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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

25th July 1878, No. 1,172.

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No. 340. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1878, No. 1,899.

Read the following letters:—

From W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 19th June 1878, No. 165.

In acknowledging receipt of the Board's Proceedings, No. 1,152, dated 1st May last, I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Board that I have not the means of getting the requisite information for the preparation of the latter of the two statements referred to in paragraph 2 thereof, except from the Registration Offices, and even in them transfers for less than Rupees 100 are not registered.

2. This district differs from others inasmuch as—

(a) All cultivated lands are not assessed, *e.g.*, pepper gardens, &c., and

(b) We recognize proprietorship in waste lands which are likewise not assessed. All transfers of land therefore do not come to the notice of the Revenue authorities, and it is impossible to prepare such a statement with any approach to correctness. Moreover it is difficult to define precisely what a "transfer" is. Does it mean simply transfer of possession? There are all sorts of mortgages in use in this district, in some of which possession is given, in others not. I believe what the Board and Government wish to know is, how much money has changed hands on the security of landed property. If that be so, the Registrar-General would be the officer best able to furnish the information, but even he would not be able to give the extent of the dealings in sums below Rupees 100.

3. As regards the statements showing the extent and assessment of land relinquished in each taluk, I beg to state that no such transactions took place in this district during the period for which the return is called for.

4. I have called for the return showing the extent to which coercive measures were resorted to, and hope to be able to submit the same at an early date.

From W. H. COMYN, Esq., Acting Collector of South Canara, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 6th June 1878, No. 1,015.

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2. The information required to compile statements showing the extent of land transferred by sale, gifts or otherwise in each taluq, called for in clause 2 of paragraph 2 of the Proceedings under reply, is not available in my office. Registers of transfers of Wargs and Kudtals are maintained in the Huzur and the Taluq records. All transfers, however, do not find a place in these registers, but only those in which parties present formal applications for transfer. Nor are such transfers finally entered in these registers in the same month in which they take place but months after their occurrence, inquiries into the claims of applicants for transfer and the disposal of appeals and special appeals from orders passed in such cases necessarily occupying a long time. Moreover the district not having been surveyed, Warg registers do not give the extent of all Wargs, the transfers of which are entered therein, but only of a few lands such as surveyed kadim and newly assessed lands, while the Kudtala registers give only the assessment of the lands shown in them.

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By Secy to Govt 2/8/78

3. If, however, the Board desire that statements, imperfect as they will necessarily be, should be compiled from the registers of Wargs and Kudtalas, I will have them prepared on being informed of the Board's wishes, but I am afraid that such statements will be practically of little value.

On reading again the Proceedings of Government, dated 25th April 1878, No. 620, the Board are led to think that Government merely require information as to the extent to which coercive measures have been resorted to for the realization of the revenue, and the amount of property attached and sold; the extent of land which has changed hands *in consequence of such sales* being distinguished from other property.

2. Collectors are therefore requested to consider Board's Proceedings, dated 1st May 1878, No. 1,152, cancelled, and to submit without delay a statement for each taluq in the accompanying form for each month from 1st July 1877 up to the end of June 1878, and to submit a similar statement for each month henceforward till further orders.

3. Revised statements should be sent if statements have been already forwarded in the old form.

(True Copies and Extract.)

W. J. J.
Acting Secretary.

To all Collectors, with a form.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

14 The Boarding Office and August

Coercive measures adopted for realization of Government Revenue.—Requesting Collectors to consider as cancelled Board's Proceedings, dated 1st May 1878, No. 1,152, calling for certain information regarding —, and issuing instructions regarding the nature of information to be furnished.

JULY
No. 1,893.

PROCEEDINGS, 9TH JULY 1878, No. 1,893.

BOARD of REVENUE,
MADRAS.

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