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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th July 1875.*

No. 304. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th June 1875, No. 1,778, Forest No. 119:—

Read the following letter from Captain CAMPBELL WALKER, Officiating Inspector of Forests, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 29th May 1875, No. 127:—

In forwarding a letter, No. 39, dated 27th April, from the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, regarding an application for a piece of forest land near Neddivattam, I have the honor to state that I cannot advise the application being complied with.

2. The shola is a very fine one running up to the crest betwixt Neddivattam and the Ouchterlony Valley, and it will probably be deemed advisable to enter it on the reserve list both on account of its picturesque effect on a main line of road and climatic considerations.

3. The District Forest Officer reports that, if cleared, it would form an excellent site for an Eucalyptus plantation, and suggests that, pending the selection of Government reserves on the hills, which it is proposed to carry out under the new waste land rules at present under consideration in accordance with G.O., No. 1,102, dated 28th August 1874, the application should be refused, Mr. Lowrey's name being registered as the first applicant and his claim given priority in the event of the land not being placed in the reserved list on the publication of the waste land rules.

4. I beg to support this view and to recommend its adoption.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 27th April 1875, No. 39.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the orders of Government, an application for forest land near Neddivattam made by Mr. Lowry of Wynaad.

2. The enclosed sketch will show the situation of the land. The new Goodalore Ghaut runs through the land and divides it into two blocks. There are fifty acres of heavy forest on the application.

3. The Forest Officer reports that, except to preserve it as a picturesque feature of that locality, the reservation is not sought for any departmental purpose.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.— Sketch.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board are of opinion that the application should be rejected altogether.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th July 1875.*

No. 305.

ORDER THEREON, 28th July 1875, No. 1,137.

Forests, No. 16.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council does not consider that sufficient ground has been shown for rejecting this application.

2. The land adjoins the high road from Ootacamund to Wynaad; and, as it is probable that applications for the land have been withheld owing to the impression that it had been decided to reserve these areas, ample notice should be given of the intention to submit the block to competition.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Officiating Inspector of Forests.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

C. No 2575 of 1875

Board of Revenue
Dated 28 June 1875
No 1778

Forest land near Neddivattam in the Nilgiris -
Considering that suitable ground has been
shown for rejecting Mr. Lowry's application for
certain - and directing the issue of a notice
of the rejection of Government to enjoin the
block to competition.

NO. 304-305

Memo G. O. 24 August 1875
No 2916

GOVT. OF INDIA
REVENUE
THE BOARD OF REVENUE
Nilgiris

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(True Copies and Extract.)

H. E. Stokes
Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with sketch to be returned.

Copy to the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
.. to the Inspector of Forests.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

of dense Forest on the sides
of Trunk lines of road
and to assist the settling
up of a wild country like
the Todanaad.

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that applications for the
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1. To the Board of Revenue
1. The Offg. Inspector of Forests

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for forest land near
Kinnawattum. Kelowna

I do not raise the question
of the effect of wood on
the hill streams - or on
the rainfall. It is a
question upon which
scientific men differ - and
I think that it is unnecessary
or as to dogmatize.

I do not think the question
of the timber has delayed
the allotment of land.

We have ourselves in-
vented a clumsy system
for this purpose, instead
of trusting the local
officers the Commissioners
with the disposal of

which it has been the
view of former Govts
~~expensive~~ to afford,
should be continued.
I would not wantonly
give up ^{all} Sholas for
destruction. I would treat
these cases specially —

There is plenty of other
land for the planters.
~~and~~ I would inform the
Commissioners that this is
the wish of the Govt, &
ask him to protect Sholas
within a certain radius
of the Stations. —

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Hill Sholas and more
local interest. He is
meddling meddling and
obstructive.

