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No. 185. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd June 1875, No. 1,725, Forest No. 114:—

Read the following letter from J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 25th May 1875, No. 47:—

PROCEEDINGS of the Board of Revenue dated 3rd ultimo, No. 813, refer for my opinion certain inquiries with regard to the Mudumallay and Seegoor Forests; I proceed to answer the questions in order.

2. *The advisability of discontinuing the felling of immature Sandal and Teak in Seegoor Forests.*—No departmental felling is proceeding in the Seegoor Forests. Captain Jago informs me, his Overseer reports there are some mature Sandalwood trees in a remote part of the forest. It is proposed that these should be felled, but immature trees left untouched. With stumps, roots, and the mature trees, there is a supply sufficient to keep up the revenue this year in this department; I may mention there is a Sandalwood plantation in the Seegoor Ghaut, which promises well. With regard to Teak, Captain Jago informs me that he will only fell mature Teak. He thinks that there is a considerable quantity of crooked Teak in the forest adapted for dockyard requirements available, if a demand should arise from the dockyard authorities in England.

3. An estimate for reconstructing the Sandalwood store-godown and the officer's dwelling at Mudumallay has been called for, and will be submitted.

4. I am in communication with the Inspector of Forests respecting the tract alluded to in G. O., No. 722, dated 12th June 1874.

5. *The expediency of abolishing the Mysore D. pôt.*—The depôt has never paid its way owing to the fact that Mysore is supplied by the Mysore Forest Department by Wynaad, and by the Trustees of the Poolpully Temple. It is understood that the Trustees under-sell the departments. In the face of these facts, there appears no likelihood of the depôt paying. I think with Captain Walker that it ought to be abolished. Captain Jago, the Mudumallay Forest Officer, is in communication with the District Engineer of Bangalore for the sale of some of the timber at the depôt. The rest might be put up to auction, and what does not go off at the sale, be left with the Mysore Forest Officer, Captain Vansomeran, for disposal as occasion offers.

The suppression of the depôt would effect a saving of the cost of establishment paid from the working charges as under:—

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It would not debar the Mudumallay Forest from making sales in Mysore if there was a demand; parties wanting wood would readily buy it in the forest and haul it themselves.

6. Only the felling in the Mudumallay Forests is leased to Government. The Tirumalapad has always reserved to himself the right to collect forest pro-

ducts and leased it. The present lessee is one Comorasawmy Pillay. So long as this remains the case it is impossible to keep out fire, as the produce collectors have free access to the forest which has a dense under-growth of grass growing to a height of four feet. If persons could be debarred from access to the forests, excepting along recognized paths, fires might be prevented. The only way to effect this object is to negotiate with the Tirumalapad for the forest products and buy out Comorasawmy Pillay. The Forest Department could, I am informed, afford to give a higher price for the right to collect than the Tirumalapad now obtains. These remarks dispose of the last question, which is, whether certain natives of Mysore have obtained a monopoly of forest produce by producing false documents.

SUBMITTED to Government with Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd April 1875, No. 813.

2. The Board approve of the Conservator's proposal to negotiate with the Tirumalapad for the forest products and buy out the present renter.

3. The Mysore Depôt is kept up on account of the Wynaad Forests also; and in Proceedings recorded in G. O., dated 1st May 1875, No. 673, the Board have expressed the opinion that it would be premature to close it at present.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 186. ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1875, No. 1,075.

Forests, No. 13.

THE Board will instruct the Collector of Malabar to negotiate with the Tirumalapad to secure to Government the right of collecting the forest products in the Mudumallay Forests.

2. The Government consider that the timber depôt at Mysore should, as recommended by the Inspector, be abolished, the arrangement proposed by that officer being adopted for disposing of such timber as may remain undisposed of—either now in depôt or *en route*.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Officiating Inspector of Forests.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Further to No 4616/75.

Madumalay Forests.—Directing the Board to instruct the Collector of Malabar to negotiate with the Government to secure to Government the right of collecting the forest products on the Madumalay Forests, and the abolition of the timber depot at Mysore, and the adoption of the proposed arrangement for disposing of such timber as may remain undisposed of—either now in depot or en route.



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No 1075 Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 17th July 1875

Read the following Res.
of the Board of Revenue.

Subj. report from the
Comptroller of Pilgrims on certain
points in connection with
Mysore and Madumalay
Forests. (H.C. 22nd June 1875, No 1725)

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has been done ML

The Board will instruct
the Collector of Malabar to
negotiate with the Government
to secure to Govt. the right of
collecting the forest products
on the Madumalay Forests.

The question of abolish-
ing the Mysore Depot can
be considered only after it is
satisfactorily shown that it
is not required for the timber
of the Mysore Forests.

The Collector of
Malabar will report what
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Wynad is in course of
preparation for and in
progress towards Mysore.

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