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No. 475. Read the following Circular from the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Revenue—Forests,) dated Fort William, 2nd April 1868, No. 4 :—

Extraordinary expenditure in the Forest Department—Fuel-plantations.

Read again :—

Public Works Department Circular No. 23F, dated 19th October 1867.
Despatch to Secretary of State, No. 24F, dated 23rd November 1867.

Read also the following Despatch :—

From the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 15th February 1868, No. 6.

1. I have considered in Council the Despatch from your Excellency in Council, marked 24, Revenue (Forests), and dated the 23rd of November last, with which you forward a copy of your Proceedings on the representations made to you by the Officers of the Punjab Government as to receipts and expenditure of the forests and plantations under their charge.

2. The views put forth by you in the Circular Resolution of the 19th October, are approved by me, and are in conformity with the views of Her Majesty's Government, expressed in the Despatches of successive Secretaries of State, on the importance of Forest Conservancy, and the necessity, in many cases, of expenditure being sanctioned, although the outlay may not be for some time remunerative.

3. The decision, too, which you announced in Colonel Dickens' letter of the 6th May, to the Punjab Government, that the management of the plantations for fuel and timber, whether in the rukhs or by the canals, should be in the charge of the Forest Department, is also entirely approved by me. The only exception should be the one which you have made, that of roadside avenues and groves, or the growth of trees for health, ornament, or agricultural purposes, which may remain, as you observe, with the District Officers and Executive Engineer.

4. Dr. Stewart's letters bring additional confirmation of the necessity of making the utmost efforts to provide for the future supply of fuel so as to meet the wants not merely of the Railways and Steam-boats, but of all classes of the people, and this will only, it seems to me, be efficiently performed by giving to the Forest Department the complete management of all the public forests and plantations. And this rule may, in almost all cases, be applied to the whole of India as well as to the Punjab.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Despatch be forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin, for an expression of opinion on the question of placing the complete management of all the public forests and plantations, including reserves for fuel for all purposes, under the Forest Department.

Bengal.	Mysore.
North-Western Provinces.	Coorg.
Oudh.	Hyderabad.
Central Provinces.	Central India.
Burmah.	Rajpootana.

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Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded to the Governments of Madras and Bombay for information.

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R. A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras, in the Revenue Department.

No. 476. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1868, No. 1,067.

Forests, No. 20.

Communicated to the Acting Conservator of Forests and to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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