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From The Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue Board of Revenue.

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Directing that returns of free grants and of live-stock should be submitted by the District Forest-officers to Conservators quarterly instead of monthly as at present; considering it unnecessary to incorporate in the Forest Code Mr. Hooper's proposed form regarding figures of unaudited revenue and expenditure; and submitting for the approval of Government certain draft amendments to the Forest Code.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

READ—the following letter from E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 26th June 1897, Ref. on C. No. 4910:—

In view of the difficulty experienced in District Forest offices in getting returns inpunctually, I would suggest that the present monthly forms of return to my office of free grants and elephant charges that the former be only an annual return and the latter a three monthly one to the Accountant-General.

I would, however, suggest the Code include orders for a monthly return to the Circle officer of a statement of unaudited revenue and expenditure immediately the accounts are compiled in the form attached. I have already ordered such a return but it is so necessary in the interest of financial control that it should be a form sanctioned by Government and included in the Code.

READ—letter from E. D. M. HOOPER, Esq., Acting Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated 26th June 1897, Ref. on C. No. 4606.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting, for the information and orders of the Board, Coimbatore Collector's letter protesting against his action in calling for the submission of certain returns regarding revenue and expenditure of the district.

Reference on the above, dated 1st July 1897.

The Southern Circle Conservator's letter first read above will be referred to the other Conservators and the Accountant-General for favour of remarks.

(Signed) N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Secretary.

To Conservators of Forests, Northern and Central Circles.
„ the Accountant-General.

READ—the following letter from E. P. POPERT, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Yercaud, 5th July 1897, No. 41:—

[*Reference.*—Board's Reference on Forest Nos. $\frac{1826}{1828}$, dated 1st July 1897.

In reply to the above, as I presume the Conservator is supposed to scrutinize the issue of free grants and elephant charges, I think it would be preferable if both these returns were ordered to be submitted quarterly to the Conservator.

2. The proposed statement of revenue and expenditure appears to me unnecessarily complicated and it will suffice if a statement of the revenue and expenditure for the month is submitted. For the last three years, a return of this nature has been furnished to me by District Forest-officers and I hardly think it is necessary to include it in the Code.

READ—the following letter from A. W. PEET, Esq., Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Waltair, 8th July 1897, R. C. No. 53:—

In answer to Board's Reference on Forest Nos. 1826 and 1828, dated 1st July 1897, I have the honour to say that I see no objections to the proposal in the first paragraph about making the return of free grants annual, which may give some minor relief to District Forest offices; but *I think* that the elephant returns should be scrutinized monthly, and that this is the Conservator's duty.

2. The returns proposed in paragraph 2 would certainly in some cases be useful, as a record of audited expenditure received from the Accountant-General naturally comes rather late.

READ—the following letter from F. C. HARRISON, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General to the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Fort St. George, 17th July 1897, No. 2196:—

In reply to your reference on Forest Nos. 1826 and 1828, dated the 1st of July 1897, I have the honour to state that there is no objection to the submission by District Forest-officers annually to the Conservator of the return of free grants (Form No. 10, Forest Department Code) instead of monthly as required in section 202 of the above Code.

2. It is immaterial whether a quarterly consolidated return of elephant charges for each circle (Form No. 15) is sent to this office by the Conservator as required in section 107 or a separate one by each District Forest-officer.

3. Seeing that under section 217 of the Forest Code this office furnishes the Conservator with a monthly statement of audited revenue and expenditure, the necessity for an unaudited monthly statement is not apparent. No such statement is required by the Inspectors-General of Police, Prisons and Registration or by the Director of Public Instruction. The Board, however, is best able to say whether it is necessary in the case of Conservators of Forests.

RESOLUTION—Forest No. 328, dated 4th August 1897.

In Mr. Hooper's letter read above it was suggested—

(1) that District Forest-officers should be required to submit an annual return of free grants of timber instead of the monthly return (Form No. 10) prescribed in section 202 of the Forest Code;

(2) that instead of a monthly return of live-stock now furnished to Conservators under section 107 of the Code, a quarterly return should be submitted by District Forest-officers direct to the Accountant-General; and

(3) that provision should be made in the Code for the submission by District Forest-officers to the Conservator of a monthly statement of unaudited revenue and expenditure.

2. On consideration of the letters from the other Conservators and the Accountant-General to whom the above suggestions were referred for remarks, the Board directs that items 1 and 2, returns of free grants and of live-stock, should be submitted to Conservators quarterly instead of monthly as at present. Section 107 of the Forest Code requires that the return of live-stock should be carefully scrutinized by the Conservator and this check would be done away with if the returns were submitted direct to the Accountant-General.

3. In regard to item 3, return of unaudited revenue and expenditure, the Board considers it unnecessary to incorporate Mr. Hooper's proposed form in the Forest Code. District Forest-officers should, however, furnish the required information in any form in which it may be called for by the Conservator with reference to

section 210 of the Forest Code. With regard to the Accountant-General's remark that particulars of unaudited revenue and expenditure are not required by certain other heads of departments, the Board believes that these officers deal with charges of a more settled nature than those coming before a Conservator of Forests and can therefore afford to wait for audited figures.

4. The following draft amendments to the Forest Code will be submitted for the approval of Government—

(i) Add at the end of clause 2 of section 104 "An extract from this register should be submitted to the Conservator after the close of each quarter."

(ii) In section 107, for the word "monthly" in line 2, substitute "quarterly" and omit the words "at the close of each quarter" in line 7. In the last line of the section for "months" read "quarters."

(iii) In line 6 of section 202, for "Forms Nos. 7, 8 and 10," substitute "Forms Nos. 7 and 8."

Add at the end of the same section "an extract from the register of free grants (Form 10) will be submitted to the Conservator after the close of each quarter—*vide* Section 104."

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, with enclosures to F.R. No. 1828 returned.
„ other Conservators of Forests.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ all Collectors, except of Madras.
„ the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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