

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department
25th September 1862.

No. 470. 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, 14th August 1862, No. 31:—

SIR,

1. I have considered in Council the letter from your Excellency in Council, numbered 25, and dated the 25th April last, which transmitted the Report of the Conservator of Forests for 1860-61.

2. As you have properly noticed the extreme delay which has taken place in submitting this Report, to which I also adverted in my Despatch of the 23rd of January, No. 3 of this year, I trust that the Report for 1861-62, will be received by the time you have fixed, so that you may have the opportunity of issuing any instructions which you may deem necessary before they are too late to be of any real use.

3. Although the actual financial profit of the year was much less than that of the year 1859-60, I am willing to allow that the advantages enumerated in paragraph 23 of the Conservator's Report, if obtained, as they seem to have been, may be fairly taken as counterbalancing the diminished receipts.

4. I am glad to see that the Overseer of the Madura Forest was able to report that the prohibition of coomree, which formerly was very prevalent in this District, had been "a perfect success." In other Districts, also, it seems to have been successfully discouraged. I entertain the hope that the authorities, by judiciously setting their faces against this destructive process of cultivation, will before long wholly stop it. The increasing demand for wood, both as fuel and timber, caused by the introduction of railways, makes the conservation of the forests and their economical management more than ever necessary. With reference to the remark in paragraph 22 of your Order of the 25th of April last, and to the accounts given by several Officers of the Forest Department of the waste now committed in preparing the timber of the forests for use, I think that it would be highly desirable that you should separately consider whether it might not be expedient to introduce one or two easily moveable steam sawing machines for use in those forests in which there is most difficulty in procuring labor, and where the timber is most valuable. With regard to the apprehensions of Captain Morgan, on the score of the prevalence to fever in the Annamallais, it seems to me that, if the machines are of a simple construction, and easily moveable from place to place, they ought not to require any great amount of skill to keep them in working order, and that the much larger amount of work which they are capable of executing in a short time would obviate the necessity of so long a stay in feverish localities as is requisite in the case of manual labor. At all events, though the subject is not free from difficulty, I recommend to your notice to consider whether such machines could not be profitably employed in the forests.

5. The establishment of one of these machines at Ootacamund, to be worked by water power, is supported by Captain Morgan on the grounds that it would be a boon to the public and a saving to your Government, and, as it could be worked apparently at little expense, seems highly desirable.

6. The suggestion made by Captain Morgan in paragraph 18, as to the expediency of placing the avenues under the charge of the Collectors, and making the heads of villages responsible for the proper care of the trees, appears to me judicious, and I trust that you will have acted on it. I presume, too, that your next letter on the Forest Department will inform me of your decision on the proposal to take a perpetual lease of the Mudumallai forest, for which, supposing it to be obtainable on reasonable terms, Captain Morgan seems to assign good reasons.

7. The accounts of the cultivation of tea on the hill ranges of your Presidency in this Report, as well as in the letter and enclosures from your Government of the 26th of May last, No. 37, which I received on the 5th ultimo, are gratifying from their favorable character. Nevertheless, as the plantations are not in that state to require the assistance of the skilled manufacturers whom Dr. Cleghorn two years ago suggested for them, I approve of your decision not to obtain the services of any such persons from Bengal.

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8. I cannot conclude this Despatch without calling your attention to the complaint of the Officiating Conservator of Forests, contained in paragraph 15 of his Report, where he attributes the delay in clearing the Kalamuddy to "the Department of Public Works being unable to furnish an Overseer for the work." With the considerable establishment at the disposal of the District Engineer of North Canara, the inability appears unaccountable, but if it really existed, it was the duty of the Head of the Public Works Department, to provide, from other Districts, or by some other means, for the completion of a work sanctioned for execution during the year, and from which an immediate large return was expected.

No. 471. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1862, No. 2,084.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Conservator of Forests and Board of Revenue, with reference to the Proceedings of Government 25th April 1862, No. 894.

2. The Conservator's Report for the year 1861-62, referred to in paragraph 2, has been received and considered by Government in Proceedings 19th instant, No. 2,040. It will immediately be forwarded to the Secretary of State with the Order just quoted.

3. Captain Beddome will be requested to report on the suggestion in paragraph 4 for the introduction of steam sawing machines for use in the forests; as also on Major Morgan's recommendation noticed in paragraph 5 for the establishment of a sawing machine at Ootacamund to be worked by water power.

4. The Board of Revenue, in communication with the Chief Engineer, will be good enough to submit their views on Major Morgan's suggestion in respect to the avenues referred to in paragraph 6.

5. The question of the renewal of the lease of the Mudumallai forest, noticed in the latter part of the same paragraph, is now under the consideration* of Government.

6. Referring to paragraph 7, it is observed that in supersession of their former Order on the subject, the Government have recently † applied to the Government of India for two Tea manipulators for service in this Presidency. This proceeding has been brought to the notice of the Home Government in Despatch of 12th instant, No. 62.

7. The subject of paragraph 8 will be considered in the Public Works Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

* G. O. 17th September 1862, No. 2,015.

† Proceedings of Government, 29th August 1862, Nos. 401-407.

Revenue Department

No. 2084

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Read the following Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India. -

Reviewing Forest Report for 1860/61. - (Here enter 14th Aug 1862 No. 31.)

1. *Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Conservator of Forests and Board of Revenue, with reference to the Proceedings of Govt. 25th April 1862 No. 894.*

2. *The Conservator's Report for the year 1861-62 referred to in para 2 has been received and considered by Govt. in Progs 19th instant No. 2040. It will immediately be forwarded to the Secretary of State with the Order just quoted.*

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 12th September 1862.
Despatched 15th 1862.
Received 16th 1862.

No. 6,097.

Submitting for information a letter from the
Collector of Bellary informing that provision
has been made in the Budget for the charge of
entertaining a Sepoy at the Travellers' Bungalows
at Yetimhatti.

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3. Captain Reddome
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on the suggestion in para
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in the Forests; as also on
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6. Referring to para

* No of Govt. 29 Aug. 1862
No 404 & 407

7. It is observed that
in supervision of this
former order on the subject,
the Govt. have recently
applied to the Govt of India
for two Sea Manipulators
for service in this Province.
This proceeding has been
brought to the notice of
the Hon. Govt. in Despatches
of R. M. 1st Inst. No 62.

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* G. O. 17 Sept. 1862 No 2015

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Order on Home Department
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Revenue Board Home
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