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To

The Honorable H. Sudleston
Chief Secretary to Government
Ootacamund

Sir/

Proceedings of the Magistrate of Malabar d/ 13th August 1873

Read letter from Mr J. P. Reid Pavilliund South East Wynaad to the Hon.ble Sudleston Chief Secretary to Govt. Fort St George, dated 25 July 1873.

Read Endorsement thereon by the Chief Secretary to Govt. dated Ootacamund 28th July 1873.

Order thereon

There is no definite charge made against any particular individual by Mr Reid in the aforesaid letter. He simply states might and bonds that the Communities Pannoors &c. of South East Wynaad Corrupt the waters of the streams throughout the locality. He stands ready to lay his complaint before the proper authority in Wynaad under Section 277 or 284 of the Indian Penal Code against any person or persons found Committing the act Complained of.

Sd/ A MacGregor
a Magistrate

From J. P. Reid

To

The Magistrate of Malabar

Sir/ Your Proc. dy 13th August 1873 acknowledging which, I respectfully have to note for your information as well as that of Govt. that my letter to this Office contains a general Complaint and not an individual one and had the latter been the case your suggestion would have been the correct procedure, the nearest being however different Hindu Communities suggestion with little particulars.

2. The pernicious and deleterious practice of corrupting Jungle streams for Cultivation is not a novel one but has been in vogue from time immemorial and is carried on with impunity by

In forwarding the correspondence as per margin, I beg respectfully to explain with reference to my letter to you of the 23 July 1873 to solicit the orders of Govt thereon.

2. The practice of polluting the waters of streams by poison, beyond doubt is highly injurious and deleterious to human constitution especially as from its being used both for drinking and culinary purposes, by the inhabitants of Wynaad besides the impure water finding its way into the low Country, notwithstanding this patent fact, yet the Collector of Malabar considers the matter to be unimportant and allows any letter to lie dormant in the Records of this Office

3 The practice in question prevailed to a Considerable extent in Calicut on such like occasions, the Collector would have been the first to take Cognizance of the Complaint before the proper authority in Wynaad under Section 277 or 284 of the Indian Penal Code for the prevention of the Evil, which the subject been brought forward by any of his subordinates instead of by me I feel certain that it would have met with due Countenance followed by prompt measures.

4 The Collector thus understands that I have my own authority insufficient to check the evil much more do so through the Acts of a Native and Inferior in distance Wynaad being considered within the limits of the District of Malabar Nilgiris and Mysore a Poor Consolation in Calamitous Misfortune, to put down the evil and I accordingly beg to bring the point to the notice of the Govt: by one of the above referred to and papers on the Standard Communications prescribed to the Collector of Malabar the Commissioner would without any hesitation have due Support and opinion. Should Govt request that the Commissioner draw his Counsel on the subject which being of vital importance to our planters they all unanimously are of opinion, that other measures

throughout the whole of the Wynaad, or Cheuals Seegoor, is an alarming & Corruption & loudly calls for
[illegible] Sumtax, & forms himself to the quadrate.
unfortunate, such misdeeds as that Complained of by a for a statement of the Statistical returns of
presenting doubtless imminent risk to public Coffee Exported from Wynaad or Malabar to
health ought not to be tolerated any should be Calicut but that sometimes instead of Cam
put down by the strong arms of the and especially flying with my request before me [illegible]
as little or no benefit is derived by those following for such information to the District Gazette,
the Execution a public Proclamation or Legal which he knows if it had been an object of
salted Enactment, inducting the civil writing the or Superior with would not have been
outcasts of Wynaad, the administration of which humble of working to him and paying postage on
large divided between the Collector of Malabar well both on any letter to him and his Assist
the Commissioner of the Nilgherries and personally to me.
tably the Magistrate also is what is to
While on the Subject I may as well
mind, for it is both unjust and unfair to expect mention that there are no less than seven
private parties to conduct public prosecutions at the applications for waste land lying under
mind of the personal Government and at their own proposed of on the Malabar Collectors office or
at letting the mite consideration the grant that is potential of his Deputy. Some are dated as low
in fourth in Wynaad is not within easy reach back as 1842, and as it has appeared to Government
a superintendent of a couple of Coffee Estates, and had the land or any legal right given to him
the first Complained of is not perpetrated within the two years to
Boundaries of the land Comprising my charges, but pasaging to the Planters who are supposed to
in portions of streams, running far out of my way out Plantations in proper season which when
and through Govt waste land and Shola's traced the Planters with the diligent aid to
hence it is apparent that it is illegal for me to take to await for another year, and further the
any steps in the matter since I cannot substantiate is detrimental to the Govt Revenue which
my charges either for "trespass" or for "pollution" public would have had an increase under the head
Streams the former falls to the ground from my non of Road Cess, Land Tax &c
proprietary right and the latter from my not being To avoid the difficulties Conditions
a public servant within the meaning of the Indian would respectfully solicit the liberty of Encos
Penal Code further the offenders are not one or two Some slight modification to the Rules for
Planters or Coromboo but the whole body of men the Sale of waste Land.
inhabiting Wynaad, indulge and engage them 1. The present rules do not require
in the dangerous sport, thus the offence in question before me, provided as far as I can recollect
cannot be checked by the action of private Individ the Survey and demarcation of land previous
dual or Individuals. Sale &c, it has been usual to require the
3 In forwarding the Returns of applicants be required to forward with their
Wynaad generally, Cleaning or irrigation report application a rough sketch map of the land
is being Collected by me, and will endeavour to with a certain sum as deposit money, bearing
Submit a report to Govt on the Subject, in the to the proportion of the number of acres asked for
interim I request that you will be good enough to and uniform rate per acre, being fixed by the
submit this letter with proper recommendation and Excellency the Governor in Council, to be at the
reply for the orders of His Excellency in Council disposal of the Collector to receive and expend for
with especial reference to my Communication roads &c in connection with the sale. Such amount
dated 25th July 1843. being held to be the deposit price of the land
Sd/ P. J. Isaac applied for, when both the applicant or some
one if any will be able to identify or establish their
rights, as the case may be, and in the event of
No 2342 Collector is satisfied, that no other person
claims in describing the land in the proposed

