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Dated 22—11 1865

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No. 381. Read the following letter from the Conservator of Forests, to the Officiating Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 14th November 1865, No. 469:—

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, a letter* from Mr. Minchin, Collector of Kurnool, approving of a proposal made by Mr. Sheffield of this Department to allow to the village officers one Anna in the Rupee of seigniorage upon charcoal collected by them.

* No. 23, dated 4th November 1865, with two Enclosures.

2. A similar proposal was made some years ago by Mr. J. D. Robinson, then Sub-Collector, North Canara, viz., that Potails should receive one Anna for every tree paying seigniorage, which was marked for sale within the range. This plan was found to work well, and the present proposal may, I think, be entertained with advantage. The result might be reported upon at the end of a year.

No. 382. ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1865, No. 2,859.

Forests, No. 6.

1. The Government sanction the proposed remuneration for Reddies.

2. The Collector will take care that the villagers' prescriptive rights are not invaded.

3. It is observed that the per-centage system now proposed for Kurnool is in full operation in all Districts where the Jungle Conservancy is under the Revenue Department, and it might probably with advantage be more widely used by the Forest Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Extract of a letter from the Asistant Conservator of Forests, Nundial, to the Collector of Kurnool dated 1st November 1865 No. 129.

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2. To carry out the new Seigniorage rules I am obliged to call upon the Reddies and Kurnams of Villages for Asistance which they willingly render, but to make them more interested in the work I beg to propose they should be allowed a percentage of one Anna on each rupee Collected on Charcoal.—

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Signed/ T. Sheffield
Asste Conservr of Forests.

/True Copy/
Signed/ J. Minchin
Collector

True Copy
H. Lushington
Conservator of Forests.

Rev. 3272/65

No. 23

Kurnool Collectors
Office 14th November 1865

From

James Innes Meiklejohn Esquire
Collector of Kurnool

To

The Officiating Conservator of
Forests

Sir,

I beg to forward for your consideration a proposal made by Mr. Sheffield, to grant a percentage of one Anna in the Rupee to the Village Officers of the District, on Seignorage upon Charcoal collected by them.

2. I need hardly state that it is only through the Village Officers that this Seignorage can be collected to any appreciable extent; as the Conservancy Department is much too weak for the purpose.

3. I am of opinion that Mr. Sheffield's proposal would work advantageously for the Revenue, and would suggest that the sanction of Government be obtained for carrying it out.

4. I beg to forward also the Communication from Mr. Sheffield, explanatory of the mode

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in which the Village Officers collect the Seignorage on Charcoal under his control.

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) James Innes Minchin
Collector

True Copy
H. Lushington
Conservator of Forests

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No. 113.

From

Mr. T. Sheffield
Asstt. Conservator of Forests

To

James Innes Minchin Esquire
Collector of Kurnool

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in para 1 of your letter No. 16 of 3d Instant, I have the honor to inform you that I, in the 1st instance sign a large number of tickets, each for one bandy load of Charcoal and then send my duffadars to distribute them to the Reddies taking care to supply each Reddy with what I think will last a month. All the Tahsildars have been instructed to give notice in their Talugs that tickets can be had of all Village Reddies and the Reddy is instructed to issue the Ticket, take the Money and render an Account every Month.

2. To prevent speculation, the number of tickets issued to each Reddy is entered in a book, and they are responsible for that number. They send the money to the treasury monthly with an Account and a duplicate Account with the old used tickets to my office.

3. I have been trying to devise some scheme to meet your approval Concerning the Manufacture of Charcoal from Bamboo, and as I had received no

no Orders from you, I ordered the tax to be collected on Bamboos — Charcoal when burnt in the forests but when brought to the Villages and then burnt no tax is to be collected, and I hope this will meet with your Approval.

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I have &c.
Signed/ T. Sheffield
Astt Cons. of Forests.

/True Copy/
Signed/ James Innes Meachin
Collector.

/True Copy/

H. Cleghorn
Conservator of Forests.

Note. This seems reasonable, as there is always some damage from "burning in a forest" and the charge is intended to cover that damage
H.C.

Enclosures to Rec. 3 Dec. 1865

From a letter from the Commissioner of Salt & Abkarry to the Offg Secretary to Govt Revenue Department dated 4th November 1865 No. 423

Chopauk Palace
Office of Cons.r of Forests
Madras 11th November 1865

No. 1169

From

H. Cleghorn Esquire M.D.
Conservator of Forests.

To

H. Sudleston Esquire
Officiating Secretary to Govt. F.D.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the Consideration of Government a letter from Mr. Meachin, Collector of Kurnool, approving of a proposal made by Mr. Sheffield of this Department to allow to the Village Officers one Anna in the Rupee of Seignorage upon Charcoal collected by them.

2 A similar proposal was made some years ago by Mr. P.D. Robinson, then Sub. Collector North Canara, beg. that Patails should receive one Anna for every three paying Seignorage, which was marked for sale within the Range. This plan was found to work well and the present proposal may I think be entertained with advantage. The result might be Reported upon at the end of a year

Have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Most Obt. Servant
H. Graham
Commissioner of Customs.

No. 2859.

Sir

I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit to you, for the consideration of the Board of Trade, the accompanied Memorial from the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce, praying that the Seigniorage Duty may be collected upon Plate and Jewellery manufactured in Sheffield, at the Assay Office in that town, instead of at the Assay Office in London, as at present.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant
W. Hamilton

The Secretary to the Board of Trade.

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Brief for Govt for Lords
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To
The Office of Secretary to the Board of Trade
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Submits for the Consideration of Govt a proposal made by the Chamber of Commerce at Sheffield regarding the Collection of Seigniorage upon Plate Collected by Village Officers
With an Order

No. 381 & 382.

17 Nov 1865