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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th April 1874.*

No. 117. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th March 1874, No. 685, Forest No. 34 :—

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th February 1874, No. 41 :—

I HAVE the honour to request the sanction of Government, through the Board, for the expenditure of Rupees 2,000 as tukkavi or aid to the jungle-tribes, consisting of Irulers, Moodughurs, Sholagurs, Kaders, and Mulcers, as they are variously called in the several hill-localities they inhabit.

2. Some, if not all, of these tribes are wretchedly poor, scarcely even possessing a cloth, and they have hitherto existed by a destructive cultivation in the forests by burning the trees and planting in the cleared spots for one season, and then renewing this destructive process.

3. I have arranged personally with several of these tribes that they will re-cultivate the former clearings and destroy no more forest, and, as one of the reasons for the former destructive process was the want of proper implements, I propose to aid each headman of a settlement with tools, such as mamoties, bill-hooks, and axes, with which to clear and till the ground, and, where requisite, with seed-grain, re-payable after three years.

4. Should the value of the tools or grain supplied be even eventually not recovered, such expenditure will be greatly more economical and advantageous to the permanent interests of the country than the destruction of timber-bearing tracts. It is a necessity that these tribes must live; they must have grain to subsist on, and, as they have no money to buy it from others, they must grow it themselves. I have been a good deal among them in their hill-clearings, heard their grievances, and promised them assistance; and I think it will be a better policy to obtain a control over them by such intercourse than by the hitherto severe course of prohibiting their cultivation, which, in fact, is scarcely possible owing to the long distances, paucity of the forest subordinates, and general inaccessibility of their locations. The evil is done before it can be prevented but by warnings and assistance, such as I now propose, it is hoped to get them to follow a more settled course of agriculture.

SUBMITTED for the favourable consideration of Government.

No. 118

ORDER THEREON, 18th April 1874, No. 462.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. E. R. Bantleman.

FOREST No. 34.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. Grose
Secretary

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Coimbatore.

Ed. F. E. Bantleman.

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REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Co., Ac., &c.

Dated April 1874.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 18th April 1874, No. 462.

APRIL.

NO. 117-118.

Tools for certain jungle Tribes of Coimbatore District for Cultivation of Land.—Sanctioned proposed expenditure of Rupees 2,000 Rs. preceding —



REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C No. 1124

From Board of Revenue.
Dated 20th March 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

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are sent out to the
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1874.

BOARD of REVENUE,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 26TH MARCH 1874, No. 685.

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Received

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Forest No. 34.

*Jungle Tribes — known as Irulars, Moondur-
ghurs, Kadars, etc., in Coimbatore District. —
Collector's proposal to expend Rupees 2,000 in
procuring tools for — for cultivation of lands,
submitted for favourable consideration of Gov-
ernment.*

For orders

William

Sanctioned

18th April 74

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*14th March of Rev Secy's 24/74
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