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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th June 1870.

No. 197. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st March 1870, No. 2,141:—

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 16th February 1870, No. 29.

SINCE the passing of the Government Order, dated 24th June 1869, No. 1,792, declining to refund to Mr. Herklots Rupees 2,250, the purchase-money for 300 acres of forest-land* which he was allowed to relinquish, and the arrears of quit-rent on which were remitted to him, Mr. Herklots has, from time to time, represented to me the heavy loss the purchase has involved him in, and has urged me to apply to Government for other land in exchange in some more favourable locality.

* On the Neeralay Valley.

2. Believing that the Government would look favourably upon his application to be given other land in exchange, I authorized him to look out for 100 acres of forest, to the alienation of which there was no objection.

3. After searching about for a considerable time he has found a tract of land suitable for his purposes. The land is situated on the slopes of the hills facing south, as per dotted marks in enclosed Sketch. Captain Jago, the Forest Superintendent, has visited the locality, and recommends the land being given to Mr. Herklots, on condition of his paying for the timber thereon at a valuation.

4. The distance from Kullur, the future Railway station, is estimated to be about eight or ten miles from the land, and Mr. Herklots will eventually have to make a road from the land to Kullur, which road will be of use in opening up the forests of the Neilgherry slopes.

5. Captain Sargeant of the Survey Department has looked at the position of the blocks, and it is not situated anywhere within the Coonoor ravine reserved under Government Order, 30th January 1868, No. 259. Under these circumstances I would recommend the grant of 100 acres to Mr. Herklots as applied for.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Sketch.

THE Board resolve to submit this letter for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. Mr. Herklots purchased a block of land, measuring 300 acres, for Rupees 2,250, but finding it useless, relinquished it without having depreciated its value materially.

3. In their Order of the 24th June 1869 Government sanctioned the remission of arrears on this land, but refused to refund the purchase-money.

4. Mr. Herklots now applies for a block in exchange, and the Board support the Commissioner's recommendation.

5. The Board understand that the clearing will not be visible from any part of the Coonoor Ghaut or station.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th June 1870.

No. 198. ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1870, No. 887.

Land Revenue.

THE Government do not understand upon what principle the Commissioner makes the recommendation, which is supported by the Board of Revenue, that Mr. Herklots should be granted the land referred to without charge.

2. Mr. Herklots, it is presumed after due inquiry, made his original purchase, and has already been treated with exceptional liberality in having been excused the payment of Rupees 3,000 due by him to Government as quit-rent.

3. Should he desire to obtain the land now referred to, he must purchase it in the ordinary manner under the Waste Land Rules.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Fxd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated June, 10*th*.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 16*th June* 1870, *No.* 887.

JUNE.
Nos. 197-198.

Land purchased by Mr. Herklots on the Neilgherries.—Passing orders on the Board's Proceedings regarding its exchange for some other land.

inquiry, made his original purchase and has already been treated with exceptional liberality in having been successful the payment of Rs 3000 due by him to Govt as quitrent.

3. Should he desire to obtain the land now offered to, he must purchase it in the ordinary manner under the waste land rules.

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