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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th July 1874.*

No. 104.

Dated 13th July 1874, No. 873.

Forests, No. 3.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council has been informed by the Collector of Malabar that a block of land, estimated

to contain 2,000 acres, adjacent to the Walliar Fuel Reserve, the purchase of which was approved in the orders of Government, dated 6th and 20th June 1873, Nos. 578 and 637, is in the market, and may probably be purchased for Rs. 20,000.

2. The tract in question lies to the north and west of the existing reserve; its boundaries are clearly defined by streams; and its acquisition would enable the reserve to be extended up to the banks of the Walliar stream right bank, the Sholacurray forests of Coimbatore being on the opposite or left bank.

3. The general character of the soil is said to resemble closely that of the existing reserve and to be very favorable to the growth of Teak and other timber trees as well as of descriptions fit for railway fuel. The situation as regards proximity to the railway, rain-fall, and access generally, is stated to be very fair, while in the tract there is a considerable quantity of timber more or less valuable, and seedlings of Teak, Vengay, Rosewood, &c., are springing up on all sides.

4. Both the Collector and Inspector of Forests are of opinion that the acquisition of this block would be most advantageous to the State, and as its sale may take place at any moment the Governor in Council is pleased to instruct the Collector to bid

5. The Board of Revenue will report whether the sum required for its purchase can be provided from savings. If not special application for the amount will be made to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Collector of Malabar.
„ the Inspector of Forests.

Exd F. R. Bantleman.

2/83

June 30th

My dear Master.

A few days ago when Campbell
Walker was inspecting the fuel reserves
at Wallgar I showed him a large
block of land, adjoining that purchased
by Govt last year, which is under attachment
of the Kauri pine for Judge Stirling & Co sold
shortly.

I send a memo drawn up by holder
from which it will be seen that the com-
missioners the land well worth 10 Rs
an acre.

The area is not known: but is estimated
by the Govt at 2000 acres. It is probably
very little under that if at all.

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If it is intended to purchase this land I
must have authority at once to go to the
intent of 20,000 Rs. as it may be sold
at a few days notice, in fact it was actually
put up auction about 3 weeks ago
but owing to an irregularity in the
attachment the sale was not confirmed.

I consider myself that the block would
be a most desirable purchase, that no
better site for growth of fuel could
possibly be got, & that the growth of
valuable timber trees on the land such
as Teak & Rosewood is such as to
show a considerable set off against
the expense of growing fuel —

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The position of the block too with reference to
the existing reserve as well as with reference
to the Sholaberry forest in foundation is
such as to render its acquisition very
desirable as considerable inconvenience
stop might arise from it falling into
the hands of native timber speculators
whose operations would be conducted through
our reserves. There would also be great
economy in fencing. Superintendence &c.

owing to the peculiar position of the tract
the jungles in question are the furthest
Eastward of those receiving the full
benefit of the South West monsoon
consequently there is no place where the

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cost of carriage towards the arid tract
of foundation & pickings much as last

Believe me
Yours sincerely
A. C. C. C. C. C.

ment dated 6th 20th June
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From

A. Macgrigor Esq
Collector MalabarDated 30 June 1874
Recd 1 July 1874

Enc. 1.

Submits that a large block of land at Walligar adjoining that purchased by Govt last year is to be sold by a writ of attachment, and requests, for reasons stated, authority to purchase it for 20,000 Rs.

For orders
J. M.C 1st July 1874 R 0th

Memorandum on the proposed purchase of land adjoining the existing Walligar (Malabar) Reserve recently purchased by Govt

Have visited the place and in company with Mr. Macgrigor & Mr. Knox surveyed the boundaries pointed out by the Hill Men, and agreed to by the agent of the neighbouring proprietor. The tract adjoins the existing Reserve lying to the North & West of it, the boundaries are clearly defined by streams and the land is most advantageously situated with regard to the existing Reserve as its acquisition would enable us to extend its limits up the banks of the Walligar Stream right bank - having the Sholacurry Forest of Cannibature on the (ie left) bank - The extent of the land now for sale is estimated as ~~4000~~ ⁴⁵⁰⁰ acres and if any it will be found to be fully justified. From its configuration & the hilly nature of part of the block, it is difficult to form an estimate with any claim to accuracy - The general character of the soil closely resembles that of the existing Reserve & is very favorable to the growth of

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bark, Vengay - Rosewood + other timber trees which
 as of description fit for railway fuel notably the
 A. Lenciphaea (Vel Velam) which appears to
 grow particularly well - The situation with its
 regard proximity to the railway continuity of the
 existing Govt. Forest means of checking clandestine
 felling and rainfall is all that could be
 desired and the means of access are
 very fair compared with most of our forests
 and could be made excellent at comparatively
 little cost - There is already a considerable
 quantity of timber more or less stumpled in the
 block and some of the best has been collected
 and felled by the Native ^{Portuguese} ~~Portuguese~~ ^{Portuguese} ~~Portuguese~~
 who is stated to realise as much as Rs 500 per
 acre for the timber varying from 8" to 12" in diameter
 Seedlings of bark, Vengay - Rosewood &c are
 springing up on all sides although no attempt
 has been made to exclude fires and cattle
 in considerable numbers graze in the forest
 throughout the year -
 On the whole I consider the tract to be a
 very valuable acquisition especially as it
 is situated at what may be called the extreme

