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Revenue.....DEPARTMENT

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No. 58. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th November 1874, No. 3,456, Forest No. 229 :—

Read the following letter from A. MacGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nelambore, 22nd October 1874, No. 216-A. —

I HAVE the honor to report on the subject of paragraph 2 of G. O., dated 8th September 1874, No. 1,148.

2. The fact that cardamoms spontaneously produced in the Government Forests of Wynaad are the absolute property of Government has never been disputed. When such lands are sold under the waste land rules an absolute right is conveyed. Clearly no sale could convey rights not possessed by the seller; and, if the cardamoms in Government lands in Wynaad are not the property of Government, all the absolute sales under the waste lands would be null and void. I have never heard the doubt suggested. The position of Government in regard to its Wynaad Forest is precisely that of all private jennies in Wynaad, as Government comes in only as claimant when private estates have escheated on account of rebellion, or lapsed from failure of heirs. If, therefore, the Government title is incomplete or limited, so must be every private title in Wynaad.

3. Up to the year 1862, the whole cardamom produce of the country was treated as a monopoly precisely as salt and arrack now are.

4. The farm was sold by public auction, and the farmer purchased the right, first, to collect cardamoms in all Government lands, and, second, to buy all cardamoms produced in private lands, at a fixed rate, about half the value.

5. Parties violating the monopoly were punished for theft.

6. The monopoly was not protected by any enactment, and the Session Judge of Tellicherry, Mr. Holloway, held convictions to be illegal, and thereupon the monopoly was put an end to.

7. Subsequently in certain parts of Wynaad the collection of cardamoms in Government land was put up to auction; in other parts the source of revenue was neglected. Owing to combination among the Mopilla farmers, the bidding at last got so much below the value, that the collection was taken under Amany. According to recent orders, this source of revenue is now credited to the Forests, and Mr. Peet has, at my request, visited the more valuable cardamom tracts, and is taking measures for improving the production. As I stated in my former letter, the peculiar position of the Government Forests, interspersed among private lands, altogether removes them from the category of Forests where the collection of produce should be unrestricted in consideration to the hill-tribes. These men are, when available, employed by us and paid fair rates, and the system is, I submit, entirely in accordance with the latest orders on the subject of Forest produce.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government, with reference to G. O., dated 8th September 1874, No. 1,148.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th January 1875.*

2. The reasons given for considering that the cardamoms grown in Government Forests in the Wynaad may be gathered by Government employés seem to the Board to be satisfactory.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 59

ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1875, No. 26.

Forests, No. 3.

The Governor in Council concurs in the views taken by the Collector and Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Inspector of Forests

Edw. A. Grubb

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 4262.

From *B^d of Rev.*

Dated *30th November 1876.*

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Dated January 8th.

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G.O. 8th January 1876, No. 25

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*For further notice see Revenue Department, Ministry
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To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Malabar.
.. to the Inspector of Forests.

Enc. A. Grubert.

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Forest No. 223

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The following are the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various committees of the Board of Directors:

Name	Committee
Mr. J. B. Smith	Finance
Mr. W. H. Jones	General Management
Mr. C. D. Brown	Legal Affairs
Mr. E. F. Green	Public Relations
Mr. G. I. White	Investment
Mr. L. K. Black	Personnel
Mr. M. N. Gray	Marketing
Mr. O. P. Red	Risk Management
Mr. Q. R. Blue	Sustainability
Mr. S. T. Yellow	Technology

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