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10*th April* 1861.

No. 160. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India (Revenue), to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 28th February 1861, No. 11 :—

SIR,

1. I have considered in Council the letters from your Government numbered 99 and 111, and dated respectively the 21st of September and 11th of October last, on the subject of Kumari cultivation in North and South Canara.

2. You will have been informed by paragraph 4 of my Despatch of the 21st of August last, that I was anxious that this species of cultivation should be placed under stringent regulations whereon it was considered inexpedient to suppress it entirely.

3. I learn from your present Proceedings that this system is not only destructive of the valuable timber forests but degrades the condition of the cultivators, and is injurious to the health of the inhabitants of the Districts in which it obtains. I therefore entirely agree with your Government that this mode of cultivation should be prohibited in all the Táluqs of Canara except in Bekul, and except also in such places as the Collectors may think it desirable to permit its continuance, such discretion to be exercised very sparingly.

4. In Bekul, as the Táluq was a portion of the old Nair territory, and the Kumari is an old custom of the Nairs, which is carried on as part of a regular system of farming, you were right to suffer it to continue. I trust, however, that there also the practice will in time be made to yield to a better kind of cultivation; and that this beneficial change will be gradually extended to this Táluq also. When this is the case we may reasonably expect that the influence of the change to a better system may be felt in the neighbouring forests of Malabar, which are private property. And it will be desirable that the Officers of your Government should be enjoined to discourage by all legitimate means, even in private forests, a practice which is opposed to the best interests of the people.

5. I approve of your Order to substitute a money rate for the annual valuation of crop in Malabar, should there be found on inquiry to be no valid local objections to the latter mode of assessment.

No. 161. ORDER THEREON, 10th April 1861, No. 803.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to the Orders of 23rd May and 24th August 1860, Nos. 830 and 1,431.

2. The attention of the Board will be directed to the wish expressed by the Secretary of State in the latter part of paragraph 4, that all legitimate means should be used to discourage Kumari even in private forests.

3. Their attention will also be called to paragraph 5 of the Despatch, with reference to paragraph 4 of the Order of 24th August 1860, No. 1,431.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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