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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 105. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th October 1868, No. 7,361:—

Read again Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 5th September 1868, No. 2,326.

Read also the following letter from the Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd October 1868, No. 193.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board, without number, dated 28th September, on the subject of the grant of forest land on cowle to Kristnama Naidoo by Mr. McQuhae, I have the honor to inform you that, in my opinion, no pecuniary loss whatever has been entailed upon Government by that grant. The Government now derive Rupees 318-6-2 as land revenue on the tract granted to Kristnama Naidoo; this is increasing year by year under the terms of cowle, and I do not think that the seigniorage payable on firewood and timber that would have been derived by the Forest Department would have amounted to more. The peculiar position of the land, granted by Mr. McQuhae, with reference to the Railway, seems to me the sole reason which makes the grant of the cowle an act to be regretted. I have myself, within the last month, visited the spot, and am not of opinion that any large quantity of valuable timber was growing on it. Its value was as a firewood jungle for purposes of providing fuel for the Railway. This has been provided from another part of the same jungle, which is of very great extent.

2. At this distance of time I do not think the cowle could with propriety be cancelled, and I would beg to remind the Board that this cowle was granted in the year 1861, whereas the Forest Rules were not introduced till the year 1862 into this district.

Resolved that the following report on the subject of the grant of a tract of forest land in the Cuddapah District, in regard to which further information was called for by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, in his Despatch dated 23rd July 1868, No. 9, be submitted to Government in accordance with the instructions contained in their orders of the 5th September last.

2. In the year 1867, the Collector of Cuddapah brought to the notice of the Board the grant of a tract of 2,500 Acres of jungle land, situated in the forests attached to Shettigunta, in the Pullampett Talook: this grant had, it appeared, been made by the then Head Assistant Collector to one Kristnama Naidoo on cowle, or progressive lease, the stipulation being that the Cowledar (lessee) should bring the whole of the land under cultivation within ten years, such portion as might be cultivated by him being entered in his puttah: the Collector was first apprised of the existence of this grant when application was made for part of the land by the Forest Department for the purpose of forming a Railway Reserve Plantation: it was then discovered that the sanction of the Collector for the grant to Kristnama Naidoo had never been obtained.

3. The Board having commented on the irregularity on the part of the Head Assistant Collector, called for a copy of the cowle or agreement, and a copy of Colonel Munro's rules under which the grant was said to have been made: these rules were not forthcoming in the records of the district, and a copy of the agreement was not sent until April in the present year.

4. From the agreement it appeared that the Cowledar bound himself to bring the land granted under cultivation at a rate of not less than 50 Acres a year, and the whole within ten years. It was ascertained that 418 Acres had been brought under cultivation within the seven years that had elapsed, or considerably more than the grantee was bound to cultivate within the time that had passed. It was also ascertained that the land claimed by the grantee was actually part of that granted to him under the original Order.

5. Upon this the Board directed the Acting Collector to demarcate the plot granted, as well as that applied for by, and made over to, the Forest Officers, and as the Cowledar had more than satisfied the requirements of the agreement as to the area to be annually reclaimed, they merely intimated that any proposal on the part of the grantee to give up a portion or portions if not in isolated patches, nor denuded of timber, would receive consideration : the impolicy of urging upon the Cowledar the necessity of clearing the whole within the ten years, as involving the destruction of fine timber, was pointed out by the Acting Collector, and acquiesced in by the Board, who reminded that Officer that the full assessment should be imposed on the expiration of the special lease.

6. It will be seen from the Acting Collector's letter above recorded, that Mr. Molony, who has himself lately visited the spot, is of opinion that no pecuniary loss has been entailed upon Government by the grant, and that the position of the land with reference to the Railway alone gives ground for regretting the grant. It further appears that there is not much valuable timber on this plot, and that there is abundance of equally good firewood jungle available for Railway purposes in the vicinity.

