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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Revenue DEPARTMENT

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No. 125. Read the following despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary
of State for India:—

Revenue,

No. 13.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,

29th April 1875.

My Lord, — I forward herewith, for the consideration of your Excellency in
Council, copy of a letter addressed to me

12th April 1875.

by Mr. J. W. Dykes, formerly a member
of the Madras Civil Service, in which he draws attention to what he regards as the
objectionable practice of putting up the pasture lands in the district of Nellore to
auction.

2. I desire that your Lordship in Council will cause some inquiries to be
instituted relative to the practice which Mr. Dykes condemns, and place me in posses-
sion of your opinion on the subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) SALISBURY.

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

Enclosure No. 1.

From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., to the Secretary of State for India, dated Corishbrunnob, Pit-
lochry, N.B., 12th April 1875.

Some years ago I requested a reconsideration of an order passed by the Home Government
on the pasture lands of the district of Nellore
in the Presidency of Madras. And my letter*

* 14th June 1871.

was forwarded for the perusal of the Government of Madras, as the question seemed of such
consequence to breeders of stock.

2. The order had accorded the sanction of the Secretary of State to the introduction of
annual auctions by which those who owned cattle were denied security of tenure.

3. And the Madras Government having been pleased to have an enquiry made, the Collec-
tor of the district reported that the system was intensely unpopular, was hateful to the people,
and that they should be allowed to hold at fixed rates.

4. Further inquiry was made by the Senior Member of the Board of Revenue. The
result has been the same.

5. Nevertheless, the pasture lands of the district are to be put up to auction this year
again apparently, as no order has as yet been published for the abolition of a system twice con-
demned by competent authority.

6. On the other hand, I learn from the *Madras Weekly Mail* of the 6th ultimo that the
Home Government, in their Annual Statement of the Progress of India for 1872-73, have been
pleased to notice with approval the beneficial effects of the Cattle Shows held in this district, and
have been further pleased to associate my name with these results.

7. I need, however, scarcely state, for your Lordship's information that in such a matter
every effort on my part, as the Collector of the district, to carry out the views of Government
would have been of little use, had not the ryots, the owners of the cattle, gradually laid aside the
usual feelings of distrust, and given me their hearty co-operation.

8. They set an excellent example, and have well earned the favorable consideration of
Government in any matters affecting their interests as owners and breeders of stock.

9. And I therefore, do myself the honor to bring the case of these ryots, — the ryots of the
district of Nellore, — to your Lordship's notice, in the hope that further delay may thus be avoided.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th June 1875.*

in the abolition of a system recently introduced, twice condemned after careful inquiry, and only too likely to be "hateful" to the ryots when it has for several years deprived them of security of tenure, and placed them at the mercy of any ill-disposed neighbour, or local authority, whose honesty is not proof against the temptation of increasing his yearly income by suggesting that it should be made worth his while to make the auctions sale.

No. 126.

ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1875, No. 919.

Miscellaneous

COMMUNICATED to the Board of
Revenue who will be good enough to
expedite their further report on these

pasture lands (G. O., 3rd November 1874, No. 1,320, paragraph 26).

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Commissioner Pitlochry & B.

April 12, 1875

The Secretary of State for India.

My Lord,

Four years ago I requested a reconsideration of an order passed by the Madras Government and the District of Village in the Presidency of Madras. And my letter was forwarded for the perusal of the Government of Madras and the question seemed of such consequence to the Government of Madras.

The Government had acceded to the suggestion of the Secretary of State, to the introduction of a new system by which those who owned cattle were denied security of tenure.

And the Madras Government having been pleased to have an inquiry made, the Collector of that District reported that the system was extremely unpopular, was hostile to the people, and that they should be allowed to hold it as before.

Further inquiry was made by the Senior Member of the Board of Revenue and the result has been the same.

Yours faithfully,
M. S. P. Pitlochry & B.

GOVT. OF INDIA

REVENUE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

13 June 1875

Per P. S. P.

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Yours
T. W. B. Dykes

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the Auctioneer's sale.

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Yours
T. W. B. Dykes

Copy Letter from Mr. Dykes
dated 12th April 1875.

Rev 13/1875

Referred to in Revenue Letter
number 13, dated 29th April 1875

Revenue

No 13.

12th April 1875

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The Right Honorable
The Governor in Council
Fort St. George

India Office, London
29th April 1875

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I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships most obedient
humble servant

John Grey

Revenue

29th April 1875

The
Letter to Fort St. George
No 13.

Recd 31: May 1875

Faint copy of a letter from Mr
J. M. Dykes, late M. C. S., drawing attention to
what he regards as the objectionable practice of putting up
the pasture lands in Nelson N. to auction, and desiring
that some enquiries may be instituted relative to the practice
condemned by Mr Dykes, and an opinion on the subject
forwarded.

order No 719
Communicated to the
Board of Revenue who
will be good enough to
expedite their further
report on these pasture
lands (G.O. 3rd Nov. 74 No 1396
para 26.)

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The Public Officer
24 June 1875
Recd at Fort 22nd May 1875