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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th March 1862.

No. 180. 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, 16th October 1861, No. 66:—

SIR,

1. I have had under my consideration in Council the letter from your Excellency in Council numbered 83 and dated the 13th of June 1861, transmitting a report with enclosures on the Forests of your Presidency by Dr. Cleghorn, the Conservator of Forests, for the year 1859-60, together with your remarks upon those papers.

2. I concur with your Excellency's opinion as to the satisfactory character of the report, and the credit due to Dr. Cleghorn for the interest displayed by him in this subject, and the zeal and energy with which he has devoted himself to the duties of his department. The proceedings now under reply are all embodied in Dr. Cleghorn's work which has just issued from the press, the information contained in them will, therefore, be accessible to any person interested in the subject; and will, I hope, be generally sought after.

3. I am glad to find that while the operations of the Conservancy Department have been considerably extended, the general profit derived from them has been larger than in former years, and that the sale of plants and seeds at the Government Gardens has largely increased.

4. The Nallamallai Forests of Kurnool seem likely to afford good sites for Teak Plantations, and it is to be hoped that Lieutenant Beddome's visit to them will result in a confirmation of this impression. It is also satisfactory to learn that, in the opinion of Dr. Cleghorn, the Sal Forests of Ganjam will repay the cost of European superintendence. The incidental benefit derived from the extension of these operations, in the civilization of the wild tribes, inhabiting these forest tracts by training them to regular and useful employment is by no means to be overlooked, and the most beneficial results may be expected from it. The Officers of the department should continue to direct their attention to this point.

5. It is gratifying to learn that Dr. Cleghorn is sanguine as to the successful cultivation of Tea in the Southern Provinces of India. With respect to the importance of the employment of skilled manufacturers which the Conservator dwells on so much, I must remark that I have received no acknowledgment of my Despatch of the 31st of October last, No. 73, in which I sanctioned, as an exceptional case, the grant of aid for this purpose for a limited time, nor do I find that Despatch included in the Quarterly Statement of Despatches remaining unanswered up to the 30th of June 1861. It appears, however, from your Proceedings of the 5th of January last, that you were of opinion that the grant of land made to Mr. Rae for Tea Plantations, lessened the necessity for the grant of this assistance, though you sought further advice on the matter. I shall doubtless be furnished with the result of your deliberations on the opinions which you may receive on this point; but it seems to me that, if the necessity for instruction in the manufacture of Tea was as great as was represented to me last year, it would not be diminished by the circumstance of Mr. Rae's operations from which no result can be obtained for several years to come until the plants should be old enough to admit of the leaves being picked.

No. 181. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1862, No. 541.

1. Ordered that a copy of this Despatch be furnished to the Acting Conservator of Forests and the Board of Revenue for their information.

4th April 1860, No. 690, paragraph 4.
18th June ,, P. W. No. 1,285.
18th July ,, ,, ,, 1,188.
17th August ,, ,, ,, 1,382.

2. Captain Morgan will be requested to report with reference to the orders of Government quoted in the margin, what progress has been made in exploring the Nullamallai Forests.

3. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Despatch, the early attention of the Board of Revenue will be called to paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, dated 5th January 1861, which required a report from them on the subject of any assistance being rendered by Government in procuring persons skilled in the manufacture of Tea to teach the art to those engaged or wishing

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to engage in the culture of the plant, and to decide whether Tea of a marketable quality could be made from plants grown on the Hills. When the further papers on the subject are forwarded to the Secretary of State it will be explained to him that his letter dated 31st October 1860, No. 73, did not require a reply and was not therefore included in the usual statement of unanswered Despatches, and that it is not the practice of this Office simply to acknowledge the receipt of Despatches which required no reply.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Revenue Dept

No 541.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 12th ~~December~~ March 1862

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

Approving the Proceedings
of Madras Government on
the Report of Dr Cleghorn
on the Forests of Madras
Presidency for 1859/60 and
desiring to learn the results
of deliberations of Madras Govt
respecting the manufacture of
Tea.

(Nevercotter 16th October 1861
No 66)

Ordered that a
copy of this dispatch be
furnished to the Acting
Conservator of Forests and
the Board of Revenue
for their information.

Captain

2- Captain Morgan will be requested to report with reference to the orders of Government quoted in the margin, what progress has been made in exploring the Nullamullai Forests.

4th April 1860 No 690 para 4
18th June " P.C. No 1285
18th July " " 1188
17th Augt " " 1382.

3- With reference to para 5 of the Despatch, the early attention of the Board of Revenue will be called to para 2 of the order of Government dated 8th January 1861 which required a report from them on the subject of any assistance being rendered by Govt in promoting the Tea leaves makers of Tea to into a marketable article of commerce. When the further papers on the subject are forwarded to the Secretary of State it will be

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Order on Rev Dis ct No 66.

Regarding Dr Leghorns
Forest report

Revenue 1902 Defendants
Pro: Forest Reserves.

No 3741.

Pro: of Western Australia Forest Reserves
Dr 12th March 02

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Book Reports on the Forest Reserves
of Western Australia for 1902
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