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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st October 1872.

No. 307. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th August 1872, No. 1,515 :—

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th July 1872, No. 106 :—

In reply to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th May 1872, No. 3,825, requesting me to ascertain and report to the Board on the expenditure proved to have been made by certain parties on Padugay land, which was placed in their possession for a time, I have the honour to annex copy of a report from the Acting Sub-Collector on the subject.

2. It will be observed from previous Proceedings, that the parties, Soobaroyen and others, claimed Rupees 2,000; the Tahsildar thought they had spent Rupees 1,000; Mr. Best thinks Rupees 200 would be sufficient, and that Rupees 300 would be a very liberal allowance.

3. The Board in paragraph 2 of Proceedings, dated 15th December 1870, place no reliance on the Tahsildar's unsupported assertion regarding the Rupees 1,000; I remark that the then Tahsildar (not considering communal rights) seems to have recommended the parties to the possession of what had hitherto been communal property. The whole trouble seems to have arisen from an officious suggestion of another department, hastily adopted and improved on by some clever individuals for their own benefit.

4. As regards the compensation proposed by Mr. Best, there is no account recorded thereof, or vouchers preserved; the parties affirm that they kept certain watchers and paid them Rupees 5 a month, but they had a set off to a certain extent in the reeds, etc., that they collected. Putti Soobaroyen and Putti Annaji Ayen do not claim any specified sum in their deposition. They cannot produce accounts, and "have no mind to accept compensation"; they want to be put in possession.

Vide Enclosures A. B.

5. There is nothing therefore in the Sub-Collector's report to show that they have agreed to accept the compensation which he thinks sufficient or even liberal.

6. I do not see what further can be done in the matter at present.

Enclosure No. 1.

From J. W. BEST, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Karoor, 24th June 1872, No. 145.

In reply to your note appended to Government Order dated 6th May 1872, on the petition of Putti Soobaroyen and two others, ryots of Nerur, a village in the Caroor Taluq, I have the honour to enclose (A) translation of a written statement presented to me by Soobaroyen and Annaji Ayen, as also (B) copy of a deposition taken from them. From these papers and the depositions made by Soobaroyen and Puranaiyan on the 24th October 1870, (copies of which were sent to your Office with my letter No. 350, dated 27th idem,) it will be seen that the petitioners are not in a position to *prove* the amount of expenditure incurred by them "between the date of their being put into possession and the Jummahbundi in March 1867." They have no account of such expenditure.

2. They state that ten coolies were employed from the beginning, the pay of each cooly being Rupees 5 a month; accepting this statement as true, there will have been expenditure of Rs. 125 during the 2½ months from middle of January to end of March. As for the rest, petitioners admit that they were allowed by the Tahsildar to take Nanal *free of cost* from the Vangal Padugay, and that the cutting and removal of this Nanal and other work was performed by their own labourers, and that consequently no actual payment was made for it. On the other hand, petitioners realized [illegible] 45 Rupees by the sale of Nanal, (*vide* Soobaroyen's deposition of 4th October 1870).

3. I am of opinion that Rupees 200 might be a sufficient compensation, [illegible] that Rs. 300 would be a very liberal allowance.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Statements.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G. O., Petition Department, dated 6th May 1872.

2. It appears that the claimants to the land are not in a position to prove any expenditure upon it; that the inquiry made by the Sub-Collector leads him to believe that Rupees 200 will be a sufficient, and Rupees 300 an ample compensation; but that the claimants have no mind to accept compensation, desiring to be put in possession of the land and offering to pay arrear assessment amounting to Rupees 2,211.

3. It has been decided not to give the lands; and under the circumstances the Board recommend that such compensation as Government may consider them entitled to be tendered to the claimants, and that they be informed that their claim for possession of the land will be resisted and, if it be upheld by the Courts, that the land will be taken up under Act X. of 1870 as required for a public purpose.

No. 308. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1872, No. 1,518.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government consider that Rs. 250 is a reasonable compensation, and resolve to direct the Collector to tender that amount to the claimants, and to inform them that the Government have finally decided that the padugay land in question shall not be granted for private occupation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Petition Department.

Exd. F. R Bantleman.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, R. D., with two enclosures.
Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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Board of Revenue, MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 7TH AUGUST 1872, No. 1,515.

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AUGUST.

No. 1,515.

Padugay land—in Coimbatore District, placed in possession of certain parties for a time and now proposed to be reserved. —Report of Collector on expenditure incurred by the parties on —, submitted to Government, with recommendation that such compensation as Government consider them entitled to, may be tendered.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated October 31st.

Read. Encl.

G. O., 31st October 1872, No. 1,518.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 307-308.

Padugay land in Coimbatore District.—Collector directed to tender Rs. 250 as compensation in connection with it, and to inform the claimants that the padugay land in question shall not be granted for private occupation.