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I hold that the
grievance is throughout
substantial and that
at least here the - Army
mind more than doubtful-
policy of the low Country
should not be applied
and assessment raised
by what the Revenue Secretary
describes as a "circuitous
process". I agree that
this is the effect but I think
that the process goes
further - that it removes
from possession (to use
the mildest expression)
property which belongs
probably

probably from time
immemorial to the Petitioners.

As accordingly the
Government is entitled
to a share of the Crops
grown on a man's
holding or Estate under
ancient Indian usages
and the Common law of the
Country, modified & varied as respect by Land Tax Rules the basis -
Customary usage fairly
inferred with its usual
practical justice and
wisdom that the owner
of a holding in the long
run knows on the average
pretty well what to do
with his own land, where
to raise crops, and where
to fallow, and where the
prospects of season admit
of Extension or require
Restriction of agriculture
and for long the Equitable

wrak.

wise and liberal policy
of the State followed the
ancient usage. A reasonable
holding was respected
and fallows permitted.

A decade or two
back, what I would venture
to call the Serf theory set-
in, and a policy of an
almost Confiscatory
character was adopted
as respects landholders
who were unprotected
by permanent Sanad.
Patamar, Jemmon, Inaam
or Swam titles - these
happily could not be
resisted - But landholders
who came under the
Ryotwari Category have
met with the treatment
as I conceive. Here in
Every landholder had

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probably from time
time Levi Alleyed, by the
heavy charge made as
land-tax on his entire
holding whether he
cultivates it or not-
with some moderate
discretionary power to
the Collector - to abandon
portions of his (perhaps
long ancestral) holding
which he cannot cultivate
from sound agricultural
or other reasons, in any
year, or to pay full tax
as if a bumper crop
had been there to share
with the government - the
operation is delicately
called relinquishment.
Naturally landowners
are unprepared to place
large portions of their property
at the forced disposal of
the

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the public or of the first
man who pleases to take
advantage of their
misfortune, and they
rather pay full tax on
fallows by than submit.

I myself have always
doubted alike the Equity
and policy of this measure
and its agricultural prudence
although in California a
screw of the kind is being
applied for the disinherited
of the ancient Spanish
Estates and is rejoiced
over by Yankees who jump
their properties. As an
agricultural question
~~to intensive culture~~ this
plan may be shortsighted
in this country. Cultivation
is forced where fallows
would

would be wise, and
Exhausted Lots are used
to pay an assessment that
is of questionable benefit
to the State; for agriculture
is not so advanced in
most part as to be able
to bear the pressure
of such an arrangement.

Be this however as
it may; I gather that
within the last few years
the Commissioner has in
introduced the same
System, without reference
to Government, in the case
of the poor Kotars of the
Hills & no doubt of the
Berghers also. This, is
accompanied by the forest
of the woodlands, may
to be allowed

Stagnation of Cultivation
on these poor Soils. And
I confess that the question
arises in my mind in
Ceylon? Is Native
Agriculture in the Kotas
Villages of the Hills in the
Stage to which the strict
reasoning from the altered
different Conditions of
England or Even of the
Low Country applies? Why
make fallows impossible?
Who wants the land for
Ceaseless Exhaustion?

I should myself
recommend that at least
for the present matters
be placed Status quo ante
— and Kotters allowed
to keep their holdings on
the quasi permanent
assessment they paid
before

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before

Obvious all roads should be paid for. The claim had appeared & to not been pressed while treatment was liberal but now it has

It might be well to refer the Commissioners report for report

24/7 . 1861

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FOR ORDERS.

Revenue Department.

No. 4111

Rec'd 17-10-76 & R. 619.

From Sec: Bd. of Rev:

Dated 25: Sep: 1876

FOR ORDERS.

I don't think that any thing can be done — Compensation has been made & any remain to be directed at the discharge

As regards the assessment — part of the general system adopted for the Hills — and can scarcely be changed now — the policy of 1864 was the "European" policy — the proposed resumption of rent free lands & the use of the Malgoozary tribes will palliate the grievance but the System cannot now be changed but their grazing will be considered in any revision of waste land rules

