has been taken possession of by Government for the Water Works Project, but with the understanding that if it be required in connection with the Water Works Project, the Commissariat Department will have to give it up.

2. The proposal of the Board to change the site of the village of Alamadi to higher ground is approved. Compensation should be given to the villagers for any loss occasioned to them by removal, and debited to the Water Works Project.

3. The Government resolve to call the attention of the Government Farm Committee to the requirements of the Commissariat Department in respect of sheep and cattle. The Committee have, it is believed, been recently experimenting with fodder, and they have brought to the notice of Government the valuable properties of yellow Cholam as such. The Farm may, perhaps, find a profitable market in

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partially supplying the wants of the Commissariat Department, and in that case can communicate with the Commissary-General.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Military Department.
„ the Honorary Secretary, Government Farm.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. Bantleman.

Subt. of 1870's Efforts.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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G. O., Sec. Reg, Sec, No. 703.

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Land for a (Cattle) farm in Madison District.
— Fund of Revenue to support the Office to
make it over to the Commercial Department.

Revenue Department

Memo. for orders on No. 730

Question- What steps are to be taken with a view to handing over certain grazing land in the Madras District to the Commissariat Department for a cattle farm.

1. By G. O. dated 14th October 1869, No. 3,611, the Govt. in the Military Dept. determined to make trial at a few stations of the advantages of supplying British Troops with well fed meat through Departmental Agency, instead of by the present system of contract. This order was communicated to the Board of Revenue, who forwarded it to the Collectors of Chattras with instructions to report on the suitability for the purpose.

Why not deal with the Govt. Farm?

The area of the Govt. Farm would not be in any degree sufficient to afford for feeding out of doors in the field & in doors feeding might be too expensive - however

Order in the G.O. of 14th Oct. 1869, No. 3,611, to the Secy to Govt. of Madras

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 24TH JANUARY 1870, No. 501.

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Received

JANUARY.

No. 501.

Land—in Alampy village in Poonari Talook, Madras District, required for grazing cattle kept for use of European Troops at Presidency—Application of Deputy Commissary-General for transfer of—, to Commissariat Department, communicated to Collector for report as to whether any land is available, and if so, whether it is wholly at disposal of Government.

3. The Board state that they have visited the site in question with Colonel Roudon. In addition to the 1500 can- nies specified by the collector they found that about 500 cannies forming part of the waterspread of the Tholaveram tank would be available. They consider that this land will afford good grazing ground and will perhaps be cultivable with crops of green fodder. Compensation will, however, have to be given, for the land is held on puttah.

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purpose of certain land near the Red Hills which had been pointed out by the Commissioner of Forests. I would not discourage a proposal to raise price for the farm & further call for the Commissioner N.

2. The Collector of Chittoor now reports that the land required is near the village of Almaradi; that of the 2,000 cannies within the limits of Almaradi, 200 cannies are under jungle Conservancy, and that out of the remaining 1,800 cannies, 300 will fulfil all the wants of the villagers, so that 1,500 are available for the purposes of the Commissioner of Forests. Mr. Blair-fair states that the communal rights of the villagers are limited to cutting wood for their own use and grazing cattle, and it appears that up to a recent date, the jungles have been rented, so that the land is clearly at the disposal of Government.

Under Secy. to Govt. 1871

It would appear from the Board's Proceedings that the Madras Water-work Project will in any case necessitate the assumption by Govt of these 500 acres, and the Board believe that the funds of the same project will be available for compensation.

4 The Board also recommend that all the lands in the vicinity of the water-spreads of the Red Hills and Sholavaran lands which are taken up in connection with the water work Project, should be made

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Yes. retaining the fuel tract of 200. & Villages reserve of 300 -

Yes. but not at all. They may be required in connection with the new works - in which case the Comd. Dept. will have to give them up.

Yes. They must receive compensation of course.

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M.A.
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made over to the Commisariat.

5. It is submitted that the Board may be instructed to direct the Ag. collector at once to make over the 1500 caonies of land near Alamadi, and to transfer the other

lands referred to, to the same Dept. as soon as they are placed at the disposal of Govt.

6. It is also submitted that the Board's order regarding the removal of the site of the Alamadi village may be approved.

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Memo

Certain land held
by the Commissariat
at the Madras side

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt
under date the 31st May/70.

Read the follow-
ing Pro. of the Bd. of Rev.

Submitting letter
from the Collr of Madras on
the subject of the land at
Alamadi required for the
Commissariat Dept.

(H.E. 7th March 1870)

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farm

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farm may therefore af-
-ford exceptional ad-
-vantages for fattening
cattle which should be
turned to account.

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[I would merely say.

"The Farm may
perhaps find
a profitable market
is partially met by
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Com. Dept. and in
that case can com-
municate in the
the Com. Dept. find
but I have no objection
from it than I all
to them. J.S.

Mr. Dalrymple must have
misunderstood me. I
was always in favor of the
project of trying up the
acres by the
Government and
improving their condition
there & advocated the
plan in connection with
a former proposal. It
was then rejected.
I have therefore no objection
to the modified plan
suggested by Mr. Dalrymple.

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11, To the B. & D. Dept. of
7, Military Dept.
6, Army Secy Genl. Farm
21, D. & D. Dept.

J. S. Dalrymple