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[Despatch Abstract.]

Sanctioning the assignment of 4918.30 acres of waste lands available under the Pedalanka Channel in the Kistna District.

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The Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, Madras

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Govt. with remarks letter from the Collector of Kistna submitting proposals for the disposal of the unsold extent of the waste lands commanded by the Peddalanka channel.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE. MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue)

No. 1949 Misc.,dated 31st May 1897.

Read letter from J.N.Atkinson,Esquire,Collector of Kistna,to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras,Dis.No.1592/ver 1897,dated 17th April 1897.

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Resolution

Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings No.526 Misc.,dated 11th February 1897 (recorded in Government Order No.1056 Misc.,dated 23rd February 1897)

2. The Collector reports that out of an extent of 6965 acres of waste land under the Peddalanka channel, which were notified for sale,nearly one-fifth had to be reserved for assignment on darkhast to the resident ryots and that an extent of only acres 744.17 was actually sold by auction.Thus 4913.30 acres of land are still available for disposal.The Collector is of opinion that a sale of this land whether now or early next year,would probably not produce many more bidders than the last sale,the results of which were reported to Government in Board's Proceedings No. 526 Misc.,dated 11th February 1897.Mr.Atkinson therefore proposes to dispose of part of this land by assigning it in small plots to Members of the Pancham Community & to other destitute classes in accordance with para 5,sub para (3)of Government Order No.732 Rev.,dated 17th October 1894.Applications for grants of land have accordingly been invited by the Collector from Members of the destitute classes in the taluks

of Gudivada & Bandar and the 1st September 1897 has been fixed as the latest date for their submission. The Collector is requested to report as soon after the 1st September 1897 as possible on the result of these applications.

3. In para 9, the Collector suggests that another portion of the waste land above referred to may be offered, on the same terms as in the case of the Pancharms, to such of the Masulipatam political pensioners, as are willing to capitalise their pensions at certain rates when the amount of pension does not exceed Rs.30 in the case of a male holder and Rs.15 in the case of a female but that the value of the land so assigned may go up to two-thirds of the capitalised value of the pension. In support of this proposal, the Collector refers to the large extent of land assigned to other pensioners of the same class, under the orders conveyed in Government Orders 253 Mis. 13-1-97 and 4137 Mis. 18-10-96.

4. As regards the disposal of acres 4155.85 (also under the Peddalanka channel) which have been recently subdivided under the sanction accorded in Government Order 253 Mis. 13-1-97, the Collector states that they must be offered for sale in 1898.

5. From para 6 of the Collector's letter in Board's Proceedings 533 Misc. 14-2-97 it would appear that he expected the whole of the unsold area to be taken up by temporary cultivators. Para 6 of the present letter also shows that many immigrations members of the Pancham and other destitute classes are already in occupation of portions of the unsold area, but that they cannot afford at present to pay any premium for their holdings. The policy of helping Pancharms and other destitute classes having been accepted by Government the Board considers that all the lands now occupied by individuals belonging to such classes, may be assigned to them subject to the conditions set forth in para 5, subpara 3 of Government Order 733 17-10-94. If there are any men in temporary occupation of the unsold lands who do not belong to the destitute classes, they must have taken up the lands under the permission accorded in Government Order 2175 Mis. 30-8-95 and with the full knowledge that the lands so occupied would be liable to be sold by Government. Government has supplied irrigation to these lands at great cost and is entitled to some price for the cultivator's right in them. These occupants may therefore be given the option of paying for the occupancy rights at the average auction rate realized for the lands sold, viz Rs 15/2 per acre, and failing such payment, the lands may be sold over their heads or assigned in the manner proposed by the Collector, to the Pancharms, who are not in occupation of any land, and to Political pensioners.

(True Extract)

M. Rodie
Ag. Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Govt. R.D., with letter & Enclosure in original to be returned.

The Collector of Kistna.

Md.R.H.

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Hon. Mr. Gross C.J.S
Sir Henry Blair K.C.I.E.

Forordens.

In pursuance of the instructions Conveyed in para 5 of Gr. No. 732, d 17.10.94, as to sale of waste lands in Gudivada taluk, the Collector of Kistna reports that out of an extent of 6965 acres of waste lands under the Peddalanka channel, only 744 + odd acres were actually sold by auction, and that after reserving 1/5 of the total extent for assignment on darkhast there still remains about 491 acres available for disposal.

