

Revenue (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 317.

DATED 11th May 1897.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Grass land at Paralai.

Sanctioning, with remarks, the grant to Mr.
Windle of 10 acres of the — on the Anamalai
Coimbatore D.T.

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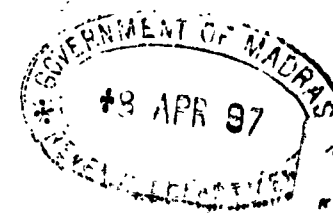
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From

The Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue,
Madras.

Forest No. 315 M.

Order

Dated 8 April 1897

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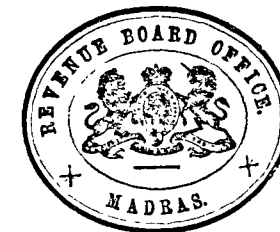
Subm. for the favorable
consideration of Government
with remarks letter from the
Collector of Coimbatore re-
commending the grant of
10 acres of land on the transfer
to Mr. Waidle as a spl. case.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 6th April — 1896.

Forest No. 315 — Miscellaneous.

Read Endorsement of the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated 30th March 1897, P.C. No. 3611 on letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 23rd March 97, Ref. on Com. No. 1196.

Resolution

Submitted for the favorable consideration of Government.

The health of officers of the Forest Department employed on the Anamalais has been very materially improved by the Establishment of a station (Mount Stuart) on an open hill top, instead of in the valley in which it was located for many years, and as there are many blocks of 1000 acres in which no sites suitable for dwelling houses are to be found, the Board supports the Collector's

recommendation

recommendation that the order prohibiting
the utilization of the grass land at Paralai
for the purpose may be reconsidered.

(True Extract)

Recd
Secretary

To The Secretary to Government, R.D. ✓
with letter and Encls. in original to be ret'd

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D. 1,000-20-2-96.

Mr Windle's application
for grass land on the
an amal air
C. No. 3069
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

From the Board of Rev: Land Rev:

The Hon: Mr Gopal C.H.

Dated 6th April 1897.

The Hon: Mr Bliss C.H.

FOR ORDERS.

H.E. the Governor

Flagged A
with also para 3 of

G.O. 100
16.2.97 flagged B.

Under the circumstances Mr Windle
may be allowed to retain 10 acres
of the land, but such special cases
must be considered on their merits, &
there is no reason to alter the general
rules & introduce new complications
into them. The 10. acres matter,
being altogether separate, no
corresponding reduction of the
former block to Mr W. has taken
up and he is to be included in the lease as part
of the former block.

3.5.97
Yes - But the terms on
which these grants
of grass land should be

The Collector of
Coimbatore and the Board
of Rev: submit for favourable
consideration a letter from Mr
Windle praying that the order
contained in G.O. No 101 Rev: dt
16th Feb 1897 may be reconsi-
dered and he be granted at least
10 acres of the grass land at
Paralai for building purposes.

2. From the G.O. above
quoted it will be seen that it
was without the authority of
Govt that the Board originally
sanctioned the grant of 20 acres
of grass land to Mr Windle.
He now contends that under
the impression that the Board
orders were final, he had long
before the receipt of the Govt
order cancelling them, selected
and

commenced to live on his
acres, had given out building
contracts and got two large stone
mills erected, and had
the bungalow and other
sites chosen and a consider-
able expenditure incurred in
connection therewith. He states

that there is no part of the
block of 1000 acres assigned to
him which contains a healthy
site to erect buildings for housing
his European manager, Coolies
and Contractors and that he
will be satisfied if at least 10
acres of the land referred to is
given to him now. He adds that
if the Govt desires to fix his total
holding at 1000 acres he is pre-
pared to cut off 10 acres from the
block already selected by him.

3. The Collector in
supporting Mr Windle's appli-
cation testifies to the truth of
the statements made in the letter,
expresses his opinion that
if every applicant is compelled
to take up a house site within
the limits of his 1000 acres
grant

heads have of the
FOR ORDERS.
settled. I should myself
say that the first land terms
should be applied to them,
the full list being changed
as above.

1. I concur with Hon. Members.
2. It occurs to me that townships will spring up
in this locality. At what spots, we cannot at present
say. But, the Collector should reserve likely
sites for the purpose of townships. Holding
and camping grounds with water handy, will
also be needed. Such grounds near the center
of the water should be reserved. 2.9.97
I submit this may be done in the
circumstances. 29/4/97

How many?
29/4/97
Col: does not state.
29-4-97.

