Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 4259-59A

DATED 2nd Novr. 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Addressing the Govt of India for the disafforestation of a piece of land measuring 2.60 acres included in the Nedivattam reserve within this district required for the establishment of a private tea factory.

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 5336.

From The Board of Revenue, Land Revenue.

To Orders

A precis of the correspondence is given in the current. Submitted that the drafts under G.O. No 6295 dt 6.12.97 may now issue. It seems unnecessary to let India know the terms on which the land is to be granted to Mr Arbuthnot.

WR 21.8.98.

Offer what are the ordinary rules for disposal of waste in the Nilgiris. Put them up. 23/8/98

Forest No. 309 Ref

Dated 26 July 1898.

Received 29 "

Registered 30 "

Enclosures 3.

Spare copies .

SUBJECT.

Submitting for Govt with reference to GO No. 268 Mis. dated 15 January 98 letter from the Collector of the Nilgiris reporting the terms under which a piece of land included in the Naduvattam Reserve is proposed to be granted to Hon. W. R. Arbuthnot.

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Reference on Forest Register No. 1559/1685 *of* 1898.

In replying the above should be quoted.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS.

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(Land Revenue).

READ Government Order, Revenue Department, No. 268 1/1, dated 17th January 1898 and the following Reference thereon dated 27th January 1898.

Forwarded to the Collector of Nilgiris for a full report as to the terms on which the land in question is proposed to be granted to Mr. W. K. Arbuthnot.

Read also Endorsement of A. A. Gass Esq. Acting Conservator of Forests, I.C. dated 15 July 1898, No 270. forwarding to the Board the following letter from W. W. G. Cowie Esquire, Acting Collector of the Nilgiris, dated 12 July 1898. Report No. 113.

In reply to Board's Reference on T. R No. 153 of 1898 dated 27 January 1898 I have the honour to report that Mr. W. K. Arbuthnot who is the duly authorised agent of his father, agrees to pay the value of the land at Rs. 50/ per acre subject to an assessment of 8 annas per acre which is a fair valuation, considering the rocky and unproductive nature of the soil.

Reference

Reference No. 209 dated 26 July 1898.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O No. 268 Mis, dated 17 January 1898.

2. In its Proceedings No. 1213 Mis, dated 22.11.1897 the Board recommended the disafforestation of about 2½ acres of the Nadavattam Reserved Forest, applied for on behalf of Mr. W.R. Arbuthnot for erecting a new tea factory. In its Order No. 6295 Mis, dated 6th December 1897, the Government desired the Board to report the terms upon which it was proposed to transfer the land to Mr. Arbuthnot before was informed in B.P. No. 1284 dated 14 December 97, that the matter would be dealt with by the Collector in the ordinary course after the land was disafforested and that for want of this information, the application to the Government of India need not be delayed. Thereupon the Government points out that the land applied for might prove to have been needlessly disafforested if the terms of the grant were not previously settled.

2. The matter was referred to the Collector of the Nilgiris who in his letter of the 12 July read above, reports that Mr. W.R. Arbuthnot who is the only authorised agent of his father, agrees to pay the value of the land at Rs. 50/- per acre, subject to an assessment of 8 annas per acre. The Collector considers this to be a fair valuation, having regard to the rocky and unproductive nature of the soil, and the Board concurs with him.

Lovell Davidson

To The Secretary to Govt. R.D.
with 3 Encls. rets.

Ag. Secretary.

Draft Notification

His Excellency the Governor in Council, with the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council is hereby pleased to declare, under the provisions of Section 24 of Madras Forest Act V of 1882, that the area specified below, which in Notification No. 277 published in the Fort St. George Gazette dated 26th July 1887 Part I page 592, was declared to be reserved Forest under Section 16 of that Act, shall cease to be reserved Forest with effect from .....

Specification of land disforested.

Name of Reserve or portion of Reserve disforested.	District	Taluq	Village	Area in acres.
Nadavattam.	Nilgiris.	Todanad Division Cotacamund Taluq	Nadavattam	About 2.60 acres

Boundaries. North. Starting from a point within the Nadavattam Reserved Forest about 4 chains westward of the eastern boundary of Sett No. 108 (within the Reserve) and 4 chains 10 links northward from the Southern boundary of the same field, a straight line

line 4 Chains 80 links long to the western bank of the stream in Sett No 99/13.

