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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th August 1872.*

No. 229. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th August 1872, No. 1,630 :—

Read the following letter from G. BANBURY, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 1st August 1872, No. 1,329-44 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward, for an expression of the Board's views, a letter* received from the Acting Deputy-Director in Chittoor, regarding the

* Dated 30th July 1872, No. 437. demarcation of tracts of land handed over to Pagoda Trustees in lieu of the ready-money payments hitherto made.

2. According to the procedure of the department, these lands would be regarded as Inams, and they would be demarcated "*en bloc*" being of the same tenure and in one contiguous tract. On the other hand, these ryots have been transferred "*volens nolens*" to the Pagoda Trustees, and are no doubt dissatisfied with their change of landlord; so that if, as appears to be the case, the field demarcation is likely to satisfy them to some extent, and cause them to feel that they are equally situated with Government ryots as regards their distinct properties, I should be disposed, as suggested by Sribaliah, to allow the demarcation to proceed as in the case of Circar lands. The Devastanam ryots will find the stones, and as the area of these lands cannot be very extensive, the cost of demarcating and surveying will not be anything excessive.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. SRIBALIAH, Acting Deputy-Director of Revenue Settlement, Nellore and North Arcot, to the Director of Revenue Settlement, Madras, dated 30th July 1872, No. 437-157.

You are aware that of late years the Government have, in the case of Tusdeek Devastanams, granted lands in commutation of ready-money payments. Such lands have now to be demarcated, for the first time, by this Party in Chittoor Taluq.

The ryots, about fifty-eight in number, in the village of Chennamareddi Kandrigai, have addressed a petition to the Collector objecting to the demarcation, as one plot, of their several fields amounting to 53 cawnies, and which have been granted to a Pagoda in commutation of cash payments, and the Collector has referred the petition to me for disposal.

2. In these *quasi* Inams the lands of several ryots are included, and to demarcate them as one plot under Rule 69 would amount to the clubbing of several holdings, but without sub-numbers as in the case of interstitial fields.

3. The ryots strongly object to such a course, and I think with reason, since they have great fears about their own occupancy rights and our ignoring or omitting to make mention of them, would lead to confusion and consequent annoyance on the part of the Trustees.

4. I am therefore of opinion that, where two or more of such holdings may form one compact piece, they should be demarcated as is done in respect to Government lands, *i.e.*, the principle of clubbing should be applied up to 2 Acres in wet and 4 Acres in dry, and the names of the field-owners or occupants mentioned in column 2 of the Classification Register, the fact of the lands or their assessment having been alienated in commutation of ready-money payments being noted in the 7th column.

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5. I believe this point of doubt has already been set at rest in districts where the Survey Party have conducted the demarcation operation, and a reference to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey might probably assist in solving the question.

6. Since writing the above, a representation on the same subject, made to Mr. Rundall by the Supervisor on the 10th May 1872, has been laid before me; and it is thus necessary that the question should be settled without delay, as the operations of our department are apparently suspended, at present, in respect to such lands.

THE Board are of opinion that these ryots must be placed as nearly as possible on the same footing as if they continued to be Government ryots.

2. Their lands should therefore be demarcated in the same way as if they had not been transferred.

3. These Proceedings will be submitted to Government.

No. 230.

ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1872, No. 1,260.

Land Revenue.

APPROVED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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Demarcation—of lands handed over to Pagoda Trustees in lieu of ready-money payments hitherto made to them.—Director of Revenue Settlement informed that these lands should be demarcated in same way as if they had not been transferred. Board's Proceedings submitted to Government.

Approved & R
29 Aug 72

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11. Board of Rev. Sec 5. 1872
13. Director of Rev. Settlement