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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

13th November 1877, No. 3,237.

Read the following paper:—

No. 118. Proceedings of the Board  
No. 2,749.

Read the following  
Proceedings of the Madras Government,  
Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—*Contracts for the Collection of*  
Board of Revenue for remarks letter from  
the system of selling — by the department.

From A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector  
Secretary to the Board of Revenue  
No. 292.

In reply to Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous  
1876, I have the honor to forward extra  
showing that the practice of levying a tax  
early followed in Tinnevelly, though the  
varying from Rupees 1,900 to 5,000 and of  
of the last year amounted to Rupees 22,000.

2. I beg also to enclose an Extract  
September 1854, whereby the system was  
free to them who were in the habit of enjoin-

3. It would appear that since the  
this order has been lost sight of.

4. As regards the existence of com-  
people, chiefly Shanars, not from particu-  
trict, make a livelihood by gathering car-  
or felling and bringing down timber  
always; when the Government taxed  
was withdrawn they followed their  
lease referred to in the Proceedings and  
the forest all but those who have made  
him for the privilege of collection.

In their Order, dated 26th September  
with reference to a contract for the colle-  
gunery Taluq of the Tinnevelly District  
munal rights and usages in connection  
they have been disposed of in connection  
also desired to be informed to what extent  
collection of forest produce within vill-  
the Forest Department.

2. The Conservator's reply embodied  
referred for their remarks to the Board  
recently been received. As regards com-  
tractor, the Conservator considers that b-  
agricultural purposes, which are gener-  
the hills, there are no immemorial com-  
collection of forest products is chiefly  
levying a tax upon forest produce as w-  
but that the continuance of the tax app-  
arrived at in Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 7th September 1854, sanc-  
tioning the abolition of certain hill farms, amongst which the Tinnevelly hill farm

Revenue, dated 13th June 1877,

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15th December 1876, No. 2,046,  
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res. produce — Transferring to the  
Conservator of Forests regarding  
in village boundaries.

Tinnevelly, to H. E. STOKES, Esq.,  
Tirukurangudi, 5th May 1877,

ous No. 8,732, dated 12th October  
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in timber and forest produce was  
s annually collected were small,  
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without let or hindrance. The  
y has the effect of keeping out of  
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No. 1,351, the Government inquired,  
minor forest produce in the Nan-  
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tract in question; and if so, how  
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ed to certain limits at the base of  
its. The Collector states that the  
to Shanars, that the practice of  
timber has existed for years past,  
e in contravention of the decision  
arrived at in Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 7th September 1854, sanc-  
tioning the abolition of certain hill farms, amongst which the Tinnevelly hill farm

was included. The grounds urged for this measure were the extremely helpless and degraded condition of the jungle tribes which subsist by the collection of forest produce and their isolation, which preclude them from resorting to the authorities for redress and render them peculiarly liable to oppression from any one empowered to collect a tax; the extreme poverty was also urged as a ground for exempting them from taxation. A small tribute in token of fealty was to be paid annually by the headman of the jungle tribes, and this was fixed at a man's load of honey and wax in Board's Proceedings, dated 19th March 1855, No. 563, but it does not appear whether it is ever exacted. The whole question of a monopoly of forest produce under the Forest Department was brought forward again in Board's Proceedings, dated 1st August 1871, embodied in G.O., dated 1st March 1873, No. 240, wherein it was declared to be the policy of Government to leave the forest tribes entirely unrestricted in the exercise of their petty traffic, care being taken that no injury was done to the forests. At the same time it was distinctly stated that this freedom extended only to the real jungle tribes and that inhabitants of the plains making periodic incursions into the forests for natural products were not entitled to the same privileges. In their subsequent orders of the 1st September 1874, Nos. 1,107 and 1,115, and 4th December 1876, No. 1,893, the Government declined to allow any interference on the part of Forest Officers with the traders carrying on the special traffic with the hill tribes.

3. The Collector's letter above read does not afford much information regarding the existence of communal rights in the tracts leased out by the Department, but the Board gather that the forests in question are not inhabited; and when reporting on the subject in 1870,

Vide his letter, dated 25th August 1870, recorded in Board's Proceedings, date 21st August 1871, No. 3,585.

