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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th October 1874.

No. 259. Read the following letter from E. GIBSON, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector in charge of South Canara, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Mangalore, 30th September 1874, No. 2,019 :—

WITH reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 15th September 1874, No. 1,177, Revenue Department, I have the honor to forward an extract from a report upon forest administration in this district submitted in August last by the late Collector, Mr. Thomas, to the Board of Revenue. The paragraphs quoted will explain the circumstances under which the Notification regarding Kumari cultivation appeared in the District Gazette. Mr. Thomas's report, which is very voluminous, will doubtless be submitted to Government in due course after it has been reviewed by the Board.

No. 260. ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1874, No. 1,350.

Forests, No. 13. RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of South Canara.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Ext. F. R. Bantleman

Govt. of 1874 Madras.
REVENUE.
To
The COLLECTOR of SOUTH CANARA,
&a., &a., &a.
Dated October 1874.
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G. O., 19th October 1874, No. 1,350.
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Nos. 259-260.
Kanara cultivation in Kottapore Taluq, South Canara District.—Recording letter from the Acting Head Assistant Collector in charge of the district forwarding an extract from a report submitted by Mr. Thomas in August last to the Revenue Board on forest administration in the district, explanatory of the circumstances under which the Notification regarding — appeared in the District Gazette.

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Extract from letter from the Collector of South Canara to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated 10th August 1874, No. 1489.

Para 10 Kumari. This matter was disposed of in G.O. 24th October 1871, No. 2025. Revenue Department, and if that order had been allowed to stand and were effectively enforced it would seem to be a sufficient settlement of this too much vexed question? But after that there arose the rules proposed by Mr. Webster and given effect to by Mr. Collector on Lord Napier's visiting the District and then Mr. Collector Cadell's and my ideas on reports being called for then the suit against Government, the discontinuance by my predecessors of Criminal prosecutions and substitution of pecuniary safeguards in deference to the general sympathies of the Board of Government and the Board ordered Conjunctive of a Joint Board and the strong opinions of one Member of the Board were in Council which may be supposed to be likely to influence the Government decision, and then no order

order of the Board thereon, only an opinion & the constant prospect ever since 1869 of a final order of Government. The natural result has been an expectant, temporizing administration of which the ryot has taken full & increasing advantage and the Board's Proceedings No 1822 Dated 21st March 1871 issued & received here while I was on furlough in England have made no change in that status quo. The Board's opinion was that Kumaris should remain in status quo. Looking carefully into the matter I imagine that the Board did not mean the state into which the Kumari portion had gradually fallen by the action of several Collectors under the agitation & pressure above sketched but the state in which Govt ordered it to be put. The Government not having cancelled or modified its order No 232 R.D. dated 24th [illegible] 1861 I conclude I am to make it respected. This I cannot possibly do without criminal prosecutions; the experiment of a pecuniary assessment has been all too long tried in vain.

11. I am therefore republishing the said Government Order & arranging to enforce it by commencing criminal prosecutions for breach thereof in forests more than 9 years unKumaried

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In excess of Kumari &c unlicensed Kumari in forests not more than 9 years unKumaried I shall still apply only pecuniary assessment.

12. Our small teak plantation at Kunnyanjoe has been claimed as an old Kumari & the extension of it has been prevented by the same claim. I shall now make known my intention of holding & extending it under the above G.O.

13. To give thorough effect to these Government orders will cause some revulsion from the policy handed down to & continued by me, that that policy has any real effect & the waiver of Government it is clear I must revert to the original steps taken by Mr Fraser. It must be expected that will be the like clamour, petitioning & Government petitioning & possibly suing though I doubt it, but till I have other orders I shall thoroughly carry out those I have. If I have ordinary support and there be no temporizing orders from Madras I have little doubt that the opposition will soon yield and the Kumari difficulty disappear.

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14. Under these same orders of Government the Sirkar Kumaria question also which has been revived in Board's Proceedings No 437 dated 2nd February 1874 & 742 dated 31st March 1874 shall be set at rest. The Government having left the discretion to me I shall exercise it as indicated in the letters which are enclosures to those Proceedings, and as I had exercised it before till my orders were modified by my predecessor.

15. In view of the weary waiting for further orders and the destruction [illegible] on the while I feel compelled living as I do in the midst of it, to take at once these decisive steps in pursuance of the orders I already have.

(True Extract)

Asst to the Collector
in charge.

C. F. Cruz

South Canara Collector's Office
Mangalore 3rd September 1874.

No 2019.

From,
E. Gibson Esqre
Ag. Head Assistant Collector
in charge of South Canara

To,
C. G. Master Esqre
Secretary to Government &c.
Revenue Department
Fort St George

Sir,

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servant

R. Wood Gibson.

Ag. Head Asst Collector
in charge

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Enclosure

Extract from the Proceedings of the Collector of South Canara & Agent for the Forests of South Canara dated Mangalore 3rd September 1874.

Rec. 24/87/74.

Extract from Letter from the Collector of South Canara to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated Mangalore 3rd September 1874, No 1480.

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