I am very anxious to
bring this matter most
earnestly before my
Honble. Colleagues. These
difficulties that lie in
the way of obtaining a
piece of the extensive
unoccupied waste on these
Hills (so well suited for
European & East Indian
occupation) are little
creditable to our adminis^{tration}.
Have we not sighed & sighed
over the tale of dilatoriness
& obstructiveness which
have

have reached us? Are
we not seeking to remove
these difficulties and
impediments?
Shall we not then pass
from generalities & theories
and comfort individual
cases as they arise and
be thankful to get
offers? Mr Liddell
was nearly a year in
getting permission to
commence an Estate
on the Koorndahs. And
an Experienced Planter
on these Hills who has
just returned from
England tells me that
several men applied

to

Whim at Home for advice
about settling up their sons
on the Neilderry Hills - Each
ready to send out £2000 to
3000 Capital for investment
on agricultural enterprise
- but he had, he tells me,
to discourage them on
the ground that the
acquisition of land is now
so difficult & slow & the
rules throw such
uncertainty on the whole
thing that he advised
them to send their sons
& money elsewhere - saying
the loss of someone such
opportunity is to be sorely
regretted. I would remove
the obstructions at once.

12/7 1862

Wm. H. H. H.

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For Order

McLoughlin & Co.
for To be paid
near the Delaware State
Hulpan

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waste land. I shall
cordially join in a measure
for simplifying the
process.

I would call on the
Commr. for the Rates which
I understand he has
prepared with this
object. R.V.

13/July/75

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2875

From B^d of Rev.

Dated

28 June

1875.

FOR ORDERS.

Shd not grant the
land. R.V.

I wd do as re-
commended by

Capt. Walker

Revenue decision

R.V.

I would comply
with this application
(not put up) unless

there is some more
reasonable ground
for refusing the
Commissioner's re-
commendation that

As H.L. the Govt. is so
strongly in favor of
compliance with this
application. Shd not
be taken objection to

if he granted them.

Capt. Walker in
aesthetic & climatic
fancies - Our very object
should be to clear away
dense forest on the sides
of our trunk lines and
to encourage the settling
up a wild country like
the Todorua - the
Madroattan neighborhood
in particular - by any
means in our power.

The idea of placing a
Govt. Eucalyptus plant
station out at Madroattan
savors of waggon.

I cannot approve
of the proposal to register
and all the rest of it
- putting off the applicant
Entry

Land being put
up at auction &
sold to the highest
bidder - but I
am by no means
convinced that the
removal of the
hills of natural
forest will not
produce mischievous
climatic results.
I am not convinced
Sept. if we leave them
nothing to conserve
may as well be at home
or restricted to planting
operations in the immediate
vicinity of the Stations
Within an Install
interdict that aesthetic
considerations will

be absolutely ignored
in disposing of public
for land. I must
for I have heard
them worthy of attention
& I am of opinion that
they may be allowed
to be bright.

Features of great
natural beauty are
things to be guarded
not unnecessarily
destroyed. There is plenty
of land on the hills &
the grant of it to one
I suggest any objection.
If the land is to be
it will be well advised
for a sufficient number
of people.

Entry till the Greek Calendar
It is this sort of thing that
is proving the ruin of
would be better. They
have to live about on
their Capital in idleness
while some Govt. officers
are drawing and some
are obstructing

I would grant the
application of put up the
land to auction - out at
Madroattan the applicant
will not have to pay much,
and will prefer getting
the land soon to waiting
till a revision of rules
is made - which will take
years perhaps to carry
through all its stages
In the meantime

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Two Lemings of
I would earnestly recommend
that, if the opinion of the
Inspector of Forests is needed
on these local matters,
(which I think is not
the case) it be submitted
through the Commissioner
of the Board & that he
should no longer, as now,
sit in judgment on a
purely local matter over
the Commissioner.

But as before said
I would not refer to the
Inspector about local
matters or allow him
to intervene between
Government or the Board
and their Conservator
and Commissioner (with
his local forest) about
it all.

FOR ORDERS.

Mr Lemings application
for fresh land near
Kerrville - 1894

I do not wish to oppose
the wish of H. C. the Governor
especially as my honorable
colleague is willing to
^{I would, therefore} yield - Let this particular
piece of land be put
up to Auction -

I quite agree with Mr
Huddleston that the
moderate protection,
of the most beautiful
feature of the hill scenery