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[Despatch Abstract.]

Coming to the Collector of Nilgiris Progs
Legislative Dept. withdrawing the
Madras Game & Fish Preservation
Bill and directing that steps be
taken in the Rev Dept to extend the
application of ^{the} Nilgiris Forest
Rules, to certain localities outside
that district.

Govt. of {1893} Madras.
LEGISLATIVE.

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of the Nilgiris.

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G.O., 19th August 1893, No. 84.

AUGUST.

Madras Game and Fish Preser-
vation Bill.

Ordering that the — approved by Government in G.O., dated 31st March 1892, No. 19, be withdrawn, and that steps be taken in the Revenue Department to extend the application of the Nilgiri Forest Rules appended to G.O., dated 1st July 1893, No. 580, Revenue, to certain localities outside that district, and informing the Government of India and the Secretary of State of the same.

Collector, Nilgiris

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READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
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3. The following letters will be despatched to the Secretary of State and the Government of India :—

[Here enter No. 85, dated 19th August 1893.]

(True Extract.)

W. T. ...

Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Revenue Department.
" Public Department. ✓
" Hon. Mr. J. H. Garstin, c.s.i.

3. The reports received from the Collectors of Madura and Salem show that the proposed measure will not in any way affect the tribes on the Palni and Shevaroy Hills; that these tribes at present obtain little or nothing in the way of food from game, partly because there is very little game outside the forest reserves and partly because the hill men have lost the hunting habits of their forefathers; and that in forest reserves sufficient protection to game is afforded by the rules under the Forest Act. For these reasons, Messrs. Turner and Stokes do not think that any further legislation is required in so far as their respective districts are concerned.

4. The Collector of the Nilgiris has consulted several residents and sportsmen in the district on the following points which are detailed in paragraph 3 of his letter read above:—

(1) Do the aboriginal tribes of the hills depend at all, and if so to what extent, on game or on fish, as a means of subsistence, and will the proposed legislation in that case interfere with their food-supply?

(2) Will the proposed legislation lead to the increase of animals dangerous to human life and destructive to crops?

(3) Is the pasture at all liable to be destroyed or diminished by increase of game?

(4) Will the proposed legislation injuriously affect the tribes of the hills and the crops raised by them?

The answers to these questions are with but few exceptions in the negative. The Collector points out that, with an increase of game and fish, the food-supply would increase, though he shows that very few, if any, of the hill tribes will eat fish, which is probably owing to the fact that the streams afford so scanty a supply. Mr. Wolfe Murray adds that the rules under the Forest Act proposed in Board's Proceedings, dated 24th October 1892, Forest No. 583, are quite sufficient to secure the efficient protection of game, and that if these rules are approved of by Government, the present Game Act II of 1879 may well be repealed.

5. The Board concurs generally with the views expressed in the above papers. The rules under the Forest Act referred to in the preceding paragraph, which are still under the consideration of Government, are far reaching in their extent and in the opinion of the Board nothing further is required. These rules, as pointed out in paragraph 4 of the above Proceedings, have been modified so as to apply to the Nilgiri-Wynaad and in this respect they go beyond the provisions of Act II of 1879.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

No. 1204-R.

Transferred to the Legislative Department.

OOTACAMUND,
1st July 1893.

(Signed) R. H. CAMPBELL,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

ORDER—dated 19th August 1893, No. 84, Legislative.

The Government concurs with the views expressed by the Board of Revenue, and the Bill to make better provision for the protection of game and fish in the Nilgiri district and certain other hill tracts which received the approval of Government in G.O., dated 31st March 1892, No. 19, Legislative, will be withdrawn.

2. Steps will be taken in the Revenue Department to extend the application of the rules which were approved in G.O., dated 1st July 1893, No. 580, Revenue, to the localities outside the Nilgiri district which appear in the schedule to the said Bill.

Under
NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

Legis. Dept.

Please see the last line
para: 4 of Board's Proc:
+ page 2 of G.O. 2119.8.93,
No. 84 Legis. Is it probable
that on the revision
of the rules (para: 2 of
G.O.) the existing Act
(II of 79) will be repealed?
I ask because there is
a current prohibition
under a Section of the
Act, issued in Public
Dept.

J.B.
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Note for C.A.

There is no probability of
Act II of 1879 being repealed,
at least it seems to me
there is none.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers :—

G.O., dated 31st March 1892, No. 19, Legislative.

ABSTRACT.—Revising the Bill to make better provision for the protection of game and fish in certain portions of the Madras Presidency and addressing the Government of India and the Secretary of State on the subject.

G.O., dated 12th September 1892, Mis. No. 52, Legislative.

ABSTRACT.—Referring to the Board of Revenue despatch from the Secretary of State, for report as to how far the proposed legislation will affect the tribes on the Nilgiris, &c.

G.O., dated 1st July 1893, No. 580, Revenue.

ABSTRACT.—Ordering publication of certain rules, made under Madras Forest Act V of 1882, for the regulation of the hunting and shooting of game and of fishing in all reserved and rented forests and in all fuel and fodder reserves, grazing grounds and areas under special fire protection within the limits (a) of the Nilgiris-Wynaad and (b) of the area to which the "Nilgiris Game and Fish Preservation Act" (Madras Act II of 1879) extends.

READ—also the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 23rd June 1893, Mis. No. 737, Forest.

Read—the following papers :—

From the Collector and District Magistrate of Salem, dated 15th February 1893, No. 396.

From the Collector of Nilgiris, dated 25th February 1893, No. 2220, and endorsement of the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, thereon, dated 8th March 1893, No. 504.

From the Collector of Madura, dated 25th March 1893, No. 91.

Resolution—dated 23rd June 1893, Mis. No. 737, Forest.

The papers read above will be submitted to Government with reference to its order, dated 12th September 1892, No. 52, Legislative, forwarded with endorsement, dated the 19th idem, No. 2025, Revenue. The Board regrets the delay in replying to the above reference.

2. The main objections raised in Sir Charles Turner's memorandum to the proposed "Madras Game and Fish Preservation Act" are that the tribes inhabiting the tracts to which it would be applied might suffer either in the matter of food-supply or by injury to their crops or pasture from the restrictions to be imposed upon them in the matter of killing game.