7. The Board consider that the grant of a large extent of forest land by the Head Assistant, without reference to, or sanction from, his superior officer, was highly irregular ; but they are of opinion that the grant should be upheld. Admitting that, undoubtedly, the interests of the Forest Department should be strictly guarded, the Board would deprecate the repudiation of a grant made by a superior Revenue Officer more than six years ago, and prior to the introduction of the Forest Rules into the district, more especially when the conditions of the grant have hitherto been strictly fulfilled.

8. The report on the loss entailed by the grant to Rustumjee and Co., in the Coimbatore District, will be submitted as soon as a reply is received from the Collector.

No. 106. ORDER THEREON, 6th November 1868, No. 2,797.

Forests, No. 3.

Ordered to lie over pending the receipt of the report referred to in paragraph 8 of the Board's Proceedings, the submission of which the Board will be requested to expedite.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated November, 6th.

Read.

G. O., 6th November 1868, *No.* 2,797.

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Nos. 105-106.

Alienation of forest land without the knowledge of the Forest Department. — Proceedings Board of Revenue on report of the Collector of Cuddapah on this subject to lie over pending the receipt of the report of the Collector of Coimbatore on the loss entailed by the grant to Rustumjee and Co.

No. 7,312.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 8th November 1867.

Read the following letter from H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M. D., Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 21st September 1867, No. 237:—

1. In carrying ont the orders of Government relative to the formation of fuel reserves for the Railway, it has come to my notice that valuable tracts of forest land have been alienated without any reference to this office; I shall, therefore, feel obliged by your drawing the attention of all District Officers to the Board's Standing Order, No. 151, paragraph 4, on this very important matter.

2. Two examples may be given. In the Walliar jungles, near the boundary of Palghat, numerous little plots, consisting of natural teak and other reserved woods, were given by the late Collector, and it is not now possible to obtain a compact and sufficient area to meet the requirements of the Railway in this District.

3. Another instance is a case now under inquiry, where it is alleged that 2,500 Cawnies of the best portion of the Balapilly jungles, in Cuddapah, were given upon an improving lease without a reference. There are no inhabitants in this tract, and the area was being demarcated as a Railway reserve, when an unexpected claimant appeared.

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1. Communicated to all Collectors, whose special attention is accordingly directed to paragraph 4 of Standing Order, No. 151.

2. The Collector of Malabar will be good enough to report on the matter alluded to by the Conservator of Forests, and the Collector of Cuddapah should explain why the rule referred to was disregarded when sending his reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 10th October 1867, No. 6,503.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. T. MAYNE,
Acting First Assistant.

To all Collectors.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

To all Collectors, &c.

Dated 8th November 1867.

Received

No. 7,312.

Requesting Collectors of Cuddapah and Malabar to explain why certain reserved tracts of forest in their Districts were alienated without reference to Conservator of Forests, and drawing attention of all Collectors to Board's Standing Order, No. 151, on subject.

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No. 7,917.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 7th December 1867.

Read the following letter from H. G. SMITH, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd November 1867, No. 155:—

1. With reference to Board's Proceedings of the 10th October 1867, No. 6,503, I have the honour to enclose translation of an Order, dated 16th May 1861, issued by Mr. McQuhae, the then Acting Head Assistant Collector, from which the Board will perceive that that Officer had granted the land on Cowle tenure without obtaining the sanction of the Collector Mr. A. Wedderburn, who was at the time in the District. There appears to be no special circumstances under which so large a grant as 2,500 acres was made, beyond the request of the applicant to bring the land under cultivation.

2. The Cowledar has, up to the end of Fusly 1276, brought under cultivation 351 out of 2,500 acres of land, and he will no doubt cultivate the other portion according to the terms of his Cowle, and consequently I am of opinion that it would be unjust to deprive him of the indulgence once conferred on him. When he fails to comply with the terms of his Cowlenamah, it will be time to bring him to account.

3. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 8th November 1867, No. 7,312, I beg to state that the land in question was granted to the Cowledar before the rules, referred to in paragraph 4 of the Standing Order, No. 151, came into operation.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Translation of an Order, No. 68, issued by Mr. McQuhae, Acting Head Assistant Collector of Cuddapah, to the Tahsildar of Pullampett talook on 16th May 1861.

The Collector is requested to send a copy and translation of the agreement entered into by the Cowledar. It is hardly possible to suppose that Mr. McQuhae should have been so indiscreet as to grant 2,500 acres of land for ten years, leaving to the Cowledar the option of cultivating only a few acres during the whole period of the Cowle.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Secretary.

To the Collector of **Cuddapah.**

Exd. J. Wright.

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No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 7th December 1867.

No. 7,917.

Requesting the Collector of Cuddapah, with reference to the 2500 acres of land granted on Cowle by Mr McQuhae for ten years, to send a copy and translation of the agreement entered into by the Cowledar.

No. 3,863.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 26th May 1868.

Read the following letter from F. B. MOLONY, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 8th April 1868, No. 55:—

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board, No. 1,733, dated 10th March 1868, I have the honour to inform you that the original of Sir Thomas Munro's Cowle Rules is not in the records of this district; but I beg, herewith, to submit translation of an extract from the Hukumnamah which has been kept in my office for reference.

2. The agreement of Kristnama Naidu, (copy and translation of which were forwarded to the Board with Mr. Smith's letter of 29th January 1868, No. 5,) shows that the Cowledar bound himself to bring the land granted to him by Mr. McQuhae into cultivation, at the rate of not less than 50 Acres a year, and the whole within ten years. I have, as requested in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, caused the land to be carefully examined, and have ascertained, beyond doubt, that the land now claimed, by Kistnama Naidoo, under the terms of the cowle, is situated in Nos. 78 and 79 of the village Shettykuntah. These two numbers are those specified in Mr. McQuhae's order. The area comprised in these numbers is 3,806 Acres, there being 2,160 in No. 78, and 1,646 in No. 79; so that Kristnama Naidu's cowle does not embrace the whole of these numbers, and the portions to which his cowle applies have never been marked out.

3. The whole of the land, embraced in these two numbers, is Forest land, covering a distance of about three miles from north to south, and bounded on the east and west by ranges of Hills; it is intersected through the whole of its length by the Civil road and the line of Railway, and contained much valuable timber, of the descriptions noted in the margin. Patches of land here and there have been brought into cultivation, by Kristnama Naidu, to the extent of 418 Acres, of which only 3 Acres are in No. 79. For this extent he has taken out puttah; other ryots have also occupied portions of No. 78, and have received puttah for them both before and since this cowle was granted.

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Tumiky.	Yepe.
Caraka.	Tamba.
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4. I have caused the land to be examined, to see whether the Cowledar has complied with the terms of his grant, and find that, whereas he was bound to bring into cultivation 350 Acres, being at the rate of 50 Acres a year for seven years, he has actually cultivated 418. At this rate, however, he will not clear and cultivate the whole within the ten years allowed him. No doubt he finds the sale of the timber and firewood more profitable than tillage, and, in my opinion, it would be by no means good policy to compel him to act up to the terms of the cowle, as such a course will involve the destruction of a very fine extent of forest.

5. It appears that Kristnama Naidu has built six huts in the jungle, which he and his family occupy, and that this alone represents the village he bound himself to build. As regards the wells and tank he was to construct, I have no information.

6. The 400 Acres of Forest land reserved for fuel* by Mr. Yarde lies to the west of the line of Railway between the Railway and the hills, and comprises parts both of No. 78 and No. 79, the boundary line of the two numbers running through the plot. There is, as the Board will perceive, land enough in the two numbers to include both that reserved by Mr. Yarde and that taken on cowle by Kistnama Naidu; but the Cowle land never having been marked off, it is difficult to say whether it comprises the 400 Acres selected by Mr. Yarde or not.

