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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th February 1875.*

No. 314. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th January 1875, No. 174, Forest No. 12 :—

Read the following letter from A. MacGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 30th November 1874, No. 275 :—

I HAVE the honor to report, with reference to your endorsement, No. 267-6,779 of the 29th September last, on G. O., dated 15th idem, No. 1,179.

2. With regard to the difference observable in the areas of the tracts comprising the fuel-reserves of the Palghaut Range, as estimated by the Government of India and as returned by me, I beg to explain that the "Old Walliar Reserve" of about a thousand acres belongs to the Coimbatore District, and is therefore not included in my returns. In my letter of the 24th August 1874, No. 202, I pointed out the confusion caused by these names, *vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd September 1874, No. 180.

3. The land purchased in 1872 was originally estimated by Colonel Morgan *Vide* this office letter, dated 31st May 1873, to be about 3,500 acres, but an actual No. 138, embodied in Board's Proceedings, survey showed the area to have been dated 9th June 1873, No. 969-A. very much over-estimated. Necessity also arose for excluding a portion of the land owing to a dispute of title. Eventually a tract, ascertained on survey to be 1,712 acres, was acquired.

4. It will thus be seen that the area of the above-mentioned two blocks, added to the estimate of that lately purchased, amounts in all to about 3,922 acres.

This is the area alluded to by me as forming a compact block of 4,000 acres.

5. In regard to the proposal to admit cattle, it is mainly based on the fact that the very slender funds available in this range do not admit of a large area being thoroughly conserved at once; if cattle were excluded, a heavy growth of grass would ensue, the burning of which, if by accident it should take fire, would occasion greater destruction than any that could ensue from the grazing of cattle. There being no funds for fencing, cattle cannot be effectually excluded, and their partial exclusion might do more harm than good.

6. What was therefore resolved on, in communication with the Inspector, was to take up at first such portions as our funds enabled us thoroughly to manage, each year adding to the area. The Teak with which the whole is studded is beyond the reach of much injury from fire.

7. As the felling would be by compartments, the fact that the blocks would be of different stages of advancement would not so much matter, but undoubtedly it would be more profitable if the whole could be efficiently taken in hand at once. It is a mere question of funds.

8. My estimates, framed before this large addition to the range was made, were reduced by three-fourths.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G. O., dated 15th September 1874, No. 1,179.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th February 1875.*

2. The Government of India ask for explanation regarding two points: first, an apparent discrepancy as to area; second, the proposal to allow cattle to graze in the reserves.

3. The Collector's explanation as to the area is full and complete.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 315.

ORDER THEREON 26th February 1875, No. 306.

Forests, No. 26.

ORDERED to be communicated to the
Government of India with reference to
their letter of the 8th September 1874,
No. 1,035.

(True Extract.)

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

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

FOREST. No. 12.

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7. As the felling would be by compartments, the fact that the blocks would be of different stages of advancement would not so much matter, but undoubtedly it would be more profitable if the whole could be efficiently taken in hand at once. It is a mere question of funds.

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SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G. O., dated 15th September 1874, No. 1,179.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated February 26th.

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G. O., 26th February 1875, No. 306.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 314-315.

Walliar Fuel Reserve in Malabar District.—Order-
ing to forward to the Government of India Proceed-
ings of the Board of Revenue on the Collector's
explanation regarding certain discrepancy in the
area of the — and his reasons for advocating the
pasture of cattle in the reserve.

2. The Government of India ask for explanation regarding two points: first, an apparent discrepancy as to area; second, the proposal to allow cattle to graze in the reserves.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

[Signature]

Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

„ the Collector of Malabar.

Copy to the Inspector of Forests.

Exd. W. H. French.

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*14. To the Collector of Malabar
26 February 1875
to the Inspector of Forests*

*No 306
Order to be communicated to
the Government of India for
reference & their letter of 10/1/75
No 1035. J. H.*

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PROCEEDINGS, 27th JANUARY 1875, No. 174.

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JANUARY.
Forest No. 12.

*Fuel Reserve—at Wallar near Palghat in
Malabar District.—Letter from Collector,
explaining certain discrepancy noticed by Gov-
ernment of India in the area of —, and stating
his reasons for advocating the pasturage of
cattle in the reserve, submitted to Government
with remarks.*

*No 306-26 February 1875
W. H. French*