*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th October* 1873.

No. 72. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th September 1873, No. 1,805 :—

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 19th August 1873, No. 1,602.

Read also the following letter from W. R. ROBERTSON, Esq., Superintendent of the Government Farms, Madras, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 28th August 1873, No. 638 :—

I HAVE the honour to submit the explanations called for in the Board's Proceedings, No. 1,602, dated the 19th of August 1873.

2. The annual rents paid by the Wudders for the ground occupied by their huts vary in amount from 12 Annas for a small-sized hut to Rupees 1½ for one of full size.

3. The charge, Rupees 12 per mensem, for rent-collecting and scavenging is divided as follows :—Rent-collecting Rupees 6 per mensem, being a part of the Rent-collector's pay, the remainder, Rupees 2, being chargeable against the Roshunbaugh village; scavenging Rupees 6 per mensem, being part of the scavenger's pay, the remainder, Rupees 2, being chargeable against the Apprentices' quarters.

4. The soils of the block of land it is proposed to take up for the Wudders are the ordinary soils of the district, and are very similar to the unimproved soils of the Model Farm. The return to be expected from the area of land that is not needed for the Wudders must necessarily be a matter of great uncertainty: it will depend chiefly on the way the land will be treated; but, if the land is planted, as I propose that it should be, with Casuarina and other fuel-trees, I confidently believe that the return will be at the least 10 per cent. on the capital invested,—a good return, even when looked at as a mere investment; while the experiment of planting the poor exhausted soil of this district with fuel-trees will afford valuable data on questions of much (agricultural and local) importance,—the saving of cattle-manure by the substitution of cheap fuel of other kinds, and the cheapening of fuel now so costly around Madras.

5. The cost of collecting the rents of the huts on the new site will certainly not be less than the present cost; but, in addition to collecting rent, I would put the Rent-collector in charge of the plantation. A trustworthy person could not be obtained to perform these services at a less cost than Rupees 7 per mensem.

6. The trees to be purchased at the estimated cost of Rupees 400 are only a portion of the trees now growing on the present site; the others, nearly one-half, belong partly to the fifty families that would remain in the village, and partly to Government. They might be expected to bring in, for fruit, from Rupees 40 to 50 per annum. The Wudders do not hold the trees in common, but each ground-renter holds, with his plot of ground, one or more trees which he or his ancestor planted and reared,—the entire ownership of which he claims.

7. I would recommend that 5 acres of the land should be set apart for 100 Wudder families, and that they should pay a uniform ground-rent of 12 Annas per annum for each hut. There are no wells on the land, but there is a river-frontage of about 150 yards; if wells are needed, they can readily be sunk. I learn, by inquiry amongst the residents on the land adjoining, that good water is met with at a depth of from 12 to 15 feet.

8. I understand that about 5 cawnies of the land is needed by the railway, and, as this will be some of the best of the land, we may fairly expect to obtain a liberal compensation for the loss.

9. I would not advise that the trees on the new site should be exchanged for those on the old site, as this might lead to complications in dealing with the Wudders.

10. I have not referred to the urgent necessity for a large outlay to put the present village in a moderately good sanitary state, if it is to continue in its present crowded state; but this would form no unimportant item in favour of my proposals.

11. The proposals were not made under any financial consideration, but to remove a nuisance which promised to be highly injurious to the popularity of the Farms in this neighbourhood.

12. If my proposals or any modification of them are approved, I would be glad to receive instructions as early as may be convenient, not only that the Wudders may make their arrangements for removal before the beginning of the monsoon, but also in order that the approaching rains may be turned to account in planting, etc., etc.

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THE Board submit the above correspondence to Government with the following recommendations.

2. The Wudder-village on the Farm is a nuisance, and it is desirable to remove it. It will be necessary to give the evicted Wudders the means of building other huts elsewhere, and for this purpose Rupees 300, or Rupees 3 per hut for 100 huts, will be needed.

3. The Superintendent Government Farms would collect a quit-rent from the Wudders in their new village; but as this quit-rent would not pay for the cost of its collection, the Board cannot recommend it.