* Vide paragraph 10 of Government Order of 15th January 1867, No. 159.
Communicated in Board's Proceedings, dated 11th March 1867, No. 1,494.

7. No portion of the land selected by Mr. Yarde has been cultivated by Kristnama Naidu, and as there is after deducting that, more land in the two numbers than Kristnama Naidu is entitled to under the terms of his cowle, this land can be appropriated to the purposes intended by Mr. Yarde, without infringing any of the rights of Kristnama Naidu.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Extract from Hukumnamah of the district of Cuddapah based on Colonel Munro's Cowle Rules, Cuddapah district.

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1. The Board accept the above report that the reserve of 400 Acres of land can be granted without prejudice to the Cowledar, and accordingly direct the Acting Collector to demarcate this plot as well as that granted to Kristnama Naidu, and to make the former over to Mr. Yarde, the Assistant Conservator, as a reserve for fuel.

2. The Board observe that the Cowledar has more than satisfied the requirements of the cowle as regards annual area of cultivation.

3. The entire block will be charged with full assessment on the expiration of the ten years; but any proposal from him to give up a portion, if not in isolated patches or denuded of timber, will receive consideration.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Cuddapah.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 6,503.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 10th October 1867.

Read the following letter from H. G. SMITH, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th August 1867, No. 118:—

1. I have the honour to state that, in 1861, an individual, Kristnama Naidu, applied to Mr. McQuhae, the then Head Assistant Collector, and obtained his permission to occupy on Cowle tenure a large extent of 2,500 acres of jungle land, situated in the forests attached to Shettegunta, in Pullampett talook, stipulating to bring the whole land under cultivation within ten years, and to include in his annual putta such portion of it as may be cultivated by him, and that the extent of land thus cultivated and entered in his putta up to Fusly 1276 is 351 acres, bearing Cowle assessment of Rupees 348-11-11.

2. The Government having in their Order as per margin, directed that a large extent of forest land should be reserved for fuel and other purposes, Mr. Yarde, the Assistant Conservator, who is in charge of the Forests in this District, selected a plot* in the same locality where the abovesaid individual, Kristnama Naidu, had undertaken to clear the jungle for cultivation, and requested the Tahsildar of Pullampett talook to issue orders that further interference should cease with the land in question.

15th January 1867, No. 159, paragraph 10, communicated in Board's Proceedings, dated 11th March 1867, No. 1,494.

* 400 acres of land.

3. The applicant states that he is unwilling to relinquish any portion of the land† which he has yet to bring under cultivation according to the agreement entered into with the Government, and requests permission to fulfil his contract, which, if prevented, would entail a serious loss to him.

† More than 2,000 acres.

4. Enclosed are letters from Dr. Cleghorn, together with their enclosures, as per margin, which I beg that the Board of Revenue will be pleased to peruse. I entirely leave the matter for the Board to consider whether the original contract of the applicant should be continued to its full extent, or is it to be withdrawn immediately. I beg that I may be favoured with early instructions on the matter.

3 Letter from Mr. Cleghorn, dated 19th July 1867, No. 117, with two enclosures, namely, copy of letter from Mr. Yarde to do., dated 9th July 1867, No. 45, and one petition to Mr. Yarde from Kistnama Naidu and Butchiah, dated 19th June 1867.

4 Letter from Mr. Cleghorn, dated 30th July 1867, No. 136, with original letter from Mr. Yarde to his address, dated 14th July 1867, No. 49, together with a survey of the block jungle and extract of a letter from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Salem.

7 Seven to be returned.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M. D., Conservator of Forests, to the Collector of Cuddapah, dated Camp at Wellington, 19th July 1867, No. 117.

