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[Despatch Abstract.]

Lands on the Annamalais.

Passing orders on a memorial received from Messrs.

Edmiston, Windle, Rhodes Jones, Allan, & Co, on the subject of

the grant of

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Revenue (189 / ) Department.

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The Board of Revenue.  
Land Revenue  
Madras.

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## SUBJECT.

Submitting for the orders of Government  
with remarks, a memorial from certain  
planters requesting a reconsideration  
of some of the conditions under which  
lands in the Anamalais are leased  
out for coffee cultivation.

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15-2-97  
November 15<sup>th</sup> 1896  
To the Chief Secy to Government  
Fort St George

Sir: We have the honour to state that  
PETITION we have applied for land on the  
Anaimalai Hills for planting  
purposes.

SEVERAL Several of us attended a meeting  
at Coimbatore on the 25<sup>th</sup> June  
last at which meeting the terms  
proposed by the Board of Revenue  
were laid before us, discussed  
and in a modified form accepted  
We also noted the Resolution  
of Government which distinctly  
says that "Government is in  
general agreement with the Board  
views as to the opening up of  
the Anaimalais -

? In accordingly & very  
naturally felt justified in  
? thinking that in height of  
the had been done as  
stating Government of the terms  
applied upon and in that under  
standing some of us have entered  
into engagements and expended  
money and time in the King  
arrangements for the development  
of the blocks for which we had  
applied -

Realizing as best of us  
did, that the opening of this  
land under such conditions  
as total absence of communication  
and of labour, "for  
driving high winds & probably  
heavy rain fall & also that the  
would be a very arduous task

as to opening & developing; as it  
must be done that is a distinct  
of which so little is known save  
that it is possibly too late to  
admittedly suffers from wind,  
quite but expensive operations  
might very possibly result:  
and suitably portions  
would have the selected, while  
a large proportion of forest land  
has the kept intact for  
shelter.

8(ii) (a)  
opening terms

The opening terms seem less  
quite impracticable for the  
planter would expect to open  
such a large proportion of any  
given block of land, if for  
other reasons, certainly for those  
just quoted as reasons for  
objection to 8(i) above. In reference  
to the Board's opinion (Res.  
Credence of Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1896) that  
probably only 50% of the land  
could be planted.

8(xvii)

We cannot think this has been  
sufficiently considered, for it is  
hardly reasonable to expect  
the planter to pay year after  
year assessment on land which  
he has proved to be useless & his  
It is quite possible  
that hundreds of acres out,  
every thousand might be  
ruined inevitable from being  
blown over or from other causes  
such areas, in fact, ought  
as in other & proved planting  
districts, to be relinquishable.

No 6.

Road :- As the attraction from  
the original terms of Rupees two  
as a deposit to Rupees five  
outright payment is entirely  
intended to provide for the con-  
struction of a cart road through  
the district. We think it is not  
unreasonable to ask for some  
information as to when this road  
will be completed & in what  
general direction: and we  
would point out that until  
this is made this district  
is totally without means of  
communication except such  
as may be provided by  
private enterprise - only

We think it only  
fair that assessment should  
not be levied on any of  
the lands until they are  
made accessible by the cart  
road which Government  
has undertaken to construct  
as no operations can be com-  
menced till this is done.

House Sites

House Sites of reasonable size  
should be alloted & right of  
application, separate, if necessary  
from the main block & on easy  
terms

Grass  
Land

Grass Land should be granted  
on easier terms than Forest.

Communication with  
Claims with  
Government  
Road R.

Resumption

Time for  
Selection  
by Original  
Applicants

III  
Communication with the Board  
West Road and with building Site  
Board of course have the Resumption

In cases of resumption of land  
by Government the refund  
should include purchase  
price as well as assessment  
we would ask that the time  
left open to original applicants  
to select such portions of  
their applications as Government  
may, in accordance  
with our request, as to limit,  
permit, be extended say to  
31st March 1899 & that no  
new application be entertained  
until such time as the  
original applicants have  
made his selection  
Trusting that Government  
will favourably reconsider  
the points in question  
to have the same done

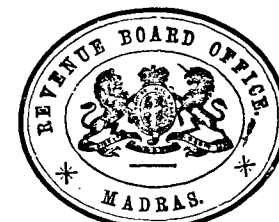
Yours most obedt. Servant  
W. Edmiston

Edwina  
W. Hoopes

J. J. Allan

Ansford

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## Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue)

Forest NO 1569 Mix, dated 2nd December 1896

Read memorial from certain planters requesting <sup>a</sup> reconsideration of some of the conditions under which lands on the Anaimalais are leased out for coffee cultivation dated 10th November 96

Read also the following endorsement thereon of the Collector of Coimbatore dated 25th November 1896 Ref. on Cur. NO 1169.