Mr. Stuart stated that there were very few hillmen, most of them having migrated to Travancore. Under these circumstances, the system of contracts for the collection of forest produce does not appear to be an infringement of the orders of Government on the subject or open to objection. Mr. Stuart does not give the amounts realised from this source for years subsequent to Fasli 1261, but from the Annual Administration Reports of the Forest Department the marginally-noted figures have been extracted. There is no reason why an annual revenue of more than Rupees

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| 1871-72... | 62  |
| 1872-73... | 43  |
| 1873-74... | 330 |
| 1874-75... | 615 |
| 1875-76... | 669 |

4,000 should be relinquished, and none is likely to benefit by the discontinuance of the system but the traders. For the reasons given by Mr. Price at paragraph 12 of his letter of the 24th June 1873, embodied in G.O., dated 1st September 1874, No. 1,107, the renting system is preferable to the issue of licenses, and the Board think it need not be disturbed in Tinnevely.

4. As regards the collection of forest produce within village boundaries, the Conservator reports that the trees are not leased out by the Forest Department except to a small extent in Madura. Under recent orders all such rents are credited to the Jungle Conservancy and, the revenue derived from trees situated in forests under the Conservator has alone credited to Imperial. No remarks appear to be called for with reference to paragraph 4 of Colonel Biddome's letter, as the policy of Government has been distinctly enunciated in the orders quoted at paragraph 2 *supra* as far as the dealings between the Chetties and the hill tribes are concerned, and the Board are aware to what well-considered systems of taxation Colonel Biddome refers.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed)

C. A. GALTON,  
Sub-Secretary.

STATEMENT showing the Amount collected either by farming or disposing of under Amani the Hill produce in the District of Tinnevely from Fasli 1252 to 1261.

| Fasli. | Tunkasi Taluq. |          |            | Naguneri and Vallur. |          |            | Shermaduri. |        |        | Brannadesan. |        |            |
|--------|----------------|----------|------------|----------------------|----------|------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|------------|
|        | Rented.        | Amani.   | Total.     | Rented.              | Amani.   | Total.     | Rented.     | Amani. | Total. | Rented.      | Amani. | Total.     |
| 1252   | 1,205 0 0      | 126 2 8  | 1,331 2 8  | 1,500 0 0            | 34 12 7  | 1,534 12 7 | 27 0 0      | ..     | 27 0 0 | 675 7 3      | ..     | 675 7 3    |
| 1253   | 1,100 0 0      | 134 8 9  | 1,234 8 9  | 1,000 0 0            | 75 11 0  | 1,075 11 0 | 30 8 0      | ..     | 30 8 0 | 474 7 3      | 8 5 3  | 482 12 6   |
| 1254   | 1,100 0 0      | 203 14 2 | 1,303 14 2 | 1,000 0 0            | 121 15 3 | 1,121 15 3 | 32 0 0      | ..     | 32 0 0 | 474 7 3      | ..     | 474 7 3    |
| 1255   | 860 0 0        | 165 2 0  | 1,025 2 0  | 740 0 0              | 145 9 6  | 885 9 6    | 71 0 0      | ..     | 71 0 0 | 445 7 3      | ..     | 445 7 3    |
| 1256   | 650 0 0        | 429 1 9  | 1,079 1 9  | 630 0 0              | 201 13 5 | 831 13 5   | 41 0 0      | ..     | 41 0 0 | 511 7 3      | ..     | 511 7 3    |
| 1257   | 845 0 0        | 425 3 5  | 1,270 3 5  | 630 0 0              | 201 13 5 | 831 13 5   | 60 0 0      | ..     | 60 0 0 | 521 7 3      | 41 2 0 | 562 9 3    |
| 1258   | 1,215 0 0      | 173 4 0  | 1,388 4 0  | 1,147 0 0            | 216 1 1  | 1,363 1 1  | 50 0 0      | ..     | 50 0 0 | 433 16 3     | 3 1 0  | 437 0 3    |
| 1259   | 300 0 0        | 254 5 0  | 554 5 0    | 1,435 0 0            | 324 1 1  | 1,759 1 1  | 42 0 0      | ..     | 42 0 0 | 618 7 3      | 40 8 6 | 659 0 0    |
| 1260   | ..             | ..       | ..         | 1,760 0 0            | 212 1 6  | 1,972 1 6  | 81 0 0      | ..     | 81 0 0 | 1,102 7 3    | 22 8 0 | 1,124 15 3 |
| 1261   | ..             | ..       | ..         | ..                   | ..       | ..         | 81 8 0      | ..     | 81 8 0 | 1,757 7 3    | 30 0 0 | 1,787 7 3  |