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Bd 17/10/76

to Govt & Hon Secy

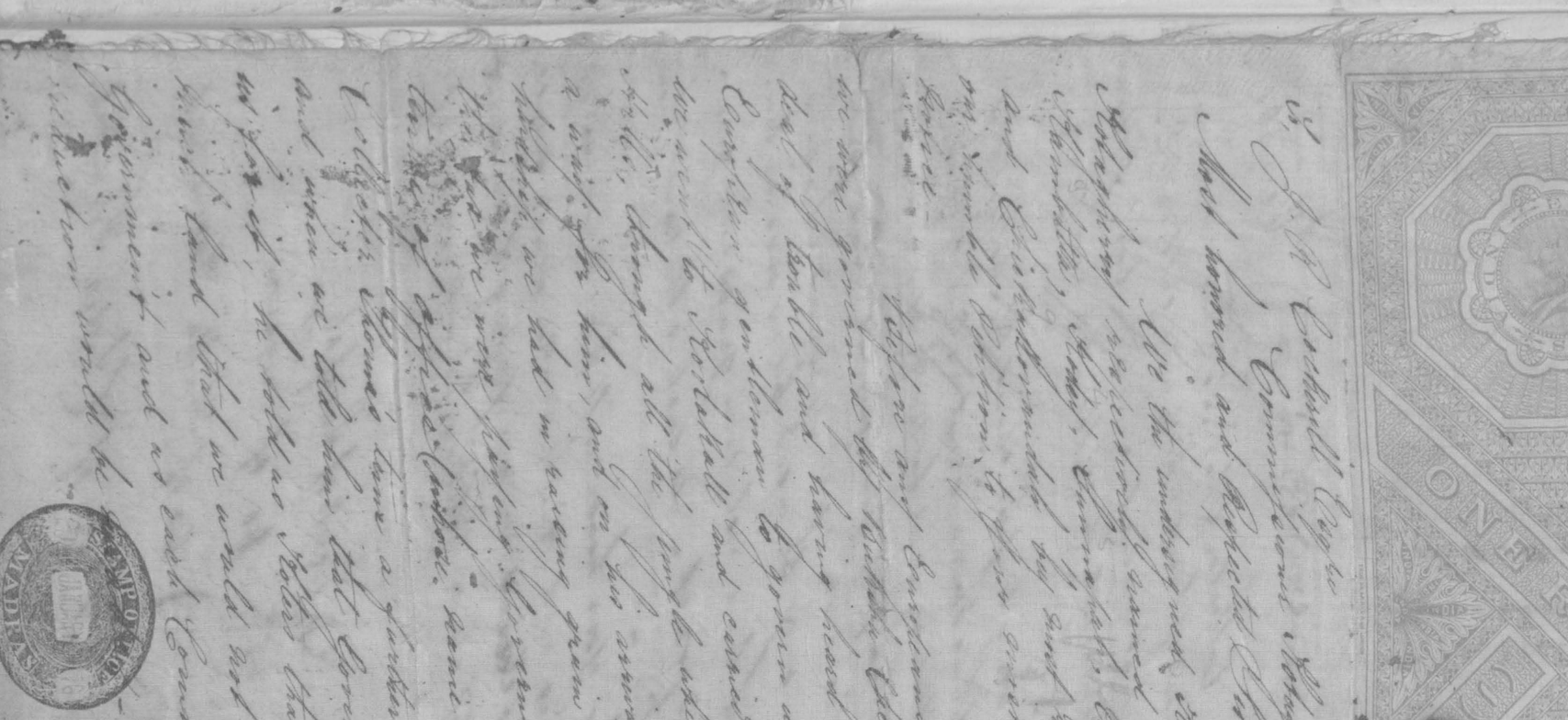
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I would suggest that Govt be moved to move to enquire

Better not promise but hear the case the Board will

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Enclosure 6 to Despatch No 73 dated 16th September 1876 to the Board of Revenue

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has no power to alter the rate of assessment on which land is held —

Vendor

Your honor in the said Collector Thomas that we were only taxed for that portion of land which was cultivated but such is not the case at present since the last fifteen years we are paying Government for Cultivated as well as Uncultivated land

We further beg to bring to your charitable notice that boundary stone extends over a great tract of ground hills and the road that is used by the Public is enclosed in it and we are obliged to pay Government tax for such land, even that portion of our Ground which is under Cultivation can only be used by us once in two years and during that time not even grass will grow on it and we are taxed for it - As such is the case, how are we poor people to live -

We therefore by your honor will have compassion on your poor Petitioners and Kindly make some small reduction in the present taxes we are paying Government for which act of charity your petitioners will ever pray

+ Head of Moorambai
+ Ditto of Kowindah
Do of Kambatta
Do of Kodey

Head of Sinapah
Do. of Singara
Do of Kalla Korumbah
Do of Chicka Korumbah

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Particulars of Pattahs issued to Ryots of Kotagherry on Patungandi with reference to the measurement found by recent Survey

