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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd January 1863.

Read the following letters :—

No. 292. From W. G. McIVOR, Esq., Superintendent Government Chinchona Plantations, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated Ootacamund, 7th January 1863, No. 80.

SIR,

1. Last evening I had the honor to receive the Telegram marginally noted ; and as there appears to be some misapprehension, I hasten to inform the Government that not a tree has been felled near the Pycara Falls since November last, and then only a space of one Acre for a nursery ; the reason why I selected this spot for the first nursery was that it was considerably removed from the forest we intended to fell for the Chinchona plantations, and consequently the plants would not be damaged by the fire while burning the forest ; it was also convenient for watering. Although this small piece was felled in November, it is only now sufficiently dry to admit of the operations of lopping and burning, and preparing the nursery beds ; a few men at the present moment are employed at this work, and perhaps visitors to the falls have erroneously conceived these operations to be the precursor of the destruction of the entire forest. Such however is not the case, as it never was intended to fell another tree on the water fall face of the hills.

No. 8.
Message received by Telegraph.
From Secretary to Government, Madras, to W. G. McIvor, Esq., Ooty.
Words 21.

Stop felling the wood near the Pykara Falls until further Orders. This order must be acted on immediately.—6th-17-5.

(Signed) J KNOP,
Inspector in charge.

Her Majesty's Telegraph Office,
6th January 1863.

2. The forest now being felled for the Chinchona plantations is not within sight of the water falls, being on the opposite face of the hills, viz., north and east, while the forest on the water-fall side faces west and south, being an exposure unsuited for the growth of Chinchonas, and consequently it never was intended to fell this forest for a Chinchona plantation.

3. The formation of the Chinchona plantation in the neighbourhood of the falls, so far from detracting from the charms nature has given to this spot, will, I submit, vastly add to them, inasmuch as the roads formed for the plantations will render the water falls easily accessible, and available for hundreds who under present circumstances cannot visit them.

No. 293. From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Coimbatore, 15th January 1863, No. 1.

SIR,

I have received Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, and their order thereon, dated 6th January 1863, No. 7, and in accordance with the instructions contained therein have visited the proposed site for the Pycara Chinchona plantation. The plantation will not be within sight of the falls, but on the eastern slope of the hill, that locality in fact pointed out by Colonel Hamilton as best suited for the purpose. The felling of the jungle is now being carried on there, and has not been interfered with pending further orders from Government, as it is of importance that it should be speedily finished, and there can be no doubt as to the judicious selection of the site. At the lower extremity of the Sholah hanging over the falls one Acre of wood was felled (in September or October I think) for a nursery, which is now being formed. No further felling was contemplated there, the nursery will be removed this year and its site planted out with Chinchonas. Mr. McIvor chose this spot for the nursery, as he was afraid to form it on the side of the hill, where the plantation is to be, in case of any injury to the young plants from fire when the felled jungle is fired. I believe the precaution to be a judicious one. Mr. McIvor seems to be quite as enthusiatic in his admiration of the falls and the surrounding scenery as most people, and I venture to express an opinion that within the next twelve months they will be rendered more accessible and attractive than they have hitherto been.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd January 1863.

No. 294. ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1863, No. 150.

The Government are glad to find that the plantation will not affect the scenery about the Pycara Falls, within sight of which felling will not be allowed.

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

for the growth of Chinchonas, and consequently it never was intended to fell this forest for a Chinchona plantation –

3– The formation of the Chinchona plantation in the neighborhood of the falls, so far from detracting from the charms of Nature, has given to this spot, will assuredly add to them, inasmuch as the roads formed for the plantations will render the water falls easily accessible and available for hundreds who under present circumstances cannot visit them –

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Supt. of Chinchona Plantations

No 150.

The Jrt. are glad to find that the Manr. Waters will not affect the Scenery about the Pycara Falls- nither

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Light of which falling will not be allowed.

From Lt Colonel
23d January 63
Copy to the Collr of Coimbatore Resp. 24
" Supt Anicuts Plantations
" Supt Cochi
" Asst Secy to Govt

No 292 - 293 & 294.

Ootacamund 6th January 1863.
Copy in a letter to Govt
of 11th January 63 No 1 Revenue
Forwarded

1863 Revenue Dept
From Govt Nos 150-1

The Collr of Coimbatore
To The Secy to Government
Dated 15th January 1863
Rec'd 19th
No 1

In forwarding the accompanied the Site proposed for the Pykara Chinchona Plantation & states that the selection of the site is judicious & best suited for the purpose

No 150-23 Copy with an Order

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