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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th June 1867.*

No. 102. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department :—

Conceding to the Basel Mission in South
Canara the privilege of cutting firewood free } (Here enter 31st May 1867, No. 1,222.)
of charge for a period of two years.

No. 103. ORDER THEREON, 5th June 1867, No. 1,687.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 11.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 7th Division.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st May 1867.*

No. 479. Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Mangalore, 20th May 1867, No. 20 :—

1. I have the honour to forward, for the orders of Government, the enclosed copy of a letter I have received from Mr. G. Plebst, one of the members of the Basel Mission at this station, and recommend it strongly for favourable consideration.

2. In this letter Mr. Plebst details the efforts he has, for a length of time, been making to discover a cheap, safe, and durable roofing, which will be less dangerous than the ordinary thatched roofs, and at the same time water-tight.

3. Mr. Plebst has struggled against great difficulties in perfecting the process, and it is only now, after a very large outlay of capital, and years of disheartening experiments and failures, that he is beginning to turn out tiles really of the kind that is so much required.

4. The Government will observe that this manufacture has not been introduced in this country by the Basel Mission as a means of trade and profit. It is designed solely as a trade to support their converts, and as soon as it has been successfully established, the Mission will retire from it altogether, exactly as they have already done in the Book-binding business.

5. Government have been pleased to allow the Trading Company, known as the "Porto Novo Iron Company," the privilege of cutting as much firewood as they require for their smelting, free of all charge, in the South Arcot and Trichinopoly Districts, and I can testify to the large extent to which the Company avails itself of the concession. On the East Coast firewood is much more valuable and scarce than it is here, and, if, in order to encourage the prosecution of trade, Government have been pleased to make such a grant to an European Company, who are working solely with the object of making private profit, and paying a dividend on their shares, I venture to hope that Mr. Plebst's long continued and well-directed efforts to introduce a manufacture, the usefulness of which cannot be commended too highly, not for trading purposes, or for private profit, but solely with a philanthropic object, will be considered by Government to be not undeserving of a similar concession.

6. The Tile manufactory is as yet working on a small scale, and the quantity of firewood required monthly will be infinitely less than that used by the Porto Novo Iron Company, while the pecuniary value will be very much smaller, but it will nevertheless, I know, be of the greatest service to the Mission, whose funds just now are suffering, owing to the late Continental war.

No. 480.

ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1867, No. 1,222.

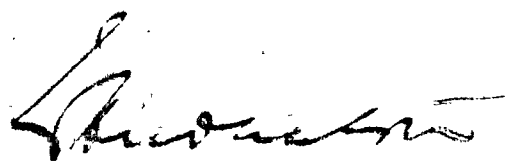
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1. The Government readily grant the desired permission for two years at present in recognition of the long continued and disinterested exertions of the Basel Mission in Canara to improve the industrial resources of the inhabitants. The application can be renewed at the end of the time named.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st May 1867.*

2. The Government have full reliance on the assurance that the concession will not be turned to private profit.

(True Extract.)



Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Collector of South Canara.
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