STATEMENT showing the Amount collected either by farming or disposing of under Amami the Hill produce in the District of Tinorelly from Fashi 1252 to 1261—(Continued).

| Fashi | Surrellipattur. |           |           |         | Sankaranmarkevil. |           |           |            | Total.    |            | Remarks                                                                                                |
|-------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|       | Rented.         | Amami.    | Total.    | Rented. | Rented.           | Amami.    | Total.    | Rented.    | Amami.    | Total.     |                                                                                                        |
|       | Rs. A. P.       | Rs. A. P. | Rs. A. P. |         | Rs. A. P.         | Rs. A. P. | Rs. A. P. |            | Rs. A. P. | Rs. A. P.  |                                                                                                        |
| 1252  | 148 0 0         | ..        | 148 0 0   | 72 0 0  | 72 0 0            | ..        | 72 0 0    | 2,627 7 9  | 478 4 6   | 3,105 11 5 | The sum entered under the head of Amami is the value of timber trees felled at so much per cubic yard. |
| 1253  | 187 0 0         | ..        | 187 0 0   | 72 0 0  | 72 0 0            | ..        | 72 0 0    | 2,835 15 6 | 225 11 9  | 3,060 11 5 |                                                                                                        |
| 1254  | 164 0 0         | ..        | 164 0 0   | 72 0 0  | 72 0 0            | ..        | 72 0 0    | 2,857 15 9 | 375 15 10 | 3,232 7 9  |                                                                                                        |
| 1255  | 157 0 0         | ..        | 157 0 0   | 72 0 0  | 72 0 0            | ..        | 72 0 0    | 2,825 7 9  | 492 7 6   | 3,317 4 5  |                                                                                                        |
| 1256  | 235 0 0         | ..        | 235 0 0   | 72 0 0  | 72 0 0            | ..        | 72 0 0    | 2,440 7 9  | 392 11 6  | 2,832 8 5  |                                                                                                        |
| 1257  | 232 0 0         | ..        | 232 0 0   | 72 0 0  | 72 0 0            | ..        | 72 0 0    | 2,465 7 9  | 709 0 3   | 3,174 7 2  |                                                                                                        |
| 1258  | 276 0 0         | 52 8 0    | 328 8 0   | 72 0 0  | 72 0 0            | 22 8 0    | 94 8 6    | 2,111 15 9 | 718 3 3   | 2,829 11 0 |                                                                                                        |
| 1259  | 365 0 0         | 27 6 0    | 392 6 0   | 72 0 0  | 72 0 0            | 9 0 0     | 81 0 6    | 3,080 7 9  | 589 13 1  | 3,669 11 0 |                                                                                                        |
| 1260  | 329 0 0         | 24 8 0    | 353 8 0   | 72 0 0  | 72 0 0            | 25 8 0    | 97 8 6    | 4,334 7 9  | 569 15 6  | 4,903 13 5 |                                                                                                        |
| 1261  | 783 0 0         | 31 8 0    | 814 8 0   | 72 0 0  | 72 0 0            | 42 0 0    | 114 0 6   | 4,733 15 9 | ..        | ..         |                                                                                                        |

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. J. STUART,  
Acting Collector.

Contracts for the Collection of Forest produce within Village boundaries.—Paying remarks on Board's Proceedings regarding the system of selling—, and requesting the Conservator of Forests to deal direct with the people engaged in the industry or with some headman selected by them from among themselves.

NOVEMBER.  
Nov. 18-119.

G.O., 18th Novem. 1877, No. 3,237.

Dated November 18th.

TO  
THE BOARD OF REVENUE,  
&c., &c., &c.

G.O. of (1877) Mysore.

STATEMENT showing the collection of Hill rent in the Tinnevely District.

Forest Revenue from Fasli 1234 to 1251 District.

| Fasli. | Hill rent, &c., Forest Revenue. | Remarks.                                      |
|--------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1234   | 1,908                           | Figures are extracted from Jamabandi Reports. |
| 1235   | 2,113                           |                                               |
| 1236   | 2,113                           |                                               |
| 1237   | 2,113                           |                                               |
| 1238   | 2,94                            |                                               |
| 1239   | 3,02                            |                                               |
| 1240   | 2,850                           |                                               |
| 1241   | 2,759                           |                                               |
| 1242   | 2,645                           |                                               |
| 1243   | 2,166                           |                                               |
| 1244   | 1,785                           |                                               |
| 1245   | 1,990                           |                                               |
| 1246   | 2,000                           |                                               |
| 1247   | 2,296                           |                                               |
| 1248   | 2,872                           |                                               |
| 1249   | 3,544                           |                                               |
| 1250   | 3,624                           |                                               |
| 1251   | 4,959                           |                                               |

No. 119.

ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1877, No. 3,237.

Forest, No. 6.

therefore distinct from that now reported for forests, which the Government understand to be included in village areas over which control is exercised.

2. The means of administration are different, and as those resorted to do not appear to be sanctioned by the Government, their continuance for the present is not approved.

3. At the same time, it must be understood that the Government object on principle to the sale of contracts for collecting forest-produce, and desire that the Forest Department will deal direct with the people engaged in the industry, or with some headman selected by them from among themselves.

(True Exact.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,  
the Conservator of Forests.

E. I. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 2,749.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 13th June 1877.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 15th December 1876, No. 2,046, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—*Contracts for the Collection of Forest produce*—Transferring to the Board of Revenue for remarks letter from the Conservator of Forests regarding the system of selling — by the department within village boundaries.

From A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector, Tinnevely, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tirukarungudi, 5th May 1877, No. 292.

In reply to Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 8,732, dated 12th October 1876, I have the honor to forward extracts from the accounts of this district showing that the practice of levying a tax upon timber and forest produce was early followed in Tinnevely, though the amounts annually collected were small, varying from Rupees 1,900 to 5,000 and odd Rupees, whereas the forest revenue year amounted to Rupees 22,000 and odd.

I beg also to enclose an Extract from Minutes of September 1854, whereby the system was formally abolished and the forests left free to them who were in the habit of enjoying them.

3. It would appear that since the establishment of the Forest Department this order has been lost sight of.

4. As regards the existence of communal rights, the facts are that certain people, chiefly Shanars, not from particular villages, but from anywhere in the district, make a livelihood by gathering cardamoms, honey, and other forest products, or felling and bringing down timber for sale below. This has been customary always; when the Government taxed them they paid the tax, and when the tax was withdrawn they followed their avocation without let or hinderance. The lease referred to in the Proceedings under reply has the effect of keeping out of the forest all but those who have made arrangements with the Renter and paid him for the privilege of collection.

In their Order, dated 26th September 1876, No. 1,351, the Government inquired with reference to a contract for the collection of minor forest produce in the Nangunery Taluq of the Tinnevely District whether there are any immemorial communal rights and usages in connection with the tract in question, and if so, how they have been disposed of in connection with the contract under notice. They also desired to be informed to what extent the system of selling contracts for the collection of forest produce within village boundaries may be now carried on in the Forest Department.

2. The Conservator's reply embodied in the Government Order read above was referred for their remarks to the Board who awaited the Collector's reply, which has recently been received. As regards communal rights in the tract leased out to a Contractor, the Conservator considers that beyond grazing and the removal of wood for agricultural purposes, which are generally confined to certain limits at the base of

the hills, there are no immemorial communal rights. The Collector states that the collection of forest products is chiefly confined to Shanars, that the practice of levying a tax upon forest produce as well as on timber has existed for years past, but that the continuance of the tax appears to be in contravention of the decision arrived at in Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 7th September 1854, sanctioning the abolition of certain hill farms, amongst which the Tinnevely hill farm was included. The grounds urged for this measure were the extremely helpless and degraded condition of the jungle tribes which subsist by the collection of forest produce and their isolation, which preclude them from resorting to the authorities for redress and render them peculiarly liable to oppression from any one empowered to collect a tax; their extreme poverty was also urged as a ground for exempting them from taxation. A small tribute in token of fealty was to be paid annually by the headman of the jungle tribes, and this was fixed at a man's load of honey and wax in Board's Proceedings, dated 19th March 1855, No. 563, but it does not appear whether it was ever exacted. The whole question of a monopoly of forest produce under the Forest Department was brought forward again in Board's Proceedings, dated 21st August 1871, embodied in G.O., dated 1st March 1873, No. 240, wherein it was declared to be the policy of Government to leave the forest tribes entirely unrestricted in the exercise of their petty traffic, care being taken that no injury was done to the forests. At the same time it was distinctly stated that this freedom extended only to the real jungle tribes and that inhabitants of the plains making periodical incursions into the forests for natural products were not entitled to the same privilege. In their subsequent orders of the 1st September 1874, Nos. 1,107 and 1,115, and 4th December 1876, No. 1,893, the Government declined to allow any interference on the part of Forest Officers with the traders carrying on the special traffic with the hill tribes.

