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Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 3147

DATED 27th July 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Sanctioning the Board's recommendation to give the Municipality waste land commanded by the Periyar project power to sub survey fields provided the total extent does not exceed six acres.

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27/7/98

From

The Board of Revenue, Land Revenue, Madras.

No. 803 REF.

Dated 19th July 1898.

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Order Fin. no. 3147 d/29th July 98.

The recommendation of the Board of Revenue to give the selling Officer power to club survey fields provided the ~~total~~ extent of the ~~two~~ clubbed fields does not exceed six acres is sanctioned.

2. The following telegram will be despatched to the Collector of Madura

"Your proposal to give selling officer Periyar lands power to club fields sanctioned subject to maximum six acres."

26/7/98 Dy Secy Pay Govt ?

27/7/98 Peddalanka channel is in the Godivari

To The Bd of Revenue (L & M) Talk of Section

The Collector of Madura (with enclosure?)

SUBJECT.

Requesting the early sanction of Government for the Madura Collector's proposal to modify the sale notice of ~~rates~~ waste lands commanded by the ~~Peddalanka chan-~~ ~~nel~~ authorizing the Special Dy. Collector to offer two or more fields in a lot subject to a maximum combined extent of 6 acres.

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE),
Madras, 19th July 1898.

READ— endorsement of J.C.D.Partridge Esq.,Ag.Collector of Madura,R.on C.No.1958-Cl.,dated 13th July 1898,on letter from the Deputy Collector on Special duty,Madura,R.C.No.244-Collr., dated 8th July 1898.

Reference No. 803 dated 19th July 1898.

Para 3 of the sale notice approved in C.O.No.4530 Mis.,dated 30th August 1897 contains a provision requiring that the waste lands commanded by the Periyar channel shall be sold field by field.The Special Deputy Collector who is entrusted with the conduct of the sales,points out that hitherto the sale of all the lands in one village has,as a rule,been brought to a close in a single day and that,where ~~there~~ this has not been practicable,much difficulty has been experienced in inducing the bidders to remain till the following day.The number of survey fields shortly to be sold in two villages in the Melur Taluk Sennagarampatti Thekkutheru is reported to be 166 and 505 respectively and at the usual rate of progress only 30 to 50 fields are likely to be sold each day.To prevent the risk of bidders refusing to remain throughout the continuance of the auction in these and similar villages the Deputy Collector requests that he may be authorized to offer two or more fields in a lot and that the sale notice may be modified accordingly.

2. A similar provision was made in the notice issued for the sale of lands in the Bapatla Taluk of the Kistna District; while in the Cudivada Taluk of the same district,the saleable areas were notified for sale in convenient lots not exceeding 12

acres

acres each and the Collector was given power to reduce the size of the lots as he thought fit. The average size of the fields to be sold in the Madras District is stated to be less than 5 acres, and the Deputy Collector has no objection to the maximum extent of each lot being fixed at 10 or 12 acres. The Collector agrees with the Deputy Collector. The Board requests the sanction of Government for amending the sale notification as recommended by the local officers. Subject to this modification that the maximum combined extent of clubbed survey fields should be 6 & not 12 acres; the Board considers that the lesser area is the utmost that could satisfactorily be cultivated by one man and his family; to raise the maximum to a higher figure might lead to the multiplication of subtenants.

5. It is requested that the orders of Government may be communicated to the Collector direct by wire.

Lovell Davidson
Ag. Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, R.D., with Collr's. letter and three notices to be returned.

C.V. 25/7

Q.B.

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Please see his letter in the current. 4

C 25/7/98.

B.P. No. 803 Refer dy 15.7.98.
(C. No 5149)

To the Under Secy :-

Under the rules for the sale of waste lands commanded by the Periyar project the lands have to be sold field by field - please see rule 3 of the notice stitched with the current. The Deputy Collector on special duty now points out that hitherto the sale of all the lands in one village was as a rule brought to a close in a single day; that where this was not practicable much difficulty was experienced in inducing the bidders to remain till the following day; that in the Melur taluk where the sales begin in August the number of surveyed fields in two of the villages is 166 and 505; that the sales of the latter must take at least ten days as at the usual rate of progress only 30 to 50 fields are likely to be sold each day. The Deputy Collector

Collector accordingly requests permission to offer two or more fields in one lot the ~~maximum~~ area in such cases being fixed at 10 or 12 acres. The Board of Revenue is of opinion that the maximum ~~extent~~ extent of clubbed survey fields should not be more than 6 acres as this is the utmost that can be cultivated by one man and his family and any increase might lead to a multiplication of subtenants. Subject to this modification the Board recommends the proposal for the sanction of Govt. and requests that the orders of Govt. may be communicated to the Collector direct by wire.

2. As pointed out by the Board a similar power was given to the selling officer in the case of the sale of waste lands in the Bapatla taluk Kistna Dt. and in regard to the lands in the Gudivada taluk the saleable areas were notified for sale in convenient lots, not exceeding 12 acres. It may, however, be pointed out that in regard to lands in the Gudivada taluk the maximum limit of each lot was fixed by the Collector at 100 acres but was reduced to 12 acres by the Board.

3. For orders as to whether the Dy Collector's proposal as modified by the Board may be approved. The Dy Collector states that if the fields are clubbed as proposed it will "attract outsiders who desire to purchase large blocks of land". No doubt the proposal if carried out might financially prove a success but the question for consideration is whether it would not shut out the smaller men from competing at the sales and leave the fields entirely in the hands of bigger capitalists. In reporting on the results of the previous sales the Dy Collector stated that the larger blocks commanded greater competition, but this was presumably because outsiders

Please see the two notices stitched with the Current.

Para 3(1) of the B.P. points at of G.O. no 432 of 1.9.96.

Please see Dy collector's reports in G.Os nos 5776 of 11.11.97 and 1336 of 17.3.98

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outsiders who wanted to acquire large tracts of land went in for them. The object being presumably to encourage peasant proprietors and smaller capitalists to compete and to acquire lands sufficiently moderate for them to cultivate themselves. The proposal to club the fields made expressly to [illegible] might tend to speculation.

JBW
24.7.98 Secy

If the enclosures in each lot are large we shall soon have the large capitalists combining together. Allowing two or more fields to be combined up to a maximum of 6 acres cannot however if submitted, do harm

HM
25/7/98

H.M.

The Board's proposal may be approved

[illegible] 25/7/98

Were entirely cultivation objectionable - but 2 acres - Maximum if the right of the principal [illegible] being such as to limit [illegible] Mayo

(5) Hon Mr Arundel
(6) Hon Sir H Blake

Yes. Clubbing to the extent of six acres won't do any harm.

HA 25.7.98

Before the file was submitted a search was made for the reasons for the existing rule as to area if any. Special reasons were recorded & a further search with a view

To the Under Secy:-

Please see a draft G.O put up on the back of the current. After the G.O has issued the question raised by H. M. (the Hon: Sir H. W. Blake) will be looked up and a separate note submitted

JBW
26/7/98 Secy

HM
26/7/98

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