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No. 278. Read the following letter from Captain C. WALKER, Officiating Inspector of Forests, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 11th April 1874, No. 15:—

With reference to Board's Resolution of 1st March, No. 449, I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that the question of crediting tree-rents, etc., under their proper heads is of the greatest importance to the Forest Department, affecting as it does, to a very great extent, the financial position and results, whether under Imperial or Local Forest Conservancy.

1. I cannot consider the opinion of the Board, as expressed in paragraph 8, Kurnool, that "the transfer is not of any consequence since both the items are Imperial and the Collectors have no objection," is correct, or in accordance with the wishes of the Supreme and local Governments, which are clearly that each department or branch of revenue should be credited with its proper share of revenue, in order that its financial position may be clearly shown. The fact of the Collector being in charge of forests would in no way affect the principle involved.

2. The subject of rents of trees (chiefly Tamarind) and other forest-products in forests under the Special Department being leased out by the Revenue Department and credited under Land Revenue, Miscellaneous, has been repeatedly brought to notice of the Board and Government, and the principle has over and over again been laid down that the leasing of trees, such as Tamarind, growing in forests or jungles under the charge of the Forest Department should be entrusted to the forest officers and the proceeds credited to Forest Revenue; but in very few districts have these orders ever been attended to, even partially, and the result is that hundreds, I might say thousands, of trees are leased out at nominal rates by Tahsildars, whose duties do not lead them to the forests and jungles, and the revenue carried to Land instead of Forests to which it clearly belongs.

3. The G. O. of December 6th, 1872, No. 1448, clearly prescribes the course to be adopted for the future, which is evidently the correct one, as it would ensure those most immediately interested, making the most of the valuable products in their respective charges, which cannot be expected if the revenues are diverted into other channels, and, at the same time, ensure the crediting of such revenues under their proper head.

4. It appears to me, however, that most of the Collectors have misinterpreted the order. In Ganjam, Kistna, Godavery, Nellore, Chingloput, and Tanjore, there is at present no Imperial Forest Conservancy, so, I presume, that the items proposed to be transferred are from and to Imperial Land Revenue to Local Jungle Revenue and *vice versa*.

In Vizagapatam, where there is no forest officer but a small establishment under the immediate orders of the Collector, a transfer is proposed of rent of fruit-trees in jungles from Land Revenue, Miscellaneous, to Jungle Conservancy, but I should imagine that there must also be considerable tree-rents in forests to be dealt with.

In Cuddapah it is stated that the trees in jungles, forests, and plains, are rented out in a lump, the whole amount being Rs. 7,350. It is estimated that of this sum Rs. 3,000 should go to Jungle Conservancy, but in the summary given at paragraph 21 the figures are reversed and entered as to be transferred from Jungle Conservancy to Imperial.

In North Arcot it is stated that there is only one item "rent of gardens and trees in jungles" to be transferred from Imperial to Local, but to my knowledge there are numbers of Tamarind and other fruit-trees in forests under the Special Department which are either not let out at all, or the proceeds of which go to Land Revenue, Miscellaneous.

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6. In the Salem statement, paragraph 17, the item of Rs. 25,000 which it is proposed to transfer from Local to Imperial is entered as "rent and sale of Palmyra and Tamarind trees;" but these should be separated to arrive at any definite conclusion. The Forest Department have never claimed the revenue from rent or sale of Palmyra trees which, as pointed out by the Board, were nearly all planted by the ryots long ago, and the revenue from which should, I submit, be credited to "Local Conservancy."

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No. 270

ORDER THEREON, 31st July 1874, No. 959.

Forests, No. 13.

The foregoing letter will be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to G. O., dated 31st instant, No. 958, disposing of the paper alluded to by Captain Campbell Walker.

2. In regard to the remarks in paragraph 2 of the Inspector's letter, the Governor in Council observes that the principle to be observed as between "Forests" and "Land-revenue, Miscellaneous" is that where the receipt accrues in a forest or woodland in actual charge of the Forest Department, it must be credited to that department, otherwise to "Land Revenue, Miscellaneous."

3. The observations in paragraph 3 are inconsistent with the present state of affairs. It is for the Collector, as Conservator of the district, to determine how and by whom the renting out of fruit-trees, *&c.* in forests shall be conducted. Unless it is unavoidable, imperial and local products should not be rented together.

4. The Inspector questions the completeness of the reports which the Board have received on the subject, and proposes that he should be authorized to confer with Collectors and draw up more complete lists. There is no objection to his doing so in the course of his tours. The reports must be sent through the Board of Revenue accompanied by the Collectors' remarks.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Ed. F. R. Panfiliam.

6-10-11

Letter from Forest Department to Board of Revenue letter from Inspector of Forests relating to the issue of revenue in which the Board is asked to decide the principle to be observed as between "Thames" and "Leaf Forests" and "Bisell Forests" and authorizing the Inspector to confer with Collectors and give up some complete returns on the subject to be submitted through the Board.

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Cotacumund 11th April 1879

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Your most Obedt. Servt.

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The Transfers proposed by
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(M.S. 11 April 1894 N. 16)

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The foregoing letter
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J. H. C.

To the Collector
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