

in the execution of public works in Canara executive officers to supply themselves on their own account, and requested that the officers of the Public Works Department be authorized to fell Government timber for the purpose, on payment of the usual seigniorage.

2. The correspondence recorded in the Forest Department incidentally that the Forest Department had been asked to supply timber for the Public Works Department, by felling as "*Kumaki*" to "*Wurgs*"; but the Government desired by the Public Works Department, a large bulk of the required supply would certainly be obtained from the very extensive jungle-tracts.

3. From papers now before Government it appears that the "*Kumaki*" lands, and not only the reserved timbers on them, but also the unreserved kinds, which have been most extensively drawn upon for the supply of timber, thereby causing great discontent to the Wurgdars.

4. There can be no question whatever as to the growth of the timber in the "*Kumaki*" lands, and the care bestowed on them by the Wurgdars. In many cases the land used as "*Kumaki*" is the land of the Wurgdar, and not merely an assignment with Mr. M. T. Harris's order as Collector.

5. The important object in view in the action of the Public Works officers above mentioned, is to prevail as to private rights in the matter, and those rights are thereby constantly invaded.

6. There certainly can be no necessity for the Government to assign these assigned "*Kumaki*" lands for timber for Government purposes, and the Government, therefore, resolve to direct that the Government in Canara be prohibited from cutting timber on the G. O., dated 9th January 1868, No. 75.

7. The Conservator of Forests will be informed that the Government, without at present entering on the consideration of their exclusive claim to the reserved timbers in land assigned as "*Kumaki*", desire that, pending further orders, no timber of any kind be felled therein by the Forest Department, who have an ample field for their operations in the

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Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.  
.. the Public Works Department.  
.. the Board of Revenue, with G. O. N

## Memo to accompany draft G

"Kumaki" land in Canara is  
the poor and uncultivable land  
adjoining the rice valleys from  
which leaves for manure, wood  
for ploughing implements, and  
such like aids ("Kumaki") to  
cultivation are obtained. It may  
be and doubtless often is included  
in the Burjors Estate. but as  
this is not invariably the case, Mr.  
Dorris Shew Collector in 1823  
in calling for a list of the  
Circular jungles from the  
Tahsildars wrote as follows:  
"With the exception of such of  
these jungles as the ryots lay  
claim to - and others which they  
mention as being an aid to them  
in the cultivation of their lands,  
the rest are the property of Govt.  
It would however be a great  
inconvenience to the ryots  
if such jungles as are a  
help to them in their cultiva-  
tion, and those bordering on  
their lands, should be declar-  
ed to be the property of Govt.  
You are therefore directed to

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exclude from one reserved  
places situated within the  
all round the lands  
and enter only the  
jangles; and as  
the ryots are at liberty to  
fell from such jangles  
as are within 100 yards of their  
lands, trees & brushwood, the  
not trees of the prohibited kinds  
you will publish the same  
amongst the Ryots.

The "prohibited kinds"  
are Seak-Blackwood-Sack  
Poon and Sandal which  
were reserved as royalties  
in the public forests in Canara  
from time immemorial but  
I can confidently affirm that  
in all the years I was in Canara  
although a ryot desiring to  
fell one of these reserved trees  
in his assigned "Kumalli"  
was required to obtain per-  
mission to do so it was alto-  
gether exceptional for any  
of the trees in these lands to be  
taken by force. The unreserved  
kinds were looked on as being  
solely at the disposal of the  
ryot and their superior growth  
was entirely due to the care the  
ryots took in fencing them  
& excluding cattle. They attach  
a high value to these reserves  
on which their rice cultiva-  
tion is greatly dependant.  
When leave was given to

W. in 1868 to cut timber  
for themselves in Canara, instead  
of obtaining what they wanted  
from the Forest Dept.  
assumed that their name  
be almost if not entirely  
from the unassigned jungle  
and although the Forest Officer  
W. C. Bell stated incidentally  
that he had occasionally  
cut timber for them in  
Kumalli land his notice  
of the opposition and discon-  
tent that this excited & my  
knowledge of the Sup. Engrs.  
user Colonel Walker's long  
acquaintance with the district  
made me feel confident  
when drafting the E.O. that  
every respect would be shown  
for vested rights and no  
endeavour spared to avoid  
injuring property or exciting  
discontent.

But so far from  
this being the case, it ap-  
pears from a very volu-  
minous set of papers  
just now received from the  
Board on the large question  
of Forest rights in Canara  
which will need careful  
consideration that as  
regards

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regards Munnaki lands  
by the D.W. have by  
ence, from their greater  
ce & superior growth  
of woods, selected them as the  
almost sole source of  
supply for timber for pub-  
lic works - and Colonel  
Walker, on being applied to  
by the Col<sup>l</sup> to stop the  
felling thereof unreserved  
timbers, expressly declined  
to check his subordinate's  
action in the matter.