3. The Collector's letter above read does not afford much information regarding the existence of communal rights in the tracts leased out by the Forest Department, but the Board gather that the forests in question are not inhabited, and when reporting on the subject in 1870, Mr. Stuart stated that there were very few hillmen, most of them having migrated to Travancore. Under these circumstances, the system of contracts for the collection of forest produce does not appear to be an infringement of the orders of Government on the subject or open to objection. Mr. Stuart does not give the amounts realized from this source for years subsequent to Fasli 1261, but from the Annual Administration Reports of the Forest Department the marginally-noted figures have been extracted. There is no reason why an annual revenue of more than Rupees

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| 1871-72... | RS.   |
| 1872-73... | 3,762 |
| 1873-74... | 2,944 |
| 1874-75... | 6,930 |
| 1875-76... | 4,615 |
|            | 2,069 |

4,000 should be relinquished, and no one is likely to benefit by the discontinuance of the system but the traders. For the reasons given by Mr. Price at paragraph 12 of his letter of the 24th June 1873, embodied in G.O., dated 1st September 1874, No. 1,107, the renting system is preferable to the issue of licenses, and the Board think it need not be disturbed in Tinnevely.

4. As regards the collection of forest produce within village boundaries, the G.O., dated 4th Dec. 1875, No. 1,748, Conservator reports that the trees are not leased out by the Forest Department except to a small extent in Madura. Under recent orders all such rents are credited to the Jungle Conservancy Fund, the revenue derived from trees situated in forests under the Conservator being alone credited to Imperial. No remarks appear to be called for with reference to paragraph 4 of Colonel Beddome's letter, as the policy of Government has been distinctly enunciated in the orders quoted

at paragraph 2 *supra* as far as the dealings between the Chetties and the hill tribes are concerned, and the Board are not aware to what well-considered systems of taxation Colonel Beddome refers.

(True Copies and Extract.)

*W. J. Lewis*  
Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,  
with 13 original enclosures returned and copies of 2 Statements.

Copy to the Collector of Tinnevely,  
with copies of G.Os., 1st September 1874, No. 1,107;  
1st September 1874, No. 1,115; and 4th December 1876, No. 1,893.  
" " Conservator of Forests.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

*Reference for Mr. Price*  
*True checked under Forest Department*  
*W. J. Lewis*

Bot's Proc. 13<sup>th</sup> June 1877-2,749  
 Madras. No. 15. Dec. 76. 2,046.

In circulating these papers  
 for orders, it is assumed  
 that the contracts for the  
 collection of forest produce  
 in connection with a view  
 to the realization of a Forest  
 Revenue is quite distinct  
 from the system prevailing  
 prior to 1854 - The  
 system then abolished was  
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 dealers in such produce  
 Forest products - If there  
 was any introduction in  
 distinguishable it is so on  
 totally distinct grounds, the  
 principal of which is the  
 necessary, or almost  
 necessary (under existing  
 circumstances) interference  
 in the private trade. It is on  
 this principle that Govt. of late years  
 have checked such Forest operations  
 as to be.

For notice this point  
 in the G.O. in order that  
 there may be no mistake.  
 And add that the Govt.  
 understand that the  
 forest in question are  
 admittedly State forest  
 and not included in  
 village areas over which  
 commercial rights  
 prevail. The means of  
 administration on these  
 more at the choice of Govt.  
 and as the means the  
 order to do not appear to  
 lead to inconvenience  
 the Govt. will sanction the  
 continuance for the

1877.  
 Board of Revenue,  
 MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1877, No. 2,749.

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In 13 Dec 76

Received 13-11-77 No. 3237

JUNE.  
 No. 2,749.

Contract for collection of minor forest  
 produce in Nanguneri Taluk, Tenmooly  
 District. - Submitting Board's views with refer-  
 ence to Government Order inquiring how  
 immemorial communal rights and usages, if any,  
 have been disposed of in connection with the -  
 and to what extent the system of selling con-  
 tracts for the collection of forest produce within  
 village boundaries may be now carried on in  
 Forest Department.

