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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th August 1875.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 223. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd August 1875, No. 2,160, Forest No. 154.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 18th June 1875, No. 927, Revenue Department :—

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(A true Extract.)

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

No. 224. From Captain CAMPBELL WALKER, Officiating Inspector of Forests, to A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 14th August 1875, No. 430.

ABSTRACT.—With reference to Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 154, of 3rd August 1875, submits remarks regarding Progress Reports of Forest Officers.

No. 225. ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1875, No. 1,267.

Forests, No. 15.

UNDER the circumstances stated by the Board, the Government will not object to the matter being allowed to lie over for the present.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Officiating Inspector of Forests.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

No. 430

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From,

Captain Campbell Walker,
Offr. Inspector of Forests

To,

A. Macgregor Esquire,
Secy. Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department

Sir,

Referring to Board's Proceedings No. ¹⁵⁴/₂₁₆₀ dated 3rd August I think it right to inform Government that I quite agree with the Board that it would serve no good purpose that the monthly Progress Reports of Divisional Forest Officers should go to them, through the Collector and Inspector of Forests, whilst it would indefinitely delay their disposal and Communication of remarks for the Guidance of the Forest Officers which, even under the system hitherto in force has been found prejudicial to efficiency.

2. I have the honor to submit that the whole question resolves itself into, Who is the Head of the Forest Department in this Presidency, and who is responsible to Government for the efficiency of its personnel and economy of its working, the progress of conservation and forestry, and development of

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Progress Reports of Forest Officers.—With reference to the question of arrangements to be made for submission of the—through the Inspector to the Board, concerning to the matter being allowed to be over for the present.

of the forest production and revenue?

3. If non-professional Collectors can be considered responsible and competent to supervise such matters in addition to their other multifarious duties then the reports need not come before any one else, and I would respectfully suggest that the Forest Department should be abolished, and mere District establishments maintained as found necessary.

4. On the other hand if the Conservator (Inspector) who, it is presumed, has risen in the Department, has professional knowledge, and is thoroughly acquainted with its interior economy and working, is its head all orders should emanate from him subject to the approval of Government although it may be deemed advisable, until we demarcate and settle the forests that the District Revenue Officers should have the opportunity of remarking on the Forest Officers' doings, and the Collector, as head of the Revenue Department in his District, is the right to veto, or hold in abeyance any orders of the Conservator which he may consider prejudicial to the welfare of the people &c. pending reference to the

the Board and Government. 120/3

5. This is the position in Bombay which has so far worked well, and with which Government recently resolved that our system should be assimilated.

6. After the forests have been demarcated and settled as State, Communal and Private under the authority of an Act and Rules framed thereon, the Forest Department should be as distinct and independent in its organization and management of the tracts confided to its charge, as the medical, the D. P. Bd. or the Survey; but this will of course be a work of years.

7. The present arrangements are, I venture respectfully to assure Government, unsatisfactory to all concerned and our officers, even those who were formerly in favor of the re-organization, are every where losing heart.

8. I forward a copy of this letter to the Board for information, and shall refrain from making any remarks on the Monthly Progress Reports pending a definite settlement of the whole

whole question.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed^t Serv^t.

Cumpleweather
Captain.

Offs. Inspector of Forests.

Copied by *W. B. B.*

Comp^d *C. S.*

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With reference to Memo
Forwarding Form No. 154 of
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Remarks regarding
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Officers.

Mr. Submitt

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The Offs. Inspector
of Forests.

Mr. 1875 - 1st Sept
Revenue Officer.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Officiating Inspector of Forests.

Edr. J. W. Fischer.

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Acting Secretary.

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Read also letter from Insp. 7th Aug 75. No 164. No 430.

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Board of Revenue,
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PROCEEDINGS, 3RD AUGUST 1875, No. 2,160.

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Forest No. 164.

Progress Reports—of Forest Officers.—Re-
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to their order directing that arrangements be
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Board.

With Order

14th to the Board of Revenue on 20th 75
3rd the Off. Inspector of Forests