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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 10th February 1891.

Forest No. 124 Miscellaneous

The Hon. J. G. G. G.

READ the following letter from the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated 6th October 1891, No 1780.

Reference - Letter from the Collector of Nilgiris. No 1046 of 18th September 1891.

In forwarding the above, I have the honor to state that if it is intended to protect these lands, solely in the interests of the "Todas", then I do not see why it is Todas, through the Land Revenue Officers, should not be made to look after their own interests better.

But if for the sake of the "Sholas" then it is evident, that as the Todas are "too idle and careless to protect the Sholas themselves" the concessions that were granted to them in their pottas, are liable to be withdrawn, and I submit should be withdrawn if possible, in order to allow of the areas being made "Reserved Forest" under the Act subject to the exercise of such privileges as

as the Government may require the Forest Department to concede to the Todas.

2. With all deference to the Board's order No 356 of 13th August 1891, I would submit therefore, that if the lands are to be protected under the Forest Act, it would be much safer to deal with them as "Reserved Forests" than under section 33(b) of the Act.

It is evident from the correspondence on the subject that the Todas' interest in the land does not exist to such an extent as would justify their being dealt with under Chapter II of the Act, and even if it did, it appears to me, that an interest, which is granted to them by the Government as a concession, with certain conditions attached thereto can hardly be regarded as a right in the land, amounting to "joint property" with the Government, as contemplated in Section 33.

3. The Rules proposed, conclude with a clause for "breach or infringement of the above rules", but it is not clear that Section 32(b) of the Act provides for such penalties, and differs in that respect from Section 33(a) which especially permits of the

the provisions of Chapter II and III being applied.

Resolution.

The question whether these Toda patta lands are lands at the disposal of Government, or lands in which the Todas have a joint interest has already been decided in Board's Proceedings dated 13th August 1891, No 356 and the Board sees no reason to modify its views.

2. What, now, remains for consideration is whether the protection of the lands against the outside public being the aim in view clause b of Section 33 under which the Board called for regulations for their management will be applicable to them. On consideration, the Board is of opinion that will not, for the wording of this clause makes it doubtful whether any regulations framed thereunder would be binding as against the general public. Further the regulations themselves would not be of much avail in the absence of special penalties which are not expressly provided for in this clause. The only provision that can be found to govern the case is clause a of Section 33 and the Collector will accordingly be requested to submit proposals under this clause.

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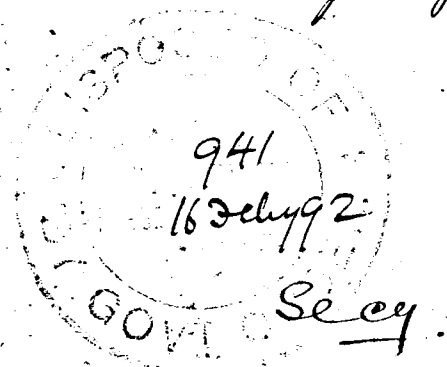
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Subject.

Requesting the collector of
Nilgiris to submit proposals
under clause a of section
33 for the management
of the Todapatra lands.

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