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No. 322. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th May 1875, No. 1,223, Forest No. 79A:—

Read the following letter from Captain CAMPBELL WALKER, Officiating Inspector of Forests, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 20th April 1875, No. 86:—

WITH reference to endorsement of 13th instant on G.O., No. 560, dated 8th April 1875, I have the honor to state that I consider arrangements can be made for the supply of the charcoal required by the Napier Foundry Company without detriment to the Government Forests.

2. It is quite evident that the Company must have wood-charcoal for their furnaces, and, under existing rules, they have a perfect right to obtain it by taking out seigniorage permits in whichever districts they prefer. It appears therefore greatly to the interest of Government and Forest Conservancy to enter into some such arrangement as is proposed by the Company, with a view to restricting its operations to certain tracts where its operations can be supervised and carried on systematically, and not force it into dealing with private individuals who would probably evade payment of all or part of the Government seigniorage and do great damage by indiscriminate felling and wasteful preparation.

3. Mr. de Closets, the Managing Director, with whom I had an interview on the subject in Madras, appears well acquainted with the system of working the forest in blocks according to the French plan, and is anxious to improve the quality of the charcoal by the erection of proper kilns. The block system is the only true one to pursue in order to preserve the capital or stock in timber or firewood, and, so long as the "*revolution*" is not fixed at too short a period, and the reproduction, whether natural or artificial, carefully attended to, there need be no fear of the deterioration of the forest; any step towards improving the present barbarous and wasteful mode of manufacture commends itself highly to me (*vide* my special report on South Arcot Forests, paragraph 12, recorded with Board's Proceedings, No. 67-1154, dated 18th May 1874,) and this can only be done in the first instance by a Public Company with sufficient capital such as the present applicants.

4. Recent experiments in Salem give the yield of average jungle cut, over six or seven years ago for the Railway supply, and since enclosed and conserved, at 15 tons per acre; and if we fix the *revolution* at fifteen years, which would appear ample, we have a yield of one ton per acre per annum.

The Chairman of the Company states its requirements at about 3,600 tons of charcoal, or say 15,000 of firewood per annum.

5. On these premises the Company would require 15,000 acres or nearly twenty-four square miles *in all*, divided into fifteen blocks of 1,000 acres each, one of which should be entered upon and utilized each year.

6. I do not think there would be any difficulty in finding such blocks in the Districts of North Arcot and Cuddapah without trenching injuriously on the privileges of the people or the State requirements for the Railway and public supply, and if the Board and Government accept my view after these explanations, I shall be prepared to submit a complete scheme in communication with the

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Collectors and Deputy Conservators of the Districts selected, and the Managing Director of the Company.

7. I make no allusion to the importance of stimulating what may undoubtedly become an important local industry, but think it my duty to point out that the Company really request no special consideration such as was shown to the Porto Novo Iron Company who were granted the right to cut *free and without any restrictions*, but merely ask for permission to supply themselves with charcoal on payment of the usual seigniorage to which they have an undoubted right in common with the rest of the public. The restrictions, &c., will all be in favor of conservancy, the Company securing merely a permanent source of supply within a reasonable distance from their works.

8. The question of quarrying does not, under existing regulations, come within my province.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 8th April 1875, No. 560.

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3. No specific proposals as to the quarrying of ore have been made or referred to the Board.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 323.

ORDER THEREON, 27th May 1875, No. 831.

Forests, No. 20.

THE Board's proposal in paragraph 2 is approved. Due attention will be paid in every case to the rights and privileges of the people.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 10th May 1875. No. 1223.

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G. O., 27th May 1875, No. 831.

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Submitted to Government with reference to Government Order 8 April 1875 p. 56.

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To the Board of Revenue
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