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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

Forests, No. 11.

SIR,—In continuation of the letter of this Government, dated 10th November 1876, No. 1,620, I am directed to forward a copy of the Proceedings of the Board printed in the Proceedings noted marginally, and to observe that Colonel Beddome's statements are exaggerated and unfounded. With reference to the Government of India letter of the 14th October 1876, I am further to state that this Government has no intention of abandoning State rights in the forests of South Canara. The action taken has been to ascertain and assert State rights, as distinguished from wrongs which this Government had good reason to fear had been committed in regard to some of the forest tracts in this district. In the opinion of this Government State rights are being weakened by the delay which has occurred by the interposition of the Government of India in the decision of claims or rights, whilst the rights of proprietors cannot be affected by this Government postponing its decision. Further the result of this inquiry so far goes to show that there is no reason to apprehend the serious loss to the State, which seems to be anticipated by the Government of India.

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2. Under these circumstances this Government request permission to proceed with the inquiry, and dispose of the claims, which have been put forward, in the manner originally contemplated.

3. In conclusion, with reference to the letter of the Government of India, 31st July 1876, I am to call attention to paragraph 5 of Mr. Webster's letter, 8th November, now submitted, which appears to furnish the information required generally, and to state that more detailed information can only be supplied when the inquiry is complete, the probable term of which the Government are not as yet able to state.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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To

The Secretary to the Government of India
Dept. of Rev: Agri: & Commerce.

Sir,

In continuation of the letter of this Government dated 10th November 1876 No. 1620, I am directed to forward a copy of the Proceedings of the Board printed in the Proceedings noted marginally and to observe that Colonel Beddome's statements are exaggerated and unfounded. With reference to the Government of India letter of the 11th October 1876 I am further to state that this Govt. has no intention of abandoning state rights in the forests of South Canara. The action taken has been to ascertain and preserve state rights,

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