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No. 218. Read the following letter from the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 10th June 1867, No. 70:—

1. In Proceedings of Government, dated 25th March 1866, No. 746, paragraph 6, the Conservator was directed to report the result of the new system of collecting bamboo seigniorage. I now submit a tabular Statement shewing the various rates of seigniorage, and the amount collected in each district by this department, with the date of the orders sanctioning the measure.

2. The Order of Government relating to the different Collectorates having been received in various months, and some time having elapsed before the system could be re-introduced, the working of the system in its revenue bearings cannot yet be clearly perceived. The total receipts for the broken period of 1866-67 were Rupees 8,700, of this about Rupees 3,700 were collected in Salem. In Kurnool and South Canara the receipts were also considerable. It is estimated that the aggregate collection of this year will be about double, viz., 15,000 Rupees.

3. The Resolution of Government quoted above is correct in principle, and I have no change to suggest. Forest Officers are required to attain a thorough knowledge of their district, including the distribution of timber, bamboos, and other minor produce, and they should be ready to indicate where bamboo felling can take place.

4. Twenty years ago bamboos and the inferior kinds of timber were of so little value in this country, that their removal from land belonging to Government or individuals occurred everywhere without permission. The introduction of railways has effected a great change of circumstances, and the enhanced value of timber and bamboos has made it the interest of all proprietors to adopt preventive measures to check the destructive causes in operation.

5. All the native landholders near the railway, and generally throughout the Presidency, charge a trifling sum in the export of bamboos, and an order for reserving the larger variety was lately promulgated by the Chief Commissioner of Central Provinces.

6. No remark appears to be necessary on the climatic consideration of the question. There are tracts where the bamboo might be cut with advantage, and there are others where its destruction would materially lessen the utility of the forest as a source of supply to the people.

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Statement shewing the seigniorage collected on Bamboos in the several districts under conservancy, from the date of Government sanction.

| District.                 | Date of sanction.          | Rates.      |                         |            |                             |                                                      | Date from which seigniorage collected. | Amount collected up to 31st March 1867. | Total.     |           |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
|                           |                            | Bandy load. | Bullock or donkey load. | Head load. | Head load of split bamboos. | Vaulay, large.                                       | Moongil, small.                        | Splitted bamboos containing 240.        | Rs. A. P.  | Rs. A. P. |
| Golconda                  | 11th Oct. 1866, No. 2,761. | 5 Ans.      | ...                     | ...        | ...                         | ...                                                  | ...                                    | ...                                     | 136 7 0    | ...       |
| Cuddapah                  | 29th August "              | 8 Ans.      | 2 Ans.                  | 1 Anna.    | ...                         | ...                                                  | ...                                    | ...                                     | 624 12 0   | ...       |
| North Arcot               | 14th do. "                 | 5 Ans.      | 2 Ans.                  | 6 Pie      | ...                         | 12 Annas for 48.                                     | 12 Annas for 21, head load.            | 1 Rupee.                                | 1,477 0 0  | ...       |
| Kurpool                   | 3rd May "                  | 12 Ans.     | 2 Ans.                  | (moongil)  | ...                         | 1 Rupee                                              | ...                                    | ...                                     | 3,699 10 9 | ...       |
| Salem                     | 19th do. "                 | ...         | ...                     | ...        | 1 Anna.                     | 1 Rupee                                              | ...                                    | ...                                     | 135 7 0    | ...       |
| South Arcot               | 5th July "                 | 12 Ans.     | ...                     | ...        | ...                         | 8 Annas per 100.                                     | ...                                    | ...                                     | 263 2 0    | ...       |
| Madura                    | 22nd Aug. "                | ...         | ...                     | ...        | ...                         | ...                                                  | ...                                    | ...                                     | ...        | ...       |
| Wartrap and Vasadavanalur | 7th do. "                  | ...         | ...                     | ...        | ...                         | ...                                                  | ...                                    | ...                                     | 69 7 6     | ...       |
| Segur                     | ...                        | ...         | ...                     | ...        | ...                         | ...                                                  | ...                                    | ...                                     | 8 14 0     | ...       |
| Neigherries               | ...                        | ...         | ...                     | ...        | ...                         | ...                                                  | ...                                    | ...                                     | 464 13 8   | ...       |
| Dhowany                   | ...                        | ...         | ...                     | ...        | ...                         | ...                                                  | ...                                    | ...                                     | 15 4 0     | ...       |
| Collegal                  | ...                        | ...         | ...                     | ...        | ...                         | ...                                                  | ...                                    | ...                                     | 1,802 6 3  | ...       |
| South Canara              | ...                        | ...         | ...                     | ...        | ...                         | 2 Rs. per 100 bamboos trimmed and seasoned in depot. | ...                                    | ...                                     | ...        | ...       |
| Wynaad and Nellumbur      | 4th Sept. "                | 2,345.      | ...                     | ...        | ...                         | ...                                                  | ...                                    | ...                                     | ...        | ...       |
|                           |                            |             |                         |            |                             |                                                      |                                        |                                         | Total      | 8,757 4 2 |

(Signed) H. CLEGGHORN,  
Conservator of Forests.

• 120 Bamboos per bandy load.

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10th June 1867.

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No. 219. ORDER THEREON, 15th June 1867, No. 1,344.

Forests, No. 7.

1. Communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.
2. The rate of seigniorage levied in Tinnevely, Coimbatore, and South Canara should have been shewn in the Statement.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,  
Secretary to Government.

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

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15<sup>th</sup> June 17.

14 To the Bd of Rev. Depts 15<sup>th</sup>  
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