

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1486	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th July 1862.*

No. 119. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th May 1861,
No. 2,545:—

Read again Proceedings of Government, dated 30th April 1861, No. 958, Revenue Department.
(In Cons. 3rd May 1861, No. 2,746.)

1. The Board are decidedly of opinion that the road avenues should be in the Collector's charge, as he is able through the village authorities to exercise a real superintendence and to provide for their due maintenance and renewal at a very trifling expense if not free of all charge. The control of the Department Public Works has, the Board fear, generally resulted in creating a feeling of antagonism between the villagers and the Department. The former are perhaps sometimes needlessly checked in gathering the fruit and dead wood of trees which their own ancestors planted and they themselves have nurtured, the latter are not unfrequently charged with reckless thinning of avenues in order to find fuel for brick kilns connected with neighbouring works.

2. The Board would hold the villagers generally, and primarily the Pottail or Monegar, responsible that no wanton damage is done to the avenues, and that application is made when necessary for replacing dead trees, giving up to them at the same time the Usufruct, but reserving the results of extensive loppings or fellings for sale by auction.

3. The Board do not doubt that emulation would soon be excited. It should not be forgotten that all the finest avenues in the country have been planted by Natives, and that a beautiful tree is almost always held sacred. If Collectors are interested in the matter in their Districts they can effect much more than the District Engineer.

4. The Board doubt the feasibility of doing much for trees in Bungalow compounds by means of the Sepoys in charge, but they should be held responsible for guarding them from injury. The Board would suggest to all Collectors the plan of forming a small vegetable garden in the compounds of all Travellers' Bungalows, making over its care and the produce to the sepoy, who will sell the vegetables to travellers.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 120.

ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1862, No. 1,486.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,

Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

Memo

C. M. C. 31st July 55.
1st 1855 P. 22
Rev. Secy.

In May 1855 the Government, in passing orders on the subject of location of trees and tops generally, remarked "that avenue trees also should be protected as not present from depredation."

C. M. C. 31st July 55.
1st 921 p. 3
Rev. Secy.

In July 1855 the Government sanctioned Rspees 1500 for planting irrigation channels, for replanting old avenues, and planting new ones in Coimbatore.

C. M. C. 18th July 56
1st 1211 P. 20

In July 1856 the Government desired Dr. Cleghorn to favor them with his opinion relating to planting fruit and timber trees along the banks of channels.

C. M. C. 13th Oct. 56
1st 1855 P. 20

In October 1856 Dr. Cleghorn's views on the subject of planting trees along the irrigation Channels in this Presidency were communicated to the Chief Engineer for the information of the Officers of the Public Works Dept.

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In December 1856 the Govt.
transferred to the Public Works
Department the work of planting
channel banks and avenue trees.

Com. 11th Dec. 56
N. 1301

In January 1857 the Govt.
remarked that theft of avenue
trees or trespass committed on them
were punishable under the gene-
ral Regulations, and communica-
ted this opinion to all Magistrates
and District Engineers for their
information, calling their atten-
tion to the importance of pre-
venting such offences. The Magis-
trates were desired to instruct
their Subordinates to take prompt
and efficient notice of such acts,
and the Engineers were directed to
bring to the notice of Magistrates
and Tahsildars such cases.

Com. 12th Jan. 57
N. 1301

In March 1857 the Govt.
remarked that cases of cattle trespass
committed on avenue trees
would

Com. 24th March 57
N. 535

would be adequately dealt
with under section 15 of Act
III of 1857, and stated that
instructions would be issued
from the Judicial Department
for enforcing the provisions
of the Act.

Com. 6th Jan. 58
N. 911

In January 1858 the
Government directed that, as the
avenue trees in Tanjore were the
property of the Muzafedars, their
sale proceeds should remain
with the Collector, and be ap-
plied to such minor works to
improve the convenience of the
Villagers as cannot be charged
to the state.

Com. 31st March
1858. N. 587

In March 1858 the
Government confirmed their order
of 6th January 1858, N. 9 allowing
the avenue trees in Tanjore to
remain under the care of the
Collector, and remarked that
if the trees along the Trunk
Road

Road No 9 in that District were planted by the road on the Engineer Department, the charge of them would be made over to the District Eng.

In April 1858 the Govt stated that the operation of the order in Collect. Minutes of Consultation 31st March 1858 No 587 should be confined to Tanjore only, and should not be extended to other Districts.

