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No. 14. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th February 1860, No. 757.

Read the following letters from the Collectors of the several districts, on the results of the management of avenue trees by the Department of Public Works.

No.	4127	from	Collector of	Ganjam,	dated	6th	in Con.	17th August 1859,	No. 241.
,,	2947	,,	do.	Vizagapatam,	,,	15th	,,	21st June ,, ,,	524.
,,	5711	,,	do.	Rajahmundry,	,,	10th	,,	15th November ,, ,,	163.
,,	5351	,,	do.	Masulipatam,	,,	24th	,,	28th October ,, ,,	187.
,,	3742	,,	do.	Guntoor,	,,	22nd	,,	27th July ,, ,,	85.
,,	3160	,,	do.	Nellore,	,,	29th June	,,	1st July ,, ,,	96.
,,	5140	,,	do.	Bellary,	,,	12th	,,	15th October ,, ,,	149.
,,	3014	,,	do.	Cuddapah,	,,	21st	,,	24th June ,, ,,	84.
,,	2904	,,	do.	Kurnool,	,,	14th	,,	20th ,, ,, ,,	66.
,,	2748	,,	do.	Chingleput,	,,	11th	,,	13th ,, ,, ,,	194.
,,	5758	,,	do.	North Arcot,	,,	14th	,,	17th November ,, ,,	269.
,,	2826	,,	do.	South Arcot,	,,	15th	,,	17th June ,, ,,	116.
,,	3936	,,	do.	Tanjore,	,,	3rd	,,	8th August ,, ,,	167.
,,	2819	,,	do.	Trichinopoly,	,,	14th	,,	17th June ,, ,,	118.
,,	3377	,,	do.	Madura,	,,	7th	,,	11th July ,, ,,	121.
,,	419	,,	do.	Tinnevelly,	,,	25th	,,	30th January 1860, ,,	29.
,,	3053	,,	do.	Coimbatore,	,,	20th	,,	27th June 1859, ,,	99.
,,	3786	,,	do.	Salem,	,,	23rd	,,	29th July ,, ,,	146.
,,	4035	,,	do.	Canara,	,,	5th	,,	12th August ,, ,,	140.
,,	4961	,,	do.	Malabar,	,,	30th Sept.	,,	5th October ,, ,,	233.
,,	2711	,,	do.	Madras,	,,	10th	,,	10th June ,, ,,	82.

Resolved that the letters above recorded be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to paragraph 5 of order, dated 26th May 1859, No. 707.

In Consultation 27th May 1859, *No.* 2415.

2. In the order just quoted the Government requested the Board to ascertain and report whether any bad effects had resulted in practice from the avenue trees being under the modified control of the Engineer department.

3. Most of the Collectors reply to this question in the negative.

Bellary.
Tanjore.
Malabar. as per Chief Engineer's Proceedings, 22nd June 1859, *No.* 1936.
Tinnevelly, as per O. G., 6th June 1859, *No.* 1378.

4. In the districts noted in the margin, the management of the avenue trees appears still to continue under the revenue authorities.

South Arcot.
Canara.

5. In South Arcot, the control of the Engineer department extends only to the planting of young trees and the management of nurseries, while the old avenues are still under the charge of the Collector. A similar practice seems to exist in Canara.

Guntoor.

6. The Collector of Guntoor states that there has been little occasion for testing the new system, and that its effects have been confined to a limited range, but that so far as he has been able to observe them, the result has been decidedly bad. In support of this assertion he alludes to the damage done to the trees in an avenue called the "Ring Avenue" for the purpose of obtaining fuel for burning lime on a recent occasion.

7. The Collector also touches in the same letter upon a graver topic, viz. the interference of the officers of the Public Works Department with avenue trees planted and reared at the expense of the villagers, by whom the usufruct has been hitherto enjoyed. It would appear from the Collector's letter that the proceeds of the prunings over and above the cost of the labour employed, are appropriated for public purposes by the Public Works Department, and he, therefore, recommends that such proceeds should be handed over to the ráyats of the village within which the trees are situated. The Board consider this proposal only fair; but it would be better, in their opinion, to require the villagers themselves to prune the trees, when necessary, under the direction of the revenue authorities, and make what use they please of the cuttings.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1860, No. 332.

The Board of Revenue having in paragraph 15 of their Proceedings dated 28th April 1859 No. 1469, made some remarks on the desirability of placing avenues entirely under the care of the revenue authorities, as was formerly the case, Government called upon them to ascertain and report "whether any bad effects have resulted in practice from the avenue trees "being under the modified control of the Engineer department."

2. The paper above recorded is in reply to this requisition. The general opinion of the Collectors seems to be in favor of the present arrangement. There are one or two dissentient voices, and the instance brought to notice by the officiating Collector of Guntoor shews that bad use may be made of the privilege. This however does not necessitate a change in system. Perfection in any arrangement is impossible.

3. The Government do not agree with the Collector as regards the opinion expressed by him in paragraph 6 of his letter dated 22nd July 1859 No. 85, and noticed in paragraph 7 of the Board's Proceedings now under consideration. It is seldom, Government think, that avenues have been planted by the villagers at their own expense. Trees in village streets do not come under this category, if there *are* cases they are exceptional, and can be decided on their own merits without any necessity for a general rule.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Revenue Dept

No. 332.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 1st ~~February~~ March 1860.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue.

Submitting correspondence
from the different Collectors on
the result of the modified control (Here enter 11th February 1860
exercised by the Engineer Depart- No 757)
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Reviewing the correspondence on the result of the modified control exercised by the Engineer Depart. over the avenue trees.

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