Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 987.

DATED 25th November

[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving the Godaveri Collector's pro-
posal to extend to the Telugus inhabiting the
Bhadrachalam Taluk the concession of timber
free of charge, timber other than reserved timber
that may be required for domestic and building
purposes, and ordering the publication in the
Fort St George and the Godaveri Dt Gazette
of a notification giving effect to the above.

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Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 9479

Write Hon. Mr Frase C.S.E.

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Order

From The Board of Revenue L.R. Madras

Forest No. 125 mis.

Dated 1st November 1897

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government letter from the Collector of Godavari with the recommendation that the Collector's proposal to modify rule 3 of the rules under section 26 of the Forest Act applicable to the Bhadrachellam Taluk may be approved and the draft amendment published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE. MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 1st November 1897.

Forest No. 1125 Miscellaneous.

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READ the following letter from the Collector of Godavari, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated 5th October 1897, Cir. No. 111-Forests.

Under rule 3 of the rules framed under Section 26 of the Forest Act applicable for the Bhadrachallam Taluk in this District (vide notification No. 139 10-2-94 in the Fort Saint George Gazette) no restriction is placed on the cutting, free of charge and without permit, by Koya and Reddi villagers, of all produce including Reserved trees that they may require for home consumption or for the purpose of clearing land for cultivation.

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but no such concession is allowed to persons other than Koya or Reddi inhabitants.

2. The Idayas inhabiting the said Taluq are reported to have been subject to great hardship as they are not allowed to remove free of cost any timber that may be required by them for building purposes. Mr. Ward the Sub Divisional officer advocates their being placed on the same footing as Koya and Reddi inhabitants of the taluk, so far as this matter is concerned, and thinks that they may be restricted from taking free any Reserved tree. He says that it is hardly worth-while demanding seigniorage on what is being destroyed wholesale in jodi cultivation. My District Forest officer and myself agree with the Sub Divisional officer in his opinion. I have therefore the honor to request that the Board may be pleased to move Government to allow the Collector to extend to the Idayas inhabiting the Bhadrachallam Taluk the concession of removing free of charge timber other than Reserved timber that may be required for home consumption and for building purposes with the proviso that the Collector may withdraw this concession either wholly or partly, if he finds that it is abused.

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3. If Government approves of my proposal, the following eratum may be notified in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

" In para 3 of the amended rules for the Bhadrachallam Taluk published in Notification No. 139 dated 7 February 10th 1894 from the word "other persons" to the end of the para read.

" Other persons not being Koya or Reddi villagers but inhabiting the taluqs to which these rules refer may be authorised by the Collector to remove free of charge for their own domestic or building purposes timber other than Reserved trees in unreserved lands, provided that if the Concession is abused, it may be withdrawn wholly or in part. For grazing cattle or for timber intended for sale, permits must be purchased at seigniorage rates."

Read the following Endorsement therein by the Conservator, N.C. dated 19.10.97 R.C. No 710.

Forwarded. I think that the safeguard is sufficient.

Resolution

Resolution

Submitted to Government with the recommendation that the Collector's proposal may be approved and the draft amendment published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

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Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government R&D

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Note for orders.

No 1475

The Collector of Godavery points out that while the privilege of cutting both reserved and unreserved timber, free of charge is allowed to the Koyas and Reddis of Bhadrachalam for home consumption, the Velagas are not allowed any similar concession and are consequently put to great hardship He therefore proposes that they also should be allowed to remove free of charge timber for domestic or building purposes but considers that the privilege may be restricted in their case to unreserved trees in unreserved lands. This concession is already enjoyed elsewhere by the public under rule 7 of the general rules under Sec 26 of the Forest Act and in fact though the privileges allowed by the latter rules are more extensive than the one now proposed. The Collector's proposal is in these circumstances apparently unobjectionable.

As regards the draft arrakum prepared by him, it is

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is submitted that it is highly defective as will be seen from a comparison of its wording with that of para 2 of the original rule 3. The statement that the privilege "may be withdrawn wholly or in part" without specifying the agent who is to withdraw it seems to be incomplete though the meaning is plain. The latter part of the draft erratum i.e. the last sentence is it is submitted wrong. As it stands it applies only to those whom the special concession has been made by the Collector in accordance with the previous part of the para, or if it applies to all then no provision is made in the proposed rule to charge seigniorage rates in the case of those who are not granted the concession for the removal of timber for purposes other than sale and of other other produce at Fourthis "at seigniorage rates" without any qualifying clause is it is submitted vague. Moreover and as the rates for grazing are not given in

in the schedule of rates appended to the rules, ~~the amendment proposed in para 1 of the~~ a draft G.O. is submitted for approval

Para 2 of the draft G.O. explains itself. The issue of the present erratum need not, it is submitted, await the receipt of the Board's report

17.11.97

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Forwd No 223.

No 987 of 25th Nov: 1897.

~~From No. 6086, dt 25 November 1897~~

The Collector's proposal which is supported by the Board of Revenue is approved. In the opinion of the Govt. the object in view would be better attained by adding a proviso to the 2nd clause of Rule 3 of the rules already framed under Section 26 of the Godavari Pollam Bank. and draft The appended notification has been drawn up according and duly authorised in the 7th to George & Godavari District Gaz

2. The Govt observes that the clause referred to mentions the fees to be paid for grazing but the Schedule does not state what the fees are further the Zelagas of the Badrachellam Taluk were allowed the privilege of grazing their cattle free of charge in the Govt reserves in G.O. No 1 Rev dy 9th Jany 1892 A and the concession does not appear to have been withdrawn. The Govt is requested to report whether the rules ought not to be further amended with reference to these matters.

