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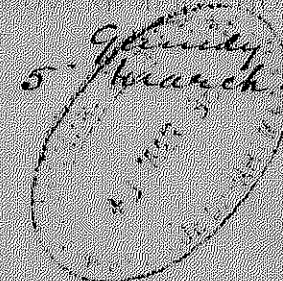
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SUBJECT.

Submitting 5 copies of the
Addresses presented to His
Excellency the Governor and
replies made by him during
his 14 hour for each action
as may be necessary.

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My dear Forbes,

I enclose 5 copies of the
addresses presented to His Ex-
cellency the Governor and replies
made by him during his IV
Tour for such action as may be
necessary.

Yours sincerely

W. A. R.

D.O. No 46 of 1898

For orders.

The following points seem to require notice in the addresses presented to and the replies given by, His Excellency, on his fourth tour:

* page 270 of the pamphlet (11) In para 5 of their address the inhabitants of Tenkasi referred to G.O. No 5688-13.7.97 in which the forest policy of Govt has been laid down, and suggested that the areas set apart for free grazing and for cutting agricultural implements might be placed under the control of the local Revenue officers instead of the Forest officers. They urged that this change was necessary in the interests of the public on the ground that Revenue officers are can better judge the requirements of each ryot and are

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more easily accessible and
more sympathetic than
offices of the Forest Dept.

They also referred to
certain cases in which
areas set apart for pasture
and fuel at the time of
the settlement have since
been ~~totally~~ absorbed
into reserved forests.

His Excellency stated in
reply that if there was
to be real Conservancy
of forest growth, there
must be special control
and management, that
to effect this, the Forest
Dept. was better suited
than the Revenue Dept.

But that to guard against
the evil of the forests being
managed from too purely
technical point of view,
the Forest Dept. was
made subordinate to
the Revenue Dept., the
Officer being the Collector's
Assistant & the cases
being worked under the Board

pp 274-275 of the
pamphlet.

Page 313 of the
pamphlet

Board of Revenue. As regards
the areas set aside for fuel
grazing at the time of the
settlement, and which are
now being taken up, H.E.
observed that the change
only meant that the areas
would be controlled and
managed by the department
which is professionally best
qualified to control it and
did not necessarily mean
any restriction at all of
the privileges enjoyed by
the villagers hitherto.

No action is called for
with reference to these
remarks.

(2) In para 6 of the ad-
dress presented by the inha-
bitants of ^{Tinnai} ~~Tinnai~~, it was
stated that the Govt had
sanctioned the opening of
experimental farms in
some of the Districts of the
Presidency and that Tin-
nivaly being an agricultural
District a farm might be
established there as well.

His Excellency^{has} said in
reply that farms had
been sanctioned for Coim-
batore and Bellary and
that if they should prove
a success there, they might
possibly be extended, but
that the matter ^{is} ~~was~~ in
at present in such a
completely experimental
stage that Govt would
hesitate to extend the
number of farms. ~~already~~
~~mentioned~~.

The question
of the establishment of
agricultural farms is
now under consideration
in connection with the G. of D. right revolution.

(3) In the address pre-
sented by the inhabitants of
Madura, the following re-
quests were made:—

(a) that increased faci-
lities of Communication
may be given in the Periyar
affected villages, by
opening up roads and
bridges, and that a por-
tion of the money realized
by Govt by the sale of the

p 317 of the pamphlet

G.O. No 490

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no action is required
in this connection

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p 344-345 of the pamphlet

waste lands commencing
the Periyar may be expected
in this behalf.

(b) that the ryots may
allowed not less than
three years, to prepare
their lands for wet cul-
tivation, that the wet assess-
ment should not be charged
~~down~~ for that period, and
that the full wet assess-
ment should not be levied
all at once but gradually
in five annual increments
commencing from the year
in which wet cultivation
is first raised, and that
the lands may be registered
as 'single crop' instead
of as 'double crop'.

(c) that larger areas
than those now sanctioned
may be reserved for
Communal purposes
and that some lands
may also be reserved
in each village to be taken
up by the ryots at dry
rates of assessment for
rain

Raising fodder, vegetable
manure &c.

(d) that the forest rules
may be relaxed so as
to enable the ryots to
obtain free permits
for vegetable manure
and pasture in the adjoining
Govt forests.

(e) that the distribution
of water from the Periyar
channels may be placed
under the control of the
Revenue Department.

(f) that Govt should take
up ~~the~~ the management
of the agricultural model
farm in Madurai now
under the management
of the Dist Board, and
widen the scope of its
usefulness by allotting
more lands to it for
experimental demonstra-
tion.

