

Political (1895) Department.

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G.O., No. 3/2

Dated 13th May 1895

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[Despatch Abstract.]

FIRE-PROTECTION IN THE SANDUR STATE.

Recording: Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, communica-
-ting report by the Collector of Bellary on the subject of ---

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue)

Dated 25 April 1895

Forest & 5th Div.

7 MAY 1895

Read the following letter from H. Tremblay Esquire

Collector of Bellary, dated 4th April 1895 No 4257 and Endorsement of Conservator of Forests Northern Circle thereon dated 11th April 95 No 2648.

In this last review of Forest Administration, the Government did not understand the Board's remarks on the absence of protection in the Sandur state, and called upon me to submit a special report on the subject. (G.O No 31 dated 22nd January 95) para 4 and B.P. No 113 dated 26th February 1895 which alluded also to the absence of cooperation on the part of the Sandur state)

In the District Administration report it was brought to notice that three fires occurred in each of the three sub-divisions of the Local Forests. Of these nine fires, the four following spread from the Raja's Forests, 1 into the N.E. Range, 1 into the Ramandrug Range and 2 into the Donimalai Range.

It thus appears that we had some reason to remonstrate with the state authorities and I have several times pressed upon the Administrator the necessity of guarding as far as possible against this danger to our Forests. I am glad to say he at once promised to do all that lay in his power and provision has been made in the State Budget for an increase in the number of watchers.

At the same time I must point out that the state cannot afford to fire trace its forests and that fires

Fires will occur even with a fair staff of watchers and with fire-lines.
I may instance four of the other five fires in the Leased Forests, which
were due to incendiarism, the carelessness of travellers and lightning

I must also point out that if our fire-
traces were sufficiently broad and properly kept up and watched,
it should be almost impossible for fire to spread from the State
Forests into ours. I am sorry to say that these conditions have
not been properly fulfilled. However, I have sometimes been
specially directing Mr Alwar Chettis attention to the matter
and Mr Hooper, on seeing this letter, will, I know, do all
he can to render our protection efficient. Quite lately
we have traced a very broad fire line between the State
Forests and ours (by the courteous permission of the Administrator
in State land) and in this and other ways he has shown himself
most anxious to do all in his power to help us.

I venture therefore to suggest that
the matter may now be allowed to drop.

Forwarded

Resolution

Submitted to Government with reference to para 14

of G.O. ^{31 Rev} 22-1-95.

2. The Board notes with pleasure the collector's assurance that the administration
of the Sundarbans State is rendering cordial assistance in the matter of fire protection

(True copy & extract)

(Signed) R. C. Carr.

Ag. secretary.

(True copy).

W. S. Bayly
Ag. Under secretary to Government

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read Proceedings from the Board of

* Copy attached.

Revenue, dated 25th April 1895. Forest No 571 This

Order thereon dated 4th May 1895 No. 1789 This

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Concurrence in the Board's remarks

(True Extract)

W. S. Bayly
Ag. Under-secretary to Government

To the Board of Revenue L.R

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Board's Proceedings, submitting Bellary
collector's letter on the matter of fire
protection in the sandur state records
with an expression of concurrence

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