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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

31st July 1878, No. 1,205.

Read the following paper:—

No. 410. Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce (Forests), dated Simla, 17th July 1878, Circular No. 40-F.

READ—

Circular letter from the Government of India in the Home Department, No. 15-526-536, dated the 13th February 1874, on the subject of the holding of land and of other investments made by Government servants in India.

RESOLUTION.—In the Orders read the Governor-General in Council determined, in continuation of preceding Orders upon the same subject, that Covenanted Civil Servants and Military Officers in civil employ, and all persons holding civil offices ordinarily held by Covenanted or Commissioned Officers of the two classes aforesaid, be prohibited henceforward from acquiring or holding land within the province with the administration of which they are concerned, whether that connection be permanent or temporary. It appears expedient now to extend this Order to Forest Officers.

2. It was further laid down in those Orders that all public officers were expected to abstain from any investment (though of itself unobjectionable) which interests them privately in affairs or undertakings of the kind with which their public duty is connected.

3. The principle embodied in these Orders is well known, and the reasons for it are obvious; but it seems desirable that it should be reasserted distinctly, and be specially brought to the notice of Forest Officers.

4. Section 74 of the Indian Forest Act, VII of 1878, prohibits Forest Officers from trading in timber and from similar transactions on their own account; but, as this Act does not apply to all provinces, it is thought expedient to insert in the departmental Code the terms of this section, so that the same provisions may be a recognized rule of service applicable to all Forest Officers in the provinces to which the Code extends.

5. The Governor-General in Council accordingly directs that the following paragraph be inserted in the Forest Department Code:—

“Para. 9 (a). Except with the permission in writing of the local Government, no Forest Officer shall acquire or continue to hold cultivated land, or land intended to be cultivated, or forest land, in any province to which he is temporarily or permanently posted, or with the administration of which he is concerned.

“In the case of Forest Officers who are natives of India, and who may possess or acquire landed property, ancestral or other, it will be sufficient that a detailed report of the situation, nature, and extent of such property be furnished to the Conservator of Forests, who will, under the control of the local Government, pass such orders as may be necessary.

“Except with the permission in writing of the local Government, no Forest Officer shall, as principal or agent, trade in timber or other forest produce, or be or become interested in any lease of any forest or in any contract for working any forest, whether in British or foreign territory.

"And generally it is a rule of service that no Forest Officer is permitted to engage in any speculation or mercantile transaction of such a nature as to engross his attention and divert it from his public duty, or such as to give rise to a belief that his official position may have had influence by obtaining favorable terms or otherwise in respect of such transactions."

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded, for information and guidance, to the local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin, and to the Superintendent of Forest Surveys.

Bengal.	British Burmah.
North-Western Provinces and Oudh.	Mysore and Coorg.
Punjab.	Ajmere.
Central Provinces.	Assam.
	Hyderabad.

Ordered, also, that a copy be forwarded for information to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, the Home and Financial Departments, and the Comptroller-General.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. O. HUME,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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ORDER THEREON, 31st July 1878, No. 1,205.

Forests, No. 22.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue and to the Conservator of Forests.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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Circular No. 40F.

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2. It was further laid down in those orders that all public officers were expected to abstain from any investment (though of itself unobjectionable) which interests them privately in affairs or undertakings of the kind with which their public duty is connected.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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G.O. No. 1300, dated 1st Aug 1878.

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No. 40411.

Forest Department Code.—Communicating to the Board of Revenue and Conservator of Forests, Resolution from the Government of India directing insertion of paragraph 9 (a) in the — to the effect that without the permission in writing of the Local Government no Forest Officer shall hold land or trade in timber or other forest produce.

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(True Extract.)

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Secretary to the Government of India.

To
The Secretary to the Government of Madras.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.

FORESTS.

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Final order
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Board of Revenue and to the
Conservator of Forests.

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SUBJECT.

INSERTION of paragraph 9 (a) in the Forest Department Code, to the effect that, without the permission in writing of the Local Government, no forest officer shall hold land, or trade in timber or other forest produce.

Govt. Central Branch Press, Simla.—No. 159 B., A. & C.—18-7-78—240.

With Order

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