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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 7. 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, 23rd March 1861, No. 24:—

SIR,

1. I have considered in Council the letter from your Government, dated the 9th November, No. 123 of 1860, which enclosed Dr. Cleghorn's Report on the results of the management of the Forests of your Presidency for 1858-59.

2. These Proceedings appear to me very satisfactory, as evincing that very creditable care and attention has been bestowed on this important Department; and that while a conservancy, by which the resources of the country are husbanded, is maintained, there is also a considerable profit over and above the expenses of the Establishment.

3. As in my Despatches of the 21st of August, No. 60 of 1860, and of the 28th February last, No. 11, I expressed my opinion on points relating to this subject, it is needless that I should enter at length now on the further Report of Dr. Cleghorn. But I observe that in his 17th paragraph that Officer lays great stress upon the importance of the extension of the forest road, and the opening of a Pass at Ánamalai for the conveyance of timber to the Cochin back-water. As there is no Pass between Palghaut and the Aringole Pass it is obvious that such a road would confer a great advantage on some of the rich plains of Coimbatore, independently of its usefulness in conveying the timber of the forest to the coast. I trust, therefore, that the estimate for the Ánamalai Ghát, which I see has been some time before your Government, will not be lost sight of when funds are available for the purpose.

4. Your remarks on Dr. Cleghorn's Report appear to me to be judicious.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1861, No. 980.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Conservator of Forests and the Board of Revenue, for their information.

2. In paragraph 3 the Secretary of State dwells on the importance of making the road projected several years ago from the Anamalai Forest to the westward. The Government fully recognize the importance of this road; but under present circumstances, when so many valuable and remunerative works of irrigation, and so many roads of great public traffic, are in abeyance for want of funds, they cannot provide the money necessary for this work.

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

No. 980

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 2d May 1861

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Communicating the
Home Despatch to the
acting Conservator of Forests
and the Revenue Board,
appreciating the importance
of a Road from Anamalai Forest westwards but
regret the construction of
the same for want of
Funds.

No 708.