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Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations

30th June 1857

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Order no 655 dated 26th June 1857

No. 36. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 9th June 1857, No. 1951.

Read letter from the Collector of Coimbatore dated 27th February 1857.*

*In Cons. 9th June 1857.

(Here enter No. 34.)

In this letter the Collector furnishes the information called for R. D. Nos. 129, 272. in Extract Minutes Consultation 7th February and 7th March 1856, the former having reference to the experimental plantation of Australian Trees on the Neilgherry Hills, and the latter to the attempted reclamation of the Khaders and Muleers of the Annamalai Forest.

2. In regard to the first of these subjects, Mr. Thomas submits a letter from Captain Campbell who first proposed that the experiment should be tried. Captain Campbell's original proposition was that 30,000 Rupees should be placed at his disposal for the purpose, he subsequently suggested that 2 square miles† should be planted‡ but a more limited experiment was resolved on and 10,000 Rupees was sanctioned with this view, three fourths of the amount being allotted by the Board to Captain Campbell and one fourth to Mr. Thomas for similar operations, but on a smaller scale on other parts of the Hills.

From Government 7th February 1856 P. 3.

3. In making this grant, the Government requested information from Captain Campbell as to whether he considered the space which he proposed for each tree sufficient for its proper growth; what means he possessed for planting on the extensive scale contemplated by him, and what market he expected to find for so large a supply of Timber as would be produced if his experiment succeeded. Captain Campbell in the letter now forwarded replies to these questions. He states that the minimum distance from each other at which trees should be planted has been fixed by an acknowledged authority in such matters at 3 feet, and the maximum at 5, and that his own experience at Jackatallah satisfied him that the mean of these two or 4 feet was the proper distance in that locality.

4. In reply to the 2d question, he remarks that the necessary cooly laborers could be procured from Mysore.

5. Captain Campbell lastly states that the only present market is at Coonoor and Jackatallah and he estimates the requirements of these stations, assigning to each apparently the same number of residents, at 10,950 Tons of Firewood in the next 5 years, and the demands of the Public Works Department at 20,000 Tons or 30,950 Tons in all; at 3 trees per Ton, this demand would require about 93,000 Trees, and he considers that at least two trees should be planted for every one cut down. The present price of firewood at the stations averages 5 Rupees per Ton, and he expects to be able to supply it at 3½. The above estimate is exclusive of timber required for carpentry and building purposes. Captain Campbell intends turning his attention to the collection of data for a more complete and satisfactory calculation of the probable demand for timber on the Hills.

6. The Board remark that Captain Campbell does not at all allude to the limited experiment already sanctioned, on the success of which they presume the further prosecution of his extended scheme will necessarily depend.

7. Mr. Thomas they observe is equally silent as to the disposal of the sum placed at his command. In a Postscript to his letter he gives the results of his own observation and experience as to the kind of exotic trees most likely to succeed.

8. As regards the reclamation of the Khaders and Muleers, Mr. Thomas forwards a letter from Corporal Reid of the Annamalai Forest Department to whom, in consideration of his familiarity with the Tribes the experiment was entrusted.

9. The sanction of Government was not received in sufficient time to admit of much progress being made last year, but 70 or 80 Bullahs of land have been cleared. About 30 families

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 30th June 1857.

have settled at the foot of the Vellairgh Ghaut and after the reaping of the first crop and division of the produce, Corporal Reid expects that the whole tribe of Muleers will locate themselves at the foot of the Hills.

10. The Muleers have also been employed in felling Timber and have felled and squared 392 logs, 79 of which have been sold at 1 Rupee each to the Railway Company.

11. Corporal Reid briefly explains in para. 9 the mode of treatment he adopted to the success of which in reclaiming the Muleers from their erratic and depredatory habits, the Collector also bears testimony. Of the grant of Rupees 1,550 the sum of 768-7 has been expended.

12. The further success of the enterprise will evidently depend on the degree of attention which Corporal Reid's successor is enabled to devote to it, as well as his personal fitness for so peculiar a duty.

13. The Board remark that the reports of Corporal Reid and of the Collector refer apparently only to the Muleers; no mention being made of the Khaders who were represented as comparatively superior to the Muleers.

14. Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings be submitted for the information of Government, and that a copy of them and of the Collector's letter and its enclosures be forwarded to the Conservator of Forests with whom, the Board presume, the further prosecution and conduct of both experiments will rest.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 37.

ORDER THEREON, No. 655; dated 26th June 1857.

These reports upon the timber planting on the Neilgherries are so very meagre that the Government can pass no order upon them, they do not state what has been done, or what has been expended.

2. The Conservator of Forests is understood to be now either on the Hills, or about very shortly to visit them, the papers will therefore be transmitted to Dr. Cleghorn, and he will be requested to investigate fully the matter on which they treat, and to report upon it to Government.

3. The information supplied by Corporal Reid regarding the Muleers on the Annamulays, is satisfactory, and the Government anticipate with much interest further reports upon the condition of this class of people.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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3. In making this grant the Government requested information from Captain Campbell as to whether he considered the space which he proposed for each tree sufficient for its proper growth - what means he proposed for planting on the extensive scale contemplated by him, and what Market he expected to find for so large a supply of Timber as would be produced if his experiments succeeded. Captain Campbell

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No 655

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 20th June 1857.

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(See Entry of 20th June 1857, No 1951.)

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Extract from the Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue

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No 655, 26th June 1857

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11. Corporal Reid briefly explains in para 9 the mode of treatment adopted to the success of which in reclaiming the Mulcers from their erratic and defraudatory habits the Collector also bears testimony. Of the grant of Rs. 1500 the sum of Rs. 7 has been expended.

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(Attest Correct)

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Acting Secretary.

F. H. Forbes Esq.

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