(g) that the purposes for
which Loans are granted
under the Agriculturists'
Loans

Loans Act may be extended
so as to include outlay
manure and building
houses for cultivators.

In replying to the
address, His Excellency
said that he would make
enquiry into the various
matters above mentioned
and take such action as
might seem desirable.

In regard to the request
marked (a) above, attention
is invited to para 45 of
the Madurai Collector's
letter in page 12 of L.O.
No 153 D 15.2.92, and to
para 20 of the Board's
Proceedings in page 20
of the same order. It
will be seen therefrom that
the Collector and the
Board recommended that
a portion of the sale proceeds
of the Periyar waste lands
might be utilized in
^{improving the} communications in the
villages commanded by
the Periyar project. That

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The Govt, however, then
observed as follows:—
(para 9 of G.O. No 1532/15.2.92) K

'There is no definite information before Govt whether there is work of the last mentioned kind to be done nor whether the ryots require any help to do it. . . . the question may lie over for the present.'

It is submitted that a report may now be called for on the point.

With reference to request marked (b) it is to be noted that it was first laid down in the

rules appended to B.P. No 353 & 11.9.95 that the difference between the wet and dry assess-

ment would be remitted until the Periyar water was made available and that, subsequently, in

G.O. No 223 & 19.3.96 the Govt approved of the Settlement Commr's proposal

Please see note at
End. *WRM*
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in the Board's volume put up

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proposals that ¹³no water rate should be charged for water used for preparing land for wet cultivation, that only half rates should be charged for ~~water used~~ the first crop on the new, converted ~~and~~ land and that the question of granting further concessions should lie over till water was actually available. The Registry as 'double crop' of all unoccupied lands with the exception of a small extent situated at the tail end of the works, was recommended by the Board of Revenue, ^{in para 11 of B.P. in page 189 of 153} on the ground that said a course had been adopted in Salem and Vizagapatnam as calculated to prevent the evasion of second-crop charge. The Concessions now asked for are evidently too extravagant to be allowed, but ~~it is thought that the Collector is~~

See note at end.

WRM

The high price which the land is fetching under the present terms (vide G.O. 1338 of 3.28) ^{11.11.97} ~~shows that no~~ ^{that no} ~~concession can be made~~

~~report on this as also on the~~
~~request marked (e) & (f).~~

As regards the request
marked (e) it will be
seen from the notes under
Ljo No 39628 3.10.96 that
the question of entrusting
the control over the ~~Periyar~~
~~water~~ distribution of the
Periyar water to the Revenue
Department ^{has been} fully
discussed and that it
has been finally decided
that the responsibility
of distributing the Periyar
water should rest in the
Officers of the P. W. Deptt
but that they should at
the same time be required
to consult the local Revenue
officers freely and to give
effect to their suggestions
unless there are grave
reasons to the contrary.
With regard to the request
marked (f) the question
of the establishment of
agricultural farm schools
is ^{now} under consideration.

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Rule I of the Rules
under Land Improvement
& Agricultural Acts.

(page 10 of go ⁸⁸²¹
22-10-97)

(g) — the request to extend
the rule in regard to the grant
of loans under the Agricul-
turists Loans Act so as to
include outlay on manure
and building houses for cul-
tivators —

The purposes for which
loans are granted under
this Act are —

- (i) the purchase of seed, grain,
ploughing cattle and stallions
or the re-building of houses
destroyed by fire or flood.
- (ii) Other agricultural objects
such as purchase of fodder
for domestics and agricultural
cattle, erection of sugar
mills, indigo vats and
smoke-like appliances for
dealing with raw ag.
produce, erection of
double wholes or other
contrivances for raising
water.
- (iii) the relief of distress where
the existence of such dis-
tress has been recognized

by Gout on

The grant of loans for manure will certainly fall under item (ii) alone and no revision of the rules is necessary for this purpose. If loans can be granted ^(as in item ii) for the purchase of fodder for domestic (as opposed to agricultural) cattle, there is no reason why it should not be granted

for building dwelling
houses, ^{for agriculturalists} but item (1)
would seem to show that
building advances are to
be made only in cases
where the houses have
been destroyed by fire
or flood.

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Levy

The matter relating
to Revenue touched
upon in H. Es. replies
to the inhabitants of
Penhase & Turrevelley
are sufficiently dealt

I do not think India w^d. sanction
the grant of loans for "building houses
for agriculturalists". The time w^d. ever
many cases besides those we wish
it. ~~to do~~. I ~~do not~~ think the
^{gotten for} ^{sight in mind}
concerning ~~the~~ ^{these} things there
can be no doubt that it w^d. be
a help to the process opening up
the land and w^d. have their capital
Everything is told said for it which
can be said in England for building
laborers cottages are an estate.

and if the proposal were limited
to the kind of houses for labour-
to, or in the address of an in-
land party found up India
might be sent: //

with above. No action
seems necessary in this
connection.