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To the Bd of Rev LR
To the Supt of Mines
Secy 8-12-97

Notification.

With reference to the rules framed under Sec 26 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882 for the Reserved lands in the Badrachellam Taluk Godavari District a promulgated in Notification No [illegible] dated [illegible] 31 - 3 - 98

A Please see also para 10 of G.O. No 296 Rev dy 7 Augt 96 B

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H.E. the G in C is pleased to notify the following addition to the proviso to Rule 3 of the said Rules:-

Provided that any class of persons may be authorised by the Collector of the District to remove free of charge for their own domestic or building purposes timber, other than reserved trees, in unreserved lands subject to the condition that, if the concession is abused, the may be withdrawn Collector may withdraw it wholly or in part.

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G.O., No. 987, 25th November 1897.

NOVEMBER.

Telagas inhabiting the Bhadrachalam Taluk.

Approving the Gódávari Collector's proposal to extend to the — the concession of removing, free of charge, timber, other than reserved timber that may be required for domestic and building purposes, and ordering the publication in the Fort St. George and the Gódávari District Gazettes of a notification giving effect to the above proposal.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Forest Mis. No. 1125, dated 1st November 1897 :—

Read—the following letter from the Collector of Gódávari, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle), dated 5th October 1897, Cur. No. 111-Forests :—

Under rule 3 of the rules framed under section 26 of the Forest Act applicable for the Bhadráchalam taluk in this district (*vide* notification No. 139, dated 10th February 1894, in the *Fort St. George Gazette*) no restriction is placed on the cutting, free of charge and without permit, by Koya and Reddi villagers, of all produce including reserved trees that they may require for home consumption or for the purpose of clearing land for cultivation; but no such concession is allowed to persons other than Koya or Reddi inhabitants.

2. The Telagas inhabiting the said taluk are reported to have been subject to great hardship as they are not allowed to remove, free of cost, any timber that may be required by them for building purposes. Mr. Ward, the Sub-Divisional officer, advocates their being placed on the same footing as Koya and Reddi inhabitants of the taluk, so far as this matter is concerned, and thinks that they may be restricted from taking free any reserved tree. He says that it is hardly worth while demanding seigniorage on what is being destroyed wholesale in podu cultivation. My District Forest-officer and myself agree with the Sub-Divisional officer in his opinion. I have, therefore, the honour to request that the Board may be pleased to move Government to allow the Collector to extend to the Telagas, inhabiting the Bhadráchalam taluk, the concession of removing, free of charge, timber other than reserved timber that may be required for home consumption and for building purposes, with the proviso that the Collector may withdraw this concession either wholly or partly, if he finds that it is abused.

3. If Government approves of my proposal, the following erratum may be notified in the *Fort St. George Gazette*:—

In paragraph 3 of the amended rules for the Bhadráchalam taluk published in notification No. 139, dated 10th February 1894, from the words "other persons" to the end of the paragraph, read "other persons not being Koya or Reddi villagers but inhabiting the taluks to which these rules refer may be authorised by the Collector to remove, free of charge for their own domestic or building purposes, timber other than reserved trees in unreserved lands, provided that, if the concession is abused, it may be withdrawn wholly or in part. For grazing cattle or for timber intended for sale, permits must be purchased at seigniorage rates."

Endorsement by the Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated 19th October 1897, R.C. No. 710.

Forwarded. I think that the safeguard is sufficient.

Resolution—Forest Mis. No. 1125, dated 1st November 1897.

Submitted to Government with the recommendation that the Collector's proposal may be approved and the draft amendment published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Order—No. 987, Revenue, dated 25th November 1897.

Forest No. 223.

The Collector's proposal, which is supported by the Board of Revenue, is approved. In the opinion of the Government the object in view would be better attained by adding a proviso to the second clause of rule 3 of the rules already framed under section 26 for the Bhadráchalam taluk. The appended notification has been drawn up accordingly and will be published in the Fort St. George and Gódávari District Gazettes.

2. The Government observes that the clause referred to mentions the fees to be paid for grazing, but the schedule does not state what the fees are. Further, the Telagas of the Bhadráchalam taluk were allowed the privilege of grazing their cattle, free of charge, in the Government reserves in G.O., No. 31, Revenue, dated 9th January 1892, and the concession does not appear to have been withdrawn. The Board is requested to report whether the rules ought not to be further amended with reference to these matters.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
„ the Superintendent, Government Press.

NOTIFICATION.

With reference to the rules framed under section 26 of the Madras Forest Act V of 1882 for certain lands in the Bhadráchalam taluk, Gódávari district, and promulgated by notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, Part I, pages 342, 343, dated 20th March 1894, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to notify the following proviso to the second clause of rule 3 of the said rules :—

Provided that any class of persons may be authorised by the Collector of the district to remove, free of charge for their own domestic or building purposes, timber, other than reserved trees, in unreserved lands subject to the condition that, if the concession is abused, the Collector may withdraw it wholly or in part.

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