I submit that there is no
need to alter the present order
in these few cases and that
the present principle is sound
that a man must build within
his 1000 acres. I submit.
29-4-97. 2.9.97
S.S. 1997

grants he will have to own
much land of great value a
to take up much inferior land
in its place" and adds that
Mr Windle and some others
having chosen their land be-
fore the issue of the G.O.
above referred to "it is now im-
possible for them to revise their
"boundaries". The Board report
that the health of the Forest
Officers stationed on the Ana-
malais has materially changed
since the transfer of their office
& residence from the valley to
an open hill top and, as there
are many blocks of 1000 acres
in which healthy house sites
are ^{not} available, supports the Col's
recommendation that the
order prohibiting the utilization
of the grass land at Paralai
may be reconsidered.

4. If in the
circumstances now reported
it is thought that the order
contained in G.O. 101 of 15th
Feb 1897 should be re-con-
sidered, orders have ^{apparently} to be
passed

led on the following two points
whether the land to be granted
house sites should be in
addition to the 1000 acres assigned
planting purposes & or
whether the total area of the
holding should be restricted to
1000 acres, and

(3) whether house sites are to be
granted under special conditions
or may be included in the general
lease.

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that it is inadvisable to extend
the maximum area fixed by
Govt. or to issue a new set of
rules for the grant of house sites
with conditions different from
those in the general rules) was
issued to avoid complication
or confusion and it does not
appear that the general prin-
ciples therein laid down need
now be altered. If the re-
commendation of the Board
(and the Collector) is to be ac-
cepted, the simplest method
seems to be to modify rule III
appended to G.O. No 495-dy

28th

flagged C.

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(the area which Mr Winder
now considers sufficient and
which both the Collector and
the Board consider should be
granted to him).

Bmm
24.10.97

11/29/11/97
27.11.97

My dear Sir,
 I have been thinking of you a great deal lately. I am sure you are very busy, but I thought I would write a few lines to let you know how I am getting on. I am well, thank you, and hope these few lines will find you the same. I have been thinking of you a great deal lately. I am sure you are very busy, but I thought I would write a few lines to let you know how I am getting on. I am well, thank you, and hope these few lines will find you the same.



Madras

My dear Sir,
 His Excellency desires me to send you the two letters enclosed from the Education Department with the request that you will have them submitted for orders.

Yours sincerely,
 H. A. Stuart

My dear Sir,
 A memorial has been sent up to Govt. by the original applicants for land on the Anamallais to be allowed to take up more than the 1000 acres which they are permitted to take up at the fixed price of Rs 5/ per acre under G.O. No 495 Rev dated the 28th Sept last. When the question of the terms on which land on the Anamallais should be granted was before Govt. I purposely refrained from giving any opinion, because I was interested as an original applicant. and also thought I might be asked to plant.

My dear Sir,
 I am anxious to see his Excellency in a matter of great importance. I am in communication with the Anai Malai Land and should feel greatly obliged if you would give me an interview for the purpose of hearing what I have to say. To particulars I who am really the pioneer of the whole. I have spent that less than Rs 500 or perhaps less than Rs 100 already.

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for house sites should be in
addition to the 1000 acres assigned
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Prm
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Anti for Secretary.

With reference to
the query against
the note to the Gov.
please see the Mr
Klein's note marked
A in blue pencil and
the general rules
Flagged C.

From Rule VIII it
appears that uncultivated
land is never charged

more than Rs 2
(the minimum rate
land down being
apparently intended
to ensure progressive
cultivation)

The Gov. probably
meant to charge 2Rs
(the full rate for cultivated
lands) & in expressing
that meaning perhaps
overlooked the fact
that the full rate
for uncultivated land
was Rs 2.

In the circumstances
than the paper going
to the Gov. (vide

NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY.

The proof is
submitted for approval

Para 3 as it
now stands does not
read seem to read well
Orders are solicited as
to whether the phrase
"with the exception noted
in para 4 below" may
be inserted after "6th
Feb 1897" or whether it
will be sufficient to put
it within brackets.

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21.V.97

Put them in brackets
11/5
22.5.97

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Dear Mr. 3069 of 1.

