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No. 240. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th December 1874, No. 3,667, Forest No. 246:—

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Paragraph 15.—The Board agree with Mr. Webster that if an inquiry is made, the Collector must have an additional Assistant well acquainted with the district, and they think his salary and allowances should be those of a Sub-Collector.

Paragraph 16.—Approved.

Paragraph 17.—The Collector should endeavour to get a lease of the land planted with Teak trees at Parapa. No doubt a lease could be obtained now on moderate terms.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 241.

ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1875, No. 271.

Forests, No. 23.

THE Government agree with the Collector in considering that it should be intimated to the Wargdars of the old

Bekal Taluq that no restrictions will in future be placed in the extent of the cultivation of Warg Kumeri, but they see no necessity for the issue of any proclamation to that effect.

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(True Extract.)

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Exd. J. Tulloch.

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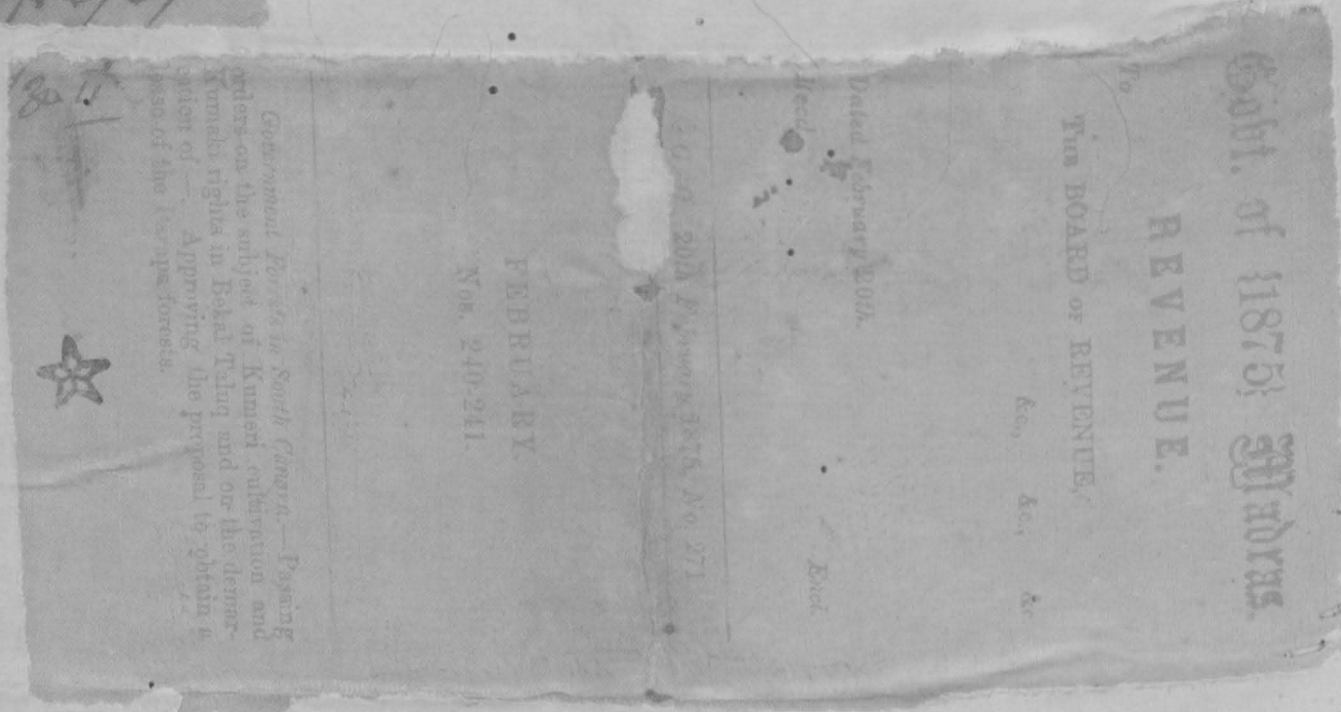
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Paragraphs 11 to 14.—As the Board have already remarked, they do not see how it is possible to dispense with an inquiry. It cannot possibly be known what tracts are unclaimed waste, until it has been ascertained what tracts are claimed. There will always be confusion, and the possibility that new claims coming to light for the first time after Government money has been spent, say, in demarcating a forest will be lost unless the proprietors of all the claimed land in the district claimed by individuals are registered, and this cannot be done unless an inquiry is held. The Board approve of the notice which the Collector proposes to issue, but think the words "that the Collector is about to demarcate the Government forests in this district" might be omitted.

