Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 16*th October* 1871.

No. 166. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, (Forests,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 7th October 1871, No. 428 :—

I AM directed to call attention to the necessity of keeping up in the Office of the Conservator of Forests in each Province a regular register or record of all reserved or State forests, in which their area, boundaries, and all particulars regarding them must be carefully entered and recorded, the register of each reserve being accompanied by a working plan and also by a map.

2. The following particulars are to be recorded in the register :—

(1.)—Area.

(2.)—Boundaries and the properties with which they march.

(3.)—Soil (geological description.)

(4.)—General description of the forest as to species, age, and condition.

(5.)—Timber depôts.

(6.)—Timber markets and large towns in the vicinity.

(7.)—Lines of export.

(8.)—List of villages remaining within the forest boundaries, stating the limits of each, and any rights on the forest possessed by the inhabitants.

(9.)—Statement of any rights possessed by the inhabitants of the adjoining districts in respect to grazing cattle, fuel, grass and leaves, bamboos, etc.

(10.)—A map of the reserve.

(11.)—A working plan.

In many cases the working plan will, at present, be necessarily a mere skeleton plan of operations; but nothing should prevent every forest being worked on some regular and definite system.

3. In case the reserves are very large a separate record of each division or block should be kept.

4. When the above register is completed a copy will be lodged with the Government of India in this department for information, and any changes in it will from time to time be notified.

No. 167. ORDER THEREON, 16th October 1871, No. 1,802.

Forests, No. 14.

COMMUNICATED to the Conservator of Forests.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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