East. Thence Southward along the western bank of the above stream to a point due South of the eastern most Corner of Sett No 108 (within the Reserve) and 1 Chain and 40 links distant from the bridge, then a straight line across the stream 1 Chain & 25 links long to the northern boundary of Sett No 97 (Prospect Estate)

South. Thence the northern boundary of Sett No 97 (Prospect Estate) for a distance of 4 chains.

West. Thence a straight line northward measuring 6 chains to the starting point.

Brief description. Nil.

Reasons for disforestation. As set forth in Letter ~~No: 113~~ dated 7 ~~September~~ October 1897.

Land is required for Parkland for Prospect Estate

For Collector

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Revenue department

B.P. Forest No. 309 Refee dy 26.7.98
(C. No 5336)

To the Under Secy:-

A precis of the correspondence is given in the Annexure. Submitted that the drafts under G.O. No 6295 dy 6.12.97 may now issue. It seems unnecessary to let India know the terms on which the land is to be granted to the Government.

HBV
21.9.98.

Office

What are the ordinary rules for the disposal of waste on the Nilgiris. Put them up.

(Sd) N.E.M.
23/9/98

Men are under revision

To the Under Secy:-

Please see Appendix to S.O. No 33 para 1 (New edition). Under Rule XIV the lot shall, as advertised, be put up to auction and sold to the highest bidder above the upset price subject

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"subject to an annual assessment
"on the whole area of eight annas
"per acre for grass land and
"two rupees per acre for forest
"land x x x", and under Rule
XIII: "The upset price shall
"in all cases be merely the
"cost of the survey and of the
"erection of durable boundary
"marks x x x".

2. In the present case the land is proposed to be assigned on payment of the value of the land at Rs 50 per acre subject to an annual assessment of 8 annas per acre.

KPR
24.8.98.

Secy

This seems to be a case in which no one else is likely to take the land if ~~under~~ the Arbitrust does not. So perhaps the sale by auction may be dispensed with? The proposed annual assessment must however be declared liable to revision

Yes. Would be inconvenient to give the necessary rights over the land in reserved forest.
AGT 17.9.98

Yes.

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(Lay over for the file on the waste land rules)

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Revenue Department

Read again G.O. No. 6295 dy 6-12-97
" " " 268 dy 17-1-98.
" B.P. No. 309 Repd dy 21-7-98
(C. No 5336)

G.O. Issue No. 4259 dy 2nd Nov 1898.

~~The assignment of the land~~ in question to be subject to the terms mentioned by the Board of Revn in para 2 of its Proc last read above is sanctioned subject to the condition that the annual assessment shall be liable to revision.

2. The Govt of India will be addressed. ~~in the matter~~

KPR
1-XI-98

SPS 1/11/98

To

The Bd of Revn (R.D.)
Dep. 5-11-98

Letter No. 4259

To.

No: 4259 Rt.

To Secy to the Govt of India
Revn & Agri dept.

Sir,

With reference to the provisions of section 24 of the Madras Forest Act IV of 1882 I am directed to request that His Excellency the Governor General in Council may be pleased to sanction the issue of the accompanying notification directing that a piece of land, 2 to acres in extent included in the Nedimattam reserved forest, Nilgiri district, shall cease to be reserved from a date to be hereafter fixed by this Govt.

2. I am to explain that the land is required for the establishment of a tea factory by private ~~connect to with certain neighbouring estates~~ as no site commanding sufficient water power for the purpose is available on the estates themselves. It is proposed to assign the land on payment of its value at Rs 50 per acre subject to an annual assessment of as 8 per acre which shall be liable to revision. The alienation of the land will in no way impair the value or utility of the reserve.

3. I am also to enclose for reference (and return) a sketch map of the land in question, and to add that the final notification under section 16 of the Act issued in respect of the Nedimattam reserve will be found printed as appendix to the Proc. of this Govt forwarded with the Price's endorsement No 693 A dy 16.7.1897.

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