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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th November 1863.*

No. 68. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th October 1863, No. 6,599:—

Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th September 1863, No. 153.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Board's Proceedings under date the 18th September, forwarding for report on paragraphs 9 and 12, copy of an address presented by certain inhabitants of Kurnool to His Excellency Sir W. Denison.

2. With reference to paragraph 9, I am of opinion that the tree-less nature of the country round Kurnool is to be attributed solely to the small depth of soil, and that no outlay of money could remedy the existing state of things. Avenues have been planted and tended by the Department Public Works along all the high roads leading from Kurnool; very great expense has been incurred in the attempt, which after a lapse of five or six years must be considered utterly abortive. There are stunted rows of trees in existence, but the shallow depth of soil renders their growth out of the question. I consider that any expenditure from the Jungle Conservancy Fund on this portion of the District, except to plant trees on the soil raised for the bank of the Company's Canal, would be a waste of this valuable resource. The "barren plains" round Kurnool are a touch of fancy: the plains constitute a fertile arable country; but with a depth of soil ranging from eighteen to six inches, the plantation of topes of trees for any purpose whatever is an impossibility.

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4. I am glad to state that the strenuous exertions of Doctor Keess, Zillah Surgeon, and the Deputy Collector Ragoonadha Row, have set on foot a Municipal Association for the improvement of the Town of Kurnool. This will form the subject of a separate report, which is delayed only till the accounts of the collections for the purpose are closed.

5. I fear it will be long before the people in the villages will be advanced enough to attempt such a movement, but it might be well to encourage any feeble efforts that may be made, by the promise of a grant from the Pound Fund equal to subscriptions.

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to Government Order dated 17th September 1863, No. 1,705, Revenue Department.

2. The Government are aware that the attention of Collectors has for some time past been directed by the Board to the subject of forming plantations by means of the Village Jungle Conservancy Fund, but the features of the country immediately round Kurnool would seem to render any such attempts in that locality useless. The Board are confident that Mr. Minchin will make the best use of the funds that are at his disposal for this purpose.

3. The Board have already instructed Collectors to adopt where possible the system of grants-in-aid of local efforts at improvement from the District Conservancy Fund to which the surplus "Cattle Trespass" Fines are credited.

4. Their orders had more particular reference to the village roads, but wherever the resident Ryots may raise funds for sanitary improvements in their villages, the Board consider that it would be a most legitimate application of the Local Fund, to supplement their subscriptions by an equivalent grant therefrom, and Extract from these Proceedings will be circulated to all Collectors for information and guidance on the subject.

5. They will of course use their discretion in applying the rule, and will take due precautions to prevent misapplication of the funds.

No. 69. ORDER THEREON, 6th November 1863, No. 1,996.

1. The Government observe that besides the formation of plantations from the proceeds of the Village Jungle Conservancy Fund, lands for topes are granted on very liberal terms. Waste land is granted for private topes and firewood plantations, free of assessment for twenty years; and in situations approved by the Collector public topes may be planted free of assessment for ever. It is possible that these rules may not be generally known. The Board will instruct Collectors to republish them in their District Gazettes and otherwise communicate them to the people.

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2. The Government concur in the views expressed in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings. It is very desirable that every legitimate effort should be exerted to encourage the people to improve the sanitary condition of their villages.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to J. I. Minchin, Esq., Collector of Kurnool.

Exd. J. Wright.

Revenue Department
17-1996

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 6th October 1863:-

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No. 17. September 1863. 1-21-22

Revenue Department
1863
No. of order 2501

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No. 2501.

Dated 14th October 1863.
Sd/-
2501/2.

No. 6590.

17-1996. 6th Oct

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J. S. S.

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No. 10 of Gen. Order

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[Signature]

Letter from the Com
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Nov 1863.