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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th June 1871.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 173. From the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Coimbatore, 5th April 1871, No. 20.

In reply to the Proceedings of Government, 2nd March 1871, No. 378, regarding land, proposed by the Forest Department, to be reserved for a fuel-reserve in the vicinity of Metapolliem, I have the honour to report that the tract of land marked A., in Colonel Morgan's map (herewith returned) has been ascertained, by my Acting Head Assistant, after personal inquiry, to be extensively resorted to by the inhabitants of the villages, within a radius of 5 miles, for firewood and wood for agricultural and domestic purposes, and that they would be inconvenienced by the reservation of this tract as a fuel-reserve, as there is no other scrub-jungle conveniently available for their requirements, and it would be inexpedient to enclose this tract. Mr. Rice met number of people going to this tract for firewood.

2. It will always be found that scrub-jungle near villages is availed of by the villagers, and it would seem desirable to make reserves at a greater distance; the jungle on the Nilgiri side of the Bhowany river might be reserved, especially at a distance of more than 5 miles from existing villages, with less objection than exists in regard to the place marked A.

No. 174. From the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 31st May 1871, No. 45.

REFERENCE, Government Proceedings, 2nd March 1871, No. 34, Forest Department.

The Conservator of Forests proposed to demarcate and reserve a tract of land, some 20 square-miles in extent, marked A., C., D., and E., on Colonel Morgan's map, herewith returned.

With A. I have nothing to do. C., D., and E., although not altogether in the Nilgiri District, are north of the Bhowany river, and were handed over to me by the Forest Department on the 1st of May 1869, under Government Order, No. 653, of 11th March 1869, and have since been worked under the Nilgiri Jungle Conservancy Rules.

2. Captain Jago and the Forest Overseer calculate the loss to our Jungle Conservancy Fund at 2,000 Rs. a-year, if the forests at the foot of the Hills be handed over to the Forest Department as recommended by the Conservator.

Against this, however, there will be the saving of the Metapolliem Establishment, Rs. 324 per annum.

The net loss represents one-third of our receipts in 1869-70, and about one-sixth of those for 1870-71, and will cripple, to a considerable extent, our planting operations.

3. Still the supply of cheap fuel to railways is a matter of such paramount importance to Government which guarantees railway interest, that I think we ought to surrender the forests at the foot of the Hills for railway reserves.

So long as the provision of fuel for the present and future wants of the country rests with the Forest Department, I think the fuel-yielding tracts in the vicinity of railway lines must necessarily be handed over to the Conservator.

4. Considering the tenure of land, however, in this Presidency, and that the forest-tracts of Southern India are, for the most part, peopled by half-civilized villagers who, from time immemorial, have lived by the exercise of customary forest-rights and privileges detrimental to conservancy, I am of opinion (as stated in my Report on the proposed Forest Act in letter to the Board, No. 34, dated 14th April 1871), that the Conservator should be made Inspector-General and the Collectors Conservators within their districts with Executive Forest-officers under them.

By this union there would be strength for conservancy purposes where now there is weakness; harmony and partnership in the place of rivalry and opposition, and consideration for the people's rights which are now occasionally forgotten.

5. Mr. Newman, one of the Nilgiri Forest Overseers who was ordered by Captain Jago to inspect the land proposed to be reserved by Major Beddome, reports that there are nineteen villages*
* Containing three or four houses each.

of Irulers and other natives within the tract in question.

The circumstances of these villagers should be inquired into, and their forest-rights defined and regulated.

6. Mr. Newman has drawn a pencil line on Colonel Morgan's map, herewith returned, defining the boundary line which it will be desirable to maintain when the forest-tracts at the base of the Nilgiris are handed over to the Forest Department as requested by Major Beddome.

No. 175. From the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Coimbatore, 1st June 1871, No. 35.

With reference to your official memorandum, dated 15th ultimo, No. 82, I have the honour to forward a statement showing the ayacut, cultivation, and waste of the villages which are likely to be affected by the proposed fuel-reserve.

