

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st August 1871.*

No. 205. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 2nd August 1871:—

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Agriculture, Revenue and Commerce, (Land Revenue and Settlement,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 20th July 1871, No. 99.

It has been brought to the notice of the Government of India by the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces that the rules for the sale of waste lands do not provide against loss to Government by the sale of lands, which may have special value either on account of their mineral wealth, their forests, or other causes, because their value is unknown in those parts of the country which have not been completely explored or geologically surveyed; and in consequence of this representation the sale of lands in those provinces has been suspended until further orders.

2. I am accordingly directed to inquire whether in Madras any lands have ever been sold under the existing grant rules, which, owing to the possession of special advantages not fully realized at the time of sale, ought either not to have been sold at all, or only sold at a far higher price than they realized; and, if so, to request a brief report of each such case, as also an expression of opinion as to whether it would not be advisable to suspend further sales of waste lands until the present rules shall have been revised.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 206. ORDER THEREON, 21st August 1871, No. 1,425.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government of India will be informed that no such cases as are referred to have occurred in this Presidency, and that there appears to be no need to suspend the sale of waste lands here.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. DEC. SCOTT, Captain, R. E.,
*Under-Secy., P.W.D.,
for Secy. to Govt.*

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 1425

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From
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Dep of A.R.

No. 99.

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