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Recording BP comm^r. to certain officers circular from the I.G. of forests calling for information in connection with the value of forest-produce removed in 1895-96 under rights or granted free or at reduced rates.

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Communicating to all Collectors and Conservators of Forests, for information and guidance with remarks, circular from the Inspector-General of Forests calling for information in connection with the value of forest produce removed in 1895–96 under rights or granted free or at reduced rates; requesting the Conservators to submit direct to the Inspector-General the required information sending a copy of their replies for the Board's information and directing the Collectors to embody in future annual reports of their districts a return similar to the one now prescribed by the Inspector-General for the submission of the information required by him.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following letter from B. RIBBENTROP, Esq., C.I.E., Inspector-General of Forests, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Calcutta, the 5th March 1897, Circular No. 6 :—

In continuation of the letter from this office, No. 522, dated the 2nd July 1896, and with reference to pages 36 and 54 of the Inspector-General's Review of Forest Administration for 1894–95, I have the honour to say that the replies to Circular No. 8, dated 26th June 1896, have not completely met the purpose that I had in view. I desired to ascertain the value of produce removed under rights, or granted free or at reduced rates, in the various provinces under the heads—

Timber.	Firewood.
Bamboos.	Other minor forest produce.

Grazing and grass.

Now it is evident that to render this information of any practical use, some uniform method of calculating the value of produce taken away, or of the grazing permitted free or at privileged rates, should be adopted. The replies received show that the value placed upon produce in the various provinces differs very considerably, from as much as nearly Re. 1 per cubic foot of timber to (in other cases) 50 cubic feet of timber per Re. 1. In some cases the number of cubic feet of timber or fuel has not been given, rendering it impossible to form any idea as to how the value has been arrived at; and this omission also renders it impossible to draw up Chapter III of the Review as completely as I should wish (see remarks on page 45 of the review for 1894–95). It must, I think, be admitted that much of the forest produce removed by village right-holders could not be disposed of at full market rates. Such produce is often of inferior quality, and is frequently removed from localities so remote as to prevent the extraction of produce at full rates. This being so, and in order to ensure a uniform method of calculating the value of produce removed free by right-holders, it will, I consider, be fair to decide that all such produce shall be valued at half the ordinary rates paid by purchasers. In the case of grazing, this should be valued at full rates as obtaining in the locality concerned. The information may best be supplied in a table which should be drawn up in the following form :—

—	Timber.		Fuel.		Bamboos.		Minor produce.	Grazing.	Total value.
	Cubic feet.	Value.	Cubic feet.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Value.	Value.	
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Right-holders ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Free-grantees	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

I beg that, unless this information is already available in the annual report of the three circles for 1895–96, the Conservators may be directed to furnish it to me in the above form, and that a similar return may be embodied in future annual reports.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 135, dated 30th March 1897.

Communicated to all Collectors and Conservators of Forests for information and guidance.

2. The Conservators are requested to submit direct to the Inspector-General of Forests the required information for 1895–96, sending a copy of their replies for the Board's information. The figures adopted by the Board in the Administration report for 1895–96 will be found in form Nos. 55 and 56, copies of which will now be forwarded to the Conservators.

3. In this Presidency free grazing is usually allowed in unreserved lands and porambokes and not in reserved forests.

4. The Inspector-General considers that the produce removed free by right-holders might fairly be valued at half the ordinary rates paid by purchasers, but the Board is of opinion that such a valuation would be unduly high. In very many cases, the produce has practically no present market value and in furnishing the information the Conservators should bear this fact in mind.

5. Collectors are requested to embody in future annual reports of their districts, a return similar to that prescribed by the Inspector-General. This return should tally in every respect with form Nos. 55 and 56.

(True Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To all Collectors (except Madras).
„ Conservators of Forests in MS.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. P. Seetharam.

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