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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th January 1865.*

No. 78. Read the following Proceedings of the Governor General of India in Council, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 1st December 1864, No. 279F-5,704 :—

Transfer of the Hoonsoor Forests from Madras to Mysore.

Read the following :—

Public Works Department Resolution Nos. 937—37A, dated the 26th February 1864.

Letter from the Secretary to Government, Madras, Revenue Department, No. 883, dated 23rd May 1864, with enclosures.

Letter from the Commissioner of Mysore, No. 907-35, dated the 29th June, with enclosures and Map.

Public Works Department letter No. 149F-3,894, dated 18th August, to the Secretary to Government of Madras.

Letter from the Secretary to Government, Madras, Revenue Department, No. 1,767, dated 26th September 1864.

1. OBSERVATIONS.—The Commissioner of Mysore having raised objections to the continued management of the Hoonsoor Forests by the Conservator of the Madras Government after a Conservator had been specially appointed for Mysore, the Government of India, in Public Works Department Resolution No. 937, dated the 26th February 1864, requested that the Madras Government would consider the question.

2. The Madras Government, in the 7th paragraph of their letter No. 883, dated the 23rd May, stated that they would waive all claim to these forests on the plea of "prescriptive right founded on long possession" if it could be shown that the original grant was not absolute. In reply to this, the Commissioner of Mysore, in his letter No. 907-35, dated the 29th June, has furnished extracts from the records of the Residency to show that though these forests had been reserved for public purposes and worked by the Madras Government for sixty years, yet no grant of territory had ever been made, and that the forests in question belong to Mysore. While maintaining that the Madras Government had no right to the forests, and that their management should be placed under the Conservator for Mysore, he suggests that in accordance with the present practice, and as an equitable arrangement, a certain quantity of timber should be yearly or periodically supplied *gratis* to the Public Works Department, Madras, at Bangalore.

3. A copy of this letter was forwarded to Madras, with an enquiry as to whether that Government would be satisfied with the proposed arrangement. The Government of Madras in their reply, dated the 26th September, state that they "consider the arrangement proposed by the Commissioner of Mysore in respect to the Hoonsoor Forests, to be on the whole a *fair compromise*."

RESOLUTION.—It appears to the Governor General in Council that the Madras Government having agreed to the Commissioner's proposal, the arrangement may be sanctioned, and the Hoonsoor Forests may now be placed under the Conservator of Mysore. The Commissioner is requested to supply timber to the Public Works Department of the Madras Presidency, under such rules as that Government may lay down for its Officers, within the capabilities of the forests under discussion. The Government of Madras should also take the requisite measures for the transfer of these forests to the Mysore Conservator.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Government of Madras, with reference to its letter No. 1,767, dated 26th September, and to the Commissioner of Mysore for information.

Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded to the Foreign and Financial Departments for information.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R. E.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th January 1865.*

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1865, No. 33.

Forests, No. 1.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Conservator of Forests for his information and guidance. He will issue the necessary instructions for the transfer of the Hoonsoor Forests to the Conservator for Mysore.

Procs. dated 16th March 1864, No. 457.

Do " 23rd May " " 882.

To Govt. of India, dated 23rd May 1864, No. 883.

From do. " 18th Aug. " " 149 F. 3,894.

To do. " 26th Sept. " " 1,767.

To Commissioner of Mysore, dated 10th Jan. 1865, No. 34.

2. Copies of the papers noted in the margin, will be furnished to the Public Works Department, in view to rules being prescribed for the supply of timber, free of cost, to the Officers of that Department at Bangalore.

3. Ordered that the following letter be sent to the Commissioner of Mysore:—
(Here enter No. 34, dated 10th January 1865.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Conservator of Forests.

• " Board of Revenue.

• " Military Department.

• " Civil Paymaster.

• " Accountant General.

• *Bd Department*

Exd T. O'Connor.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
10th January 1865.

No. 80.

No. 34.

From

J. D. SIM, Esq.,

Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

The Commissioner for the Government of the Territories
of His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore.

SIR,

Forests, No. 2.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Public Works Department, dated 1st December. 1864, No. 279F/5,704, I am directed to inform

you that orders have this day been issued to the Conservator of Forests of this Presidency to transfer the Hoonsoor Forests to the Conservator for Mysore.

2. You will be addressed again by the Secretary in the Public Works Department on the subject of the Rules to be laid down for the supply of timber free of cost to the Officers of that Department, at Bangalore, by the Conservator for Mysore.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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To The Commissioner for the
Government of the Terri-
tories of His Highness
the Maharajah of
Mysore
D^y 10 January /65.

Rev. F. W. Deptth of 12 June 55
A. N. 1592.

Reporting that order
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Conservator for Mysore

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