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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 577 Press Mis.

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Dated 6th March 1939

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 6th March 1869.

No. 128. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 14th January 1869, No. 1,127:—

With reference to paragraph 4 of the Government Order, No. 3,146 of the 18th of December 1868, and to the Collector's letter recorded in the same G. O., I have the honor to inform you, that until the 80 bullahs of forest are demarcated, I have no means of ascertaining what tracts are included in the puttah or cowle, and cannot of course report upon the value of the timber. The original proprietor burnt and destroyed a large tract of between 200 and 300 acres of forest surrounding the small Coffee garden in the upper valley. This was two or three years ago. I was up in the forest at the time, and was then informed, that it was this tract that had been given on puttah. When lately up in the forest, I learnt that the mortgagee or present proprietor will not take this tract, but asserts a right to take up the 300 acres in separate blocks in different parts of the slopes, so as to include all the best timber. It is a question for the Collector to decide, whether the proprietor cannot be compelled to take the tract felled and burnt in the upper valley, or in the event of his refusing to take it, whether he should be prosecuted for the damage. I have never myself seen the puttahnamah, though I have several times applied for a copy; the forest of the slopes is by far the most valuable as forest, but is not adapted for coffee; that in the upper valley is well adapted for coffee, but of little value for its timber. I request that the Collector may be asked to settle what the mortgagee's rights really are, to have the land demarcated as soon as possible.

No. 129. ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1869, No. 577.

Forests, No. 6.

1. Forwarded to the Collector of Coimbatore for early report, through the Board of Revenue.

2. The Government desire to know precisely how the case stands.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Ed. G. A. Turton.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 6th.

Recd. *End.*

G. O., 6th March 1869, No. 577.

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Forest land in Bolumputty village, in Coimbatore District.—Collector to report on Conservator's letter on that portion of it given on a lease.

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6th March/69

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