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Government of Madras.

Police DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

9th October 1867.

No. 94. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 3rd October 1867, No. 2322.

Communicating a remark made by the
Home Government, observing that the
officers of the Forest Department should
be sufficiently supplied with medicines, } (Vide Proceedings, Revenue Department, dated 3rd October 1867,
Nos. 87 & 88.)

No. 95. ORDER THEREON, 9th October 1867, No. 1254.

Communicated to the Inspector General, Medical Department.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General, Medical Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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3rd October 1867.*

No. 87. 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 St. George, dated India Office, London, 31st August 1867, No. 5:—

1. The Despatch from your Excellency in Council, numbered 5, Forests, and dated the 25th of June last, which transmitted the report of the Officiating Conservator of Forests for the year 1865-66, and your Proceedings thereon, has been considered by me in Council.

2. The decrease of profit in this year is chiefly accounted for by the injudicious abolition of the seigniorage on bamboos, which was restored in March 1866.

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Receipts ...	...	3,21,581
Expenditure ...	...	2,59,802
Net profit ...		61,779
Profit of 1864-65...		72,133

3. It is very satisfactory to me to learn that works connected with plantations have been pushed forward with energy and success. The subject is one of great importance to the prosperity of the country. Lieutenant Walker deserves credit for the arrangement which he has made with the Railway Company with respect to fuel for locomotives in the Salem District. Under the former system, both the Government and the Company seem to have been defrauded. I am glad to learn that the supply in this Collectorate is still sufficient, but, as Lieutenant Walker justly remarks, it will be advisable to keep up the supply by applying measures of conservancy to additional tracts of firewood jungles.

4. I regret to observe that similar prudence does not seem to have been exercised in regard to the Sholas in the Neilgherries. Secretary Earl de Grey and Ripon, in his Despatch of the 16th of May (No. 16) 1866, called for an explanation as to certain observations in the Forest Report for 1864-65, which seemed to indicate that there had been a great sacrifice of one of these sholas. But no reply has been received to that portion of His Lordship's Despatch. From the expressions in this report, it would seem that the tenant of the Devi shola has not even fulfilled the conditions on which this shola was made over to him, and that other large tracts of these sholas have been sold. I trust that you have already issued orders to prohibit the alienation from the Forest Department of any more of these tracts of jungle or firewood.

5. I observe that Major Morgan complains of the want of medicines for his establishment, although he had indented for them, and mentions especially quinine and chlorodyne. Care should be taken that a sufficient supply of such medicines should be provided for all Forest establishments. It is no less the duty than the interest of Government to take the best measures in their power for preserving the health of those who are exposed to the effects of such unhealthy localities as the forests.

6. Another point alluded to in the report, seems to me to be far from satisfactory. Two fires are mentioned as having destroyed a large amount of wood in the Devi shola, but no explanation of the origin of them is given. I desire to receive more information than the papers supply in regard to two fires from which so much damage, as is implied in Captain Beddome's report, resulted. It is also far from creditable to the Forest Department of the Annamallays that the disastrous

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losses by fire which occurred in those forests should be attributable to the want of proper arrangements to secure the depôts from the annual fires. As Dr. Cleghorn has made a separate report to you on this matter, I shall not notice it further here, since you will, doubtless, have issued instructions which will prevent such results in future.

7. I rely on your assurance, that the delays which have hitherto occurred in sending home these annual reports shall not recur.

8. The extension of the Forest Act to the Presidency of Madras is, I observe, under your consideration. The subject seems, from the remarks of the local Forest Officers, one of some urgency.

No. 88. ORDER THEREON, 3rd October 1867, No. 2,322.

Forests, No. 5.

30th August 1866, Nos. 800, 801.
10th October „ „ 262—265.

with reference to paragraph 4 of this Despatch, and the attention of the Board of Revenue and the Conservator of Forests will be requested to the observation contained in the latter part of it.

3. Paragraph 5 will be communicated to the Inspector General of the Medical Department, through the Public Department, for his information and guidance.

Proceedings, 9th January 1866, Nos. 67, 68,
(paragraph 4 of the Order).
Do. 20th March 1866, Nos. 307, 308.
Do. 20th „ „ 315—318, (para-
graph 6 of the Conservator's letter, dated 15th
January 1866).
Do. 24th April 1866, Nos. 389, 390.
Do. 1st June „ „ 88, 89.

Government, dated 15th October 1866, No. 2,799, regarding the extension of the Forest Act to this Presidency.

(True Extract.)


Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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of the Board of Admiralty
be sufficiently supplied
with Surgeons

With an order

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No 1254 dated 9th Oct 1864.

Communicated to

The Postmaster General,

General Department

The Admiralty, 10th Nov 1864