2. The site marked A. in the plan* has been measured, and found to be 1,280 acres or two square-miles; but of this amount, 365 acres are puttah and Inam land, 913 being waste and belonging to three villages, and amounting to very nearly the whole of their waste lands.

* Returned to Government with my letter of 5th April last, No. 20.

3. As regards also the other villages within a radius of 5 miles of the spot in question no other scrub-jungle is available.

No. 176. ORDER THEREON, 14th June 1871, No. 1,055.

Forests, No. 8.

G. O., 16th July 1870, No. 1,097.

2. He did so in due course, but it appearing that neither the Collector of Coimbatore nor the Commissioner of the Nilgiris had been consulted, the papers were remitted to those officers for their opinion.
G. O., 2nd March 1871, No. 378.

3. The area A. to the south of the Bhowany river measures two square-miles or 1,280 acres. Puttah and Inam lands measure 365 acres, and the rest, or 913 acres

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"waste," belongs to the three villages marginally noted, and is stated by the Collector to amount to "very nearly" "the whole of their waste lands."

There are other villages within a radius of 5 miles, to the inhabitants of which no other scrub-jungle is available. The Governor in Council, therefore, determines that the cession of this land for "fuel-reserve" to the railway is inadmissible.

4. The remaining areas, marked C., D., and E. on the north of the river, though not wholly within the Nilgiri District, are computed to be so for jungle conservancy purposes. They are about 18 square-miles in extent; and the Commissioner is willing to cede them as "fuel-reserve," but reports that there are nineteen petty villages of the Iruler

Three or four houses each.

tribe within the tract, whose circumstances should be previously inquired into, and their forest-rights defined and regulated.

5. Subject to this being done by the Commissioner in communication with the head of the Forest Conservancy Department, the tract may be made over to Major Beddome. Mr. Breeks should send his Assistant to do the duty, and a report should be furnished within two or three months at latest.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
,, the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.
,, the Conservator of Forests.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Banteman.

14 June 1871

Statement showing the Agent Cultivation and waste of villages within 5 miles of the proposed Fuel Reserve.

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In the South of Bhowanzy							
Chickadacampolliem	517	68	449	27	210	238	210
Pariyampolliem	453	69	364	23	276	300	64
Mangalackaray	854	65	789	28	422	450	338
Pempapolliem	1058	31	1027	11	128	140	886
Chickadacampolliem	1051	65	986	76	346	480	562
Ingadacettipolliem	294	6	288	6	49	56	231
Channoor X	957	116	841	27	234	261	578
Palipputty	1666	71	1595	22	270	293	1301
Choorooripolliem X	576	117	459	4	164	168	290
Polineerampolliem X	474	143	331	9	68	78	251
Total	7900	771	7129	233	2167	2406	4711

The waste land proposed to be allotted by Colonel Morgan for fuel reserve belongs to the villages marked with an asterisk, and amounts to nearly the whole of it.

Comptroller Collector's Office
1st June 1871

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McCormack
Collector

In a letter from the Genl.
of India to Mr. G. A. H. - 1871
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At present showing the
of present cultivation, and
waste of villages within
5 miles of the proposed
fuel reserve.

Dec 12, 1794/73

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No. 1055-
 From C. M. Cimitarra, No. 20 x 35
 d/s = April 21st June 1971

No. 1097
 G. O. 16th July 1970
 With reference to the approaching
 extension of the S.W. Railway from
 Postmanor to Metapollim, the
 Conservator of Forest was directed
 to report on arrangements for a
 Fuel Reserve.

G. O. 2nd March 1971
 No 378

2. He did so in due course, but it
 appearing that neither the C.M. of
 Cimitarra nor the C.M. of Nilgiris
 had been consulted, the papers were
 submitted to both officers for their
 opinion.

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Sample is available.
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 Railway is inadvisable.

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 must respect rights
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490 miles in extent, and the

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at 1000 ft. above sea level.

be found in criminal acts

Yes. - He is now 11 - he made over to Major Beddome

Lay 2 or 3 times daily - 6/6/71.

1. Costs should be paid
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 3. has the right to
 4. the property.
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