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## *Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 15th September 1857.*

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(Here enter 6th August 1857.)

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8. Para. 27. Mr. Ward's name will be added to the Committee, if Dr. Cleghorn should be of opinion (and on this he will report) that local supervision by such a body is still advisable. As there is now a Conservator of Forests, the Government consider that the plantations and gardens now under notice should be brought unreservedly under his controul; and that his care should be extended to the subsidiary nurseries and the like. Dr. Cleghorn will therefore look upon the Horticultural Gardens of Ootacamund as a portion of his charge, corresponding in future on all subjects connected with them with the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department.

Para. 9. With reference to what is said in para. 22 regarding a present opening for two or three apprentices under the Superintendent of the Gardens, the Government have no doubt that the Male Asylum could supply such lads. On this point Dr. Cleghorn will consult the Honorary Secretary.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
*Acting Chief Secretary.*

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No. 57. ORDER THEREON, No. 944; dated 15th September 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

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To H. F. C. Cleghorn, Esq., M. D., Conservator of Forests.
To the Collector of Coimbatore, President of the Committee for Ootacamund Gardens.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Medical Board.

Exd. F. Cartledge.