4. They see no reason for taking up a larger piece of ground than will be absolutely required for the new village-site (about 5 acres), and they think the best arrangement possible will be to instruct Deputy-Collector Venkatesayya, now on special duty, superintending the taking up of land for the Carnatic Railway, to inspect and select a site at an early date. Should no Government waste be available, a sum not exceeding Rupees 200 should be sanctioned for the purchase of a piece of land, to be transferred to "Nattam."

5. A further sum of Rupees 400 is required for the purchase of trees belonging to the Wudders. Mr. Robertson anticipates an income of Rupees 40 per annum from the fruit of these trees.

6. The above-mentioned expenditure of Rupees 900 might be met from the Surplus Pound Fund. For this outlay and for the issue of instructions to Deputy-Collector Venkatesayya sanction is requested.

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No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 9th October 1873, No. 1,085.

Miscellaneous.

THE present insanitary state of the village clearly demands a remedy, and the removal of some of the families will be advantageous to the people themselves as well as to the farm. The Board's proposals are approved, and the estimated outlay of Rs. 900 sanctioned from the source intimated.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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No 2879.

Circulature for orders

Pro: B^d of Revenue
Farm Supt's proposal for removal of Wudders village on Govt Farms Estate at Sydapet to another site

I know this village. it is a perfect big stye. The Wudders are worthless ryots at best. I would abandon the whole, etc.

This proposal from Mr Robertson, Supt of the Govt farms, (which is supported by the Board,) for the removal of the present Wudders village to the other side of the Adyar river seems to require consideration (1) the worth of the

people themselves do
not seem to have been
consulted.

(2) the new site will
be far from the Sydari
Bazaar and probably
not nearly so convenient
to the people in the
present one.

(3) The change will
involve an outlay of
public money.

The reasons in favour
of the change are the valuable

Suggestions
that at the Next
in view might
perhaps be shortly
Married by
the heading of the
village & possibly
titles on
the Farm
itself - The labour

Rs 900.

Rs

during them on
the Farm they will
be looked after
and civilized.

3 Rs per head

seems very little.

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the release is a nuisance
to the farm, that it
is unhealthy - The latter
is answered in statistics
of a few months, and
the former would
appear to be an assumed
consequence of the latter.

DMB

For Orders

Farrin Sept's proposals for removal of the Wedder-village on the Sydapet Farm to another site

K.C. 2 Oct K.Q Oct
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It will seem that if a proper site can be found, these people will gain themselves by the proposed (1st) improved healthiness & convenience & position (2) in getting their last vestige - There can I think be no question as to the propriety of removing the proposed towards which will clearly be a relief to the farm.

JP 25/73

The Village must be broken up - as observed by Mr Simmi the interest of the Wodders themselves. They are sickening and dying from there overcrowding and unhealthiness of Site; and the Board's proposal meets the difficulty most Effectively and immediately. It is only intended to relieve not remove the whole population. All who are or can be employed on the

From will remain
on the Existing Site
and with them have
wholesome Space.

The new Site is nearer
the Lydapet Bazar
than the Existing one.
It is not opposite
the West End of the
Village but which it has
Easy Access.

I think that Mr Sim's
idea to let these people
Squat in different
parts of the Farm is
quite inadmissible.
It would merely increase
the Evil sought to be
removed. But if any
of the Wodders wish to go
Elsewhere and can
find
find Sites for themselves
they should be allowed
to do so and the same
aid should be afforded
in respect to their removal
to the new site

I have personally
Examined the whole scheme
and taken part in the
proposal and can assure
my Honble Colleagues
that the proposed measure
is feasible and advantageous
in Every respect - Especially
to the poor over Crowded
Wodders.

28/9 Nov

Revenue Department

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# Proceedings of the Madras Govt

Dy. 9 Oct. 93

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting proposal of Supt Govt. Farms for the removal of the Mudder village on the Saidapett Farm to another site

} B. R. 11th September 93 No. 1805.

The present insanitary state of the village clearly demands a remedy and its removal will be advantageous to the people themselves as well as to the Farm. The Board's proposals are approved and the estimated outlay of Rupees 900 sanctioned from the source indicated

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W. B. of Revenue
Asst. Secy. } Copy - 17 Oct 93

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Removal of Mr Ellis
will be in the City dist:
I advise another site