No. 118

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the industry or  
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liberated by them.  
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the contract system  
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rest of the world.

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Revenue Department  
No. 3237.  
Proceedings of the Madras Government  
Under date the 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 1877.

Read the following  
Proceedings of the Board  
of Revenue dated 13<sup>th</sup>  
June 1877 N<sup>o</sup> 2719 submit-  
ting views with reference to  
C.O. inquiring how immen-  
sorial communal rights  
and disages, if any, have  
been disposed of in con-  
nection with the Contract  
for collection of minor forest  
produce in Nangunery Taluk  
Tinnerelly District &c.

1. The Government  
observe that the system  
prevailing

prevailing prior to 1854, was  
of the nature of a produce  
tax and therefore distinct  
from that now reported on  
as in vogue in certain  
uninhabited forests which  
the Government understand  
are admittedly State Forests  
and not included in  
Village areas over which  
communal rights prevail.

2 The means of admin-  
istration are therefore  
more at the choice of Govt.  
and as those resorted to  
do not appear to lead to  
inconvenience, the Govern-  
ment sanctions their con-  
tinuance for the present.

3 At the same time  
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object on principle to  
the sale of contracts for  
collecting Forest produce,  
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List of orders

14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of December 19-11-7)  
21<sup>st</sup> a Com<sup>rs</sup> of Forest with 13 of Dec

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G.O.  
System of  
Contractors for collection  
produce within village  
boundaries.

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N<sup>o</sup> 475.

N. Comptroller Division

By Conservator's Office

3<sup>d</sup> November 1876.

From

R. W. Morgan Esq<sup>r</sup>

By Conservator of Forests

N. Comptroller

To

Genl. R. H. Beadell

Conservator of Forests

Potomac and

Sir,

In reply to your circular N<sup>o</sup> 26 dated  
13<sup>th</sup> October 1876, I have the honor to  
inform you that I am unable to submit  
the report therein called for as no forest  
produce is collected in the forests of the  
Division under my charge on the  
Contract System.

I have &c

R. W. Morgan

By Conservator of Forests

Redd  
Morgan

By Conservators office  
No 203. Cuddalore 13 November 1876.

From The Dy Conservator of Forests  
South Arcot.

To The Conservator of Forests  
Pottacammund  
this Collr. of South Arcot.

Sir,  
In reply to your Circular No 26  
dated 13 October 1876 I have the honor  
to inform that the System of Selling "Contracts"  
for the collection of forest produce  
"in the" "L. Division"  
practice in this District at a  
Department.

2. I enclose for further in-  
formation a true copy of report on  
Subject of minor produce in the  
Division dated 5 January 1875.

(Sd/ H. L. Waddbridge.

Dy. Conservator of Forests  
South Arcot.

With

N<sup>o</sup> 4.

5. January 1875.

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St. Conservator of Forests  
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The Collector of South Irish.

Dr.

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by the Land Revenue officials at a  
very trifling sum compared with the  
value of the products to villagers. There  
are fruit trees which grow in dense forests  
under the Conservancy of the Special  
Department. These are "T. L."  
free by Mallayallies, Embars and  
others whose villages are situated  
near them, as an immemorial right.

There are also fruit trees far removed from villages in dense jungles whose crops the people have no right of collection to.

Such trees and which crops are when it is practicable collected by the Forest employees. But as above stated where any fruit or grove crop is leased out in this District it is done entirely through the Land Rev. Department. In the Grange Reservoir <sup>included in 13 ~~portage~~ <sup>portage</sup> ~~rights~~ <sup>rights</sup></sup> there are 2439 <sup>tamarand</sup> trees which are

taken into account and leased out by the  
Revenue officials of which number I  
believe only 152 trees were considered to be  
bearing in the crop of jash 1283 and  
leased out at from  $3\frac{1}{4}$  to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  annas  
each

each.

With reference to para 2 I beg to point out that there are large Palmyrah woods in this District. the principal those stretching along the coast line while others of less importance are scattered over the country which I believe will be found to have been created "at the cost of the villagers" without entailing any cost to the state. The Revenue therefrom should therefore be credited to the Jungle Conservancy funds & I would observe that if these Palmyrah wood rents which must be considerable were to be transferred to Jungle Conservancy funds it would materially facilitate the carrying out of the improvements contemplated in the Village Fuel Reserves.

I have &c

(Sd) H. L. Worldridge

Off Conservator  
of Forests

(True copy)

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