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No. 15 Read the following

From,

J. R. Lockerell Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Commissioner Nilgiris

To,

The Secretary to the Board of  
Revenue, Madras

Sir,

Mr. W. G. Wait holds the Mulla-  
noor Coffee Estate in the Coonoor Taluk.  
The Estate is situated North of the  
Coonoor Ghaut Roads. It comprises  
a plot of land formerly the property  
of a Mr. Darling and 7 bullahs or 20 Cawnies  
5 grounds and 1248 square feet of puttah  
land purchased in 1865 from one Mullen  
Kurumbur by the late Reverend W. W. Wait  
of whom Mr. W. G. Wait is a son. The puttah  
land is separated from the Darling  
property by Government grass and scrub  
land

land comprising an area of some 10 acres. Between five and six acres of the puttah land is heavy unfelled forest adjoining the Coonoor Ghaut. In August last year Mr. Wait applied to me proposing to give up this Forest and receive in exchange the 10 acres of grass and scrub above referred to, his object being to consolidate his property. Some correspondence has since passed on the subject. If the Forest puttah land was felled the appearance of the Ghaut Road would suffer, and Mr. Wait proposed to fell unless his offer was accepted.

2. Captain Murray the Forest Officer at my request recently visited the spot. I annex his letter to my address on the subject.

3. Mr. Wait appeared at my Office this morning and produced all his Title Deeds. On comparing the area of puttah land he has now in cultivation with the puttah given his father in 1865 by

by Mr. Grant late Collector of Coimbatore, it was evident that the Forest adjoining the Ghaut Road is included in the puttah.

4. Mr. Wait stated that unless the exchange was made at once and permission granted to him to fell the scrub on the exchanged land, he would lose a year and be a great sufferer. Accordingly I was induced to take the responsibility of making the exchange and of giving Mr. Wait permission to commence operations upon the scrub at once in anticipation of the sanction of Government. I trust that under the circumstances the Board will be pleased to recommend this arrangement to the favourable consideration of the Government.

5. It will be observed from Captain Murray's letter that the scrub is not visible from the Ghaut Road.

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A survey of it will be made in due  
course. I annex a rough sketch of the  
locality.

Commissioner's Office (Signed) J. R. Lockerell,  
Potacamund Commissioner  
12<sup>th</sup> February 1873

Mr. Wait's proposal to give up  
from five to six acres of Forest land on  
the line of the Coonoor Ghaut roads, on  
condition of receiving in exchange 10 acres  
of grass and scrub land situated in  
the middle of his Coffee Estate, is stated  
by the Commissioner and the Forest  
Officer Captain Murray to be advan-  
-tageous to the Government. The Board  
submit the proposed exchange for the  
favourable consideration of Government.

(True Copy & Extract)

H. H. Stokes

Acting Sub Secretary

To,  
The Secretary to Government  
Revenue Department  
with 2 enclosures

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Submitting to Govt. for  
General consideration  
proposal of Mr. W. G. Hunt  
of Madras to give up cer-  
tain forest land now  
belonging to him on condi-  
tion of receiving certain  
grace & rent lands in  
exchange.

Approved.

W. 27 Feb 1873.

1. To the Board of Rev. and March