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No. 102. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 25th April 1862, No. 894:—

Referring paragraph 10 of Captain Brine's report regarding the state of roads leading from the Annamalai Forests. (Vide Revenue Proceedings, 25th April 1862, Nos. 348-349.)

No. 103. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1862, No. 940.

Communicated to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, whose attention is called to the remarks in paragraph 10 respecting the state of the roads leading from the Annamalai Forests and to the steps necessary for their improvement.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Report of the Conservator of Forests :—

Submitting his report for the year 1860-61. } (Here enter 24th September 1862, No. 656.)

ORDER THEREON, 25th April 1862, No. 894.

1. The Government deem it useless at this late period to review this report in detail. They will therefore limit their remarks to a few subjects of importance.

Salem Forests.

2. The Penagram Forests of "Acha" wood on the banks of the Cávery are stated to be much injured by the Brinjaries and others who feed their cattle on the young branches of the trees. The attention of the Collector will be called to the subject through the Board of Revenue and he will be instructed to aid the Forest Department in arresting the further destruction of these Forests. The Government wish to know why these Forests if so valuable as represented, have not been conserved and worked by the Forest Department.

3. The Teak and Sandalwood plants in the Salem Forests are also stated to be destroyed by the Malialies and others setting fire to the jungles year after year. The Collector will use his best endeavors to prevent this practice.

Vide paragraphs 10 and 11, Appendix E.

4. The Collector will report through the Board of Revenue on the suggestion of Mr. Blenkinsop to levy a tax of 12 Annas upon each bandy load of bamboos, and of 6 Annas on each bandy load of fuel. The proposal to make the headman of each village answerable for all trees cut in his range cannot be entertained. The village Officers are bound to prevent, as far as they can, the spoliation of the Government Forests, and to afford every assistance in detecting offenders. If they fail in either respect they should be punished by the Collector, but it is the especial duty of the Conservancy Department to look after the Forests, and the Government cannot consent to relieve them of their responsibility.

Appendix E, paragraphs 13 and 14.

5. The suggestion in paragraph 18 to publish in the District Gazette the rules passed for the preservation of the jungles should be at once adopted; separate copies also should be struck off for circulation in the villages adjoining the jungles.

Neilgherry Sholas.

6. The proposal in paragraph 5 to make a good road to the Divi Forests has since been met to a certain extent by a grant of funds. The Assistant Conservator in charge of these Sholas requests in his Report (vide Appendix F,) the assistance of the Revenue authorities to prevent the cutting of young sapplings, the destruction of the newly planted Sholas by cattle. The Board's attention will be called to these points.

7. Major Babington states in paragraph 9 of his report that the contract for supplying firewood and charcoal is kept down by Colonel Woodfall who has been clearing land for a Coffee plantation in the vicinity of the Coonoor Ghát disposing of his wood to coolies at 6 pice the load. He proposes that a seignorage be levied on every load carried out of the plantation for sale, but this cannot be done unless the land was granted subject to this condition.

Tea Plantation.

8. The favorable account given of these plantations in paragraph 8 is gratifying, and the Government trust that Captain Morgan's expectations will be fully realized.

9. As to the suggestion (paragraph 9) to erect a Saw Mill at Ootacamund, the Government observe that in his report, dated 30th April 1860, Captain Morgan suggested that the Steam Saw Mill used at the Wellington Barracks should be removed to Ootacamund, but the Government do not concur in this proposition.

Vide page 109, Cleghorn's Forests and Gardens of South India.

Annamalais.

10. There was a large falling off in the sales of wood in this Forest. The decrease amounted to Rupees 23,182 or 34 per cent. The causes assigned are not satisfactory. The Government expect better results in 1861-62. Paragraph 10 of Captain Brine's report (Appendix A) in which he explains the state of the roads leading from the Forest will be referred to the Public Works Department. Paragraph 11 should receive the Acting Conservator's immediate attention. In that paragraph Captain Brine talks very highly of the portion of the Forest on the Anagundy Pass, and states that it is exceedingly rich in teak, Rosewood and other useful timber, but that it has never been worked. Many of these teak trees are stated to be 15 feet in girth, at a height of 4 feet from the ground. Such valuable resources should not be lost. Captain Morgan will procure and submit an early report on the expediency of working this portion of the Forest.

