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The early history of forests in France is given, with details of devastations of these going on in the first half of the seventeenth century; with a translation of the Ordinance of 1669, which is the basis of modern forest economy; and notices of forest exploitation in *Jardinage*, in *La Methode à Tire et Air*, and in *La Methode des Compartiments*.

EXTRACT FROM PREFACE.—“The Celebrated Forest Ordinance of 1669.” Such is the character and designation generally given at the present day to the Ordinance in question. It is known, by reputation at least, in every country on the Continent of Europe; but, so far as is known to me, it has never before been published in English dress. It may possibly be considered antiquated; but, on its first promulgation, it was welcomed, far beyond the bounds of France, as bringing life to the dead; and I know of no modern system of Forest Exploitation, based on modern Forest Science, in which I cannot trace its influence. In the most advanced of these—that for which we are indebted to Hartig and Cotta of Saxony—I see a development of it like to the development of the butterfly from what may be seen in the structure of the chrysalis; and thus am I encouraged to hope that it may prove suggestive of beneficial arrangements, even where it does not detail what it may be deemed desirable to adopt.

“In my translation I have followed an edition issued with Royal approval in 1753, with one verbal alteration to bring it into accordance with certain older approved editions, and with another verbal alteration to bring it into accordance with editions issued in 1699, 1723, 1734, and 1747.”

Translation of notice by M. DE LA GRYE for July 1833 in the *Revue des Eaux et Forêts*: “England, which with her immense possessions in India, in Canada, and in the Cape of Good Hope, is beyond all question a State rich in forests, has never up to the present time given to this portion of her domains more than a very moderate share of her attention; but for some years past public opinion is becoming alarmed, in view of the immense devastations which have been committed in them, and the forest question coming forward spontaneously has become the subject of numerous publications: amongst which, after the excellent monthly collection, the *Journal of Forestry and Estate Management*, comes the Translation of the Ordinance of 1669, which has just been published by Mr John Croumbie Brown. This translation of a monument of jurisprudence, well known in France, but which has never before been reproduced in English, has furnished to Mr Brown an opportunity of giving a historical sketch of French Forest Legislation, and an exposition of the