1. I beg to enclose a petition from Butchiah and Kristnama Naidu, with copy of the forwarding letter of Mr. Yarde, Assistant Conservator of Forests, dated 9th instant, No. 45. These papers relate to 400 acres of forest adjoining the Railway near Baulpilly, and which were selected as suitable for the formation of a fuel reserve under orders of Government. The petitioners subsequently alleged that these lands had been applied for by Durkhast, though not on putta, and an inquiry it appears was made by Mr. Roberts, Assistant Collector.

2. I beg to submit the matter for your disposal. So far as I can judge no hardship has been inflicted on the petitioners, who have a large tract of land, as much as they can possibly cultivate.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 26th May 1868.

No. 2,863.

Accepting report of Collector of Cuddapah, that the reserve for fuel of 400 acres required by the Forest Department may be granted without prejudice to the Cowledar and directing that the land be demarcated and made over accordingly.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From Mr. H. H. YARDE, Assistant Conservator of Forests, to the Conservator of Forests, dated Baulpilly, 9th July 1867, No. 45.

I beg to enclose you, for perusal, a petition received from one Butchiah and Kristnama Naidu, inhabitants of Shettegunta, regarding some land. The petitioners adduce that they have agreed to clear and cultivate near Baulpilly 2,500 acres of jungle land in ten years; this transaction appears to have been conducted before I assumed charge. When I found jungle being cleared about two years since, I made inquiries and ascertained that it was not putta land, but that a durkhast merely had been presented to the Revenue authorities for it, on which ground I stopped the clearing. Last year when Mr. Roberts, the late Head Assistant Collector of Cuddapah, was on tour in the District, the petitioners requested him to permit them to clear as per durkhast. Mr. Roberts surveyed with me the jungles, and then ruled that Butchiah who came forward should not clear any more jungle, as he was of opinion that what he had cleared was sufficient for him, and more should not be destroyed. The jungle that petitioners include in their 2,500 acres is very thick, and I have thought proper to protect it; and now especially, as I mean to fence it as a reserved block. On reference to the Tahsildar, I have ascertained that Kristnama, and not Butchiah, has to pay for the 2,500 acres as he states that merely as he clears every year when a putta is made in his name. Ryots are very desirous of obtaining good jungle land on account of the manure they are able to procure by clearing the trees, &c.

(True Copy)

(Signed) H. CLEGHORN,
Conservator of Forests.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Petition.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

From H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M. D., Conservator of Forests, to the Collector of Cuddapah, dated Camp at Wellington, 30th July 1867, No. 136.

1. I beg to forward, for your inspection and any remarks you may have to offer, a letter* of Mr. Yarde, with a plan of the land proposed to be fenced in for Railway fuel reserve near Baulpilly.

* No. 49, dated 14th July 1867.

2. The area is said to be four square miles; the situation and character of the jungle are as suitable as can be procured. I have twice looked at it in passing by the train.

3. I would suggest that the bank and Aloe fence should be inside and the ditch outside, and that the depth and width found suitable in Salem† be adopted.

† Vide Extract of letter from Lieut. Walker appended.

4. There has been no reference to me regarding any claim to the land, except the petition of Butchiah and Kistnama Naidu, forwarded to you on the 19th instant.

5. Before submitting the matter for the consideration and orders of Government, I shall be glad to know that these proceedings have your approval.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

From Mr. H. H. YARDE, Assistant Conservator of Forests, to the Conservator of Forests, dated Chettigoontah, 14th July 1867, No. 49.

In submitting, as requested by you, a survey of the block jungle that is to be enclosed for Railway use at Baulpilly, I beg to inform you that I have taken such questions relating to the piece of ground at Triputty as are suitable for the present purpose, and answered them for your information as follows:—

Questions.	*Answers.*
1. What is the shape of the ground, and what amount of jungle land does your boundary mark cover?	Pentagonal. The Survey line which is indicated by wooden pegs, includes an area of about four square miles of jungle land.
2. What is the nature of the soil? Is water near the surface? Are there any existing wells or banks?	The soil is a sort of soft red loam and of decayed leaf matter. Water may be got at. At Station 1 in the accompanying plan, there are only a few patches of water forming ponds.
3. An enclosure being essential, what fence suggests itself to you?	A ditch four feet by three feet to surround the boundary. A bank to be formed of the deposit from ditch and an Aloe hedge planted through.
4. Is there any village at hand with necessary labour supply?	The Baulpilly village is about three miles distant, but labour cannot be had from it. I would advertise for tenders.

