Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th September 1871.

No. 327. Read the following letter from the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, (Forests,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Simla, 28th August 1871, No. 179 :—

FROM entries Nos. 46-7 and 136-7 in the Proce[illegible] of the Governme[illegible] Madras in the Revenue Department for June 1871, it has been noticed that that Government has authorized the sale proceeds of palmyra trees on Government waste lands to be credited to the Jungle Conservancy Fund instead of to the Imperial revenues. I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, these proceedings may be reported for the confirmation of the Government of India, and that it may be stated exactly from what source the revenue is derived, and upon what objects it is proposed to spend it.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND,
25th September 1871.

No. 1,669.

No. 328.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
[illegible] COMMERCE

Forests, No. 9.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your Under-Secretary's letter, dated 28th August 1871, No. 179, conveying the request that certain proceedings of this Government, directing the credit of the sale proceeds of palmyra leaves, fruit, etc., grown on waste land to the Village Jungle Conservancy Fund in certain districts instead of to Land Revenue, Miscellaneous, may be reported for the confirmation of the Government of India, with explanation as to the source whence the revenue is derived, and the object on which it is proposed to spend it.

2. In reply, I am directed to explain that the receipts in question are not State revenue as seems to be supposed, and that the error of crediting them to Land Revenue, Miscellaneous, arose from disregard of established rule, and was merely corrected by the orders of this Government under notice.

3. The palmyras in question are scattered trees in the immediate vicinity of villages, or clumps more nearly deserving the appellation of topes, and are the result of the common action of the villagers in past times in utilising, to the best advantage, those comparatively sterile lands whence they derive fuel and timber for domestic use in the exercise of their immemorial and unquestionable right of common.

4. Some twelve years ago attention was drawn by Dr. Cleghorn to the serious risk of privation of fuel and timber for domestic and agricultural purposes in villages from the imprudence of the people in caring nothing for the reproduction of that which they had the right to fell, and arrangements were introduced for the conservancy and replanting of village jungles for the benefit of the villagers, the cost being met from certain fees levied on the exercise of some of those common rights which hitherto had been enjoyed free of charge. These fees included payment on felling palmyras, and cutting their leaves for thatching purposes.

5. The system is worked through the village officers; and the Government are sanguine that a decided step in the right direction has been taken, and that good has been effected, although all may not have been attained that is to be desired.

6. There can, however, be no question that the proceeds realised under the system are only applicable to the special village purpose, and are not capable of being appropriated as State revenue.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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No 2891.
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Dep A.R.

Under Secretary to the Govt of India

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No 179

Requesting that the Hon: grant the authority for realizing the sale proceeds of Palestine Treasury Bonds held on Govt account under the Jewish Centenary Fund & credited to Imperial Revenues, may be reported for the confirmation of the Govt of India

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No 1669.

25 September

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 2891 dated 28 August 71 forwarding the Treasury Bonds of the Jewish Centenary Fund which you have been requested to realize and to credit the proceeds to the Imperial Revenues.

2. In reply I am directed to state that the Secretary of State in Council has no objection to the proposed realization of the Bonds, and that the proceeds may be credited to the Miscellaneous Receipts of the Imperial Revenues.

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Under Secretary to the Govt of India

of the villagers. the cost
being met from certain
fees levied in the exercise
of some of their common
rights & the Parish Council
can impose a charge
the system is levied by
the Village Board and the
Govt. are enquiring that
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district has been taken
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