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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 76. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd August 1865, No. 5,098.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 20th April and 6th July 1865, Nos. 1,971 and 3,806.

Read also the following letters :—

From C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 21st July 1865, No. 206.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Board's Proceedings, dated 6th instant, No. 3,806, with copy of their Proceedings of the 28th April last, No. 1,971.

2. The requisition in these Proceedings has reference to the privilege accorded to the East India Iron and Steel Company of cutting fuel free of tax.

3. The privilege was granted to them in 1861 conditionally, that is to charge rent *pro rata* in the event of the Company's affairs improving so as to allow of a dividend being declared.

4. I do not think that there has been any such improvement as contemplated in the Company's affairs, since, in fact, I am not aware that they have availed themselves of the privilege then accorded to any extent in this District.

5. I understand that by reasons of their want of success in these parts if not entire failure, the Managers of the iron works desire to give up the whole concern ; and that it has been offered to others ; and meanwhile they are working off all that remains of their stock and raw materials, in view to a final abandonment of operations. This I have been informed by Mr. Maylor, the Company's Agent, and they are now merely cutting down fuel to enable them to carry out their final labors before quitting the place.

6. Under these circumstances I am not of opinion that the withdrawl of any existing privileges would be timely or is necessary.

From Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th July 1865, No. 150.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 20th of April last, No. 1,971, I have the honor to inform you that though I called on the Manager of the Porto-Novo Iron Works to let me know what quantity of firewood and charcoal had been registered at the Company's godowns as brought from this District under the privilege accorded to them by the Order of Government, dated the 24th of December 1860, No. 2,511, I have not been favored with the required information, however, I think I may safely say that but little advantage has up to this been taken of the Order. The works at Porto-Novo were closed in December 1860, and only commenced operations again in March last.

2. Mr. Reade, to whom I referred on this matter, informs me that the Company's affairs have not in any way improved, and that the sole object of re-commencing the blasting at Porto-Novo is to work up the stock of iron ore, &c., that they have now on hand, with a view to a winding up of the concern as far as regards the Porto-Novo works.

3. The permission solicited by Sreenevasi Iyengar, Superintendent at Porto-Novo, that charcoal bandies for the works may be passed free does full within the scope of the Order above quoted, and under the circumstances, I would beg to recommend that the Board accord their sanction to the same.

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1. The foregoing correspondence relates to the privilege accorded in 1860, to the East India Iron Company of cutting fuel free of charge in the jungles theretofore rented by them in the South Arcot and Trichinopoly Districts. The concession was granted in consideration of the importance of the object in view, as well as of the large sums which had been expended, and of the difficulties under which the Company were then laboring. It was further declared to be revocable by Government at any time.

Government Order, 24th December 1860, No. 2,511.

2. From the papers now under review, it appears that advantage has only recently been taken of this concession. The Collector of Trichinopoly in March last, received an application from the Superintendent of the Porto-Novo Iron Works, requesting that orders might be issued to the Oodiarpoliem Talook to pass the Company's charcoal bandies free of charge with reference to the Government Order of 24th December 1860. Mr. McDonell referred the question to the Board with the view of ascertaining whether the concession was still in force, because the Secretary of State had, at a subsequent date, remarked that the grant should be revoked whenever an improvement in the Company's affairs might allow of a dividend being declared.

Vide Government Order, 8th October 1861, No. 1860.

3. From the further information which has been received from both Trichinopoly and South Arcot, it would seem that the position of the Company's affairs has by no means improved, and, though no details are given, that little advantage has been taken of the privilege granted five years ago. The operations now in progress are, it is stated, merely preparatory to winding up the concern.

4. It would have been more satisfactory if the Collectors had obtained information as to the condition of the jungles affected by the concession, and also of the probable quantity of firewood, &c., which had been received at the works since January 1861. At the same time there does not on the face of the reports now before them, appear to the Board any reason why the privilege in question should be revoked pending the abandonment of the works at Porto-Novo by the present proprietors.