ENCLOSURE No. 6.

Extract of a letter from Lieutenant C. Walker, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Salem.

I have the honour to inform you that the dimensions of ditch are *depth three feet, breadth at top three feet, at bottom one foot and six inches*, or an *average breadth of two feet and three inches.*

The cost of excavating the above and forming a bank of like dimensions with the earth on the interior side is Rupees 1-8-0 per twenty-two yards, or little over Anna 1 and Pie 1 *per yard.*

2. The stone wall is three feet high and two feet broad; cost per seven yards, Annas 5-4.

3. The raised embankment surrounded by Aloe fence is considered sufficient, but in rocky places, where it is impossible to excavate the stone wall, is absolutely necessary.

ENCLOSURE No. 7.—Sketch.

The Collector is requested to state whether his sanction was obtained before the Cowle was granted, and under what special circumstances so large a grant was made. Mr. Smith will also inform the Board to what extent the Cowledar has fulfilled the terms of the Cowle.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Cuddapah,
with enclosures returned.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 1,733.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE dated 10th March 1868.

Read the following letter from H. G. SMITH, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th January 1868, No. 3:—

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th December 1867, No. 7,917, I have the honour to state that the agreement entered into by the Cowledar is not forthcoming in the records of this, or the Head Assistant Collector's office, and of the Tahsildar's Cutcherry of Pullampett talook.

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1. The Board observe, from a reference to Mr. McQuhae's order, that the Cowle was granted under Colonel Munro's Cowle Rules. They desire to know what these rules were, and whether no limit was prescribed as to the quantity of land granted which was to be cultivated each year.

2. Mr. Molony is also requested to ascertain, by careful inquiry, whether the land now claimed is the land actually granted, as the Board learn from Mr. McQuhae that he is satisfied he never intentionally made any grant of forest land, properly so called, though he may have made a grant of scrub jungle.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Cuddapah.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 10th October 1867.

No. 6,503.

Requesting Collector of Cuddapah to intimate whether his sanction was obtained before Cowle was granted to Kistnama Naidoo for jungle land held by him in forests attached to Shettegunta in Pullampett taluk, and to state under what special circumstances so large a grant was made, and to what extent Cowledar has fulfilled the terms of Cowle.

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6. It will be seen from the Acting Collector's letter above recorded, that Mr. Molony, who has himself lately visited the spot, is of opinion that no pecuniary loss has been entailed upon Government by the grant, and that the position of the land with reference to the Railway alone gives ground for regretting the grant. It further appears that there is not much valuable timber on this plot, and that there is abundance of equally good firewood jungle available for Railway purposes in the vicinity.

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8. The report on the loss entailed by the grant to Rustumjee and Co., in the Coimbatore district, will be submitted as soon as a reply is received from the Collector.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Cuddapah.

Ordered Kollicur According the receipt of the report referred to in para 8 of the Board's Proceedings the submission of Exd. J. Wright. which the Board will be required to hypothecate-

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 14*th October* 1868.

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No. 7,361.

Cuddapah district, Balapilly Jungles.—Loss entailed on Government by grant of land in —, information called for by Secretary of State, and suggestion of repudiation opposed by Board.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 10*th March* 1868.

No. 1,733.

Requesting Collector of Cuddapah to state what Colonel Munrow's cowle Rules were, and whether no limit was prescribed as to quantity of land granted to Cowledar which was to be cultivated each year.