	Rs.
Sales in 1859-60	67,260
Do. in 1860-61	44,078
Decrease	23,182

Mudamallay Forest.

11. The proposal to renew the lease of the Mudamullay Forests should be separately submitted with full information.

Madura.

12. The proposal in paragraph 14 (Clause 2), to leave the collection of the Forest products to the Conservancy Department instead of renting them will be referred to the Board of Revenue for their opinion. The Sandalwood jungles on the Palator Hills, alluded to in paragraph 11 of Appendix I, should be carefully preserved, and these trees which are large enough should be felled and sold.

South Canara.

13. In this District as well as in North Canara jealousy between the Revenue and Forests Departments is complained of. The Government cannot deal with vague and general assertions of this nature. The Assistant Conservators should bring to the notice of the Collector any instances which occur of want of willing co-operation on the part of the Revenue Officers [illegible].

Cuddapah.

14. The observations in paragraph 17 (Clause 2), regarding the advantage of wooden sleepers over iron pot sleepers will be communicated to the Railway Department. The proposal in the same paragraph (Clause 3) to introduce planting in the jungles in Cuddapah and Salem should be separately submitted.

Firewood.

15. Any well considered suggestions which Captain Morgan may offer in regard to the preservation of firewood jungles will receive attention. The Government are not prepared to grow fuel for the public. They consider that this had better be left to private enterprise while the efforts of Government are restricted to preserving and making the most of the existing supply. The subject has already received attention in paragraph 6 of the Order of Government, dated 4th June 1859, No. 744, and the Board of Revenue have been requested to adopt measures to induce private parties to invest capital in plantations for firewood. The Tope Rules afford very liberal encouragement, and if the people do not plant it must be because other modes of employing capital are more remunerative. The Board will be requested to instruct Collectors to give every publicity to the rules under which land may be taken up for planting purposes.

Page 156, Cleghorn's Forests and Gardens of South India.

16. The suggestion to grow Inga dulcis on the sides of the Railway throughout the line instead of the prickly pear and the Aloe, will be communicated to the Railway Department.

Government Gardens, Ootacamund.

17. The Government are gratified to learn that these gardens have been considerably improved. * Mr. McIvor's suggestion to have two Native Apprentices and one European or East Indian Apprentice gardeners is approved, and the altered rates* of salary which involve no additional expense are sanctioned.

	Rs.
* 1 European or East Indian Apprentice	20
2 Native do. at 7½ Rupees each	15

Herbarium.

18. As there is no room for the Herbarium at the Museum and the Superintendent cannot look after it, it must for the present remain attached to the Conservator's Office.

Financial results.

19. The financial results of the year are not explained in the report, but are shown in a table attached to it. The actual profit of the year was Rupees 1,83,732 against Rupees 3,93,591 in the previous year. The decrease appears to be partly owing to the value of the Annamalai timber sold in 1858-59, but included in the accounts of 1859-60. The Board of Revenue will however be requested to submit without delay their report on the accounts for 1860-61, and to point out in it the main causes to which the decrease is owing.

	Rs.
Receipts	3,52,449
Disbursements	1,68,717
Gain	1,83,732

Vide paragraph 9 of the Order of Government, dated 30th April 1861, No. 953.

20. The Government learn with satisfaction that the Officers of the Department have performed their duties with zeal and ability.

21. The Government observe that the Report under consideration though dated 24th September 1861, only reached their Office on the 1st ultimo, nearly a year after the period to which it relates. The Government understand that this is owing to its being submitted in print; but in fact it ought to have been before Government three months before the date it bears. Such lengthened delay as has occurred in this case, renders the report practically almost useless.

22. Captain Morgan will take care that the report for 1861-62, due on the 30th instant, is submitted by the 30th June at the latest. He will also restrict himself to a detail of the operations of the year reported on, and its financial results. A progress report is not the place where such propositions as the Establishment of a Saw Mill, and the alteration of an Establishment should be brought forward. Such questions should be separately submitted for orders.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.
" Public Works Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Financial Railway Department.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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