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From

Commissioned Office
Cotacamund 13 Oct / 76

J. R. Cockerell Esq
Commissioner Nilgiris

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Cotacamund

Sir

Official Memorandum No 76
dated 25 April 1876 from your Office
inquires the number of Toda Mounds
on the Nilgiris. The number of Cattle
kept by the Todas and whether the
Todas pay any and what grazing
tax

2. According to Board's Proceedings
No 2831 dated 12 May 1863 there were
in that year 79 Mounds. Each mound
under this Order has fifty Acres of land
round it on which a tax of 2 Annas
per Acre is levied.

3. Three thousand and eighty five

five and a half Acres are thus assigned
This area does not give the prescribed
area to each of the 7000 persons. The
Survey of the Hills is now proceedings
and no doubt it will modify the
above figures as regards grounds and
assigned lands.

4. The rights of the Lodas are
first referred to in Minutes of Consulta-
-tion dated 6th October 1835. This
Order permits the Lodas to hold any
lands they choose notwithstanding
applications from Cultivators provided
they pay one fourth of the assessment
chargeable on Cultivation. The system
was afterwards modified and a Cattle
Tax was charged instead.

5. Finally by a despatch dated
3rd June 1843 No 13, The Honorable
Court of Directors ruled in Para 7 that
although the Lodas claim the whole
Will

Will Plaitrow, "From a consideration of
the universally acknowledged rights of
the Government on subject to uncultivated
lands as well as of the peculiar circumstances
of the case under discussion we cannot
admit the existence of any such
proprietary right in the soil on the
part of the Lodas as can in any
way interfere with the right of Govern-
-ment to permit parties willing to
pay the full assessment to bring it
under the plough."

6. The Lodas receive '3.15 Rs per
Annua from Government in com-
-pensation for restricted grazing rights
under Government Order 11th November
1851 No. 1122

I have the honor to be
your most Obedt Servt

Wm Currie
Commissioner

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Mr. Linn

Mr. Linn
to the Secretary
of the Government

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