Malabar Collectors Office
Calicut 24th September 1843.

To
Mr. D. C. Pipe
South East Wynaad
Pavalla

Sir,
Referring to this letter dated

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Sept 27th

Acknowledge

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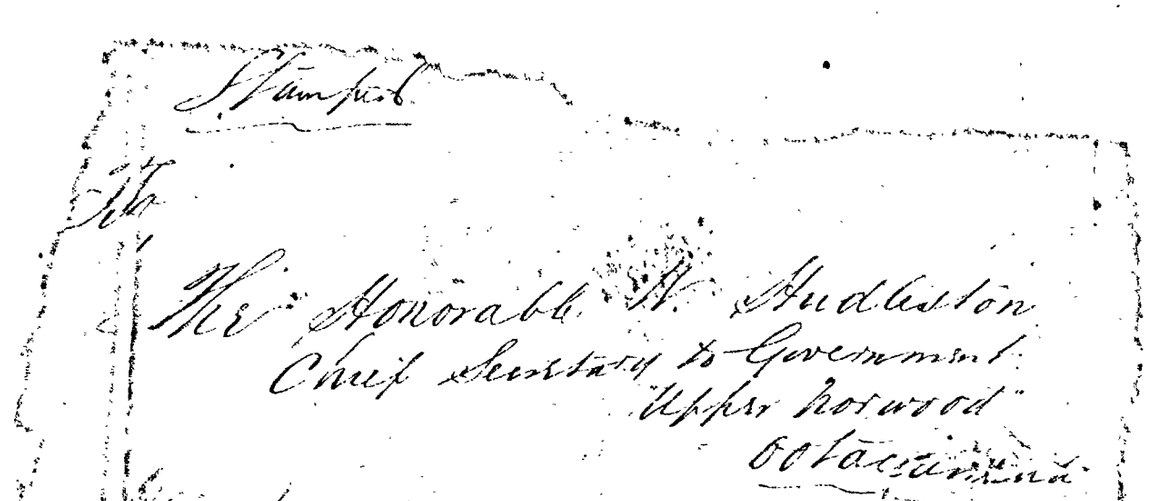
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Stamford
The Honorable W. Huddleston
Chief Secretary to Government
Upper Norwood
Londonderry

Refused to the
Board of Revenue

J. W. Dalyell

Coll. Caithness } Acg. Secretary to Govt
24 Octr 1873 }

Received 28th
Entered & returned 30th October 1873.

J. Grole
Secretary

Revenue

~~Judicial~~ 1873 DEPARTMENT

No. 3374

From Mr P. J. Dias
Dharwar

No.

Dated 15 } Sept. } 1873.
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No. ~~2478~~

S. C. Requests that the Sanitary Journal may be consulted as to the measures existing in the Upper and Lower Steamers plying between Karwar & Goa & suggests some slight modifications of the rules for the sale of waste lands. Mis: No. 55.
8: Dec/73.

Transferred

Transferred by the Revenue Department with reference to Govt Order No 6427 - dated 17 October 1873.

L. Bruce
Chief Secretary

To the Revenue Department.