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Read the following paper :—

No. 263. From A. O. HUME, Esq., C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (General,) to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, 7th June 1878, No. 386.

I AM directed to enclose ten copies of a Notification* issued by the Government of India calling for tenders for the lease of the Great Coco Island in the Bay of

* No. 378, dated the 4th instant. Bengal, and to request that, with the permission of His Grace the Governor in Council, it may be inserted in the local Government Gazette.

2. I am to invite your particular attention to the 10th paragraph of the above-mentioned Notification, and to request that the result of the inquiry into the circumstances of any tenderer that may come forward may accompany the tender on its transmission to this Office.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (General,) dated Simla, 4th June 1878, No. 378.

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2. The lease will be for a period not exceeding 50 years: the exact proportion of gross produce, payable as rent and the term, within the above maximum period; during which the rent offered shall be payable, are left to the tenderers.

3. In addition to the rent stipulated as payable, the lessee will be bound to defray the expense of maintaining peace in the Island and on its coasts, and of the administration of civil and criminal justice. The amount of such expense cannot at present be stated; but the Government are prepared to fix a maximum of Rs. 20,000 annually, beyond which the lessee would not be charged with any expenditure on these objects. The Government will, from time to time, fix the cost of such establishments, and such cost the lessee will be required to defray quarterly in advance.

4. The Government reserve to themselves the administration of Civil and Criminal Justice, Customs, Excise, and other Departments of Government, and the lessee will be entitled only to the produce of the soil, and to an *exclusive* right of fishery for one mile from high water mark, and to the use for local requirements, and not for sale out of the Island, of such timber as it produces, and of stone, lime, sand, and other building materials.

5. The rent will be taken in kind, and will consist of a fixed proportion not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ th of the gross produce of the Island. In the case of coconuts, the fixed proportion must be delivered free at Port Blair or any other place in the Andamans that Government may, from time to time, direct, in the husk, in good condition and of good quality, and must have been gathered in such proportions at the times most suitable for the manufacture of coir and oil, respectively, as the Superintendent of Port Blair may, from time to time, require. In the case of other produce, delivery of which will be taken in the Island, the Government may at any time require the lessee to commute the produce in kind for a money-payment calculated at a rate 20 per cent. below the rate then ruling in the Rangoon market for similar produce of similar quality.

6. The number of living cocoanut trees on the Island when it is transferred to the lessee will be ascertained, and the lessee will be bound under penalty to maintain at least that number of living cocoanut trees, at once planting and rearing young trees in place of those that may die, be blown down, or otherwise destroyed from time to time. The lessee is prohibited from cutting down any cocoanut trees without the written permission of the officer to whom Government may delegate authority to grant such permission.

7. The Government also reserve the right to appropriate sites on the Island for public buildings, including dwelling houses for officials, sanitarium, &c., paying as compensation only the cost of any improvements effected on the site appropriated. Also to appropriate any timber of spontaneous growth, and any stone, lime, sand or other raw building materials existing in the Island, required for such public buildings, enclosures, &c.

8. The Government also reserve a right to refuse their assent to any transfer of the lease of the Island by the lessee for the time being. In the event of such power of refusal being exercised, the lessee will be entitled to claim that Government shall themselves take over the unexpired portion of the lease on a fair estimate of the value of the improvements effected by him or his predecessors.

9. Should the lessee in any way violate the provisions of the lease, or fail to pay the stipulated rent on the dates on which it falls due, or omit to take measures for the settlement and working of the Island within a term of two years from the date of the lease, the Government will cancel the lease and re-enter on possession of the Island without compensation.

10. The Government do not bind themselves to accept the highest, or any, tender made in reply to this advertisement. Tenders should be addressed to the local Government or Administration of the Province in which the persons tendering may live or carry on business, and will be forwarded by such local Government or Administration, after such inquiries into the circumstances of the tenderer and his ability to carry out the terms of his tender as may seem proper, to the Government of India in the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce. Tenders from persons in the United Kingdom should be forwarded through the Secretary of State.

11. The deed of lease to the tenderer whose offer may be accepted will be prepared at his costs and charges in all things by the Government Solicitor, and upon any questions arising between the tenderer and Government in regard to the form of the lease, the opinion of the Advocate-General shall be conclusive and equally binding on both parties.

12. Tenders must be sent in within a period of twelve months from the date of this advertisement.

(Signed) A. O. HUME,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 264.

ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1878, No. 946.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED accordingly that the Notification received with this letter be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of the Gazette Press.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.

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A. O. HUME, Esquire, C.B.,

Secretary to the Government of India,
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I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Robt. D. D. D.

Secretary to the Government of India.

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