~~With reference to~~
The points contained
the address of inhabitants
of Madura may be
taken seriously

(a) Devoting a portion of the sale proceeds of the Periyar lands in making roads & bridges in the newly irrigated tracts:-

In 1875 this Govt
discovered the propriety
of selling ^(salt & documents) tank bed land
under the Sāngam project in Madras.
The Collector & the Board

Contended that there were communal lands which Govt had no right to sell at the expense of the village community.

It was decided however, that millage waste could be sold (i.e. the company rights) in certain special cases if when the land had acquired their value.

Ex. 550 87-4-8
D₂

Please see in W. Robinson
Munroe in the Soc. 550 d 7473
F2

E.O. 11 Jan 81 No 93 P2

x 50.20 984-5 2 27-6-81 N2

Ex. 550 d 4.7.85 D₂

Rg. S.O. No 1396 d 20.9.87

Vide para 20
of B.P. in S.O.
No 15-3 & 15-2-82
Fag H

The Govt considered that the proposal to sell waste lands was inadvisable & so the question of assigning a portion of the sale proceeds to village roads did not arise.

of the order. It is, I am
glad to say, that they did
not see any sufficient
reason for the proposal.

In 1892 the Board came up with a similar proposal as to the disposal of a part of the sale proceeds of the whale lands under the Peruvian Project. Curiously, it does not appear that the Govt of India's order of 1891 was brought to notice either by the Bd or by the Whaling

The gas station was
 located in the city.
 raised, but Sir H. S. White
 then acted on the
 point (the page flipped)
 "As to new minor
 roads it is to be remembered
 that the local funds
 will get less on all the
 new revenue viz at one
 anna per rupee, Rs 43 per
 for annam. This revenue
 income will enable the

Board to provide what is wanted, without "Special aid from general revenues."

It is submitted therefore that the request of the petitioners in this respect is inadmissible

(1) because to admit it wd. be practically to admit that there was a communal right in these lands which Govt has confiscated & it has been ^{finally} decided not to admit this; and

(2) because the Govt will have the funds for the work & should be made to do their duty. To doubt the full measure will not accede to the Govt's all at once but rather with the board to all wanted at once. Indeed they could only be laid out after the channel has been cleared & the land bought

Subsequently however the Govt of India overruled the decision of this Govt as to propriety of selling the waste-land under the Periyar (vide G.O. 1026 of 7.10.92)

This I think of importance to help in any legitimate way the opening up of this tract. In this few things will be so important as communal. The Govt will not be able to do this under the "wasteland" law. In fact, and I submit Govt might make provision and out of the proceeds of the Govt will be satisfied that the app. of them proposed by the Govt will meet the object in view. India might be asked to sanction this.

India requires all sums received by the sale of waste lands to be credited to the project wh. renders them available or of value. Financial will be able to give chapter & verse. India will not consent to the alienation of such sums towards road-making

The roads are not included in the original estimate of the work India will pay made 9.9.98, if not help in road making, the roads will be out of necessity & give a grant from Provincial.

At 15.6.98. Do not concern with the H. is meaning. The report of Govt to buy an acre in this land is based on this "cult." Further the land does not come to its full crop value for 1338 of 17.3.98. It is cult. art. The report to introduce the tract is gradually is based on principle and is the principle of the Settlement Dept. when there is any marked change of aspect. Every in the Govt. is in the spring of this & like tract.

will be returned many former past experience of this like policy there. 12/6/98.

(b) No further concessions in the way of remission are needed at present. The waste lands are selling well under the rules already issued. Thousands of acres are newly brought under irrigation in this area without any remission even for the first crop. It might be refused the Periyar water. The ground of Govt is a different matter.

(b) That further concessions by way of remission of full assessment should be allowed to purchasers of Periyar lands.

As noted above the high prices the land is fetching show clearly that further concessions are not needed.

(c) That larger areas than those at present sanctioned should be provided for communal purposes & that some land should be reserved for growing fodder & vegetable manure.

The request may be referred to the collection reports.

(d) That forest rules may be relaxed so as to enable the Govt to obtain free permits for vegetable manure & practice in adjoining Govt forest.