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Forwarded through the Board of Revenue.

2 The memorialists object to (1) the auction system which has been decided upon by Government (2) the allotment of only 1000 acres to each of the original applicants (3) to the terms laid down for ensuring the land being opened up within a certain period (4) to the rule regarding relinquishments. They ask (5) that no assessment shall be collected until the road is completed, (6) that house sites may be granted on special terms (7) that the charge on grass land may be reduced, (8) that when land is resumed by Government the purchase money may be refunded and (9) that the time for selection by original applicants may be extended till March 31st, 1897.

3 Nos. 3, 6, 7 and 9 have already been dealt with in my letter dated 21st October 1896, Ref. on NO. 280/Cur. vide B.P.F. NO 494 dated 23rd October 1896

4 The first objection is to an essential part of the policy of Government and I do not consider that the terms should now be altered. It is not, I think, at all certain that there will be much competition for land, and if there is, it will only show that the privilege now asked for is a very valuable one.

5 The second objection is one which is to some extent -

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reasonable. It is a fact within my personal knowledge that Mr --  
Edmiston's larger application was made for a syndicate of 9 or 10  
gentlemen. Messrs Binny & CO. and persons connected with the firm  
put in no less than 9 applications and are entitled to 6000 acres,  
whereas Mr. Edmiston's syndicate can only obtain 1000. Other appli-  
cants are, I believe, similarly circumstanced and it might perhaps  
be advisable to allow single blocks of 2000 or 3000 acres to be  
taken up without auction by the original applicants but not to  
allow them to split up the amount of land allowed to them. O

6 If it could be clearly shown that the rule regarding -  
relinquishments works hardship in any particular case special con-  
sideration might be given to that case.

7 The fifth request appears to me unreasonable. There are  
many planters who pay assessment and who have bought their estates  
whose lands are many miles from cart roads.

8 The eighth request seems reasonable.

Resolution.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2 The Board concurs in the Collector's remarks.

3 The Collector's letter should have come through the Conser-  
vator.

(True Copy and Extract)

*Heenan*  
Secretary

To the Secretary to Government R.D. with petition *in original*.

Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.

" " " Conservator of Forests Southern Circle.

Forest No 26.

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9.0. No 100  
16-2-7  
Current No., 8887 of 1896.

*over*  
In G.O. No., 694 Rev. d/ 4th December

1896, the Govt. has already sanctioned  
the refund of the purchase money on  
lands that are resumed and the exten-  
sion of the time of selection up to the  
31st of March. The question whether the  
partial relinquishments should be per-  
mitted and the objections now raised by  
the Memorialists to the terms laid down  
for ensuring the opening up of the lands

were considered at the same time and it  
was decided that the enhanced rate of  
assessment-- Rs2 per acre <sup>clear</sup> should not be  
imposed on more than 50 % of each hold-  
ing unless a larger proportion were ac-  
tually <sup>clear</sup> acquired but that no further con-  
-cession was called for.

(2) The Govt. is not prepared to recon-  
sider the orders directing that these  
lands shall ordinarily be sold by auc-  
tion and fixing the maximum area for se-  
lection or for auction-purchase at  
1000 acres, and cannot entertain the  
quest that no assessment should be le-

vised until the main road is completed.

{3} As regards the Memorialists' request

that house sites and grass lands may be

*granted*  
on favourable terms, the Govt. observes

that a similar question was raised in para.

16 of the Collector's letter d/ 21 st Oct.

1896, printed in G.O. No., 694 Rev., 4th Dec.

1896. The Board of Revenue then held it

premature to consider what should be done

with regard to the grass lands, which it

was remarked were trifling in extent, and

instructed the Collector to refer for spe-

cial orders & applications for house

sites which

might be received.

