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Government of Madras.

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
21st February 1861.*

No. 296. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th January 1861, No. 523:—

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 5th January 1861, No. 3.

SIR,

1. I have received the Board's Circular No. 5,367, dated 17th November 1860.
2. Of the three Deputy Collectors attached to this District, one, that of Wainád, holds no lands in it. The other two have applied for the concession adverted to in paragraph 2 of the Circular.

One of these, Mr. Bates, my Deputy in charge of Treasury, states that the only land already acquired and still held by him, is a piece of forest, situated in the "Kurumballah" and "Mupianad" parishes of the Wainád Táluq, said to be about 200 Cawnies in extent, and suited for growing Coffee. He obtained a perpetual lease of this land in September 1858, from a petty Native Chieftain, named "Coothally Nair" of Payrmallah, in the Kurmenad Táluq, on condition of paying a rental of 30 Rupees per annum for every hundred Cawnie of land that may be planted from and after the fifth year, in addition to a fine or premium equal to one year's rent, at the end of every twelfth year; and has paid *in advance* a sum of Rupees 200 on the latter account. Owing, however, to his connexion with the Government service, he has not as yet applied this land to any purpose.

He holds, besides, four houses in this District, which have been in his possession for the last 10 to 15 years, and two of which have small cocoanut gardens attached to them.

3. My other Deputy, Churia Cannáren, possesses a house with a garden attached to it, at Betutpudiangady, in the Táluq of Betutnad, which he has taken, on "Verumpatom" or simple lease, for his occasional residence at the place during the last few years. The property belongs to an individual named Valia Vittil Pothy, and is held on a rent of 42 Rupees per annum.

He holds also a house and garden situated near the Tanur Railway station, in the Betutnad Táluq, having obtained the same from a Mopla Valiagatha Puthia Malikel Ahmod on a mortgage of Rupees 20, and on condition of paying annually Rupees 23 as Junmabhogum or proprietor's fee. The mortgage was intended to have been effected in November 1859, but the transaction was only concluded in October 1860.

Besides the above, he holds no other property in the District.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that in the cases mentioned, the formal permission of Government be given for retaining the land.

2. The circumstances of the land tenure of Malabar and the independent character of the people render the possession of land by Government officials less open to objection there than in most Districts and the case of Deputy Collector C. Cannáren, is parallel to that of Deputy Collector B. Fernandez of South Canara lately submitted\* to Government. He is  
\* 21st December 1860. a native of the Province, and on the Western Coast to forbid the possession of land by Government servants would be to originate a widespread system of evasion, or else to exclude the natives of the Coast from the Public service, for they will not, except in extremely rare cases, go to the east of the Western Gháts for employment. It is unnecessary to point out how detrimental to the public interests such exclusion would be.

3. Mr. Bates' case is somewhat different, but still the present property has been some time in his possession, and his family has been long resident in the District.

4. To compel him now to part with his small property would be a hardship, and in the Board's opinion no good end would be attained by it which is not equally secured by the avowal of the ownership.

(A true and Copy Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Sub-Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
21st February 1861.*

No. 297.

ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1861, No. 405.

1. Mr. Bates and Churia Cannáren Deputy Collectors of Malabar, are, respectively, proprietors of lands in that District. In their present Proceedings the Board of Revenue recommend that, for reasons stated, those Officers may, notwithstanding their local appointments, be allowed to retain their properties.

2. The land owners of Malabar form the most respectable class from which to select native public servants, and it would be unwise policy to exclude them from Government employ. On these considerations, the Governor in Council permits Deputy Collector Churia Cannáren to continue to hold his lands.

3. As regards Mr. Bates to whom these arguments do not apply, the Government can only accord a similar permission on the understanding that so long as he continues in Government employ in Malabar he shall not cultivate the forest land which he holds.

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

No. 523.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 29th January 1861.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Sub-Secretary

To J. D. Boardillon, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

R. D.

No 405

Proceedings of the Madras Government  
Under date the 21<sup>st</sup> July 1860

Read the following Pro-  
ceedings of the Board of Revenue

Submitting a letter  
from the collector of a Malabar  
reporting on the lands held by  
the Deputy collector attached to his  
District with the Board's re-  
commendation that in the cases  
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mission of Govt. be given  
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19<sup>th</sup> January 1860

Proceedings of the  
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Dated 29<sup>th</sup>  
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Submitting on 11<sup>th</sup> from  
the collector of Malabar report  
on the lands held by the Deputy  
collector attached to his District  
with the Board's recommenda-  
tion that in the cases men-  
tioned, the formal permission  
of Government be given for  
retaining the land.

I cannot recommend Mr. Bates' case for ex-  
emption - It must be a most unpropitious  
to allow a European Deputy collector to hold the  
in coffee growing in Malabar, in the  
District where he is officially employed. It  
shows that would be to multiply among the natives  
of Govt. - Mr. Bates must show between him and  
his people, or his Malabar officials, working in the  
same employment elsewhere. - He then may  
be admitted. - The recommendation of Malabar &  
Chambannareu is worthy to be a Malabar  
servant among the residents of Malabar. - He may  
never form the most respectable class from which  
to select it it would be unpropitious to select  
him from Govt. employ, as a Malabar official. -  
as a Malabar official.

Should allow Mr. Bates to retain the  
land, as the Malabar, receiving his salary  
as a Malabar official, it is not likely he will  
be lost, he was not a Malabar official.

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retain their properties.

2. ~~The peculiarities~~  
~~of Malabar landowners:~~

~~of going to find native public~~  
~~servants to manage their estates:~~

~~and population~~ The land  
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the Governor in Council  
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3. As regards Mr.  
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De-falls

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Copying orders on the  
Board's Proceedings, Revenue  
matters, that the Rates  
and Census Commission  
Collectors of Malabar, be  
allowed to retain their  
lands in that District.