

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2121

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10-5-1867.

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No. 154. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd August 1867, No. 5,414.

Read the following letters:—

From the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd July 1867, No. 171.

1. On the 18th of March 1865 Mr. Story, late of the Civil Service, applied through Colonel Walker for two pieces of land near Coonoor under the Waste Land Rules. The application was dated 18th March 1865, and the two pieces of land were estimated to contain about 10 acres each. Mr. Wilkinson was then in charge of the Special Assistant Collector's Office; he inspected the two pieces of land, reported that their sale was unobjectionable, and requested that they might be advertised for sale. They were advertised, and in due course their sale was reported by Mr. Hannyngton on the 22nd December 1865. Mr. Story having left India, transferred his land to Colonel Walker, who laid out on it in improvements in the shape of roads, &c., above Rupees 750, when he ascertained that a great portion of the land, including the only building site, was claimed by Mr. Etienne.

2. The land sold is Acres 23.85, of which Acres 12.98 belong to Mr. Etienne. When sold, the land had not been surveyed. It was divided into two lots, the crest of the hill forming the natural boundary between the lots. One lot on actual survey contains Acres 10.87, and the other lot 12.98 acres; the former lot was sold for Rupees 26, and the latter for Rupees 410.

3. The mistake which has taken place in regard to the land has put Colonel Walker to considerable inconvenience, and depreciated the value of the 10.87 acre lot of land, which is utterly unsuited for a building site. In compensation for the loss of the 12.98 acre lot of land, Colonel Walker requests that a piece of land, 31 acres in extent, and about one-quarter of a mile from the former, may be given to him; I recommend, that under the circumstances, his request be complied with. Of the 31 acres, a limited extent only is suited for a building site, the access to it being steep, a good deal of land is required to give a proper approach to it.

4. The land now asked for by Colonel Walker, forms a portion of a large block of land near Coonoor reserved for planting. The block is, I should think, about 400 acres in extent, and the portion asked for is on the western side and the least suited for planting purposes, from poverty of soil and want of water. Major Morgan, I am aware, does not object to the land being parted with, simply, I believe, from the poor opinion he has of the soil.

5. The above recommendation so far as I see unobjectionable in every point of view, if acceded to, will dispose of a case, which otherwise may give considerable trouble. Mr. Etienne's lands had not originally been marked out, otherwise Mr. Wilkinson would not have fallen into the mistake he did when he reported that their sale was unobjectionable. I had several times been over the lands before they were sold, but I had not the least idea that they belonged to Mr. Etienne; in fact no one knew anything about them except Mr. Etienne himself, who lives in Ootacamund.

6. In Mr. Thomas' time lands applied for by gentlemen were sometimes surveyed and sold and handed over to them without reference to the Talook

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authorities, who were consequently in ignorance of the transfers, and it has happened that I have found gentlemen with titles for lands for which Puttahs were subsequently given to natives. In connection with lands in Coonoor great difficulties have been experienced, but I believe that with the settlement of this case they terminate.

7. The Board will probably remark regarding Mr. Etienne's land, that he should have objected to its sale, three months' notice of its intended sale having been given. According to the strict letter of the law he should perhaps have objected, but I think that he cannot well be blamed, as in the notice of the sale, it was stated that the lots were adjacent to Mr. Etienne's land, and this is really the case; for in addition to his lands sold by mistake, Mr. Etienne has a small plot of land with a ditch round it, and it is to this piece of land that allusion was made in the notice. Mr. Etienne would naturally suppose on seeing the notice (if he did see it) that the Officer issuing it was acquainted with his property, and would not, therefore, advertise a portion of it for sale.

From the Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Wellington, 27th July 1867, No. 128.

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2. The only portion of the letter on which I have any remark to offer is paragraph 4, the land now asked for being part of the tract assigned for the extension of the Australian plantation downwards to the Wellington bridge. I have been much pleased with the rate of reduction in this young forest, and it does not appear to be necessary to plant the whole tract for the future supply of the Barracks; consequently, there is no objection to give up the piece of land in question.