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Paragraph 15.—The Board agree with Mr. Webster that if an inquiry is made, the Collector must have an additional Assistant well acquainted with the district, and they think his salary and allowances should be those of a Sub-Collector.

Paragraph 16.—Approved.

Paragraph 17.—The Collector should endeavour to get a lease of the land planted with Teak trees at Parapa. No doubt a lease could be obtained now on moderate terms.

Paragraph 18.—Approved.

Paragraph 19.—The Board are not sure what restriction on the rights of the Bekul proprietors are referred to. The proprietors must be recognized as the owners of the jungles entered in their title-deeds, but their consent to such rules as may be necessary to obviate as far as possible the great difficulties which are found in discovering and assessing Kumeri, should be obtained at the same time.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. G. M.
Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.,
.. the Collector of South Canara.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

.. to the Inspector of Forests.

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of Forest must submit
the list of Forest
selected by him within
at the latest three months
from the date of receipt
of the Collector's instructions.
He will not however be
precluded from submitting
a supplemental list.

The Librarian proposal of the B.?
 Fleming to obtain a lease of the Panopticon

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It seems odd to
use a thing & then
"regulate" its use. Why
should we interfere

in the case of
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final settlement.

Ag.

14. 1.
Better leave it
than collect
as proposed
I think
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Govt Forests. S. Canara
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no more work
done in field
of land etc.

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land etc.

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N^o 271 Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 20th February 1875
read the following No. of
the Board of Revenue.

Subm^d letter from Govt. of South
Canara requesting further instructions
on subject of demarcation of Govt.
Forests and disposal of Kumeri and
Kumaki questions.

(A. 18 December 74 No 3667.)

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The Govt agree with the
Collector in considering that it
should be intimated to the
Wargdars of the old Bekal
Taluk that no restrictions will
in future be placed in the extent
of the cultivation of Warg Kumeri,
but they see no necessity for
the issue of any proclamation
to that effect.

M^r. Webster has not
stated in full the grounds
on

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in which he would propose a reduction of assessment on *Warghumeri*, but the Govt. would observe that the fact of lower rates prevailing in Malabar would not per se be sufficient ground for reducing the assessment in *Sanara*. Draft rules regarding assessment, survey &c. should be submitted at an early date.

The collector's proposals regarding *Kumaki* are approved, but as in the case of *Kumeri* in *Bekul*, the Govt. think it will suffice if the orders of Govt. are made known through the *Sahib-dars* and village officials.

As regards the demarcation of valuable forests, admittedly the property of Govt. the best course will be for the Forest Officer to submit lists of the forests which it would be advisable to demarcate. A

scrutiny of this list by the Revenue officers will probably lead to the elimination of a considerable number without any detailed enquiry, and Notifications should be issued as regards the remainder, specifying each forest by name and stating that unless valid cause to the contrary be shown within three months the Govt. will proceed to demarcate and reserve them.

Any claims brought forward in accordance with the Notification will be examined by the collector or his Assistant in the spirit of para 14 of the collector's letter and only those rejected, which on the face of them are "absolutely without foundation". In the case of valuable forests turning out to be private property the collector will at once ascertain the terms on which a lease of the forests can be obtained by

by Govt.

When claims are rejected the claimants should be informed that the demarcation will be proceeded with unless an injunction is received from the civil courts within a reasonable period, say three months.

The D. Conservator of Forests must submit the list of forests selected by him within at the latest three months from the date of receipt of the collector's instructions. He will not however be precluded from submitting a supplemental list.

The proposal of the Board of Revenue to obtain a lease of the Porapa forests is approved.

The Govt. are unable to provide a special officer on Sub Collector's pay and allowances as proposed, but they will endeavour

perhaps three months is too short a period. But if the Collector will point out recent papers show that unless a distinct date is fixed no work will be got out of his Chany unless it accords with his own views of what is the right thing. JH

endeavour to send an additional assistant to the district, and will assent to any temporary arrangements which the collector may think necessary to enable him to devote himself almost exclusively to the work.

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