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PART VI

BILLS OF THE COVERNMENT OF

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

The following Report of the Select Committee on the Bill further to amend the Indian Forest Act, 1898, was presented to the Council of the Governor General of India for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations on the 1st March 1901 :-

WE, the undersigned, Members of the Select Committee to which the Bill further to amend the

From High Court, Calcutta, No. 150, dated 15th January 1901 [Paper No. 1.]

From Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, No. 527, dated 18th January 1901 [Paper No. 2].

From Resident, Hyderabad, No. 27, dated 22nd January 1901, and enclosure [Papers No. 3].

From Chief Commissioner, Coorg, No. 13, dated 22nd January 1901 [Paper No. 4].

From Government, Bombay, No. 617, dated 31st January 1901, and enclosures [Papers No. 5].

From Government, Punjah, No. 46, dated 7th February 1901, and enclosures [Papers No. 6].

From Government, Bengal, No. 519, dated 30th January 1901, and enclosures; from ditto, to
Revenue and Agricultural Department, No. 1193-T. R., dated 30th June 1900; endorsement by
Revenue and Agricultural Department, No. 223-F.—53-1, dated 11th February 1901, and enclosures

From Government, North-Western Provinces and Ondh, No. 79, dated 29th January 1901; from ditto, to Revenue and Agricultural Department, No. 342, dated 30th April 1900, and enclosures

[Papers No. S].

Indian Forest Act, 1878, was referred, have considered the Bill and the papers noted in the margin, and have now the honour to this our Report, with the Bill as amended by us annexed there-

2. In order to

admit of the suspension of rights with regard to some forests and not with regard to others, we have substituted the words "any right" for the words "all rights" in the addition to section 32 of the Act proposed by clause 2 of the Bill.

- It has been pointed out in several quarters that if the words "demanding his aid" be omitted altogether from section 78 of the Act, as contemplated by clause 4 of the Bill, the provision will go too far, and we have acted on the suggestion that the words should be climinated as regards only clauses (a) and (b) of the section.
 - The publication ordered by the Council has been made as follows:-

In English.

Gazette.				Date.
Gazette of India		•••	***	22nd December 1900
Bombay Government Gazette				17th January 1901.
Calcutta Gazette		•••	***	26th December 1900.
North-Western Provinces and	Oudh	Government	Gazetto	29th December 1900
Punjab Government Gazette	•••	•••	***	3rd January 1901.
Central Provinces Gazette	•••	•••	•••	5th January 1901.
Coorg District Gazette				1st February 1901.
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5. We think that the Bill has not been so altered as to require re-publication, and we recommend that it be passed as now amended.

> C. M. RIVAZ. (Signed) T. RALEIGH. H. F. EVANS. BIPIN KRISHNA BOSE. A. WINGATE.

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The 27th February 1901.

[The amendments proposed by the Select Committee are printed in italics.]

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No. II.

A Bill further to amend the Indian Forest Act, 1878.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Indian Forest Act, 1878; it is hereby enacted as follows :-

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(2) It shall come into force at once.

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- 2. To section 32 of the Indian Forest Act, 1878, the following Addition to section 32, Act VII of 1878. clause shall be added, namely :-
- "Whenever fire is caused wilfully or by gross negligence in a protected forest, the Local Government may (notwithstanding that any penalty

has been inflicted under this section) direct that in such forest or any portion thereof the exercise of any right of pasture or to forest-produce shall be suspended for such period as it thinks fit."

- 3. In section 33 of the said Act, after the words and figures, "ex-Amendment of section 33, cept as regards Act VII of 1878. portion of a forest closed under section 29" the words and figures "or any rights the exercise of which has been suspended under section 32 " shall be inserted.
- 4. From section 78 of the said Act the words "demanding his aid" Amendment of section shall be omitted before 78, Act VII of 1878. clause (a), and after clause (b) the following shall be inserted namely: -

" and shall assist any Forest-officer or Policeofficer demanding his aid-".

> J. M. MACPHERSON, Secretary to the Government of India.

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