Revenue (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 153

DATED 10th January 99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording B. P prescribing the conditions on which Mr Middle may be allowed to retain possession of three acres of Sholá land in the Anamalais which he had unauthorized occupied.

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 8588

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From

The Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue,
Madras.

Forest No. 826 Misc.

Order ~~mp~~ No 153 8/10th Jan 1899.

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To the Board: LR. Dd. 12-1-99.

Note In G.O 317 & 11.5.97 the Govt sanctioned the grant to Mr Windle of 10 acres of grass land on the Anamalais; but & before this grant was sanctioned Mr Windle had unauthorizedly occupied 3 acres of Shola land, which unauthorized occupation the Board now sanctions, subject to certain conditions. The question whether these 3 acres should be exclusive of the 10 acres granted in G.O 317/11.5.97 will no doubt be submitted to the Govt

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Dated 12th. December 1898.

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Enclosures —

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SUBJECT.

Passing orders on Mr. Windle's appeal petition regarding his unauthorized occupation of certain land on the ---- Anamalais, Coimbatore District.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

(Land Revenue)

Forest No. 826 Misc., dated 12th. December 1898.

Read petition from E.G.Windle Esquire, Kotagiri, dated 19th October 1898 appealing against the order of the Collector of -- Coimbatore to abandon his house &c situated in the forest part at Paralai, Anamalai Hills.

And Forest Reference thereon to the Collector of Coimbatore,--- dated 25th. October 1898, No. 404.

Also endorsement of H.A.Gass Esq, Ag.Conservator of Forests,--- Southern Circle, dated 21st. November 1898,No. 1374 of 1898-99 on letter from J.A.Cumming Esq.,Ag.Collector of Coimbatore,dated 11th.November 1898, Ref.on No.251 of 1898-99.

RESOLUTION:-

Mr.E.G.Windle of Kotagiri having applied for 25 acres of a large plot of grass land on the Anamalais for the -- purpose of building cooly lines and other sheds required in --- connection with coffee planting in forest lands leased from ---- Government, Mr.Bradley,Collector of Coimbatore recommended that Mr.Windle and other lessees of forest lands on the Anamalais should be permitted to take up grass lands for special purposes of this description up to a maximum of 20 acres in each case at an easy annual rental of 8 annas per acre. The Collector's proposals were approved by the Board in its Proceedings Forest No. 1647 Mis:dated 19--12--1896. This approval was, however, subsequently withdrawn with reference to G.O.No.101 Rev:dated 16-2-97; but Mr.Windle was allowed as a special case 10 acres of grass - land in G.O.No.317 Rev:dated 11-5-97 for an initial price of Rs.5 per acre, and for an annual full rate of assessment of Rs.2 per acre to be collected for the first and succeeding years of the lease. In the meantime, in February 1897, Mr.Windle occupied 3 acres of shola land instead of grass land alleging that he was compelled to take this step owing to the previous camping of -- two Europeans on the grass land.

G.O. 101 16.12.97

2. The major portion of this area was used by him for nurseries. In May 1898, Mr.J.A.Cumming, Ag.Collector of Coimbatore, took exception to Mr.Windle's action on the ground that the occupation of the land was unauthorized and objectionable and that the use of a large portion of it for coffee nurseries, for which poonac was used as manure, threatened the purity of the adjacent Paralai stream. In para 5 of - its order No.317 Rev:dated 11-5-1897, Government directed the Collector to reserve carefully all halting and camping grounds. The ground near the Paralai stream being the most frequented camping ground on the Anamalais, the Ag.Collector directed Mr.Windle to vacate the land before 15th.November 1898. Against this order of the Ag.Collector, he now appeals to the Board.

3. The Board agrees with the Collector and the Conservator in considering that the occupation of the forest land by Mr.Windle was irregular and unauthorized; but as pointed out by the Conservator, the B--- Board has no reason to doubt the good faith of Mr.Windle, as he appears to have reported his entry at once evidently considering that no objection would be taken to his action and the Collector Mr.Bradley, took immediate steps to procure the evacuation of the land so occupied. Seeing, however, that he has been the pioneer of coffee venture on the Anamalais and that he has spent a large sum on the -- buildings on the land already occupied by him, the Board is willing to permit Mr.Windle as an act of grace to retain possession of the area, he has unauthorizedly occupied subject to the following conditions:-

(i) An initial price of Rs.50 per acre should be paid on the area -- occupied, instead of the rate of Rs.5 sanctioned in para 3 of G.O. No.317 Rev:dated 11-5-1897;

(ii) The area must be demarcated effectively by Mr.Windle.

(iii) The building which Mr.Windle says, is used as a grain store -- should be removed;

(iv) The use of the land as nurseries should be given up;

(v) No more buildings should be erected on the land without obtaining the previous authority of the Collector;

(vi) A clear strip of 20 ft. should be reserved along the bank of -- the stream.

4. The Collector is requested to report whether the 3 acres of land

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for occupying which permission is now granted should not be deducted from the 10 acres of land allowed to Mr.Windle in the Government --- Order quoted above.

5. The Collector's query in para 11 of his letter is answered in the affirmative. He is requested first to issue a circular to the planters concerned pointing out clearly and precisely the provisions of the Stamp and Court Fees Act which bear on the subject.

(True Extract)

Lorell Thornton

Ag.Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore with one file returned.

,, ,, Conservator of Forests, S.C.

,, ,, Mr.E.G.Windle with the enclosures to the petition returned.

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