limit of the S.W. Monsoon which marks also the
 limit of rapid co-production of timber fuel trees
 and from which we must in great measure look
 for the supply of timber for the local markets to
 the eastward and of the railway as far as
 Combaratore or even Erode -
 I should therefore not hesitate to recommend
 its purchase at any reasonable price
 not to exceed Rs 10 per acre at the price paid
 for the existing Reserve - were it not for the
 recent orders of Govt. regarding the restrictions
 (so called) on the free entry of traders + others
 into the portion of the Anamullay Reserve
 Forest classed as a Reserve and the general
 principles enunciated in the G.O. on that subject
 which it is of course my duty to carry out and
 which seem to deprecate any attempt at Govt.
 interference on the part of officers charged
 with the conservation of Forests, even when local
 measures have been carefully considered +
 have the approval of the Collector of the District
 Board of Revenue - If portions of the Forest can
 be closed from time to time for conservation
 + co-production, necessary + recognised rights of
 the people left unmolested with, I cannot see
 any ground for + to any expense either in the

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in lease or lease of private lands, or attempting to
 - surround in their own, which, under the conditions
 opened, cannot fail to give absolute & complete satisfaction.
 Mr. Macgregor has pointed out some of the differences
 - between the Malabar system and those in most
 other Districts that there are no communal
 rights & that the private proprietors from whom we
 may lease or purchase forest lands claim & possess
 an undoubted right, which we have transferred to us,
 to close the forests wholly or in part to man & beast.
 This is undoubtedly the case but the same holds
 with regard to the Nambidaya forest land by
 on the arrangements in which Govt have first
 said that they do not intend to exercise any such
 rights, even when strongly recommended to do so by
 the Forest Officer & the Collector, in order to prevent
 improve some of the finest timber forests in the
 Presidency, leased for a considerable sum with
 a view to their preservation & systematic working.
 I presume that Govt do not wish to enforce restrictions
 in purchased forests which they deprecate & forbid
 in leased tracts or State forests even although
 the restrictions might not be so severely felt in
 one place as another. Any proper Forest Commission
 must interfere with the customs of the people, as
 it has in all countries, and time alone can prove
 to them that it is for the good & welfare of the

population so large that they are concerned
 enforced - Govt are & have been exclusively
 every day to the planters & others who the
 heritate to enforce themselves for the undoubted
 benefit of the country in the preservation of the
 forests -
 The question is too large to be argued in this manner
 - random which, besides, has merely reference
 to the question of the advisability of seizing the
 present opportunity of acquiring this valuable
 Forest property - an opportunity not likely to
 occur again.
 As I have said, I should not hesitate to recommend
 it were I convinced that Govt were determined
 really to initiate & carry out a system of
 Forest Commission such as is being matured
 & enforced throughout the rest of India,
 irrespective of the personal predilection of
 individual Officers of the Revenue Dept. who
 may be in charge of Districts, and therefore
 not liable to be changed from time to time
 failing this or in the face of the recent order
 of Govt the Madras Govt which seem to point in
 the other direction. I cannot recommend any
 expenditure on this or any other account.
 Campbell

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market even doubly for the
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Capt. Louis White Walker.

in the orders of Govern-
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India under the
 circumstances, would make
 a supplementary grant. The
 land if purchased would be
 of course released, as the
 rest of the tract, which is
 owned by the State.

J. S. [Signature]
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Capt Campbell Walker states
 was distinctly that he has not
 returned his purchase money
 yet. He will abandon to the
 Government in respect of his
 purchase of land. He is known
 (as understood) that there
 are no provisions yet -
 they can not be with
 what we have determined

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FOR ORDERS.

Not to interfere in the case, to
which he refers: so that I do not
know how he makes out his analogy.

Not to interfere in other (cases)
should hesitate to purchase. It is
very to preserve certain facts

in order ^{specific} purposes, not a cool
unfettered mind; Another
to make sort a purchase of land

for the purpose of carrying on a
speculative trade in timber. If we are

to do this, why did we not also ^{send}
C. J. R. 55 ^{for the same} interest

He has already been dealt
a considerable tract of land
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the rail way for timber - and then

Heck, he is being valiantly
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else land in the whole being for.

But this has to -
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the block ^{10/8/73} & strictly reserve it.

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6.7. He cannot have land in Malabar & I purchase - This is intended for a public purpose of a special character & I am above the purchase.

I agree with R.R. that the land should not become the property of the Government - or monopolies of the land - this is the object of the Bill now before the Govt of India - But this is a direct and reasonable case. As far as is possible + conserve of M

hardly means, I think, that if here - as on the Annamallays - any body that wishes may enter the tract there can have any in Malabar and it is useless to keep the land. As I have already wrote in the case of the Annamallays there are no communal or other rights there or here - but I am in the minority of this question. I would certainly buy

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Budget? If not & if
it cannot apply savings
from the Budget he
had better apply at times

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The B^d of Rev.
" Coll^r of Malabar
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