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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th May 1876.*

No. 165. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th April 1876, No. 1,090, Forest No. 40 :—

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2. "On paragraph No. 178 details for Rupees 5,000." The completion of the eastern boundary of the Sullakunta Chancoo Railway Fuel Reserve, which, up to this date, was in abeyance owing to the claims of certain Shrotriendars in the vicinity, and the formation of another reserve in the Rollamudgoo range of hills near the Sanepoy Ghauts and the boundary of this taluq with Royachoty, the running chainage of both of them being approximately estimated at about 1,900, and which at the rate of Rupees 2-10-0 per chain, amounts to about Rupees 4,987-8-0 or nearly Rupees 5,000.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) M. RAMASWAMY,
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COMMUNICATED to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, who is requested to state under what authority the free licenses were granted for burning charcoal for smelting iron as observed by the Board in paragraph 38, and to give details for Rupees 5,000, provided in the Budget for fencing and enclosing forests, &c., as called for in paragraph 178.

Cuddapah,
6th February 1876.

(Signed) W. D. HORSLEY,
Collector.

(True Copy.)

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SUBMITTED for the information of Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd October 1875, No. 2,933.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 166.

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No. 167. ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1876, No. 637.

Forests, No. 7.

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provide for a seigniorage of 1 Anna
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2. The Board's view is therefore correct; but the Collector will report whether these Charcoal burners are *bona fide* Ryots; how long they have had wood for charcoal burning, without seigniorage being levied; whether their trade is an old established one; whether they sell the charcoal to smelters, or smelt iron themselves; and, in the latter case, to what extent.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Conservator of Forests.

Exd W.H. French.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated May, 18th.

Recd.

G.O. 1876 May 18th, No. 687.

M.A.Y.

Nos. 165-167.

Free Licenses for burning Charcoal for smelting purposes in Cuddapah District.—Considering the view taken by the Board regarding the grant of — to be correct; and requesting information on certain points.



R. S.

Board in paragraph 38, and to give details for Rupees 5,000, provided in the Budget for fencing and enclosing forests, &c., as called for in paragraph 178.

Cuddapah, (Signed) W. D. HORSLEY, Collector.

8th February 1876.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, the Collector of Cuddapah.
,, the Conservator of Forests.

The Govt of Forests will issue instructions to put a stop to the grant of free passes to ryots in Cuddapah for removing wood in view to convert it into charcoal for smelting purposes.

Exd. W. H. French.

See note 10/6/76

Check to the Hon. Secy 12th May 1876
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Free Licenses—for burning charcoal for smelting purposes.—Submitting to Government report of Collector of Cuddapah regarding grant of—and provision made for fencing reserves, &c., and requesting Conservator of Forests to see, when he visits the district, that no needless expenditure is incurred on latter account.

APRIL.
Forest No. 40.

Received 8th May 1876

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BOARD of Revenue,
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NOTE

The information is insufficient here. It is necessary to know whether the industry which is dependent on this supply of Charcoal is a new one in respect to which prescription does not apply, and an East India Company is not established. If the smelting trade is an old industry of that Country and they pursuing it have...

drawn by prescription
wood for Charcoal,
from the woodlands
in the neighbourhood,
the right cannot be
summarily foreclosed
or a new tax placed
on the trade without
much more careful
investigation &

The papers should
go back to the collector
of Cuddapah through
the Board for full
inquiry and a written
statement of those
interested in the right
or claimant.

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✓ Bds Prop. 25th April/76.
No 1090

✓ Minute by Sir W. R
d/10/4.

It is one of the Standing Rules for the regulation of Jungle Conservancy that,
"Charcoal burners may cut only in such places as may be assigned to them - and not to cut certain trees - and are to pay a supervisee of one Anna per piled basket.

2. It seems clear from the papers that the District Officer let these people off, accepting their plea that, as Ryots, they are privileged - but Ryots may cut only for domestic purposes.

If these Charcoal burners are let off, the same will apply all over the country.

P.M. 11/5/76.

para 38 Board's
Budget.

G.O. 20/11/75
No 1666.

I think the view taken by the Board is right, and that the case in Cuddalore is not covered ^{by the term} "domestic purposes." under which Ryots cut wood free of supervision.

I would however ask the Collector to report whether this charcoal burning by the Villagers is a long established trade ~~to~~ whether they have formerly paid supervision. All

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M. S.

G.O. 18th May/76 No 637

Sent to Hon. Mr. M. S. Gov. 12th May/76 R. S. S. S.

Use of
of Charcoal burners
for using Timbers.

The Temple Conservancy

Deputy

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Order from

Order. No 107

The Temple Conservancy

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P.S. 17/5/76. 18 May 1876

Sent to Hon. Mr. C. H. 17. June 1876