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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
8th May 1861.*

No. 47. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 30th April 1861, No. 958.

*Communicating the Order passed on a letter from
the Officiating Conservator of Forests,
reporting generally on the operations of his
Department during the Official year 1859-60.* (Vide Proceedings Revenue Department, dated 30th April 1861, Nos. 170 and 171.)

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1861, No. 614.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Police, in reference to paragraph 10.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Captain H. R. MORGAN, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 21th December 1860, No. 306 :—

SIR,

In forwarding the accompanying Report of Dr. Cleghorn for the official year 1859-60, I have the honor to state, that at the time of Dr. Cleghorn leaving Madras, the copy was still in the Gazette Press, consequently he was unable to submit his printed Report to Government. I beg to submit the report for the orders of Government.

ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1861, No. 958.

1. The enclosure to the foregoing letter is the Report of the Conservator of Forests detailing generally the operations of his Department during the year 1859-60. It is accompanied by nine appendices, the first six of which are the reports by his several Assistants on the Forests, marginally* noted. The remaining three relate (1) to the Sál Forests in the Northern Circars, visited by Dr. Cleghorn early in 1859, (2) to the jungle rules of Coimbatore, and (3) to the proper mode of making charcoal.

2. The Conservator during the year under review obtained the orders of Government on several subjects regarding which detailed reports were submitted. No special orders are therefore needed now, the present paper being, what such reports should be, merely a sketch of the work performed, and the results of the year, financially and generally.

3. To recapitulate the contents of this interesting Report, it may be observed that after touching on the requirements of the Government both here and in England, Dr. Cleghorn considers the demands of the Railways: the woods best adapted for sleepers, trenails and wedges, and the best mode of preserving timber, in relation to its felling as well as to its subsequent seasoning, &c. The hints given are valuable, and will be communicated to the Railroad authorities. The operations of the Department as effected by the recent orders on Kumari cultivation; the demand on account of the Telegraph Department; the improved mode of felling and trimming; and the injuries to timber by the attacks of noxious insects, with the modes of prevention in some cases, are then discussed. The extension of the Conservancy operations to various Forests in Salem, Madura, Cuddapah and Kurnool, is noted; the financial results are then shown; the operations in the several Forests noted in the margin of paragraph 1 reviewed; and the method adopted for meeting the requirements of the Neilgherry stations described.

4. Paragraphs 23 to 25 relate to the conservation and propagation of Teak. The "Conolly Plantations" in the Ernád Taluq of the Malabar District are specially mentioned as extremely important. Dr. Cleghorn's proposal that during the absence of the Conservator, the Collector should periodically visit these, and take measures to secure the strict observance of the rules laid down regarding them, will be communicated to Mr. Grant through the Board of Revenue for his guidance.

5. In paragraph 29 Dr. Cleghorn expresses a very decided opinion that the road avenues in the Provinces, which in 1856 were transferred to the care of the District Engineers, ought to be replaced under the charge of the Collectors; and he gives some strong reasons for this opinion. The Board of Revenue and the Chief Engineer will be requested to submit their opinion, at an early date, on the question thus raised. The Board will also attend to the Conservator's suggestions regarding the care of trees in the compounds of Dák Bungalows. The planting of Canal Banks is very desirable, and the Government are glad to hear that the attention of the Irrigation and Canal Company's Agent is directed to the subject. Similar planting would probably be advantageous in many parts of the lines of Railroad.

NOTE.—The Railways have not water always at hand.

Paragraphs 29 and 31. 6. The question of "firewood" and fuel generally, has occupied much of the attention of Government, and Dr. Cleghorn justly notices its growing importance. The measures heretofore adopted, as remarked by the Conservator, are only experimental. A uniform system has yet to be arranged when further experience has been obtained; and this subject should receive Dr. Cleghorn's attention on his return to India.

Paragraphs 33 and 34. Do. 35 to 37. 7. After alluding to "fancy and dye" woods, Dr. Cleghorn notices the introduction of the cultivation of the Cinchona, Tea and Coffee.

Do. 39 to 47. 8. The remainder of the Report is occupied with matters relating to the interior economy of the Department.

	Rs.	A.	P.	
Receipts by sale of timber...	5,03,411	11	11	
Deduct total charge...	1,69,830	10	6	
	3,93,591	11	5	

9. In a financial point of view the results of the year were highly favorable. The statement in paragraph 15 shows a clear gain of nearly four lacs of Rupees. But this includes a certain sum, of which the amount is not stated, for the value

of Anamalai timber sold in the preceding year; which ought to have been brought to account in that year. The bulk of the revenue is from North and South Canara, and the Anamalai Hills.

10. The remarks of the Conservator in paragraph 39 regarding the relation of his Department towards the Mufassal Police will be considered and disposed of in the Judicial Department. It seems not unreasonable to expect such a general care on the part of the Police, as that described; but Dr. Cleghorn apparently refers to some defect of care on the part of the Police, the details of which he has not stated.

Paragraph 40. 11. The Conservator speaks favorably of the exertions of his Assistants. To Dr. Cleghorn himself the acknowledgments of Government are due for the untiring energy displayed in the conduct of the duties of his responsible and onerous post. Compelled to return to England from illness contracted on duty, he is still employing his leisure time in the preparation of a "Selection from the Forest Records" and a "Manual of Indian Botany," both of which will be valuable to the Department as well as to the public generally.

(True Extract)

C. J. Master

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.

- " Financial (Railway) Department.
- " Public Department.
- " Board of Revenue.
- " Chief Engineer.
- " Consulting Engineer, Irrigation and Canal Company.
- " Agent for do. do.
- " Judicial Department.

with 3 Copies of the Report

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

