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Considering that there is no necessity to alter the headings of form No. 41-A as suggested by the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, that confiscated material should be in form No. 4 only when brought to forest or sale depôt; agreeing with him that the Code forms Nos. 11 and 12 are unsuitable for released property, and requesting the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, to suggest in communication with the other Conservators a form of receipt for this kind of produce.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following letter from A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Narsapatam, 23rd February 1897, R.C. No. 1566:—

Enclosure.—Copy of Office-note from the District Forest-officer, Gódvári, dated 3rd February 1897, R.C. No. 1363-Forests.

[Subject.—Proposed alterations in the Madras Forest Code.]

In forwarding a copy of an office-note from the District Forest-officer, Gódvári, I have the honour to say that it seems to me that it is unnecessary to enter confiscated articles in form No. 4 when they are already entered in form No. 41-A. If this view is correct, it would seem necessary to alter part of the headings and the illustrations to form No. 41-A in the Code.

2. There is no form of receipt prescribed for released produce, and the forms Nos. 11 and 12 quoted by the District Forest-officer seem unsuitable. It would seem necessary to prescribe a form of receipt.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

OFFICE-NOTE from C. D. THORNTON, Esq., District Forest-officer, Gódvári district, dated 3rd February 1897, R.C. No. 1363-Forests.

[Reference.—Monthly Form No. 41-A.]

I beg to bring to the Conservator's notice that, from the sample entries and explanation of entries given in the form No. 41-A (*vide* page 176 of the Revised Forest Code), the produce and tools confiscated to Government by order of a Magistrate and not disposed of before the close of the month will have to be transferred to form No. 4 and other stock returns, respectively, and that the only produce and property to be brought forward to the next month's return is that which was seized by the forest or other subordinates and kept in the custody of the village officers, &c., pending disposal of the cases concerned by the Magistrate. But there are no further instructions in the Code as to the maintenance and posting of this return. If the sample entries in the Code are to be followed, it is absolutely necessary that each Range officer should maintain, in addition to form No. 41-A, two more registers, viz., form No. 4 for confiscated produce and a stock account book, which may be either in the New Code Form No. 6 or in any other form, it being a temporary one to be kept until the produce is sold.

2. The system hitherto in vogue in this department is that the whole of the produce and property seized and confiscated to Government is shown in form No. 41-A until it is disposed of by sale and hence neither form No. 4 nor any other stock return is necessary. The Sub-Divisional officer Mr. Ward states that the maintenance of form No. 4 is necessary, which argument is based on the sample entries in the Code, but it will entail a lot of extra work on Range officers.

3. I therefore request definite orders in this matter.

4. Further, I beg to know what receipt form is to be used for confiscated produce when released. Forms Nos. 11 or 12 would do.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 126, dated 24th March 1897.

The Board considers that there is no necessity to alter the headings of form No. 41-A as suggested. Section 91 of the Forest Code prescribes that the produce of all fellings must appear either in form No. 4, No. 8 or No. 10. The material seized or confiscated entered in form No. 41-A must therefore also be shown in either of the forms Nos. 4 or 8. It need be shown in form No. 4 only *when brought to dépôt* (forest or sale). This would happen only in the case of valuable seizures such as those shown in the specimen entries in the Code under form No. 41-A. Petty seizures, e.g., head loads of fuel, &c., should continue to be shown in form No. 41-A until disposed of and be then brought on to form No. 8. They must be considered to be *produce cut, collected and removed by purchasers or consumers* and should not therefore be shown in form No. 7, which refers only to confiscated, &c., wood *collected by Government Agency*.

2. The Board agrees with Mr. Peet that the Code Forms Nos. 11 and 12 are unsuitable for released property. The Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, is requested to suggest in communication with the other Conservators a form of receipt for this kind of produce for insertion in the Forest Code.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle.

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„ all Collectors, except of Madras.

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