Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 1025

Dated 8th December

[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving the instructions proposed to be issued by the Board to all Collectors of Inspection Fees of Collectorates, and requesting them to report whether it would not be advisable to direct Collectors to send such books direct to the District Officers.

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The real doubtful point is as to the printing of the Insp^r Notes. It is a very great advantage to Mess^rs to have the Notes clearly printed: the whole body all that is important of the targets history of the practice for the year: but the Board cannot call for the practice of submitting them to the B^d is given up, this advantage will be very likely gone. Of course Mess^rs may print them in their own presses. But unless the result is not satisfactory & moreover unless they are expressly encouraged to do so will probably not print them. If the Board agrees to the proposals in the Gout & frees with the Board and approves of the instructions proposed to be issued by it in its Proc^s read

Mr Stoney Lowcay report whether it would not be advisable to print the above. direct attention to how the notes printed at the Depot Dep^t if the notes are not legible they are not likely to be much referred to & will cease to have the value to the Govt Specs.

Order

From The Board of Revenue L.P. Madras.

Forest No. 1078 dated 18 October 1897.

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SUBJECT.

Considering that no useful purpose is served by the present practice under which Conservators inspection notes are forwarded to the Board with the Collector's remarks and are printed by it in extenso and require approval of Govt to the issue of orders directing that Collectors shall forward to the Board only such extracts from the Conservators inspection reports as the Collector or the Conservator may consider to call for its orders or to relate to matters of general interest or importance

To

The Board of Rev: L.P. Madras

No. 20-12-97

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In previous correspondence concisely set forth in the Board's Resolution to which attention is solicited. Between 1882 and 1892 the inspection reports of Conservators

Conservators ~~used~~ used not regularly ~~being~~ submitted to Govt and such of them as were submitted for information were ~~now being~~ "recorded" in the miscellaneous Series. In 1892 however, Mr Gamble, the Editor of the Indian Forester wrote to Mr Sim O.O. for a file of his own inspection reports &c. since he had submitted as Conservator Northern Circle and also requested that he might be furnished with all similar reports and other Forest papers which might thereafter be considered sufficiently interesting or important. It was then decided that the reports in question should be printed by Govt and if unobjectionable placed on the E T and supplied to Mr Gamble. Arrangements were subsequently made by which the Conservators were allowed to communicate direct to the Editor such items of Forest news as had reference to general questions of admn which were not under consideration of Govt. At present therefore there is it is submitted special object in existing on submission of such reports to Govt.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 18 October —— 189).

Forest No. 1078 —— Miscellaneous.

~~Draft~~ Resolution

In its report on the organization of Forest business, the Forest Committee appointed (vide para 30 of the Committee's report printed with G.O. 26, 15.1.83) in 1882 stated that "while on tour, the Conservator should embody the result of his inspections in notes or other communications which would be addressed to the Collectors and would not necessarily be submitted for orders to the Government or to the Board of Revenue. The Committee then went on to say that "as far as the Collector sees fit to do so, he should authorise the District Forest Officer to take action at once on the Conservators' inspection reports ..... and a reference to a higher authority

authority should only be made in those cases in which the Collector and Conservator are unable to reconcile their views."

2. In dealing with these suggestions, the Board in para 13 of its Proceedings No. 96 dated 15.1.83 stated that it was unnecessary that the Conservators inspection reports should as a rule come before it or Government and that should there be a difference of opinion on any material points, those points alone might be referred, the Conservators being left to use their discretion in communicating anything of special interest for the information of the Board and Government. On this, the Government enquired whether its instructions requiring that inspection reports of Conservators must be submitted for transmission to the Secretary of State were kept in view in issuing the above resolution, and after certain further correspondence on the subject Government directed in its order No. 757 Rev. dated 18.6.1883 that, in the altered circumstances of the Department, the submission of inspection reports to the Secretary of State was no longer necessary, and required the Board to annex to the Annual Administration report any inspection reports of special importance, which might be submitted to it by the Conservators. In communicating this order to the Conservators, the Board desired them to state when forwarding their annual reports what important inspection reports (if any) submitted by them during the year should be published. But up to the present none of the Conservators has referred to any inspection reports as requiring publication in the Administration report and so far as this portion of the order is concerned, it has remained a dead letter.

3. In the meantime, the original instructions of the Board in its Proceedings No. 96 dated 15.1.1883 appear to have been lost sight of and the inspection memoranda of the Conservators continue to be submitted to the Board in extenso.

4. In 1892 the Board in issuing instructions for regulating the tours of Conservators and District Forest Officers directed that a detailed inspection of each District should be made by the Conservator at least once in every two years, and that the results of the detailed inspections only need be reported to it (Bk.7 No. 723 dated 17.12.92). As a matter of fact,

however, the Board finds that many of the matters dealt with even in these detailed inspection notes are such as read rarely come before it either for orders or for information. The Board is accordingly of opinion that no useful purpose is served by the present practice under which the inspection notes in question are forwarded to it with the Collectors' remarks and are printed by it in extenso.

5. In Section 232 of the Forest Code, 2nd Edn., it is laid down that the Conservator is to advise Collectors by means of inspection Memoranda, and Section 247 prescribes that the Conservator should, if necessary, report on special matters to the Board of Revenue. The Board considers that it will be sufficient if the above provisions of the Code are adhered to and would accordingly direct that in future Collectors shall forward to it only such extracts from the Conservators' inspection reports, as the Collector or the Conservator may consider to call for the Board's Orders or to relate to matters of general interest and importance of which the Board would naturally desire to be informed. The said reports will not in future be submitted to Government unless some matter of great importance is brought to notice or unless the orders of Government are required.

6. The Board requests the approval of Government to the issue of orders in this sense.

/True Extract/

R. Ellam
Secretary

No.

The Secretary to Government, Rev.

Revenue Secretariat,

July 12 1897.

My dear Meyer,

I return Gamble's letter to Sim. The "Indian Forester" will be put on the list of papers which receive official papers communicated to the Press and Gamble will thus get all important Forest orders. Inspection Notes by Conservators have hitherto been treated as by us as miscellaneous and have therefore not been communicated to the Press They will now be brought on the Press series and when there is nothing objectionable in them, they will be laid on the Editor's table in the ordinary course There is no objection to your sending

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G.O., No. 1025, 8th December 1897.

DECEMBER.

Inspection Notes of Conservators.

Approving of the instructions proposed to be issued by the Board of Revenue with regard to the submission by Collectors of —, and requesting the Board to report whether it would not be advisable to direct Collectors to have such notes printed at the District Press.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 1078, dated 18th October 1897 :—

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Order—No. 1025, Revenue, dated 8th December 1897.

Forest No. 237.

The Government agrees with the Board and approves of the instructions proposed to be issued by it in its Proceedings read above. The Board should, however, report whether it would not be advisable to direct Collectors to have the notes printed at the District Press. If the notes are not available in print they are not likely to be much referred to and will lose in value to the local officers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

Erd. A. F. Eccleston.

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