

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th April 1873.*

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4. These persons, it would appear, had held certain mortgage claims alone on the lands for which the tenants paid them the so-called interest. This or other analogous reason may have led to the levy of the impost by Government.

5. It is quite impossible to ascertain, with any degree of accuracy, what were the principles in each case upon which the interest was fixed. The present holders of these lands having requested permission to redeem the extra charge by paying an equitable sum that may be fixed as representing its original principal, the Acting Sub-Collector recommends that 10 per cent., equal to 10 years' purchase, may be adopted. The parties concerned have agreed to the term.

6. Looking to the comparatively small value of lands at the period the mortgage claim in question is supposed to have been created as well as the rate of interest which appears to have prevailed then in transactions of similar nature, the rate of purchase proposed by the Acting Sub-Collector seems fair and equitable.

7. The aggregate amount now collected as interest is Rupees 52-1-8, which at 10 years' purchase will amount to Rupees 521-0-8. This amount the owners of the lands are willing to pay at once. I have the honour to request that sanction may be accorded to receive the sum in redemption of the existing charge of interest which is peculiar to the three Amshoms above alluded to, and the adjustment of which is frequently sought by the parties concerned.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

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No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1873, No. 400.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government see no sufficient reason for making the concession proposed by the Collector and recommended by the Board of Revenue, and are therefore unable to sanction it.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. Grose
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

7th Apr 1873.
 Rs 864.
 Rs. 400.

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W^m Board of Revenue 8 April

List from
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PROCEEDINGS, 20TH MARCH 1873, NO. 417.
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Received 24th ...
 S. O No 400-729/73
 MARCH.
 NO. 417.

Lands in Koteyom Taluq. — Proposal of Collector of Malabar that holders of certain lands in three Amshoms of Koteyom Taluq, who pay, in addition to ordinary assessment, certain sums called "interest," should be allowed to redeem these payments at 10 years' purchase, submitted for orders of Government.

See in Board of Revenue

I do not see how
 the Govt can sanction
 this for this can be
 and it is "get a
 piece" We cannot
 sanction. Perhaps
 under 25 yrs but also

MS
 I think the bargain is bad
 one 1 ml. ml
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Govt. of {1873} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated April 7th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 7th April 1873, No. 400.

APRIL.

Nos. 50-51.

25-11-82
Certain Lands in Koteyom Taluq, Malabar District.—Proposal of the Board of Revenue to allow their holders to redeem the payments made in addition to their assessment at 10 years purchase, declined.

