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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th January 1875.*

No. 114. Read the following despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India :—

Revenue,
No. 27.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
26th November 1874.

My Lord,—I forward herewith, for the consideration of your Excellency in Council, a memorial which Mr. Fawcett, M.P., has been requested to present to the House of Commons by certain holders of Jennom lands in British Cochin.

2. The gravamen of the complaint is that the valuation which was made in the first instance by local arbitrators, and on which the present arrangement is founded, was much exaggerated. The memorialists urge that they had no voice in the selection of the "local arbitrators," and they contend that, on a valuation which was first fixed at more than Rs. 4,18,000, then reduced to Rs. 1,93,000, and finally to Rs. 1,63,000, no just reliance can be placed.

3. I desire that a careful inquiry may be instituted on this subject, and that I may be furnished, at an early date, with an expression of the opinion of your Lordship in Council on the questions at issue. I also desire that it may be stated whether, in the arrangements which have been sanctioned or which may hereafter be proposed, the improvements effected by the capital and labor of the occupants have been duly taken into account.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) SALISBURY.

His Excellency the Right Honorable
The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

No 115. ORDER THEREON, 12th January 1875, No. 53.

Land Revenue, No. 6.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue, with instructions to cause a careful inquiry to be made on the subject, and to submit an early and full report on the several points adverted to.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Encl. F. B. Baatleman.

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My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

Salisbury

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Revenue

20th Nov. 1874

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Letter to Fort George

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E. I.
Secy to Govt
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Forwarding for enquiry,
and report on certain points, a memorial from
certain holders of peasant lands in British
Bihar, complaining that the valuation, which was
made in the first instance by local authorities, and
on which the present assessment is founded, was
much exaggerated.

C. M.

12 January 1875

To the Secy of Oer
12 Jan 75

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With order