Name of Pattahdar			As per Survey Accounts								Extent previous to Survey	Revenue paid previous to Survey			
No.	Name	Division No.	Particulars of Land	No.	Name.	Acres	Sec	Class	Jaram	Jummabundy					
43	Kavoor Khan Sultan	A	201	Malasalamara Punjah		98	3		5 11	5 11					
15	Kalla Kurumban (continued)	D	72	Kundula Japana Mara Mara Punjah		2	54	3	15 3	15 3					
						136	62		52 7 9	49 7 4	40	47	14	2	3
68	Kugaran	A	219	Nellimara		7	10	3	2 10 1	2 10 1					
		B	77	Yettu Kadavu		1	91	4	7 10	7 10					
		B	165	Savai Nadu Punjah		2	10	3	12 7	12 7					
		B	103	Imlier Kali		3	90	1	2 7	2 7					
		B	103	Kittu Kodala Punjah		5	85	4	1 7 7	1 7 7					
		B	103	Sulangi Punjah		9	73	3	3 10 4	3 10 4					
		D	64	Sa Kida Mara		4	03	4	1 2	1 2					
		D	71	Koomara Mandi Punjah		12	09	4	3 5	12 4					
						46	71		15 8	13 3 8	23	64	7	9	3
62	Todda Kambatten	A	306	Yapalla Kodal Yambar Bettoo Punjah			68	3	1 4 1	1 4 1					
		B	120	Aduva Kombai		16	94	3	6 5 8	6 5 8					
		B	103	Iglai Mara Punjah		7	78	3	2 14 8	2 14 8					
		B	103	Kumbala Kallali		7	78	2	3 14 3	3 14 3					
		B	103	Belli Kollah Punjah		1	95	2	15 7	15 7					
		B	161	Kottu Bekai		11	21	3	4 3 3	4 3 3					
		B	25	Anni Punjah Koda Li Kundu Kola		32	85	3	12 5 1	12 5 1					
		D	89	Bendalu Mara Kosi Kottu Bekai Mara Kundu Kola		26	78	3	10 8	10 8					
		D	71	Kattu Punjah		22	14	4	5 8 7	1 6 2					
		D	67	Kuppalla Kori Kunni du Kola		12	54	3	4 11 3	4 11 3					
						140	65		51 3 12	47 8	41	29	14	12	4
63	Kurumban	A	252	Kari Punjah		17	96	3	6 11 9	6 11 9					
		B	134	Savanadu Punjah		24	42	4	6 1 9	6 1 9					
		B	134	Amanattuk		12	21	3	4 9 3	4 9 3					
		B	104	Kundeni Sol Kola		2	10	2	1 3 2	1 3 2					
		B	165	Kandeni Kola		10	19	3	3 12 2	3 12 2					
		B	154	Do		3	57	3	1 5 5	1 5 5					
		C	41	Kamber Kada		4	22	3	1 9 4	1 9 4					
		D	25	Basavanna Klasa Ippatte Mado		12	24	3	15 13 5	15 13 5					
		D	89	Suri Kuttalada Suri Sattu Punjah		16	74	3	6 4 5	6 4 5					
		D	41	Kottu Kattai		8	47	3	3 2 10	3 2 10					
		D	64	Kuttu Punjah		8	07	4	2 4	8 1					
		D	71	Kathattu Do		6	64	4	1 8 2	1 8 2					
						156	63		54 3	52 10 9	42	99	14	5	2
88	Kotta Kodi Kadan	C	29	Pendattu Punjah		23	34	3	8 12	8 12					
		C	41	Kadari Kolaca Kodi		8	44	3	3 2 8	3 2 8					
		D	69	Do Punjah			89	3	5 4	5 4					
		D	67	Kolada Kattu Do		3	34	3	1 4	1 4					
						36	01		13 8	13 8	12	42	4	10	6

Particulars of Pattahs issued to Kotas of Kotagherry in Karungana with reference to the measurement found by recent Survey

Name of Pattahdar			As per Survey Accounts										Extent previous to Survey		Revenue paid previous to Survey		
No.	Name.	Division No.	Particulars of land Name.	Extent Acres	Cts	Class	Fasham			Jummabundy							
43	Kavoor Khan Mullan	A	201	Malalalamara Punjah	-	98	3	-	6	11	-	5	11				
98	Sanappen	B	120	Pair Kadu Nadava Punjah	4	24	3	1	9	5	1	9	5				
		B	104	Kela Kaffah Nala Do	2	10	3	-	12	7	-	12	7				
		B	155	Odain Punjah	20	38	3	7	10	3	7	10	3				
		D	25	Pair Kadava	5	28	3	1	15	8	1	15	8				
		D	29	Kombu Jatti Punjah	5	77	4	1	7	3	1	7	3				
		D	39	Koroda Hinduiri	41	84	3	15	11	-	15	11	-				
		D	67	Jathattu	38	46	3	14	6	9	14	6	9				
					118	07	-	43	8	11	43	8	11	37	95	14	8	10
				Grand Total	926	39	-	333	1	7	321	5	7	313	91	111	2	8
											20	12	10					
				Land Cess							342	2	5					

