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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 941
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th June 1860.

No. 75. Read the following letter from H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M.D., Conservator of Forests, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 14th May 1860, No. 17:—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of Government, dated 15th March last, No. 384, regarding the claim of the East India Iron Company to the right of supplying themselves gratuitously with fuel from the Government jungles in Trichinopoly District.

2. As to the question of corporate bodies being in the same position as raiyats who pay the land tax and villages who require fuel for *their own use*, I have invariably held the same opinion as that recorded by Mr. Bird, late Collector of Trichinopoly and the Board of Revenue.

3. These corporations being formed for trading purposes, their case is analagous to that of wood-cutters who *cut for sale*, and these pay a small seignorage whether they cut in Government or Zamíndári Forests.

4. Not being personally acquainted with the locality, extent and character of the jungles, I communicated with Mr. Bird, who describes the brushwood as extending over a tract of 20 miles north to south, and 30 miles east to west, but of low (stunted) growth, such as we find in the arid parts of the Carnatic.

5. I proposed the appointment of an Overseer and a levy of 4 Annas on a full bandy of say 750 pounds to defray his salary, but Mr. Bird seemed to think that 2 Annas would be a sufficient impost, the proceeds of this might be sufficient to pay several watching peons.

6. The difficulty of making permanent arrangements in a *minor brushwood jungle*, remote from all my Assistants is so great, that I trust Government will allow this particular tract to remain under the Collector, at least for a time, as I could not now give to it that amount of attention which is necessary.

No. 76. ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1860, No. 941.

1. The Government approve the proposal in paragraph 5 of this letter for the levy of a small payment on fuel cut in the Government jungles in Trichinopoly by the East India Iron and Steel Company and other parties not belonging to the village communities. The rate will be four Annas per bandy of about 750 pounds. Dr. Cleghorn will report for sanction the Establishment which he would propose to maintain for the care of the jungle and the collection of the impost. This Establishment will be under the Collector as recommended by Dr. Cleghorn.

2. The Iron and Steel Company's lease to cut fuel in the Government jungles in South Arcot also having terminated, this Order will be held to apply to the jungles in that District, the Conservator will consider what arrangements will be proper there for the care of the forests.

Order, 23rd April 1860, *No.* 614.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Rev. Dept.

No. 941.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 7 ~~May~~ June 1860.

Read the following letter from the Conservator of Forests.

Reporting that the claim of the East India Iron Company to the right of supplying themselves gratuitously with fuel from Govt. jungles in the Trichinopoly Collectorate is untenable, suggests that 2 As. per load may be levied, and requests that this particular tract may remain under the Collr. at least for a time, for reasons assigned.

(Here enter 14th May 1860 No. 17)

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To the Cons.r of Forests Cipt 8th
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Dy 7th June 1860.

Approving the proposal for the levy of a small payment on fuel cut in the Govt Jungles in Trichinopoly by the East India Iron and steel Company and other parties not belonging to the Village communities.

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