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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th June 1867.*

No. 140. Read the following letter from the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 4th June 1867, No. 53:—

1. The lease of a large part of the Annamallay forests from the Kolungode Numbidry expired with the calendar year 1866, and negotiations for a renewal of the agreement for ninety-nine years have for some time been pending.

2. The Draft lease drawn out by me, after much correspondence with the Civil authorities and revision of some of the clauses, was sent by Mr. Ballard, the Collector, to the Numbidry in February last.

3. As an advance of 30,000 Rupees was held out on condition of his leasing the whole forests, and as the seigniorage was raised from 5 Rupees to 6 Rupees for each Teak and Blackwood tree felled, and a corresponding advance on less valuable timber, it was believed that the proprietor would gladly accept the terms offered.

4. The Numbidry delayed answering for several months, and several reminders were sent to him. On the 9th ultimo the accompanying letter was received by the Collector, proposing several inadmissible additions, which may be shortly stated:—

I. All plantations at the expiry of the lease to revert to the lessor without compensation to the lessee;

II. That in the first five years of the proposed lease, the Government should fell to such extent that the seigniorage should liquidate 15,000 Rupees,* or half the advance. The other moiety of the advance to be made good in the last five years of the ninety-nine years' term;

III. That whatever the return of the forest, the Government undertake to pay him 3,000 Rupees annually;

IV. That intimation of the extent of intended planting be given to him, and that after five years the number of trees planted should be reported to him, and in ten years the state and conditions of the forests should be intimated;

V. That two private parties may be allowed to remove 800 cart-loads of Teak timber from the leased tracts.

5. It appears to Mr. Ballard and me that these additional clauses are quite inadmissible, as their effect would frustrate all our efforts to introduce conservancy proper or skilled management.

6. The object of Government in consenting to so large an advance was to obtain the necessary control of the whole tract, and thus enable it to improve the communications,* and to prosecute measures for bringing the forests into a high state of production.

7. Clauses I, II, and V are particularly objectionable, and it seems best to reject them summarily, as no advantage would be gained by making the solicited concessions, much as I regret this course.

* NOTE.—Captain Biddome and I calculate that there are only ripe trees for two years felling, say $200 \times 12 = 2,400$ Rs.

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10th June 1867.

No. 141.

Forests, No. 1.

ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1867, No. 1,306.

The Government concur in opinion with the
Conservator of Forests that the proposed additions
in question are inadmissible, and must be summarily
rejected.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.
the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 53

Office of Conservator of Forests
Madras 4th June 1867.

From.

H. Cleghorn Esquire M.D.
Conservator of Forests

To.

W. Hudleston Esquire
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

The Lease of a large part of the
Anaimallay Forests from the Kalmugode
Nimbidy expired with the Calendar
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of the Agreement for 99 years have for
some time been pending.

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4. The Numbidy delayed answering for several months and several reminders were sent to him. On the 9th ultimo the accompanying letter was received by the Collector, proposing several inadmissible additions which may be shortly stated.

I All plantations at the expiry of the lease to revert to the Government without compensation to the lessee.

II That in the first five years of the proposed lease, the Government should fell to such extent that the Seignorage should liquidate 15000 Rupees or $\frac{1}{2}$ the advance. The other moiety of the advance to be made good in the last 5 years of the 99 years term.

III That whatever the return of the Forest, the Government undertake to pay him 3000 Rs Annually.

Note. * Captain Beadome and I calculated that there are only ripe trees for 2 years felling $200 \times 12 = 2400$ Rs.

IV That intimation of the extent of intended planting be given to him and that after 5 years, the number of trees planted should be reported to him and in 10 years the state and conditions of the Forests should be intimated.

V That two private parties may be allowed to remove 800 cart loads of Teak timber from the leased tract. It appears to Mr. Ballard and me that these additional clauses are quite inadmissible, as their effect would frustrate all our efforts to introduce conservancy proper or skilled management.

6. The object of Government in consenting to a large advance was to obtain the necessary control of the whole tract, and thus enable it to improve the communications and to prosecute measures for bringing the Forests into a high state of production.

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I have the honor to be
 Sir
 Your most obed^t servant
 H. Chapman
 Conservator of Forests.

From B.P. Clarence
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 Madras 4th June 1881

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 the Shivanahay Forest

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