2 In the Current report above, the Collector submits his proposals as to how this undisposed extent should be dealt with. He considers that a further sale by auction will hardly produce any good result and might Contravene the principles laid down in the Resolution of the Govt. of India 191 I dy 4.8.94. He is also opposed to the disposal of this large extent in

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under the darkhast rules, as such a course "would be a direct invitation to land jobbing and to extensive cultivation"

3/ The following proposals are accordingly submitted by the Collector :-

i. That small plots of land should be assigned to members of the Panchama Community in Gudivada and Bandar talaks. The Collector thinks that those who are already occupying plots under the Reddalainka channel are sure to apply and probably many others who have not yet obtained a holding will follow suit". He has accordingly invited applications for grants of land from members of the destitute classes and the 1st September 1897 has been fixed as the latest date for their submission. The Board approves of this proposal and has directed the Collector to report on the result of these applications soon after the 1st Sept.

ii That a portion of the unsold area should be offered on the same terms as in the case of the Panchama to such of the Political Pensioners as are willing to capitalize their pensions. This proposal is, it will be seen, quite in accordance with the instructions issued to the Collectors in Board's Standing Order No. 135. The Coll. also points out that two of the Masulipatam pensioners have been recently granted, by Govt., about 1400 acres of land, on favourable terms. (vide pp. 253 6.1.97 & 4137 19.10.96).

In the list appended to the Collectors' letter, there are 39 Political pensioners in Masulipatam, of whom 21 are in receipt of commutable pensions and according to the Coll.'s estimates about 2692 acres will be required for assignment to these pensioners.

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4 Thus, the proposed distribution of the total extent of 6965 acres is as follows: —

The extent actually sold ...	744 acres
— do — reserved for the resident ryots	1302 —
do — for assignment to the Political Pensioners	2692 —
do — for assignment to the Panchamas	2947 —
Total —	6965

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5 Another alternative proposal has however suggested itself to the Collector and the is that land might be offered for distribution among the destitute persons in the Tanjore districts. The Board does not express any opinion as this suggestion apparently because, it considers that the scheme of Canvat. be worked satisfactorily (Vide para 6 of B.P. in G.O. 732 17/10/94)

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6 In para 5 of the Current the Board makes suggestions for the disposal of 4155·83 acres in the Godavari taluk, also under the Reddi-lanka channel, which were recently subdivided under the sanction accorded in G.O. No. 293, mis. dt 18 January 95. They are: —

(1.) that all the lands already occupied by the Panchamas and other destitute classes may be assigned to them subject to the conditions set forth in G.O. No. 732 dt 17th October 1894, para 5-(3), and

(2) that persons in temporary occupation of the unsold land but not belonging to the destitute classes may be given the option of paying for the occupancy right at the average auction rate realized for the lands sold i.e. R15-12 per acre, and failing such payments the lands may be sold or assigned to Panchamas who are not in occupa-

occupation of any land and Political Pensioners.

I The following order is suggested :—

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The 4918.30 acres still available for disposal should be assigned in the manner suggested by the Collector. The Board's proposals in para 5 of its Proceedings read above in regard to the disposal of 4155.83 acres in the Gudivada taluk, which were recently subdivided under the sanction recorded in G.O. Ms. 293 Mis dy 16th January 97 are approved.

2. A report as to how the disposal of the lands was actually effected should be submitted for the information of Govt. in due course.

(By order etc.)

To

The Board of Rev (Land Rev).

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omit I would do by word of mouth the fact that the Govt & the Board have given the same condition to the land granted to Panchamas.

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amend the draft..

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G.O. mis no 3589 dated 9th July 97

The 4918.30 acres still available for disposal should be assigned in the manner ~~proposed~~ suggested by the Collector, subject to the concession suggested by the Board in para 5 of its Proc^s. The Collector's attention should be pointedly drawn to the fact that the lands to be given to the Masulipatam pensioners who elect to commute their pensions ~~are~~ will be subject to the same condition prescribed in para 5(3)(c) of G.O. No.732 dated 17th October, 94 as regards inalienability as the lands granted to Panchamas.

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