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V. N. Krishnasawmy Iyer.

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To
The Secy. P.W. Dept.

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THE HON. MR. J. GROSE.

Read—the following letter from the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated 23rd May 1891, No. 501 :—

I have the honour to report that one V. N. Krishnasawmy Iyer, late a Forester, Second Grade, Madura District, was found guilty of theft by a public servant under section 381 of the Indian Penal Code and sentenced by the 2nd-class Magistrate of Kodaikanal to simple imprisonment for five weeks and to a fine of Rs. 50 or, in default, to 50 days' rigorous imprisonment, and to request that Government may be moved to issue a notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette* prohibiting his re-employment in any branch of the public service.

2. The facts of the case are as follow :—

In July 1890, Krishnasawmy Iyer was directed by his Range officer, Mr. O'Neill (Palni Range), to make arrangements for felling a certain quantity of timber. Taking advantage of this order, and before the Ranger actually directed the felling to be begun, Krishnasawmy Iyer removed from the forests and sold 130 vengai scantlings, appropriating their sale-proceeds to his own use. The matter having been brought to the notice of the District Forest-officer, Madura, and enquiries instituted, the Forester was suspended from 12th November 1890, to which succeeded a criminal prosecution before the 2nd-class Magistrate of Kodaikanal, who convicted him as stated above. Krishnasawmy Iyer unsuccessfully appealed against this sentence to the Joint Magistrate, and I have dismissed him from 12th November 1890, the date of his suspension.

Reference on the above, dated 8th July 1891.

The Conservator is requested to forward the records of the cases against the Forester.

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Resolution—dated 30th September 1891, Mis., No. 804.

Submitted to Government.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. A. SIM,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with a file of records, to be returned.
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ORDER—dated 20th October 1891, No. 998, Revenue.

Forest No. 230.

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To the other Departments of the Secretariat.
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