No. 70
Order No. 317 of 11th May

In the cir-
stances now reported,
I am pleased to say
as a special case, the
to Mr Windle of the
of grass land at Parlo
applied for by him.
land in question show
be altogether separate
the land is already
to him and is deducted
from the former
shown as made from the
all the two blocks shown
also be held under separate
titles but on the same title
the first title from him (viz
2nd para 4 below)
on the terms already
approved by Govt in G.O. No.
95 Rev. 694 Rs and 102 Rs
2.9.96 4.12.96 6.2.97, and
if Mr Windle is put in
possession of the new
block its price calculated
in reference to para 5 of the
rest of the quoted G.O. as
noted should

Yours

not sending him
(unimportant paper)
a para has been
added to the
Draft G.O. & may
be submitted to approval.

Ull
10.5.57

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first 672000
11/5/57

2. No deduction from
the block of 1000 acres
already assigned to
Mr Windle ~~and to~~
should be made on
account of this grant
which will be regarded
as altogether separate
and exceptional.

3. A separate lease
should be taken for
the land now granted

which ~~leaves~~ ^{leaves} ~~on~~ the same ~~terms~~
as those ~~as~~ ^{as} the first ~~land~~ ^{land} ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~granted~~ ^{granted}
the exception ~~note~~ ^{note} in para 4 below, ~~on~~ ^{on} the terms already

A
Read Chs. 3069 of 9.

Order No. 317 of 11th May

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applied for by him. ~~The~~
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~~be altogether separate from~~
~~the 1000 acres already~~
~~to him and no~~
~~corresponding to the former~~
~~should be made from the~~
~~latter. The two blocks should~~
~~also be held under separate~~

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Issued
11/5/57

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 fact that townships are
 springing up at no dis-
 tant date in or near the
 locality in question and that
 should therefore be carefully
 reserve all suitable sites as suf-
 ficient for the above purpose
 as also halting and
 camping grounds
 with the control of the water
 in their proximity

7.5.97 8/5/97

5. Government wish to prefer
 to consider on its merits any
 application similar to that
 now made by Mr. Windle.
 Other similar applications for house
 sites will be dealt with individually
 on their merits.

To the Board of Revenue
 (9 + 0 in 100)
 P.O. No. 40
 4.6.97

From orders
 note
 As there is no difference
 between the Hms in their views
 orders are solicited as to whether
 present draft go. should be
 the same.

1/8/97 That the maximum rate
 for uncultivated lands acc
 to the rules is 8 as per acre
 this rate is charged in the
 year even under the for

Government (1897) of Madras. REVENUE.

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G.O., No. 317, 11th May 1897.

MAY.

Grass land at Paralai.

Sanctioning, with remarks, the grant to Mr. Windle of 10 acres of the — on the Anamalais,
 Coimbatore district.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 315, dated 6th April 1897:—

Read—the following letter from H. BRADLEY, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle), dated 23rd March 1897, Ref. on C. No. 1196:—

I have the honour, with reference to the correspondence ending with Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 96, dated 10th March 1897, to forward a copy of a letter from Mr. Windle requesting that he may be permitted to retain 10 acres of the land granted to him in accordance with Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 1647, dated 19th December 1896.

2. Mr. Windle being the only applicant for land in the Anamalais who attempted to open this year occupied the land as soon as the Board's approval was communicated to him, and has spent a considerable sum of money upon it. This was absolutely unavoidable, as he had to commence operations at once in order to provide a dwelling for his manager and lines for his coolies during the ensuing monsoon.

3. Mr. Windle states that he is unable to find a suitable site for building within the 1,000 acres granted to him, and it was my knowledge that some of the best sites for planting did not contain suitable sites for building that led me entirely without any suggestion from any of the applicants to make the proposal contained in paragraph 3 of my letter, dated 12th December 1896, Ref. on C. No. 1196. It is within the knowledge of every one who has visited this portion of the Anamalais hills that if every applicant is compelled to take up a house site within the hills that if every grants, he will have to omit much land of great value for planting and to take up much inferior land in its place. I would therefore respectfully ask the Board to press the Government to re-consider this portion of the G.O., No. 100, dated 16th February 1897. It must be remembered that Mr. Windle and some of the other applicants had chosen their land before the receipt of this Government order and that it is now impossible for them to revise their boundaries.

4. Under the circumstances, I respectfully recommend that Mr. Windle should be granted 10 acres of the land occupied by him as a special case.

ENCLOSURE.

From E. G. WINDLE, Esq., to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Kotagiri, 22nd March 1897.

