Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th October 1873.

No. 215. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th October 1873, Miscellaneous No. 6,944 :—

Read the following letter from A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 2nd October 1873, No. 219.

I HAVE the honour to request permission to assign a block of 100 acres of land to Mrs. Elliott, proprietrix of the Wallaghaut estate, subject to the ordinary rules relating to such lands, but without putting the land up to public competition; the price to be, as usual, the cost of demarcation and survey.

2. The following are the circumstances of the case :—

Lands in the above locality, aggregating 928 acres, were, under sanction of Government, granted many years ago to the parties named, to be held free for thirty years on condition of a given acreage being brought under coffee within a given time.

Mr. H. Hutson, Professor B. Owen, and Mr. W. H. Stainbank.

The conditions were fulfilled, and the lands still enjoy the exemption.

3. A considerable amount, however, of these lands have, from one cause or another, become unprofitable partly from exposure to wind, bad soil, and neglect, and the remainder is barely sufficient to admit of the estate being kept up; in fact, but for the energy and perseverance of the present proprietrix, the place would long ere this have been abandoned.

4. As a general rule, I am not prepared to recommend the alienation of Government forest in this particular locality.

5. There are no roads, police, or other establishment, and the first thing that would happen, if settlers occupied these lands, would be a clamour for all these things. There is abundance of waste land not very far off in Wynaad, both the property of Government and of private individuals, and Government has, at great expense, provided magistracy, roads, police, hospitals, etc., and it is obviously the wiser policy to let the Wynaad lands be taken up first. There is a further consideration in respect to the forest lands near Wallaghaut. They occupy a sort of lower range of the Nilgiris, and may sooner or later prove valuable as forest, and their denudation would, in my opinion, be very likely to injure the climate of this part of the district as regards rain-fall. There is an enormous extent of valuable paddy-land running along the base of these hills, which would doubtless suffer from any extensive denudation.

6. It would, however, be needlessly harsh to refuse the proprietrix of the estate the reasonable amount of 100 acres to extend upon; but if the land were, as usual, put up to auction, there would be no guarantee that some other party would not purchase, and then we should have to put up another block, and so on. As a rule, there is no competition at these sales, and the land is knocked down at the cost of demarcation and survey; but, in the present instance, there is every reason to expect that, if put up for sale, there would be other bidders.

7. It is, under these circumstances, that I request permission to make over the land without the usual sale.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th October 1873.

SUBMITTED favourable consideration of Government.

No. 216. ORDER THEREON 24th October 1873, No. 1,157.

Forests, No. 10.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the grant to Mrs. Elliott of the 100 acres of forest land applied for by her, subject to the rules relating to such lands, but without their being put up to auction.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3271.

From Pro. Board of Revenue No 6944

Dated 14 October 1873.

FOR ORDERS.

I would grant this application - although I should be surprised hear of competition.

The land is about 5 parts up the old Sevaroya Ghaut amidst deep Elephant jungles, at the upper end of a valley, which drains into the Panar Ghaut river. The sole Planter is without neighbours roads, or any facilities of any kind, as noticed by the Collector, and the Enterprise has cost Government nothing.

About 25 years ago - with a view to encourage planting and people the Ghaut line (now deserted), the occupation of this jungle was strongly urged by the

the Collector Mr Conolly and the tract was granted to Mr Hutton. The valley was found, when cleared, ill suited for the purpose, labor was obtained with great difficulty and the Estate was maintained under very adverse circumstances and has passed several hands, all of whom have lost heavily. Large sums were laid out by Professor Richardson and others, but the greater part has had to be abandoned, and I gather that this further grant of a moderate area of more suitable land is indispensable to keep the Estate going. The grant will form no precedent in the above city and under such circumstances

I do not share the Collectors ideas about denudation under any circumstances. But it merits the substitution of Coffee for Elephant jungle over 100 acres of the many square miles of Grant and Forests included in that valley & slopes can have no effect whatever on the rain-fall - which is enormous - washed down into the low country.

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I know the Estate and locality - as well as the history of the Grant &c.

20/10 W.R.

FOR ORDERS.

Undertaken

Order accord

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Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No. 6944.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 14th October 1873

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Collector of Malabar

To

F.C. Ec. Stokes Esquire
Acting Secretary to the Board
of Revenue, Madras

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I have &c.

Calabar Collector's Office (Signed) D. A. Macgregor
the 2nd October 1873. Collector

Submitted for the favourable consideration of Government.

| True copy & Extract |

A Elliott
Acting Secretary

To, The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Narasimma Chary

Reve 1873 Dept.

No 3271

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 14th October 1873
Despd 14 —
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Submitting for the favorable consideration of Govt, letter from the Collr of Malabar reqg permission to assign a block of land to Mrs Elliott proprietrix of the Wallaghaut Estate, without putting it up to Auction.

Wrtn Order

No 1157 – 24th Octr/73.

No. 1157

His Excy the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the grant to Mrs Elliott of the hundred acres of forest land applied for by her subject to the rules relating to such lands but without their being put up to auction.

24 Octr '73

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