*prepared to issue any orders*

*enabling applicants indirectly to extend the area of their holdings which shed ordinarily include land required for building purposes.*

*Excepted p.c.*

*15-2-97 16/2/97*

*The Board (G.O.)*

*15-2-97*

*P.C. no. 6-3-97*

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# Government {1897} of Madras. REVENUE.

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G.O., No. 100, 16th February 1897.

FEBRUARY.

Lands on the Anamalais.

Passing orders on a memorial received from Messrs. Edmiston, Windle, Rhodes James Allan, Brodie and Narasiah on the subject of the grant of —.

## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 1569, dated 2nd December 1896:—

Read—memorial from certain planters, dated 10th November 1896:—

ABSTRACT.—Requesting a reconsideration of some of the conditions under which lands on the Anamalais are leased out for coffee cultivation.

Read—the following endorsement thereon of the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 26th November 1896, Ref. on Cur. No. 1169:—

Forwarded through the Board of Revenue.

2. The memorialists object to (1) the auction system which has been decided upon by Government, (2) the allotment of only 1,000 acres to each of the original applicants, (3) to the terms laid down for ensuring the land being opened up within a certain period, (4) to the rule regarding relinquishments. They ask (5) that no assessment shall be collected until the road is completed, (6) that house-sites may be granted on special terms, (7) that the charge on grass land may be reduced, (8) that when land is resumed by Government, the purchase money may be refunded, and (9) that the time for selection by original applicants may be extended till 31st March 1897.

3. Numbers 3, 6, 7 and 9 have already been dealt with in my letter, dated 21st October 1896, Ref. on Cur. No. 280 (*vide* Board's Proceedings, F. No. 494, dated 23rd October 1896).

4. The first objection is to an essential part of the policy of Government and I do not consider that the terms should now be altered. It is not, I think, at all certain that there will be much competition for land, and if there is, it will only show that the privilege now asked for is a very valuable one.

5. The second objection is one which is, to some extent, reasonable. It is a fact, within my personal knowledge, that Mr. Edmiston's larger application was made for a syndicate of nine or ten gentlemen. Messrs. Binny and Company and persons connected with the firm put in no less than nine applications and are entitled to 6,000 acres, whereas Mr. Edmiston's syndicate can only obtain 1,000. Other applicants are, I believe, similarly circumstanced and it might, perhaps, be advisable to allow single blocks of 2,000 or 3,000 acres to be taken up without auction by the original applicants but not to allow them to split up the amount of land allowed to them.

6. If it could be clearly shown that the rule regarding relinquishments works hardship in any particular case, special consideration might be given to that case.

7. The fifth request appears to me unreasonable. There are many planters who pay assessment, and who have bought their estates whose lands are many miles from cart roads.

8. The eighth request seems reasonable.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 1569, dated 2nd December 1896.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board concurs in the Collector's remarks.

3. The Collector's letter should have come through the Conservator.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,  
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,  
with petition in original.

Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.  
" " Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.

ORDER—No. 100, Revenue, dated 16th February 1897.

Forest No. 26.

In G.O., No. 694, Revenue, dated 4th December 1896, the Government has already sanctioned the refund of the purchase money on lands that are resumed and the extension of the time of selection up to the 31st of March. The question whether partial relinquishments should be permitted and the objections now raised by the memorialists to the terms laid down for ensuring the opening up of the land were considered at the same time, and it was decided that the enhanced rate of assessment—Rs. 2 per acre—should not be imposed on more than 50 per cent. of each holding unless a larger proportion were actually cleared but that no further concession was called for.

2. The Government is not prepared to reconsider the orders directing that the lands shall ordinarily be sold by auction and fixing the maximum area for selection or for auction purchase at 1,000 acres, and cannot entertain the request that no assessment should be levied until the main road is completed.

3. As regards the memorialists' request that house-sites and grass lands may be granted on favourable terms, the Government observes that a similar question was raised in paragraph 16 of the Collector's letter, dated 21st October 1896, printed in G.O., No. 694, Revenue, dated 4th December 1896. The Board of Revenue then held it premature to consider what should be done with regard to the grass lands, which it was remarked were trifling in extent, and instructed the Collector to refer for special orders applications for house-sites which might be received. The Government has since further considered the question and is not prepared to issue any orders enabling applicants indirectly to extend the area obtainable on favourable terms which should ordinarily include the land required for building purposes.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,  
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

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