With reference to the G.O., dated 10th March, and forwarded from your office on 12th March, informing me that "the approval accorded in Board's Proceedings, No. 1647, dated 19th December 1896, is withdrawn," I have the honour to request that you will lay the following before Government for its consideration.

2. I applied for, practically, the whole of the Paralai grass land in my original application. When it was decided that original applicants were to have only 1,000 acres, I cut out this grass land, applying for it separately on different terms to those fixed for the forest block. I was informed that I could not have it, as parts would be needed for public purposes; but Mr. Gass, the District Forest officer, informed me that an application for a moderate sized piece for building purposes would be supported by him. I therefore applied for 25 acres only on 1st December 1896 and on 6th January 1897 received your letter informing me "that the Board of Revenue has in its Proceedings, Forest Mis. No. 1647, dated 19th December 1896, approved the grant of an area of not more than 20 acres of grass land to each of the holders of forest land on the Anamalais who may require it for special purposes." It will be observed

that sanction was definitely given, and I was not informed, nor was I aware, that any further sanction was required. If the sanction of the Board of Revenue was not sufficient for such a matter, I venture to say that I should have been told so at the time, or that an incomplete sanction should not have been sent to me. As it was, I had every reason to believe that I was at liberty to select 20 acres and that any further correspondence connected with the grant was a matter of form. I would also point out, in support of the reasonableness of my belief, that the Board of Revenue's approval was sufficient; that the present Government order, against which I now appeal, does not say that the Board's approval is not confirmed, but that it should be withdrawn. I have taken advantage of that approval before its withdrawal was communicated to me. I submit that I am entitled to the 20 acres which I took up under it. When I went to Paralai at beginning of February, I personally informed you that I would take up my 20 acres then, and send in my formal selection after my return from the Anamalais. As a matter of fact, by 10th February, I had not only fixed on my 20 acres, but was living on it and had given out building contracts; and by 10th March, when I was again at Paralai, two large stone built lines had been built, the bungalow and other sites chosen and cleared, and a considerable expenditure incurred in connection with the 20 acres.

3. I believe I am the only original applicant who took up 20 acres under the sanction of the Board, the reason for this being, no doubt, that I am the only one who has begun clearing and planting, and, therefore, in my case it was absolutely necessary that I should provide substantial buildings during the fine weather to house my European manager and the coolies and contractors. There is no part of my 1,000 acre block which contains a healthy site with water reasonably near; hence my desire for a small piece combining these conditions joining my own land. As regards the extent, I should be quite willing to cut down my holding to 10 instead of 20 acres, and if Government make a special point of the total area of an original applicant's being not more than 1,000 acres, I will cut off 10 acres from my forest block to reduce my total holding to 1,000 acres.

4. Under the circumstances, I have the honour to request that Government will reconsider its order of 16th February 1897, and, as a special case, grant me not less than 10 acres of the land I have taken up.

Endorsement by E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 30th March 1897, Ref. on C. No. 3611.

Forwarded.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 315, dated 6th April 1897.

Submitted for the favourable consideration of Government.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with letter and enclosure, in original (to be returned).

ORDER—No. 317, Revenue, dated 11th May 1897.

Forest No. 70.

of 10 acres of the grass land as a special application by him.

No. 317, REVENUE, 11TH MAY 1897.

2. No deduction from the block of 1,000 acres already assigned to Mr. Windle should be made on account of this grant which will be regarded as altogether separate and exceptional.

3. A separate lease should be taken for the lands now granted on the same terms as those on which the forest lands have been given (with the exception noted in paragraph 4 below), i.e., on the terms already approved by Government in G.Os., No. 495, Revenue, dated 28th September 1896, No. 694, Revenue, dated 4th December 1896 and No. 102, Revenue, dated 6th February 1897; and before Mr. Windle is put in formal possession of the new block, its price, calculated with reference to paragraph 5 of the first of the Government orders above quoted, should be recovered from him.

4. The full rate of assessment, viz., Rs. 2 per acre, should be charged for these lands and should be collected for the first and succeeding years of the lease.

5. Other similar applications for house sites will be dealt with individually on their merits. Government desires, in this connexion, to draw the special attention of the Collector to the fact that townships are likely to spring up at no distant date in or near the locality in question, and that he should therefore be careful to reserve all suitable sites for the above purpose, as also halting and camping grounds, with the control of the water in their proximity.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), with enclosures.

Mr. Windle

Ed. C. M. Thamburany.

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