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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th January 1874.

No 252. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th January 1874, No. 60:—

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 8th December 1873, No. 288:—

THE extirpation of prickly-pear, which if not checked covers in time all unused land, leads me to suggest to the Board of Revenue the expediency of allowing a two-years' cowle to ryots who take up land occupied by it.

2. All good land is already under cultivation, but poorer, stony, sandy, or salt soils will not repay the expense of clearing the pear unless some inducement (and this will even be less than actual cost) be held out.

3. The assessment on such lands is very light, so that the temporary nominal sacrifice of revenue, which, indeed, will not be received unless by some such measure, is not great.

4. It will add much to the appearance of the country if the ryots are induced to increase their holdings and include such barren and hitherto unprofitable patches in their cultivation, and it is the only way to prevent its encroachment, to root it out altogether, for if allowed to remain it spreads over good ground, chokes up lanes and water-courses, and being on no one's land is no one's affair.

THE Board approve the Collector's proposal to grant [illegible] assessment for two years when covered with prickly-pear on condition that the prickly-pear is cleared away within that time.

2. These Proceedings will be submitted for the approval of Government.

No. 253. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1874, No. 130.

[Land Revenue, No. 8.

APPROVED. The order should be made of general application, and, if the Board think fit, a longer period of free tenure may be allowed, the Cactus being such a serious nuisance.

(True Extracts)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated January 29th

Read.

Enclosure

G. O., 29th January 1874, No. 130.

JANUARY.
Nos. 252-253.

Waste Land covered with Prickly-pear (Opuntia dillenii) to be granted free of assessment for two years when cleared away within that time.

Coimbatore.—Approving, with remark, Proceedings of the Board's Proceedings sanctioning the grant of waste land free of assessment for two years when covered with prickly-pear on condition that the prickly-pear is cleared away within that time.

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No. 60.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 15th January 1874.

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THE Board approve the Collector's proposal to grant waste land free of assessment for two years when covered with prickly-pear on condition that the prickly-pear is cleared away within that time.

2. These Proceedings will be submitted for the approval of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

J Grose
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

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JANUARY.

No. 60.

Waste land covered with Prickly-pear.—Proposal of Collector of Coimbatore to grant—free of assessment for two years, on condition that prickly-pear is cleared away within that time, approved. Board's Proceedings, submitted to Government for approval.

No. 130

Approved: the Collector should be made aware of the application &c &c

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Hd Clerk Let a Copy hereof be sent to the Collector of Coimbatore for information. He is also to be informed that the Board's Proceedings are returned herewith.

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