Some concession to this direction may

H.E. the previous

S.R. 17/7/98

See in the Act under 'I suggest' to be
sufficiently wide in its scope, to cover the
building of houses. In this particular case,
the building of houses for this purpose would
help to develop the occupation and cultivation.
I would should have made reference to the House
of Commons if he would be considered this point.
Should be taken again into account, was brought
out the 1st of 7, to mention that before
as a general consideration in the case of
this particular case.

H.E. 27/98

See

In the separate file below
the RI proposes to replace
the Special Dy Collector (on
Dangar lands) who is
on the work of preparing
a scheme of improvement
communications with
Pohmala, etc. If this is
approved, the fact may also
be mentioned in the R.O. or local addresses.

See file below
H.E. 27/98

I should have said "the rules
under the Act" do not permit
what is proposed. But Sec.
4 of Act XII of 1884 seems as
H.E. notes to be wide enough to
cover the building of houses.
The Sec. runs "any other purpose
not spec. in the L.I. Act 1883, but
connected with agricultural objects".
In the present case the houses are
an essential to the extension of the
Perigat irrig. I am therefore
connected with agricult. objects.
The best plan therefore will be
to lay the case before India
with a draft modification of the
rules to meet such cases
as the present.

H.E. 27/98

As to the ref. to Col. I agree.
Please ask Fin. for the ruling
of more acts disposed of
sums realized by sale of waste
lands & let H.E. see it when
Col. reply comes in. If H.E.
still wishes to refer to India
I have no objection. I was
ago in Trivendrum & Mr.
Puckle - and I was in a small
way - spent much receipts on
local needs before the ruling
was issued.

H.E.

H.H.

(1) Write H.H. please see H.E.
note of 8/7/98 on p. 20. in which
H.E. asks the H.H. to reconsider the point as to the scope of Sec 4
of the Act to cover the erection of houses

(2) The linked file below is
for orders also S.R.

S.R. 15/7/98

H.H.

Please see H.E. note
above of 8/7/98

(2) Please also see
H.E. note at top of p. 17
proposing a course different
from that suggested by the
H.H. on point (a)

(3) Please see also
H.E. note on p. 18 re: point (e)

S.R.

15/7/98

Agreed
H.H. 27/98

See file below
H.H. 27/98

The Under Secy:-

Please see four
drafts submitted below as directed.

By
898

Secy
12/18/98

Issue all except that
to Govt. of India wh. seci
to H. H. 8/8
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No. 13/18/98

1702
Read the following extract from
the address presented by the inhabitants
of the City and Dist. of Madras
to
during His Excellency the Governor
from the Town.

Sp
18/8/98

"We x x x pray that the purposes
for which loans are now granted
under the Agriculturists' Loans
Act may be extended so as to
include outlay on manure and
building houses for cultivators
and that a further relaxation
of the forest rules be granted
by way of issuing free permits
for vegetable manure and
pasture in the adjoining forest
forests".

G.O. 3408 dt 18th Aug. 98

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The Govt. considers that under
Rule I B(ii) of the Rules framed
under Section 10 of the Land Improve-
ment Loans Act-XIX of 1883- and
Section 4 of the Agriculturists' Loans
Act - ~~XII~~ of 1884 - outlay on
manure is a legitimate object
for the grant of a loan under

latter Act and no modification of the rules in this respect is therefore necessary. As regards the grant of loans for building houses, the grant of land will be addressed.

2. The Govt sees no reason for modifying the rules as to pasture in reserved forests or land or for granting free permits for vegetable manure except as provided for in the rules. It is however observed that steps have recently been taken for working some of the forest area for the production of vegetable growth for manure and it is hoped that this measure will be ^{of substantial aid to} greatly appreciated by the ryots.

G.O. No 28017/2-7-98

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to B³ of Revenue (A.S. & R. & A)
to B³ of Revenue (Land Revenue)

12/8/98

Letter No. 3409 Mis
12/8-98

To
The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Dept. of Rev. & Agriculture
Sir,

I am directed to submit for the favourable consideration ~~of~~ ^{of} the Govt. of India a proposal to amend the rules in force in this Presidency for the grant of loans under the Agriculturists' Loan Act, which were sanctioned by the Government of India in Mr. Jebetson's letter No. 1884-211-7 dated the 16th August 1897, so as to provide for the grant of loans to cultivators for building houses in tracts newly opened ~~for~~ ^{for} occupation.

2. The question has arisen in connection with the waste lands under Periyar system. These lands are being with a ready sale and much cash is being spent ~~in the purchase of~~ procuring the labour necessary to render them fit for wet cultivation. ^{by the} Govt. has been authorised to grant State loans for building

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21-7-18