No. 77. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1865, No. 2,095.

Miscellaneous.

The Government concur in opinion with the Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 1,971.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 20th April 1865.

Read the following letter from Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq., Officiating Collector of Trichinopoly, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp Museri, 28th March 1865, No. 57 :—

Adverting to the correspondence, as per margin, relative to the cutting fuel free of charge by the East India Iron and Steel Company, I have the honor to request the instructions of the Board, as to whether the final Order of Government, dated 24th December 1860, No. 2,511, referred to in the enclosed application from the Superintendent of the said Company at Porto-Novo, is still in force; and if so, whether I may comply with his request. I am induced to solicit instructions on the subject, as in the Despatch of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, dated 16th May 1861, No. 18, which accompanied the Government Proceedings of the 8th October 1861, No. 1,860, it is stated that whenever an improvement in the Iron Company's affairs allow of a dividend being declared, the Directors will be prepared to pay a *pro rata* rent.

Government Proceedings, 24th December 1860, No. 2,511.
Do. do. 29th January 1861, No. 215.
Do. do. 8th October 1861, No. 1,860.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 & 2.—Correspondence.

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1. The Acting Collector will be good enough to ascertain and report the extent to which the Company have taken advantage of the permission accorded to them in December 1860, and whether their affairs have improved sufficiently to justify the Board in recommending that the privilege of cutting firewood free of tax should be cancelled.

2. The Board observe that the Superintendent of the Porto-Novo Iron Works asks permission to pass charcoal bandies free of charge. The Collector is requested to state whether this demand comes within the scope of the original sanction adverted to by C. Seenivas Iyengar.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To Æ. R. McDonell, Esq., Officiating Collector of Trichinopoly.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No: 3,806.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 6th July 1865.

The Board resolve to forward a copy of their Proceedings, dated 20th April last, No. 1,971, to the Collector of South Arcot, and to request that he will report on the subject so far as his District is concerned.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To C. W. Reade, Esq., Collector of South Arcot,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, 20th April, No. 1,971.

Encl. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 20th April 1865.

No 1,971.

Requesting information regarding the present position of the Porto-Novo Iron Company and the application of the Superintendent for permission to pass charcoal bandies free of charge.

Rs. 3,000.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd August 1865.

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3. The privilege was granted to them in 1861 conditionally, that is to charge rent *pro rata* in the event of the Company's affairs improving so as to allow of a dividend being declared.

4. I do not think that there has been any such improvement as contemplated in the Company's affairs, since, in fact, I am not aware that they have availed themselves of the privilege then accorded to any extent in this District.

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From R. R. McDONELL, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th July 1865, No. 150.

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Government Order, 24th December 1860, No. 2,511.

Requesting Collector of South Arcot to report on subject of cancellation of privilege accorded to East India Iron and Steel Company of cutting firewood free of tax as far as his District is concerned.

Dated 6th July 1865.

No. 3,806.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Vide Government Order, 8th October 1861, No. 1,860.

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4. It would have been more satisfactory if the Collectors had obtained information as to the condition of the jungles affected by the concession, and also of the probable quantity of fire-wood, &c., which had been received at the works since January 1861. At the same time there does not, on the face of the reports now before them, appear to the Board any reason why the privilege in question should be revoked pending the abandonment of the works at Porto-Novo by the present proprietors.

(True Copies and Extract.)

The Govt. concur in opinions with the Bd.

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To G. Banbury, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot.
,, A. R. McDonell, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly.
,, W. Hamilton, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, 20th April and 6th July 1865, Nos. 1,971 and 3,806.

Rd. J. Wright.

No. 2353.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 22nd August 1865.

No. 6,098.

Stating that there is no reason, at present, for revoking the privilege accorded to the Porto-Novo Iron and Steel company, of cutting fuel free of charge in certain jungles in the Trichinopoly and South Arcot Districts.