Revenue Department

Bundles of Consultation

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 13th October 1857.

No. 9 Read the following letter from J. D. INVERARITY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras; dated Bombay Castle 21st September 1857, No. 4271.

Sir,

With the view of restricting the destructive practice of clearances for Coomery cultivation which prevailed to a great extent in the Beedee Talooka of the Belgaum Collectorate, this Government have among other measures authorized the Superintendent Revenue Survey and Assessment, Southern Mahratta Country, to assign land for this description of cultivation at an assessment of 1 anna per acre, in the 6 villages of that Talooka named in the margin, which, in the opinion of Captain Anderson, were the only ones in which such assignments were required, the cultivation being prohibited in all the other villages of the District.

1 *Tunsie alias Bheemgher.*
2 *Kyhtee.*
3 *Hoolsh.*
4 *Mundeel.*
5 *Gurnoor.*
6 *Dulgaum.*

2. After proposing the arrangements which appeared to be necessary to meet the desired object, the Superintendent added, "The preservation of the jungles in the Canara Collectorate "of the Madras Presidency is just as important to the Dharwar and Belgaum Collectorates as "the preservation of the jungles in our own territory: the Madras authorities are, I believe, de"sirous of restricting this destructive species of cultivation within narrow limits; it might not "be undesirable to suggest to them that our villagers be not permitted to make Koomreas over "the Canara frontier."

3. I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to request that the observations and suggestion above made by Captain Anderson may be brought to the notice of the Government of Madras.

No. 10 Ordered, thereon, No. 1033, dated 9th October 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Conservator of Forests, with a request he will adopt measures to prevent the villagers of the Belgaum and Dharwar Collectorates from making Coomery cultivation in the Forest tracts in North Canara bordering on those Collectorates, and that a copy be likewise transmitted through the Board of Revenue, to the Collector of Canara, in order to his taking such means, as may be in his power, to the same end.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 11 From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George; to the Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated 9th October 1857, No. 1034.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st Ultimo and to inform you that the Conservator of Forests has been instructed to adopt the necessary measures to prevent the villagers of the Belgaum and Dharwar Collectorates from making Coomery cultivation in the Forest tracts in Canara, bordering on those Collectorates; and that the Collector of Canara has likewise been requested, through the Board of Revenue, to take such measures as may be in his power to the same end.

No 272 of 1857

Territorial Department

Revenue

To,

H. Forbes, Esquire

Acting Secretary to the Government of

Madras.

Sir,

With the view of restricting the
fraudulent practice of clearances for borrowing and
harvesting fields proclaimed to great extents in excess
of the Pottahs of the Ryotwary holdings,
the Board of Revenue many years ago
ordered that a small Number of Villages in
each Taluq should be selected annually
as a test of the accuracy of Clearances for each Taluq
throughout the Presidency, the Collectors
were directed to select in the manner
above mentioned, the Villages for the ensuing year,
and to report their selection to the Board
after proposing the Number
which might be appointed to be measured
this should be effected, the Superintendents of

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