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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th August 1867.

No. 547. Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 22nd August 1867, No. 96 :—

From the Planters' Association, North Wynaad, dated 8th August 1867.

I have the honor to submit the enclosed Memorial which has been sent to me for transmission to Government, as, if Government are willing to entertain the question, the Memorial will doubtless be referred to the Board of Revenue, and an opportunity of expressing my opinion will then be afforded me. I need say no more on the present occasion but that I am respectfully of opinion that the question does require consideration.

Memorial of the Planters' Association of North Wynaad, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated Manantoddy, North Wynaad, 8th August 1867.

1. That your Memorialists have become possessed of Government waste land to a considerable extent.

2. That from a variety of causes, chief of which are the losses entailed by a succession of unfavorable seasons, and the denial of accommodation formerly granted by mercantile houses, your Memorialists find themselves unable to open the lands they have acquired within the time relied upon.

3. That your Memorialists are, therefore, compelled to pay a tax to Government of two Rupees (Rupees 2) per acre—being the same as demanded from bearing coffee—on land that is lying waste, and likely to remain so while the present depression lasts. Moreover, by the existing frontage rules, a large proportion of the land, compulsorily taken with each block, may be unfit for cultivation at any time.

4. That your Memorialists humbly pray your Lordship in Council to consider, favorably, the following proposals for partially relieving planters of a burden that your Lordship has admitted to be of questionable justice. The lower rate of taxation indicated will, it is believed, induce many more applications for land, and greater competition than at present, thus speedily reimbursing Government the immediate loss caused by a reduction of the tax on waste lands :—

I. That for the first two (2) years, from date of purchase, no tax shall be demanded.

II. That for the third and following years, one Rupee (Rupee 1) per acre only shall be payable on all uncultivated jungle land. Grass land, included within a forest block, to be always exempt from taxation.

III. That on the fourth and following years, all planted land shall be taxed at two Rupees (Rupees 2) per acre.

And your Memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

No. 548. ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1867, No. 2,021.

Land Revenue.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report after communication with the Collector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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28. August 63

H. von Fehr, Rittmeister a.D.