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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 885 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 30 — 5 — 1869.

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No. 143. Read the following letter from Major W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 10th May 1860, No. 349 :—

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 17th May 1859, No. 677, Revenue Department, calling for any observations that I may wish to offer as to the best measures to be taken for providing the means of bringing down the timber of the Gund Forest, in the District of North Canara, to the Coast, I have the honor to forward herewith a letter from the District Engineer of North Canara wherein he expresses his concurrence, after personal communication with the Sub-Conservator of the Canara Forests, in the system sketched out by that gentleman, of having small Ghâts running out of the various ravines of Gund, by which the timber may be conveyed to the Kanúri nullah at a point three miles above its junction with the Black River, down which it would afterwards float.

1 *Original letter from District Engineer, dated 24th April* 1860, *No.* 649.

2. Captain Walker recommends that Mr. Muller, the Sub-Conservator, should be permitted to spend five or six thousand Rupees so soon as he can get his slopes traced and worked, and that the dry season should then be taken advantage of to remove the chief obstacles to floating timber in the bed of the lower Kanúri and of the Black River itself by blasting. Captain Walker promises to afford every assistance in his power to Mr. Muller in carrying out his plans for bringing down the timber of the Gund Forest to the Coast, and I beg to add my approval of the scheme above sketched; the funds required by the Sub-Conservator being furnished by the Forest Department.

3. I beg to explain that the Orders of Government having inadvertently been omitted from the Register of unanswered References kept in this Office, it was not until the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, dated 6th March 1860, pointing out the omission of the same in the half yearly list of unanswered letters submitted to Government, that it was known that the District Engineer had omitted to submit the Report called for from him, on the subject of bringing the timber of the Gund Forest to the Coast. On receipt, however, of the Proceedings of Government, dated 6th March 1860, the District Engineer was called upon to expedite the submission of his Report on the subject, and his letter, now forwarded, is a reply to this call.

No. 144. ORDER THEREON, 30th May 1860, No. 885.

1. This letter will be communicated to the Conservator of Forests with reference to the Order of May 17th 1859.

2. The Government have not yet heard from Dr. Cleghorn on the subject of that Order; but if he agrees with Captain Walker and Mr. Muller, as there seems reason to suppose he does, the Governor in Council hereby authorizes the immediate commencement of the system of operations proposed, the cost being debited to the Forest Department. The work will be carried on under Mr. Muller, but he will avail himself, so far as he may find necessary, of the aid proffered by the District Engineer.

3. The Government cannot but wish that the last paragraph of Captain Walker's had been omitted. They find nothing in Lieutenant Taylor's letter to justify it.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Revenue Dept.

No 885

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 30th May 1860

Read the following

letter from the Chief En-

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Reports with reference to Proc.
dated 17th May 1859 No 677 on
the measures to be taken for
bringing down Coals from
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3. The Government cannot but wish that the last paragraph of Captain Walker's had been omitted. They find nothing in Lieutenant Taylor's letter to justify ~~the remark that they regret that~~

an Officer of Captain Walker's character and abilities should indulge in such pettish and undecorning remarks.

10 Copies to Chief Engineer with an Encl. Dispatch.
1 " Conservator of Forests.

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Revenue 1860 Departt.
Proc: of Coast 31st May

No 886.

Proc: of the Imperial Govt
D/ 31st May/60

From the Conservator of Forests
17 Augt/60 Ctr 709 in Bo.
23. Augt. R 1424

Passing orders on the
subject of bringing the timber
of the Grand Forest in North
Canara to the Coast

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