

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 599.

Press

~~Mis.~~

167-168

Dated

9-4-1864

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th April 1864.

No. 167. Read the following letter from Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Ootacamund, 4th April 1864, No. 863 :—

Sir,

Copy of letter from the Sub-Assistant Conservator of Kurnool Forests, No. 148, dated 22nd March 1864.
Do. do. to the Deputy Collector of Kurnool, No. 135, dated 1st March 1864.
Do. do. do. No. 148, dated 14th March 1864.
Do. of the Collector's Official Memorandum, No. 39, dated 11th March 1864.

1. I have the honor to forward copy of correspondence as per margin, regarding the privileges of Ryots to cut timber free of tax in the Kurnool District.

2. The subject is an important one and deserves the attention of Government and the Board of Revenue.

3. Where there is no timber procurable within village boundaries, Ryots might be allowed to fell beyond those boundaries free of taxation for *bona fide* agricultural purposes; it is quite clear however that certain checks must be used and a limit placed on the amount. The Revenue authorities might always issue printed tickets or licenses, the amount of timber to be cut should always be entered, also the time allowed; without these checks there will be no limit to the amount of timber felled, and many Ryots will without doubt carry on a regular timber trade; regular returns of all licenses to cut free of taxation should be forwarded to the Forest Department, the Department will then know the amount felled monthly under this head.

4. As to Ryots being allowed timber for house building free of taxation it is quite opposed to the late Order of Government, and if it is to be conceded by Collectors, conservancy will be very difficult.

No. 168. ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1864, No. 599.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for their views.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

270 107 5165.