Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th October 1873.

No. 142. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th September 1873, No. 1,931:—

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 6th September 1873, No. 192:—

HAVING recently seen Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th July 1873, No. 34-1,254, published with G. O., No. 859, of 15th August 1873, regarding the future supply of fuel, I have the honour to correct a mis-statement in paragraph 13 where the Board state "Mr. Wedderburn's proposal to confiscate the rights of ryots to fuel, etc., without granting compensation, is of course inadmissible."

2. My proposal was, so far from being opposed to communal rights, that I suggested that villagers having communal rights should not even be obliged to take out free licenses, as I found, in practice, that rather than be at the trouble to take out free licenses they paid, not to be interfered with or troubled by the Forest Department or their contractors.

3. Where there is no village common, there is no village communal right; so I proposed that merely because a man was a ryot he should not get his wood for nothing in the general forests which, having disappeared from the plains, are now confined to mountain ranges.

4. I think it due to myself to protest against being represented as an invader of communal right, as stated in the Board's Proceedings, and request that this letter be recorded with the Proceedings adverted to.

SUBMITTED to Government, in continuation of Board's Proceedings quoted on which orders have not yet been passed.

2. Mr. Wedderburn's proposal was "the abolition of the free license to ryots not living in hill-jungles." He now explains this to mean abolition of ryots' licenses altogether, and free felling by hill-ryots only. So at least the Board understand him.

No. 143. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1873, No. 1,119.

Forests, No. 7.

RECORDED, with reference to the G. O., under date 15th August 1873, No. 859, in which the remarks of the Inspector of Forests were called for on the Board's Proceedings quoted.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Inspector of Forests.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No 1119.

Recorded with reference to the G.O. under date 15 Aug/73 No 859 in which the remarks of the Inspector of Forests were called for on the Bth Pays under reference quoted.

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14 To the Board of Rev Dis 24 Oct/73
3 " Insp Genl of Forests " —"—

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Submitting Abstt.
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statement in Ab= No. 9
of 11th July 1873 regarding
future supply of Fuel.

With Order

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