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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th March 1864.*

No. 189. Read the following Proceedings of the Governor General of India, in Council
Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 26th February 1864, No. 937:—

Management of the Honsoor Forests in Mysore.

Read the following papers:—

Letter from Commissioner, Mysore, No. 273, dated 30th August 1862, and enclosures.

" " " 366, " 20th Dec. " "

" " " 149, " 5th " 1863.

Revenue Despatch from Secretary of State, to Government of Madras, No. 14, dated 24th
April 1863.

Despatch to Secretary of State, from the Government of India, No. 22, dated 19th March
1863.

Reply from ditto, No. 11, dated 25th May 1863.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council observes from the papers above read, that
the Honsoor Forest tracts in Mysore were originally made over to the Madras Government, for
the supply of wood for the Gun Carriage Agency in that part of the country. The agency was
abolished long ago, and the forest in question would seem for some time to have been in the
hands of the Madras Commissariat Department.

2. In September 1862, the Madras Government transferred the management of this forest
to its Forest Department, and reported the proceeding to the Secretary of State, who approved
of the measure of amalgamating the management of the Wynad Forest, belonging to Madras,
with that of Honsoor. It is believed that the fact of the latter forest being a part of Mysore
was not prominently brought to notice in the "Madras Forest Report," nor in the Proceedings
of the Madras Government to which the Despatch refers, and the Secretary of State, may, possi-
bly, have expressed his approval under the supposition that the Honsoor Forest belonged to the
Madras Presidency. But in the papers forwarded to the Secretary of State with the Despatch
from the Government of India, No. 22 of 1863, the fact that the Honsoor Forest tract was in the
Mysore territory, was brought to the notice of the Home Government, and in the reply to that
Despatch, it is said that the amalgamation of the Honsoor and Wynad Forests need not be dis-
turbed, and that the Officers appointed to the charge of these forests, might act under the gene-
ral superintendence and direction of Dr. Cleghorn, the Conservator of Forests at Madras.

3. The Commissioner of Mysore has objected to placing the Honsoor Forest under the
Madras Forest Department, as being prejudicial to the interests of the Mysore State, whose
proprietary right in this forest is undisputed, and he submits a report by the Superintendent of
the Ashtagram Division, in which the forest is situated, setting forth that this valuable forest is
being rapidly cleared, young trees, as well as old, being cut under the orders of the Madras
Forest Department.

4. His Excellency the Governor General in Council remarks that the arrangement approved
by Her Majesty's Government, does not seem to imply that the Mysore and Coorg Forests
are to be placed under the Madras Government, but only that the Madras Conservator of Forests
should have general charge of them, the authority of the Commissioner of Mysore being in no
way interfered with, as regards the Mysore portion of the forest. The Madras Conservator
would refer all matters, calling for orders, in connexion with the Mysore Forests, and all the
ordinary returns and reports, to the Commissioner of Mysore, who would deal with them as occa-
sion would require.

5. A separate Conservator, however, having been now appointed for Mysore, the Governor
General in Council considers that the Madras Government may be invited to explain the advan-
tages expected to be attained, by a continuance of the present arrangement, and the Commis-
sioner of Mysore may be requested, after communication with the Government of Madras, to

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report further his views whether the Honoor Forests should be placed under the Mysore Conservator or might be left under the Madras Conservator, as above explained.

Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Government of Madras, and to the Commissioner of Mysore.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R. E.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India

No. 190.

ORDER THEREON, 16th March 1861, No. 457.

Referred to the Officiating Conservator of Forests for early report, especially as regards the alleged destructive felling.

(True Extract)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
" Board of Revenue.
" Military Department.

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