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Office of Conservator of Forests
Cotacamund 4th May 1876.

From

Lt. Colonel R. A. Beddome
Conservator of Forests.-

To,

The Honorable W. F. Carmichael
Secretary to Government
R. D.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a few remarks on the Draft of the proposed agreement between the Forest Department and the Napier Foundry Company prepared by the Government Solicitor and forwarded to Government.-

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Memo: on the Draft Agreement between the Forest Department and the Napier Foundry Company. ——

1.- The Forest Department can only agree to do their best to mark out and hand

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ever annually the Blocks in question,
they must not be held responsible for any
loss that may accrue to the Company
from any delays or inconveniences &c.
that may at any time arise from exist-
ing rights in the tract in question; al-
though certain grazing rights undoubted-
ly hold good the forests in question are
supposed to belong to Government, but
other Communal rights and other claims
may possibly be put forward and sub-
stantiated, so that it must be laid down
that if this happens the Forest Depart-
ment are not to be held responsible that
the engagements are met.-

II.- The Company must be bound down
not to sell charcoal.-

III.- The Company require 3600 tons of
charcoal annually which may be said to
represent at least 14 or 15,000 tons of wood,
this Department says that this amount
cannot be taken from the tract in question in-
discriminately without considerable per-
manent injury to the forests, but that it
can on the Block system under Depart-
mental management; an agreement ap-
pears necessary to bind the Company
to adhere to this, but the restrictions must
all be in favor of Conservancy and it
must be clearly stated that Government
are not to suffer from any complications
that may arise from existing rights.-

IV. The Government Solicitor may
have taken it for granted that the tract
in question is exclusively the property of
the State, but although the Forest Depart-
ment

ment believe it to be so, under the present state of our Forest Law, it is impossible to say what belongs to Government and what does not, for instance, claims are now being entertained to tracts of Teak forest and to Teak plantations in South Canara which have actually been under departmental management for 16 years.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

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R. H. Beddome Lt. Colonel
Conservator of Forests

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The Conservator of Forests.

To,

The Secretary to Govt.

R.D.

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Enclosure None

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