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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 80. A. *PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

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2. This plan was not carried into effect. There was never more than one travelling Assistant, and that only for a short time; and one of the Assistants was very soon placed in the Conservator's Office at Madras, to conduct its ordinary duties during his own long absences. The state of the Department as to Assistants appears at present to be as follows:—

One Assistant in the Anamalai Forests.
One do. in North Canara.
One do. in Salem.
One do. in the Presidency Office.

There are also several Overseers employed in Forest duties in various parts of the country.

3. The Governor in Council cannot but feel that the objects aimed at in forming the Conservancy Department have not been fully attained. Dr. Cleghorn has manifested all that personal activity and self-devotion which was expected from his known character; but it has been out of his power, with the constant and very various demands on his attention from many quarters and many Departments, to accomplish all the work for which the aid of two Assistants was to have been given him. The consequence is that except in a few localities the Forests have not been explored; and in most Districts the arrangements for the prevention of theft and waste in the forests are insufficient.

4. To remedy this state of matters, it appears to Government that the first step should be to appoint one if not two Assistants, to fulfil the original intention of examining and reporting on the forests in the various parts of the country. Two Assistantships are now vacant, viz., the First Assistant on 400 Rupees, and one of the two on 300 Rupees. The Governor in Council resolves to request Dr. Cleghorn to recommend a competent Officer for the former appointment, and to propose a plan of proceeding for him. Dr. Cleghorn will also be requested to give his opinion whether it will be expedient to employ a second Officer in the same manner.

5. The Government resolve also to request the Board of Revenue to prepare and lay before them a Statement of the financial result of the formation of the Conservancy Department, from its commencement to the end of the official year 1859-60, if possible. The Statement should exhibit the expenses of the Department, including salaries, on one side, and all receipts on the other; the value of timber on hand being shown as an asset.

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

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