H. Conwell
Commissioner

Particulars of Pattahs issued to Kotas of Kotagherry on Patrungamad with
reference to the measurement found by recent Survey

Name of Pattahdar		As per Survey Accounts						Extent previous to Survey	Revenue paid previous to Survey
No.	Name	Survey No & Sub No	Particulars of land Name	Subdivision Acres	Class Dec	Sarkam	Jamma about		
43	Kovvanthan Pullan	A 201	Malasalamara	Punjah	98	3	6 11	5 11	

Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No. 8351.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 29th October 1876

Read the following.

No. 73. From J. R. Lockerell Esquire
Commissioner, Nilgiris

To. The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir, Government Order, Revenue
Department, dated 28th July 1876,
No. 1791, forwarded for report to be
submitted through the Board of
Revenue, a petition presented by
certain Kotas to His Grace the
Governor at Ootacamund.

The

2. The first point for notice is when and how much of the land included in Petitioners' holding has been taken up for roads without compensation being made by a deduction from the demand entered in the Puttahs.

3. The land taken up for roads belonged to Six of the Petitioners:

1. Chick Kownen ✓
2. Thodda Kumattan ✓
3. Infaran ✓
4. Kownen Mullan ✓
5. Kolla Kurumban ✓
6. Kurumban ✓

It was taken in 1870-71. No land was taken from the other two Petitioners. At the Summabundy of 1871-72 Chicka Kownen, Thodda Kurumban and Infaran expressed a wish for compensation in land for their land taken up. Sometime elapsed before these Petitioners were able to find suitable land. On Selection orders were sent for demarcation and the land was handed over. Of course the Petitioners paid no assessment on the land taken from them, after the date of appropriation.

4. The three Petitioners Kownen Mullan, Kolla Kurumban and Kurumban did not ask for compensation. They merely requested that the appropriations should be struck out of their Puttahs. This was done. The

5. The next point is the acreage of land held by all the Petitioners. A Statement is enclosed showing the original nominal acreage entered in the Petitioners' Pattahs and the acreage the land was found to measure on Survey. The figures are

Original. 313. 91 acres &c: on Survey 926. 39. acres &c:

The Statement Exhibits the Surname and other particulars. The Petitioners held the whole area on pay-ment for 313 acres. They are now called upon to pay the same rate of assessment but on the area of 926 acres. The enhanced demand is imposed under Standing Orders of the Board No 122. Of course there is nothing to prevent Peti-

Petitioners fixing up the land or any part of it if they choose. They could have done this at the Survey, but they chose to retain the land.

6. The Government desire to be informed when the change was introduced which abolished fallow. This was done under Government Order. No 1132 dated 1st July 1864. The Collector of Coimbatore writes in his letter printed in that order "The changes were introduced in Fasli 1272. (1862. 63) and at the time of their adoption the Ryotwars were most distinctly informed that in the introduction of the new rates of assessment

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the "Bhuttee" (Shifting) System would cease for ever. It has ceased and the people now regard it as a by-gone System. It is never adverted to.

All the Hill tribes are treated in this respect like the Burshes.

I have &c
Sd/ S. R. Cockerell
Commissioner

Commissioner's Office
Ootacamund
16th. September 1876

Submitted to Government with reference to the order quoted

True Copy & Extract
Sd/ [illegible]
Ag Sub Secretary.

To The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with the Petition and original Statement

S/ S. R. Cockerell

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No. LXIII.

No 1063

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Re Petition of Bill &c
complained that the Settlement
made Received a Report &
Petition Rec'd &c Order
to be Confirmed &c

Rec'd 15th Nov. 1876
17 Oct. 1876 Rec'd 15 Oct. 1876
6:Oct/76. Rq: &c.

(Rec'd 20-10-)) No. 6127.
Submitting to Govt. report
of Commrs. of Fisheries on
petition presented by certain
Voters of Kilterghenny regarding
certain lands taken for a road.
One - £ - 6.1.6
Civil Bill &c.