Revenue (1899) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 828

Dated 7th December 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Relinquishment of Jammam lands

Accepting the recommendation of the Bd of Rev that the proposal to treat Small & Large Jammis different in the matter of — in Coimbatore should be dropped.

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From

The Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, Land Records and ---- Agriculture, Madras.

Misc. No. 5695

Dated 15th November 1899.

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Read Order (Govt.) No. 82 8 d/ 7th December 1899

The Govt. accepts the Board's recommendation.

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To

The Board of Rev (Lett). Draft 20.12.99.
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SUBJECT.

Relinquishment of janmam lands. Submitting to Government that for certain reasons, the proposal to treat small & large janmis differently in the matter of-------in Wynaad, should be dropped.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE. MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

Dated 15th November 189 9.

No. 5695 Misc.

Mr. Figgens.

G 738/C.D. 1899

READ the I.P. 279 Misc. dated 11th January 1899, communicating to the Collectors of Malabar and Nilgiris for information and guidance G.O. passing orders on the Board's report regarding the relinquishments and sales of land for arrears of revenue in the Wynaad (Malabar and the Nilgiris) since the introduction of revenue settlement and requesting to offer their opinion on the point raised in para 3 of the G.O.

Read again also the following: B.P. 1947 Misc 14-4-99:—

Read ~~also~~ the following letter from the Collector of the --- Nilgiris, R.D.No.253/99, dated 23rd March 1899.—

With reference to Board's Proceedings No.279 Misc dated 11th January last, I have the honour to report that -- the smallest Jammi in the South-East Wynaad is one Panguni Panicker who owns 59.95 acres of land in Cherambode Desam. Para 3 of the Government Order received with the Board's --- Proceedings under reference does not seem to apply to his case nor does it appear that there will, at any future time, be a Jammi ~~owning~~ owning only a few acres of land.

Resolution. Misc.No.1947, dated 14th April 1899.

Recorded pending receipt of reply from the Collector of Malabar to I.P.No.279/11-1-99. (True Copy & Extract).

(Sd). R.V. Srinivasiar.
Secretary.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, No. D.890/Rev, dated 29th May 1899.—

In reply to Board's Proceedings No.279 Misc, dated 11th January 1899 I have the honour to state that I have taken counsel with the Deputy Collector of Wynaad and given the matter my careful consideration. But I am unable to suggest my satisfactory definition of "small Jenmies" for the purposes of para 3 of G.O. dated 3rd December 1898 No.738 Rev. I would only beg that no further res-- trictions be put on relinquishments in Wynaad. They will only result in renewed lamentations from that distressful taluk.

2. In conclusion I beg respectfully to submit that the Board's criticisms of my proposals contained in paras 20 to 25 of its Proceedings No.671 dated 16th October 1897 show that it has misunderstood those proposals. As however the views of the Board have the approval of Government I do not propose to reopen the matter.

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Read Reference, Hercan No.1448 dated 13th July 1899.—

The Collector of Malabar is requested to enquire and report whether cases in which the Jenmi of a few acres of land who cultivates the whole of it himself relinquishes the holding or a portion of it, are at all frequent in the Malabar portion of Wynaad. He should also report how many jenmis there are in Malabar Wynaad who own and cultivate, say, less than 20 acres each.

(True Copy & Extract).

(Sd). C. Benson.

Dy. Director for Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, No. D.1517/Rev. dated 23rd September 1899.—

With reference to the Board's reference No.1448 dated 13th July last I have the honour to state that the number of --- Jenmies who own and cultivate less than 20 acres in Wynaad is as shown in the margin. Of these 6 relinquishments 17.86 acres in

Amsom.	No. of Jenmis.			in fasli 1305, 50, and -----
1.Periah	"9	12. Pudadi	"5	
2.Thondervad	"28	13.Purakkadi	"9	194.10 acres in fasli 1306 & 16—
3.Edavaka	"79	14.Muttil	"3	
4.Tavinhal	"32	15.Nulpuzha	"3	75.08 " " 1307.
5.Nallurnad	"57	16.Kidayanad	"1	
6.Vanom	"16	17.Kurumbala	"21	----------:-------
7.Tirunelli	" 7	18.Kothathora	"24	
8.Vellanunda	"36	19.Kalpetta	"11	
9.Paranannur	"36	20.Vayitri	" 6	
10.Anjukunnu	"22	21.Kottapadi	"10	
11.Kuppathodi	"29	22.Muppainad	" 4	