The result cannot  
but be most mischievous  
and the Collector complain-  
ing bitterly of the injustice  
injury & positive cruelty  
resulting from the practice,  
proposes that Govt. shall  
relinquish all their claims  
in regard to Munnaki land  
on payment of a light  
assessment. Before this  
can be done however it  
will be necessary to invest-  
igate titles which will  
take a long time and  
involve other large  
questions but meanwhile  
there is no difficulty  
in

stopping the possible  
injury that is being in-  
flicted and discour-  
aged by him.

submitting the D.W.  
the Govt. Dept<sup>ts</sup> from  
felling in these lands at  
all. There is no necessity  
whatever for their doing so.  
The unassigned forests  
contain splendid timber  
in extreme abundance.  
It is painful to read  
of this disregard of the people's  
rights & privileges & feelings,  
remembering as I do  
the value they attached  
to the beautiful results  
of their care of the Munnaki  
lands - and the almost  
religious sentiment with  
which they regard a fine  
tree of their own or their  
for bears' planting,  
as many are in the Munnaki  
lands. His part of the large  
question must call for  
and admit of immediate  
settlement. L.H.

Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1871.

Read again S. A. 9<sup>th</sup> January

1868 No 75.

In December 1867 the  
Superintending Engineer 7<sup>th</sup>  
Division brought to the notice  
of Government the delay in  
the execution of Public Works  
in Canara, resulting from  
the rule requiring the  
Executive Officers to supply  
themselves with timber through  
the Forest Department, and  
requested that the Officers  
of the Public Works Dept.  
might be authorised to  
fell Government timber  
for themselves when  
needed.

J. D. S.

A. A.

I agree in every word  
of this draft, but I  
must state that the  
subject of the Board's  
must proceedings must  
be a disposal of my  
from which will be  
taken of Mr Walker's

Necessary in payment of  
the usual seignorage.

2. The Correspondence  
regarding the Govt. Forests  
~~which was submitted~~

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the Forest Department had  
in exceptional cases met  
the demands of the Public  
Works Department, by felling  
the reserved Timbers in land  
assigned as "Kumaki" to  
Wurgs; but the Government  
in sanctioning the arrange-  
ment desired by the Public  
Works Department, confidently  
anticipated that the great  
bulk of the required supply  
would certainly be obtained  
from the unassigned and  
very extensive jungle tract

From

Letter of the 16th March  
1864. His Officer's  
high-handed wisdom  
(V.P.R. is the only one  
to surpass it) makes  
him a worse enemy  
to trust in than he  
is employed.

A. A.

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3. From papers now  
before me, it however  
appears that the "Kumaki"  
lands, and not only the reserved  
timbers on them but also  
the unreserved kinds which  
from the first were left  
to the Wurgars, have been  
most extensively  
drawn upon by  
the P.W. Dept. for the required  
supply of timber, thereby  
causing very serious in-  
convenience and most rea-  
sonable discontent to the  
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4. There can be no question  
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and superior growth of  
the timber in the "Kumaki"  
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entirely, due to the care  
bestowed on them by the  
Wargdars; and it is <sup>highly</sup> ~~certainly~~  
~~probable~~ <sup>very</sup> ~~certain~~ that in many cases

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is part and parcel of  
the proprietary estate of  
the Wargdar, and not merely  
an assignment out of  
unclaimed jungle <sup>originating</sup> ~~emanating~~  
~~from~~ Mr M. J. Harriss's  
order as collector in 1823.

5. The important object  
in view in that order  
cannot but be defeated  
by the <sup>action</sup> ~~proceedings~~ of  
the P. W. <sup>Officers</sup> ~~Dept.~~ above  
referred to - and in the  
uncertainty prevailing

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no necessity whatever in  
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Govt purposes - and the Govt  
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that the officers of the P. W.  
Dept. in Canara be  
prohibited from cutting  
any timber on "Kumaki"  
land under the G. O.  
dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 1868  
No 75. R. D.

The Conservator of  
Forests will also be informed  
that the Govt without at  
present entering on the  
consideration of their ex-  
clusive claim to the  
reserved timbers in land  
assigned as "Kumaki," desire  
that no timber of any kind  
be felled therein by the Forest  
Department, who have an  
ample field for their  
operations in the un-assigned  
jungles.

The Govt desire to know  
whether the Forest Dept.  
in Tanjore is not now  
in a position to furnish  
the S.E.C. in that Province  
promptly with as much  
seasoned saw timber  
as it needs.

I would insert  
"Kumaki" further  
order."

I would also enquire  
whether the Forest  
Dept. is not now  
able to procure the  
timber from the  
local sources  
as much as needed  
for the timber  
it needs.

13th May 1875  
21st May 1875  
16th May 1875

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13-8-1906 The Tanjore Forests Dept. L.H.  
21-8-1906  
14-8-1906 The Tanjore Forests Dept. L.H.

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Outline of my plan  
for on the matter  
could for great  
purposes for the  
life.

31-3-71 603 m.  
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Despatch  
S.M.