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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

FORESTS.

NOTIFICATION

Simla, the 21st September 1875.

THE following rules made under Act VII of 1865 have been confirmed by the Governor General in Council, and are, in accordance with Section 6 of that Act, published in the *Gazette of India*—

Rules for the management and preservation of the Government Forests in the North-Western Provinces.

- I.—Nothing in the following rules shall be held to abridge or affect any existing rights of individuals or communities in Government forests.
- II.—Every Government forest, when not sufficiently demarcated by roads, streams, or other existing natural or artificial boundary marks, shall be demarcated with such marks as the Conservator of Forests may direct.
- III.—The Conservator of Forests may, with the previous sanction of the Collector, or other chief Revenue Officer of the district, close any road or pathway traversing any Government forest. Provided always that no legal public right of way is infringed by such closing, and that no legal private right of way is abridged or affected, except after due compensation and settlement according to the law for the time being in force regarding the expropriation of such rights.
- IV.—The following acts are prohibited in Government forests:—
 - (1) Voluntarily or negligently setting fire to the forests.
 - (2) Felling, girdling, lopping, burning, barking, stripping off leaves, tapping for resin, or otherwise injuring any trees, shrubs or bamboos, otherwise than with lawful permission under these rules.
 - (3) Cultivation, without the permission, in writing, of the Conservator of Forests.
 - (4) Grazing or pasturing of cattle, elephants, or pigs, except with lawful permission under these rules.
 - (5) Cutting grass, collecting fruits, honey, wax, bark, or any kind of forest produce without lawful permission under these rules.
- V.—Whenever any legal rights to timber, grazing, or other forest produce exist in any Government forest, such rights shall in all cases be ascertained and fully recorded by the Revenue authorities of districts, and a copy of such record shall be deposited for reference in the forest office of the division in which the forest is situated.
- VI.—It shall be lawful for the Local Government to close any portions of the Government forests, and to notify such portions as closed forests. The boundaries of such closed forests shall be demarcated by such marks as the Government may direct.
- VII.—In closed forests all trespass by men, cattle, or elephants off the authorised roads and pathways is prohibited.
- VIII.—It shall be lawful for the Local Government to grant in any Government forest such privileges as may be consistent with the due maintenance of the forest. Provided always that the exercise of any privilege under this rule shall be for the use of the person entitled thereto, and not for the purposes of export or merchandise.

IX.—No privileges granted under the last preceding rule shall be exercised in a closed forest.

X.—All timber found adrift within such limits and on such rivers, as may from time to time be notified by the Local Government, may be collected and taken charge of by any forest officer. The collection of such timber within these limits by any person other than a forest officer is prohibited. All timber collected by the forest officer as aforesaid shall be brought to or stored at such stations as the Conservator of Forests shall from time to time publicly notify and shall be dealt with as provided in the following rules:

XI.—Notices shall be published every second month at the three taluk police offices nearest the place of storing, stating the number and description of pieces of drift and unclaimed timber brought in under Rule X during the two months preceding.

XII.—All claims to drift timber shall be decided by the Conservator of Forests, or such other forest officer as he may authorise in that behalf. Provided that if two or more persons are claimants to the same timber, the Conservator or other officer as aforesaid may decline to decide the case, and refer the parties to the Civil Court.

Timber, wood, or bamboos awarded to claimants must be redeemed by the payment of all expenses incurred on the collection, landing, and protection thereof. If the expenses are not paid and the timber redeemed within one month from the date of issue of a written notice by the forest officer calling on the owner to redeem the same, the forest officer shall be entitled to sell the wood; and after deducting the sum due for such expenses, shall pay any balance that may remain to the owner of the timber sold.

XIII.—For every breach of these rules for which the penalty of confiscation is not provided by the Act, the offender shall be liable, on conviction before the Magistrate having jurisdiction in the case, to fine not exceeding Rs. 500, or in default of payment, to such imprisonment as is provided in Section 67 of the Indian Penal Code.

A. O. HUME,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 1060.

Copy forwarded to the Government of the North-Western Provinces, with reference to the correspondence ending with its Secretary's letter No. 153 F—C, dated the 13th ultimo.

C. F. LYALL,
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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SUBJECT.

RULES for the management and preservation
Government Forests in the North-West
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Coolidge, M. Dept.

Forests

Simla, the 19th of October 1875.

The Secretary to Govt. of
Madras

Sir,

In continuation of this office No.
121 G.O. d/13th July last I am directed to for-
ward a copy of Government of India (Dept.
of Revenue Agriculture & Commerce) Notification
No. 1059 d/2nd September 1875 promulgating
the Rules to be adopted for the manage-
ment & preservation of Government
Forests in these Provinces.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Clayton Brachamp

Capt. R. R.

Asst. Secretary

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