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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 22nd September 1866.

No. 574. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Public Works,) to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 9th July 1866, No. 11 :—

1. I observe that in consequence of a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India to the Secretary to your Government, in the Public Works Department, dated January 13th, 1866, you have ordered Mr. Fraser to report whether there have been any notable increases in the freshes of the Cauvery, and to submit all plans and documents relating to the construction of reservoirs near the sources of the Moyaur and Bhowany rivers, in the Neilgherry Hills.

2. I have to request that copies may be transmitted to me of any report that Mr. Fraser may have made on the Cauvery freshes, and of the plans and documents relating to the investigations conducted by him on the Neilgherries, which are referred to in the Order of your Government, as well as of Dr. Balfour's Reports on the subject of felling, and its effects on the sources of springs: and of Sir Arthur Cotton's suggestions respecting reservoirs in the Neilgherries, written some thirty years ago.

3. The measures necessary for counteracting the evils anticipated from the extensive destruction of forests in the hill Districts of your Presidency, require the immediate and careful consideration of your Government. All reliable data on the subject should be collected, and the matured opinions of the highest authorities should be consulted. The question affects the maintenance of existing irrigation works, as well as the preparation of new projects; and I shall be anxious to receive the result of your deliberations on the subject.

4. I transmit a copy of my Despatch* to the Government of India, on the subject of roads in Coorg, with reference to the opinion I have expressed as to the importance of completing, with as little delay as possible, a pack-bullock road from the Bawhully and Manantoddy road to the Coorg frontier, in concert with the Coorg authorities. The portion, about fifteen miles long, through north-east Wynaad would be inexpensive, if completed as a fair weather track, and is of the utmost importance to that part of the District.

* No. 34, dated 9th July 1866.

No. 575. ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1866, No. 3,049.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 106.

G. O. 16th June 1866, Nos. 356, 357.
Do. 28th do. ,, 672 to 674.
1 Volume Madras Journal of Literature and Science for July to December 1849.

1. Ordered that the reports, &c., as per margin be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India with reference to the foregoing Despatch.

2. Ordered also that paragraph 4 be communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division, who will submit in due course the necessary estimates for the continuation of the Manantoddy and Bawhully line to the Coorg frontier, in order that the work may be put in hand as soon as funds can be made available.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division,
With paragraph 4 of the Despatch, and paragraph 2 of the Order.

Exd. S. T. Augustin

Public Works Department.

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The Home Government furnished with copies of letters &c relating to the construction of Reservoirs at the Shilgherry Hills.