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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
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No. 381. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 8th August 1867, No. 1,832:—

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Revenue—Forests,) to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 29th June 1867, No. 4.

1. I have considered in Council the Despatches from your Excellency in Council, numbered 3 and 4, (Forests,) and dated the 11th of April last, with the first of which you transmit the result of certain inquiries called for by paragraphs 4 and 5 of Secretary Earl deGrey and Ripon's Despatch of the 16th of May 1866, No. 16.

2. The transmission of a slab of the "Dipterocarpus Indicus" to the Paris Exhibition for ultimate deposit with the Reporter on Indian Products will afford means of ascertaining its value.

3. It is unfortunate that the Sandalwood discovered in the northern part of the Nullay Mullays (written Annamallays by a clerical error in Lord deGrey and Ripon's Despatch), should prove of an inferior kind and of little value.

4. In regard to the Sâl forests of Goomsoor, I regret to learn the apprehensions of Captain Beddome that from the difficulty of export by sea, and the smallness of the demand in the district itself, the forests are not likely to be profitably worked at present. You very properly made inquiry of the Public Works and Military Departments as to whether they were likely to require permanent supplies, which would enable the Forest Department to work these forests at a profit. It is also worthy of consideration whether by sawing up the logs in the forests, the timber might not be brought down to the coast and exported without the difficulty and inconvenience now complained of.

5. With your Despatch No. 4 you transmit your proceedings with reference to the arrangement for transferring to the Reporter on the Products of India the slabs and cross-sections of each of the most valuable kinds of timber produced in your Presidency so soon as the Paris Exhibition is over, and also announcing that you have forwarded to Dr. Watson six Nar Yepa saplings and 50 lbs. of the fibre. These proceedings have been referred to Dr. Forbes Watson.

Forests, No. 4.

Procs., 3d & 11th April 1867, Nos. 772 and 837.

Proceedings, dated 25th May 1867, No. 1,179.

Do. do. 22nd June " " 1,387.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Conservator of Forests, with reference to the Proceedings noted in the margin.

2. The reports of the Officers of the Military and Public Works Departments regarding the permanent demand for Sâl timber which may be expected from these Departments are now under the consideration of Dr. Cleghorn. He will be requested to consider at the same time the suggestion in paragraph 4 of this Despatch.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th August 1867.*

No. 382. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1867, No. 2,501.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 52.

- Communicated to the Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.

for the Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th August 1867.*

No. 153. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Revenue—Forests,) to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 29th June 1867, No. 4 :—

1. I have considered in Council the Despatches from your Excellency in Council, numbered 3 and 4, (Forests,) and dated the 11th of April last, with the first of which you transmit the result of certain inquiries called for by paragraphs 4 and 5 of Secretary Earl de Grey and Ripon's Despatch of the 16th of May 1866, No. 16.

2. The transmission of a slab of the "Dipterocarpus Indicus" to the Paris Exhibition for ultimate deposit with the Reporter on Indian Products will afford means of ascertaining its value.

3. It is unfortunate that the Sandalwood discovered in the northern part of the Nullay Mullays (written Annamallays by a clerical error in Lord de Grey and Ripon's Despatch), should prove of an inferior kind and of little value.

4. In regard to the Sal forests of Goomsoor, I regret to learn the apprehensions of Captain Beddome that from the difficulty of export by sea, and the smallness of the demand in the district itself, the forests are not likely to be profitably worked at present. You very properly made inquiry of the Public Works and Military Departments as to whether they were likely to require permanent supplies which would enable the Forest Department to work these forests at a profit. It is also worthy of consideration whether by sawing up the logs in the forests, the timber might not be brought down to the coast and exported without the difficulty and inconvenience now complained of.

5. With your Despatch No. 4 you transmit your proceedings with reference to the arrangement for transferring to the Reporter on the Products of India the slabs and cross-sections of each of the most valuable kinds of timber produced in your Presidency so soon as the Paris Exhibition is over, and also announcing that you have forwarded to Dr. Watson six Nar Yepa saplings and 50 lbs. of the fibre. These proceedings have been referred to Dr. Forbes Watson.

No. 154. ORDER THEREON, 8th August 1867, No. 1,832.

Forests, No. 47

Procs., 3d & 11th April 1867, Nos. 772 and 837.

Proceedings, dated 25th May 1867, No. 1,179.
Do. do. 22nd June " " 1,387.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Conservator of Forests, with reference to the Proceedings noted in the margin.

2. The reports of the Officers of the Military and Public Works Departments regarding the permanent demand for Sal timber which may be expected from these Departments are now under the consideration of Dr. Cleghorn. He will be requested to consider at the same time the suggestion in paragraph 4 of this Despatch.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.
.. the Military Department.
.. the Public Works Department.
.. the Board of Revenue.
Exd. T. O'Connor.

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