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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

7th December 1881, 1884.

READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER:—

No. 95. Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India,
dated 26th August 1880, No. 37-F.

ABSTRACT.—Desiring that the Collector of South Canara be informed that the views expressed by this Government in G.Os., dated 1st October 1874, No. 1361, 20th February 1875, No. 271, and 5th April 1876, No. 479, and in subsequent orders, on the subject of State rights in South Canara, have not met his approval and that in dealing with all such matters, he is to be guided by the orders which were previously in force in the District.

No. 96. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1881, No. 1884.

Forests, No. 3.

ORDERED to be recorded with reference to G.O., 31st May 1879, No. 1187.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Conservator of Forests.
„ the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
„ the Collector of South Canara.

Exd. W. H. French.

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I have been thinking of you for some time
 and hope you are well. I have been
 very busy but will try to write to you
 soon. I am well and hope you are the same.
 Love
 M.

II. The Despatches enjoined the speedy demarcation as reserved by Government forests in South Canara. Your Order of 20th February 1880 (No. 224) decides that as nothing is to be gained by demarcating the Bekul forests, since you consider that Kumeri need not, for climatic reasons, be forbidden on the western slopes of the ghats, these forests are not to be demarcated, at least, at present, though portions of them must contain valuable timber.

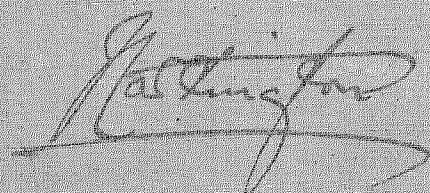
III. The Despatches enjoined the limitation, as far as possible, of Kumeri cultivation. The Collector, in his report above cited, states that the area in which Kumeri cultivation is practised in Bekul, which, between 1800 and 1850 had increased from 35,000 to 92,000 acres, and has again nearly doubled since the latter date, is still extending so rapidly that "not an acre of forest land" will soon be left to Government in this taluk. And I cannot see that your orders of 20th February last are calculated to limit the extension of this cultivation in Bekul; in fact, it does not appear that it can effectually be put a stop to without the demarcation of reserves, which you have indefinitely postponed.

4. It is possible that I have not correctly understood the meaning and effect of your orders, and I trust that this is the case. But if so, I must point out that this is due to the non-receipt of the information called for by paras. 2 and 3 of Lord Cranbrook's Despatch of 28th August 1879, which I request may at once be submitted for my consideration. You will, of course, understand that my desire is that the Collector of Canara should be informed that the views expressed by your Government in their proceedings of 23rd October 1874, 20th February 1875, and 5th April 1876, and in subsequent orders, on the subject of State rights in the Canara Forests have not met my approval, and that in dealing with all such matters he is to be guided by the orders which were previously in force in the district.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient humble Servant,



as to copy of State of 10.5.20.1887
 B 2. 3. 30 40 41.
 - 20. 2. 20 - 25.2.14.
 as to copy of State of 9.12.19.17.
 B 31. 10. 49 100 100 100

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Revenue
 (Forest)
 26th Augt. 1880

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No
 Letter to Govt St. George
 No 37

Ordered to be recorded
 with reference to G. O. 31st
 May 1879 no. 1187.

Recd. 22 September 80.

List from orders.

To

- The Board of Revenue
- " Conservator of Forests
- " Supdt. of Revenue Survey
- " Collector of South Canara

Regarding inability to draw
 from the Proceedings on the Canara
 Forest cases submitted with letter
 of 10th May 1880, the conclusion that
 the Canara Forests are not in dan-
 ger of being unduly sacrificed by
 this Govt. and requesting with re-
 marks, that the information called
 for by paras 2 & 3 of Lord Canning's
 Despatch of 28 August 1879 & 13 may
 be submitted at once.

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With an order

Note for attention W. H. R.

Mr Brandis has late-
 ly been asking in the
 office what the posi-
 tion of affairs is in
 S. Canara and in
 looking up the papers
 I find that in Secre-
 tary of State's Despatch
 of 20 August 1880
 has not been dealt
 with.

