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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 1873

Read the following

No. 59

From

A. Wedderburn Esquire  
Collector of Coimbatore

To

J. Grose Esquire  
Secretary to the Board of Revenue  
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit copy  
\* No. 37 of 19<sup>th</sup> of a letter (and enclosures) ad-  
dressed to me by Mr. Douglas, Deputy Conservator of An-  
namallay Forests. —

2. Indeed I may say that it was  
written at my suggestion, on my visiting  
the Teak Forests at Annamallay during  
September last year after inspection of  
the

the hutting locality which had been selected on account of its proximity to water and the working part of the Forests, though in some respects, as regards health, not so well chosen as might have been.

3. Mr Douglas asks for consideration in respect of his having been obliged to construct a hut at his own expense, which was destroyed by a forest fire.

4. On visiting the Anamallay Forests after the monsoon, one can hardly imagine that the luxuriant jungle then apparent, gives place in the dry season to a scorched undergrowth, inflammable as timber, when fires, lighted by merchants, who invade the reserved forest to trade with the Kall tribes, at their own huts, are, when the wind is high, of a devastating and scarcely controllable nature. From November till June the forest is unworkable owing to the deadly miasma and want of water.

5. Comfortable huts should be provided for the Forest officers for residence and office work for the very sufficient

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sufficient reason, that it is a want of economy to lose the services of an experienced officer by sickness and to incur the imminent possibility of loss to Revenue, by suspended supervision or inexperience.

Probably no Department, more than the Forests requires such unremitting attention.

6. I leave Mr Douglas' letter to speak for itself. I consider his services as having tended to much improvement in the management of the teak forests, and Government also expressed satisfaction with his last report.

7. In place of an overfalling and consequent glut of timber, which appeared as stock to credit, though not for a long period saleable, he has directed his attention to clearing off this unremunerating and deteriorating accumulation. He is of very active habits and has done some good work in planting though the real secret is to allow rest to the forest which is indigenous.

8. Mr Douglas having therefore done

Mr. Douglas has sustained  
loss from jungle fires, by no fault  
of his own while engaged on the  
public Service, and, as his salary is  
inconsiderable, the Board think  
he

1 True copy & Extract,

J. G. Cole.  
Secretary.

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The Secy Secretary to Government  
Revenue Department  
with 3 original enclosures to  
be returned.

Edmund  
Coke & Co. Ltd.

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Oct 6<sup>th</sup>  
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Forest Revenue Rs. 31,10  
 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1873  
 Substantially 6 years

ment, with the Board's recom-  
 mendation, letter from the  
 Collector of Comillahata,  
 forwarding copy of a letter from  
 the District Commissioner of  
 the District of Comillahata,  
 Revenue Dept, Forest, and re-

quoting the circumstances  
 of Rs. 500 being the sum  
 expended in forwarding a  
 letter to the District  
 Commissioner in view of the  
 absence of the District  
 Commissioner from the  
 District of Comillahata  
 North Boro

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Sanctioned Rs 500. The Board of Revenue  
 should have stated from what provision  
 it is proposed to meet the charge

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1 To the Bd of Rev des 11 July 1873  
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