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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India (Revenue), to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 24th June 1861, No. 45 :—

SIR,

1. I have considered in Council the letter from your Excellency in Council dated April 6th, No. 49, of this year, transmitting the Proceedings of your Government subsequent to those reviewed in my Despatch of August 16th, No. 58, of last year, on the important question of the management of the woods on the Neilgherries, with a view not only to the preservation of the timber, but also to the maintenance of a due supply of fuel at the Hill stations.

2. I concur with your Excellency in Council in the opinion that the system established last year cannot yet have had a sufficient trial, nor is it to be condemned on account of infringements of contracts by individuals.

3. The steps taken by you to enforce against the persons found guilty of such infringements, the penalties incurred by their breach of contract, together with the increase of establishment which you have sanctioned for the conservation of these woods, will, I doubt not have a very sensible effect in preventing a repetition of these offences. I trust also to the readiness expressed by you to make modifications in the instances in which Captain Babington may prove the new system to be defective.

4. I would, however, urge a prompt attention to one point which Mr. Thomas has urgently pressed upon your notice. I mean the making of cart tracks for the conveyance of the wood from the more distant sholas to the stations, which he states can be made with the labor of the Hill tribes at a moderate cost. This alone, must, it is evident, greatly decrease the scarcity of the commodity, while the outlay would in all probability be very shortly repaid.

ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1861, No. 1,598.

1. Communicated to the Board of Revenue and Conservator of Forests for information.

2 Adverting to paragraph 4, the Chief Engineer will be requested to report immediately what was done in pursuance of the Orders of Government in paragraph 9 of their Proceedings, dated 19th November 1860, No. 2,179, regarding an allotment of funds for the improvement of the roads to the Neilgherry sholas. If nothing has been done yet, the District Engineer will be directed at once to place himself in communication with the Collector and Conservator, and devise an inexpensive plan of effecting the object in view.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Conservator of Forests.
„ Chief Engineer.
„ Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

India Office
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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

No 21. (8) Progress of Govt. for August 1861.

Revenue,

24th June 1861.

Letter to Fort St. George,

No 45

Received on
23d July 1861
at Masulipatam.

Approving the Proceedings of Conservator with regard to the management of the Woods on the Godavery Series and urging a prompt attention to the making of a Cart track for the Conveyance of Wood.

With an order
No 1598. 9th Aug.

1 Communicated to Collector for information.
2 Advertising to have it done in pursuance of the orders of Govt. No 2179, regarding an allowance of 5 per cent on the Proceedings dated 19th Novr. 1860.
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for the improvement of the roads to the Godavery Forests.
the District Engineer with the above letter for the Collector's and Conservator's information.
to the Collector for information.
the Officer in charge
14 Copies Board of Revenue
12 " Conservator of Forests
13 " Chief Engineer
Collector of Rajahmundry

No 138 & 139

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