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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th September 1875.

No. 261. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd August 1875, No. 2,161 :—

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2. The Head Assistant Collector has made a reference to me as regards the rate of seigniorage to be levied on the bark of a creeper (called [illegible]) growing spontaneously on the Patchamalai Hills, which is used for purposes of dyeing and for which no seigniorage was charged since the abolition of the tax on hill products in 1864 (*vide* G.O., No. 577, dated 5th April 1864, paragraph 22, clause 5). A certain individual having applied to rent the gathering of Vembadampattai on the Patchamalai Hills, the Tahsildar, in reporting on the subject, stated that a cart-load of the bark is valued at 75 Rupees in the town markets, and that it takes one man two full months to gather a cart-load. The Tahsildar recommends a seigniorage of 5 Rupees per cart-load, and the Head Assistant Collector thinks that the drug can well bear a seigniorage eight times as high as that for charcoal, a cart-load of which is priced only at 7 to 10 Rupees.

3. The product, no doubt, is of considerable value ; and, if the Board are of opinion that it should be taxed, I would propose a seigniorage of Rupees 6 per bandy-load, or 4 Annas per head load according to the old rate.

SUBMITTED for the sanction of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 262. ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1875, No. 1,431.

Miscellaneous.

THE proposal to levy a seigniorage on this jungle product is opposed to the declared policy of Government and must be decidedly negatived.

2. It is desired by all means to encourage the collection of such products and to prevent the establishment of any monopoly in them.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL.
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3197

Dated 3 August 187[illegible]

FOR ORDERS.

Govt. of {1875} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated September, 29th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 29th September 1875. No. 1,431.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 261-262.

Vembadampattai, the bark of certain creepers growing on the Patchamalai Hills in Trichinopoly District.—Negativing proposal to levy a [illegible], and observing that it is desirable to encourage the collection of jungle products and to prevent the establishment of any monopoly in them.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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PROCEEDINGS, 3RD AUGUST 1875, No. 2,161.

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No. 2,161.

Vambadumattai—the bark of certain creeper growing spontaneously on Patchamalai Hills in Trichinopoly District, which is used for purposes of dyeing.—Proposals of Collector to levy a seigniorage of Rupees 6 per bandy-load of—submitted for sanction of Government.

With order

Ind. Leg.

No. 1431. 29/9/75.

The proposal to levy a seigniorage on this jungle production appears to the undersigned objectionable & he must be decidedly against it. His desire is by all means to encourage the collection of such products, and to prevent the establishment of any monopoly in them.

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