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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th September 1865.*

No. 681. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department :—

Passing orders on an application from the Agent
and Manager of the Madras Railway Company
for information regarding the terms upon which
land required by the Company for the cultiva-
tion of firewood would be granted by Govern-
ment. } (Here enter 25th September 1865, No. 2,302.)

No. 682. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1865, No. 2,875.

RAILWAY, No. 69.

Communicated to the Consulting
Engineer for Railways.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 495. Read the following letter from R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 7th September 1865, No. 633:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to enclose a copy of paragraphs 15 to 19 of the Managing Director's letter No. 364, dated the 28th of July last, having reference to a recommendation of mine, that, in order to secure regular supplies of firewood, for use in our Locomotives, the Company should undertake the planting of tracts of land with suitable trees.

3. I should imagine that such tracts of land, as we require, would be obtained under the Tope Rules, and be free of rent for twenty years; but with a view to enable me to place the matter clearly before my Board, I shall feel obliged by your soliciting the orders of Government on the subject.

Extract of a letter from the Managing Director,
Paragraph 15. Your Annual Report, dated 7th March last, contained a suggestion that, for the purpose of ensuring regular supplies of wood fuel, a point of very great importance for the economical working of the Railway, the Company should undertake the planting of tracts of land with trees, in suitable situations; such tracts to be of about 500 Acres in extent, in places where village labor could be commanded, and the estate superintended at little cost by a subordinate pensioned officer. The Committee of the 2nd May also called our attention to the necessity of the

17. The Board fully recognize the importance of the object in view, and trust that the endeavours now making by the Government to re-clothe a portion of the denuded surface of the country, to the improvement of the climate, and the increased supply of fuel, may meet with every success. The interests of the Railway Company are bound up with those of the country in such improvements, besides their more immediate interest in permanent supplies of firewood; and they have every desire, therefore, to co-operate as far as they properly can in these measures.

19. In the meantime, however, there are, we believe, many places within the Railway boundaries which may be planted with trees to advantage, not merely for the purposes above referred to, but also for the purpose of affording shelter to the cattle and sheep which are pastured on the land.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th September 1865.*

red to, but also for the shade about stations, and upon embankments and cuttings for their protection from the action of rain and wind. We understand that where trees have been grown in such situations on our lines, the effect has been very beneficial; and we are desirous that this system should be followed wherever there is space for planting, and no special objection exists. On this subject the Engineers in charge of Permanent Way should be called on to report fully.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. B. ELWIN,
Agent and Manager.

1. It is clear from paragraphs 2 and 13 of the Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, of the 2nd May last, No. 896, that waste land will be granted for the purpose of planting firewood and topes, free of assessment for twenty years.

2. The Proceedings were communicated to the Agent and Manager, and by him to the Railway Board of Directors in England, but as they desire some further information of the terms on which the land will be granted, I submit the Agent and Manager's letter, together with the Extract which accompanied it, for the orders of Government.

(Signed) H. L. D. PRENDERGAST, Major, R. E.,
Ag. Dy. Cons. Engr. for Railways in charge.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
11th September 1865.

No. 496. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1865, No. 2,302.

Land Revenue

The Agent is correct in supposing that waste land will be granted to the Railway Company under the Tope Rules for planting firewood. These Rules provide that the grant shall be free of assessment for twenty years, at the expiration of which time the ordinary assessment will be charged on the land if retained. The assessment on waste land of the description likely to be available, and taken up for this purpose, would probably not exceed a few pence per Acre.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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