In June 1858 the Acting Collector of Tirunelveli was authorized to hold at his disposal, the sale proceeds of avenue clippings in his District for the benefit of the villagers, as the trees were planted by them selves.

In their report on the subject of the taxation of trees in Tirunelveli the Boards of Revenue stated (para 21 of the Proceedings)

CM. No 21^a Apr 1858
No 768.

Col. Secy. June 1858
No 786.

Eng. Secy. 27th Oct. 1858
No 1351 para 26.

Proceedings) that avenue trees were considered as the property of Government, and that the sale proceeds of any fallen woods were carried to the public account. The Government remarked that this practice should be continued.

In October 1858 the Government directed that, as the protection and control of avenue trees in the Tanjore District was needed, in the Collectors, the officers of the Public Works Department should obtain their permission to cut them down when and as required for Public Works, that, as requested by the late Offg. Chief Engineer, the rules of felled trees in Tanjore, which were the property of the Princes, could not be restricted to one particular time of the year, in order to favor the Public Works Deptⁿ, and that, as due notice was given

Eng. Secy. 29th Oct 1858
No 7788.

given of the sales, it would be
in the Engineer's power to purchase
and store timber, if not immediately
required.

In December 1858 the
Government referred to the Collec-
tor of Tanjore for report; a letter
from the late Offg Chief Engineer,
stating his objections against
the Government order to purchase
and store wood, which may be
cut from avenue trees in Tanjore
at any time, and wishing
to know whether any fresh suc-
cuses are to be planted by the
Public Works Departments along
the roads in that District; or
whether that duty devolves on
the Collector.

EMC 14th Dec 58
No. 2613.

N^o.
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the May 1861

Read again the
 following letter from the
 Chief Engineer dated 9th
 and recorded in Progs. of Govt.
 dated 16th May 1861 N^o. 1045.

Read also the
 following Proceedings of the
 Board of Revenue.

(Here entered 17th May 1861 N^o. 2545)

Both the Board
 of Revenue and the Chief
 Engineer support the
 opinion of the Conservator
 of Forests that the road
 avenues in the Provinces
 should

I differ from the Revenue Board
 in the P.W. Dep^t to which the Road
 is entrusted must be the proper
 Dep^t to take charge of the avenue
 to look & secure the trees &c -
 there therefore no reason to make
 any change in existing arrange-
 ments - instructions can be
 given to District Eng^r to permit
 the collection of fruit &c.

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Expressing their opinion
 that the Road Avenues should
 be in the Collectors' charge, and
 suggesting certain measures
 relating to trees in Bangalore
 Compounds.

W. J. M.

should be replaced under the charge of the collectors. The Govt accordingly sanction the arrangement and request the Board to issue the necessary instructions to the collectors.

2. The proposal of the Board to give the usufruct of the trees to the Villagers, ⁱⁿ as a compensation for the conservancy and improvement of the avenues is approved. The proceeds of extensive lopplings or fellings should be reserved to Govt ~~and sold in auction~~ ^{not for the sake} of the money but to give ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~and~~ ^{and} hold out no inducement ~~to the vil-~~ ^{to the vil-} lagers to destroy the trees.

3. The trees in Bungalow Compounds should be entrusted to the ~~servants~~ ^{servants} in charge of these buildings and they should as the Board remark be held responsible for guarding

guarding them from injury. The ~~servants~~ ^{servants} at the Bungalows may also be encouraged to form small vegetable gardens and be allowed to sell the ~~produce of them~~ ^{produce to travellers}. I doubt he found willing to plant new trees and generally to improve the compounds attached to these useful buildings.

It is to be understood that ^{21/5/61} the care of the Avenue trees is thus transferred to the Res. Dept. for Ex-pect the officers of the P. W. Dept. to cooperate in the felling in their preservation.

more particularly
In the case of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~avenues~~ ^{avenues} planted by the Govt. I think it is along the roads under their charge, collectors will do well to take the utmost care of them. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. N. S.

J. N. S.

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Regarding road avenues and
trees in Bungalow compounds

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DR 50° 18' 18" 1847-49
18° 18' 18" 1847-49

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Expanding their opinion
that the Board of Revenue
should be in the position
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certain measures relative
to the in Bangalore
Compounds.

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Whitman Order

PL 1486-1869