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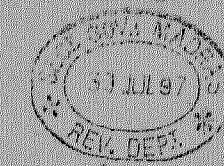
[Despatch Abstract.]

Levy of enhanced rates of Grazing.

Approving and sanctioning, subject to certain
modifications, the Central Circle Conservator's
proposals for the — in special tracts.

Revenue (1897) Department.

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The Hon. Mr. Fraser C. S. S.
with reference to
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accepts the proposals of the
Board except for South Arcot.
In S. Arcot H.S. would fix the
rate at Rs. 14 as instead of 6 as
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From

The Secretary to the
Commissioners of
Land Revenue

Order

The Conservators

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Dated 8 July 1897
Received 30.7.97
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SUBJECT.

Submitting proposals for the
levy of enhanced rates for
grazing in special tracts
in the Central circle

Note

The facts are clearly and con-
cisely stated in the Board's Resolution

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I would take the precaution for training the Indonesians in the United States by arrangement with the Navy.

Further proposals with regard to the Kensington area
Victoria and the Western Division of S. Forest with 7
municipal, local and road improvements.

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Submitting to Government for orders in continuation of Board's Proceedings, Forest No. 198 of 17th May 1897 letter from the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, containing his proposals for the levy of enhanced rates for grazing in special tracts in the Central Circle.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

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4. In the Trichinopoly District there are the "Padugais;" the Collector considers, and I agree with him, that the practice now in force of leasing these areas out should be continued.

5. *Cuddapah*.—The Collector does not propose at present to raise the grazing fees in any reserve in the district. I am of the same opinion; later on it may be found advisable to levy enhanced rates upon cattle from the Nellore District. These are brought in large numbers into the Badvel taluk.

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(True Copy and Extract.)

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Secretary.

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Exd. Shaik Karim.

Re. ord. Cus 6607 of 97
Forest No. 178 of 97
Order No. 808 of 24th Sept. 1897.

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Secretary.

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ORDER—No. 808, Revenue, dated 24th September 1897.

Forest No. 178.

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Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

Exd. Shaik Karim.