3. As the grazing rights of the Badagars in this tract were bought up by Captain Campbell, late Executive Engineer, Wellington, for the sum of 700 Rupees, which was paid out of the special grant for the Australian plantation, it seems proper that the price of land which the Forest Department gives up should be returned to the Forest Department. Another portion of this land also has been sold to Colonel Grant, and the proceeds credited to general revenue, and now when making up an account current of the total cost of the plantation, this sum should be included.

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No. 155.

ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1867, No. 2,121.

Miscellaneous.

1. Before passing orders on this application, the Government desire to be informed how Mr. Etienne has established his right to the 12.98 acres lot of land, and whether, if the 31 acre block is made over to Colonel Walker, that gentleman is willing to relinquish the remainder (Acres 10.87) of the land sold to Mr. Story and transferred to him on receiving back the price (Rupees 26) paid for it, together with any assessment that may have been subsequently collected from him on account of that portion.

2. He would still be left in possession of a larger area than the original sale conveyed, and would have paid only part of the original price for it.

3. In an increasing station like Coonoor, the Government are bound to guard against unnecessarily large assignments of building sites to individuals.

4. The Collector will send up a rough sketch shewing the position of the old and proposed allotments relatively to the rest of the station, and will state whether, with reference to the probable demand for building sites at Coonoor; it is desirable to make over so extensive a block of land to one applicant.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

M. D. Cleghorn
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.
" to the Conservator of Forests.

Ed. J. Wright.

Sanctioned on the understanding 2 pieces of land for the April 12-58 block as 2 pieces of land.

Submitting with remarks letters from Collector of Coimbatore and Conservator of Forests, and recommending the grant to Colonel Walker of a piece of land in lieu of his land claimed by Mr. Etienne.

No. 128.

Recd 22-10-67

22nd August 1867.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

No. 2310.

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 I wish to refer to the
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 of my colleagues
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 to a good forest
 as a building site in
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block of 400 Acres
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highly educated person.
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original population on
the ground of the price
of land and the
the prohibition against
holding land in
the land held for farm
purposes - not for
a business concern
and the Commission
will be a very
valuable one.

Then, A. J. Cleghorn
 states that there is no
 objection and as the
 grand juror states
 that might otherwise
 be a troublesome matter.
 In the little, I think,
 the land on a 6-acre
 The extent of the
 21 acres is considerable.
 Significant in fact 3 of the
 21 acres given to the
 - for of which so much is
 required. Still,

The land added for an "adjacent"
to Mr. Stearns' land, attention being
made to "a piece of land with a ditch
& raised it" and up to the year 1890. -
While the land with a ditch raised
it was specifically mentioned in the
Notice, I fail to see whence Mr. Paul
the Collector draws this inference & I
don't understand how Mr. Stearns, in
the absence of that specification could
have similarly inferred.

I should like to see a copy of the Notice,
or at the least have the point made
clear, together with the statement of
facts we are said to establish Mr.
Stearns' title.

The information called for by
J. Ryce might be submitted at
the same time.

As regards the location for the

Headquarters of the Sub: Engineer
7th Division I agree with the Board
the President. The public interest
now, I have long believed, be better
consulted by diminishing the
facilities for a campaign on the
River. We have curtailed them,
(as far as a more order for) in the
Revenue Department and brought
the collection more into the low country
among her ryots, and by making
cumbrous the head quarters station
for the Sub: Eng: depart: I shall
I feel satisfied, have the foot ^{work} better
done than at present. - W.D.

Revenue Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 10th September 1867.

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Submitting with remarks letters
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Memorandum 22nd August/67
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The Govt. will enclose
a rough sketch showing
the position of the rail-
road proposed, a list of the
stations & the nature
of the station.

W. H. D. all

Edward Gordon
Commit. Sept 1894
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known as
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of land & one
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Revenue 1864 Debit
to of Southgr. Dep't

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To the Honorable Court
Sept 10th 1865.

David Foxcroft
1807 C. 15. 2953.

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