N=4 Jenmies - Total 448

Resolution:-

In para 3 of its order No.738 Revenue, dated 3rd December 1898, the Government expressed the opinion that in the Wynaad, the Jenmi of a few acres of land, who cultivates the whole of it himself, is --- exactly in the position of an ordinary ryotwari proprietor and should not be permitted to relinquish any portion of his land unless he surrenders the janmam right in it also. — Government at the same time considered that it would be difficult to distinguish jenmis of this kind from other jenmis and accordingly requested the Board to advise in the matter.

2. The Board has consulted the Collectors of the Nilgiris and of Malabar. The Collector of the Nilgiris reports that the smallest jenmi in South East Wynaad owns about 60 acres of land and that it is not likely that even in the future, -- there will be any jenmi who owns only a few acres of land. The Collector of Malabar stated that he is unable to suggest any satisfactory definition of "small jenmis" and requests that no further restrictions be put on relinquishments in -- Malabar-Wynaad.

3. It is no doubt possible in Malabar to draw an arbi-- trary line of distinction between small and large jenmis, and treat as small jenmis all who own in janmam right less than say 20 acres of land. Of such jenmis, there are, it appears, 448 out of -- a total of some 2000 jenmis in Malabar-Wynaad, and if any distinction is to be introduced probably it would be -- right to draw the line at some such limit as this. But the enforcement of a rule such as is contemplated by Government is, the Board fears, likely to be regarded by the people as unjust

unjust, and it therefore ventures to recommend that the proposal to treat small and large jannis differently in the matter of re--- linquishment should be dropped.

/ True Copy & Extract /.

R. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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Rev: Dept.

Read the following:-

(1) G.O. 738. Rev dy 3.12.98.

(2) B.P. 5695 dy/15.11.99 (Cro 760

To Us

For orders as to whether, as recommended by the Board of Revenue, the proposal to treat small and large jannis differently in the matter of relinquishment, contemplated in para 3 of G.O. No 738 dy 3.12.98, may be dropped.

2. The desirability of making a distinction between the two classes was suggested by the Hon: Mr Lyon and accepted by His Excellency; but Sir H. Stokes was of opinion that though the distinction between the two was clear enough, it would be very difficult to define it.

GS
22.11.99
RS
23-11-99

D. Lees
24/11/99

H.M.
For orders,
27-11-99

G
W

Yes-
I entirely disapprove the existing orders regarding relinquishment in Malabar, but I am certainly of opinion that all jannis shd be treated alike
H.S.-
29-11-99.
G.

please see notes on p. 18 of printed notes under G.O. 738 3.12.98. J

C 28/11
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To. 215

Please see disgl. order on docket.

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G.O., No. 828, 7th December 1899.

DECEMBER.

Relinquishment of Janmam Lands.

Accepting the recommendation of the Board of Revenue that the proposal to treat small and large janmis differently in the matter of — in Wynaad, should be dropped.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), Mis. No. 5695, dated 15th November 1899 :—

Mr. A. W. B. Higgens.

Read—again Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 279, dated 11th January 1899, communicating to the Collectors of Malabar and the Nilgiris, for information and guidance, Government Order passing orders on the Board's report regarding the relinquishments and sales of land for arrears of revenue in the Wynaad (Malabar and the Nilgiris) since the introduction of revenue settlement and requesting to offer their opinion on the point raised in paragraph 3 of the Government Order.

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Resolution—Mis. No. 1947, dated 14th April 1899.

Recorded, pending receipt of reply from the Collector of Malabar to Board's Proceedings, No. 279, dated 11th January 1891.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

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(Signed) C. BENSON
Deputy Director
for Secretary.

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(3) Edavaka	79	(15) Nulpuzha	3
(4) Tavinbal	32	(16) Kidayanad	1
(5) Nallurnad	57	(17) Kurumbala	21
(6) Vanom	16	(18) Kothathora	24
(7) Tirunelli	7	(19) Kalpetta	11
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(11) Kuppathodi	29		
(12) Pudadi	5	Total	448

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(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

ORDER—No. 828, Revenue, dated 7th December 1899.

Miscellaneous.

The Government accepts the Board's recommendation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

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