I was not aware
 till now that no com-
 munication thereon
 had gone to the Secy.

to him

Perhaps it is not absolutely necessary that any should go but certainly orders should have been obtained about it ere this.

I remember Mr. Lorne Campbell stating to me about the Canada Forest papers before he left his office and my impression is that he thought no action could be taken here

till the report was before Govl. That report has yet to be completed by the Collector but recent papers show that Mr. Turvock is moving in the matter.

YCL
12/11/81

as to copy of State of W. S. 2000 No 34
B 2. 3. 80 has 40 - 41.
- 20. 2. 80 - 2021 14.
as to copy of State of 9-12-79 has 41.
B 34 has 39 has 40 - 41.

Despatch from Secy
of State 26 Aug
1888 No 34.

Paragraphs 2 and
3 of Lord Cranbrook's
Despatch of 28 August
1879 herein quoted I
refer to paragraphs
4 and 5 of Despatch
of 20 Feb 1879 No 1.

Para 4 of the latter
Despatch desired
that immediate in-
structions should be
given to the local
officers of the South
Canara District to
continue to deal
with all forest ques-
tions in accordance
with the practice
which was in force
in the District up-
to 1874 and to take
care that no fur-
ther privileges are
allowed the ryots
either in regard
to "Kumaki" lands

or "Kinneri" cultivation
than were ac-
corded to them at
that date.

This instruction
is accordingly in-
serted in the works
of the Despatch &
copy of the order
was subsequently
sent to England. Despatch of Dec 79.

+ para 1 G.O. 31 May
1879 No 1187.

It would seem
from paragraph 2
of Despatch from the
England d/28 Aug
1879 and from
Paragraph 4 of the
present Despatch N.B. It is noted
that the Secretary that to Comyn sought
of State expected demi-officially for
this Government instructions as to
the exact scope of the
division instructions Secretary of State
more in detail, instructions and
as the request for received them vide
a copy of the same G.O. 31 May 1880
is reiterated.

In para 5 of the
Despatch of 20 Feb
1879 the Secretary
of State alludes
to the report of the

para 3 Despatch
28 August 1879

+ 10 May 1880 No 3

Collector of S. Canara
on his enquiry into
forest rights which
was supposed to have
been already sub-
mitted, and a copy
is asked for with
observations of the
Government thereon
and in asking again
for this report the
Secretary of State
desires explanation
of the extent to which
the views of His
Government have
been modified
by the recent deci-
sions of the Bombay
High Court.

It was pointed
out in the Despatch
from Madras d/
19 December 1879
(para 3) that the
enquiry had not
been completed;
and in the one now
replied to the views
of His Government
on the Bombay
Judgments were
noted.

The enquiry is still incomplete. Whymyn who had the subject at his finger ends had to leave on sick certificate and subsequently died. His successor Mr Sturrock has lately been moving in the matter.

G.O. of 19th Aug-1881 no 122
G.O. of 2nd Nov 1881 no 163

The collector has not yet received any special intimation with reference to the latter part of para 4 of the current paper. The instructions given him in G.O. 3rd May 1879 no 1187 practically conveyed to him the instruction with which the present Despatch concludes.

The question is what action should now be taken.

At this date I don't think any further action is required. I am 2nd Nov 1881

Imp copy of the - No. 31 May 1887. might be sent to the P. Prin. to the request for copy of our instructions. 14/11/87

S. B. No 1834 2/7
Dec 1881

Read Despatch from the Secy of State of 26th Aug 1880 no 377.

Abstract. Devising with certain observations that the collector of South Canara has informed that the minor expressed ^{by his Secy} in G.O. 23rd Oct 1874 no 1361, 20th Feb 1875 no 271 and 5th April 1876 no 479 and in subsequent orders, on the subject of State rights in South Canara Forests have not met his approval and that in dealing with all such matters he is to be guided by the orders which were previously in force.

in the District.

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To

- 14 The Board of Revenue Do. 2
- 20 " Conservator of Forests Do
- 7 " Supt of Rev. Survey Do
- 4 " Collector of South Canara Do

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