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25th November 1878, No. 1,909.

Read the following paper :—

No. 336. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Ootacamund, dated Ootacamund, 31st October 1878, No. 1,167.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the G.O., No. 1,056, of the 12th July last, I have the honor to inform you that by the words "late alienation" in regard to the forests in South Canara I referred to the alienation of forests going on under inquiry sanctioned by Government in G.O., No. 626, of the 20th April 1875.

2. Nearly all the ghat forests of this district were placed under conservancy in 1859, and were then considered to belong to Government, and the felling and burning of tracts for kumeri cultivation was almost entirely put a stop to, but since this inquiry has been going on both Mr. Cherry, the late Deputy Conservator, and Mr. Carroll, the Forest Ranger, have reported that larger tracts of the ghat forests have been and still continue to be felled and burnt for kumeri cultivation.

3. I have called upon Ranger Carroll, now in charge of the division, to state exactly what tracts have been destroyed in this way, but he states that he has been unable to procure the information from the Collector's Office.

4. I do not know when this inquiry is to be brought to a conclusion, nor am I in a position to know what tracts have as yet been given up to the people, and what, if any, will remain to this Government; but up to the present date only one small block of jungle called "the Pillar Khan," 300 acres in extent, has been handed over to this department; and I learnt from Mr. Cherry that vast tracts of the ghat forests would go into private hands, and be at once destroyed, and that even our teak plantations planted by this department sixteen years ago would also be alienated, as well as all the teak forests which have been systematically treated by this department since 1861 (*vide* paragraph 7 of my tour report on this district published as a supplement to the annual report of this department for 1863-64); and it would appear from Mr. Horsfall's letter recorded in G.O., No. 892, of the 3rd of July 1876, that these forests and plantations were then given up or about to be given up, but I have received no further communication on the subject.

5. Similar claims of the people to proprietorship in the forests of North Canara have been successfully resisted by the Bombay Government, and those forests must, I presume, be under quite similar conditions.

No. 337. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1878, No. 1,909.

Forests, No. 30.

COLONEL BEDDOME is wrong in assuming that the circumstances of North and South Canara are identical in the matter of tenures, there being very marked and essential differences.

2. The recognition of ancient proprietary right well established by unimpeachable evidence can only by a misuse of terms be designated "alienation."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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REVENUE.

To

THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,

&c., &c. &c.

Dated November 25th.

Printed December 2nd.

Read. Encl.

G.O., 25th November 1878, No. 1,909.

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Nos. 326-337.

Taxures of North and South Canara.—

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No. 1167

Office of Conservator of Forests
Ootacamund, 21st October 1878.

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Conservator of Forests.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department,
Ootacamund.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant,
H. H. Gustmond Lt. Col.
Conservator of Forests.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 4771. 1909

From Conservator of Forests

Dated Ootacamund 21st October 1878.

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The Conservator of Forests.

To The Secretary to Govt.
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Subject 21

Informing, with reference to para 3 of G.O 1056 d/12th July 1878, that by the words "late alienation" in regard to the Forests in S. Canara he referred to the alienation going on under enquiry sanctioned in G.O 626 of the 20th April 1875.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

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Read letter from the Conservator of Forests, dated 31st October 1878 No 1167, respecting the words "late alienations" in regard to the Forests in South Canara.

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Reference to the addition of the epithet "lawful" to Govt property affecting the provisions of the Forest Dept in S. Canara.

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