

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 7

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th January 1862.*

No. 12. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 6th January 1862, No. 22:—

Communicating letter from Lieutenant-Colonel D. Hamilton, } (Vide Public Proceedings, 6th January
suggesting that the hanging wood over the cataract of Pykara } 1863, Nos. 30, 31.) ✓
river on the Neilgherries may be saved from destruction.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1863, No. 7.

1. The attention of the Collector of Coimbatore will be drawn to the representation made by Lieutenant-Colonel Hamilton regarding the operations now in progress for opening a Chinchona plantation in the neighbourhood of the Pykara water-fall. Mr. McIvor was some time ago instructed to leave a sufficient fringe of wood along the banks of the river, but from information which has reached the Government it is understood that a clearing has been made and a hut erected immediately in sight of the lower water-fall. Mr. McIvor will now be directed by Telegraph to suspend his felling operations until the locality can be visited by the Collector, who will inspect it with as little delay as possible in company with Mr. McIvor, and will select a site for the plantation sufficiently remote from the river, not to interfere with the scenery about the falls. Colonel Hamilton, it is observed, speaks of there being a large portion of the same wood on the eastern slope of the hill above the falls which appears to be equally adapted for Chinchona cultivation.

2. Ordered that the following Telegram be despatched:—

“Stop felling the wood near the Pykara falls until further orders. This order must be acted on immediately.”

(Signed.) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel DOUGLAS HAMILTON, 44th Regiment N. I., on special duty visiting Hill Ranges; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 2nd January 1863.

1. Referring to my letter dated 29th October 1862 in which I proposed visiting the Bullerungam Mountains in Mysore, I have the honor to state, that from information received regarding a range of Hills near Manantoddy called the Brummaghéries situated in proximity to the Wynad Coffee Estates on the borders of the Heggadavencotta Talook in the Astragram Division on the summit of which I understand there is a fine plateau at an elevation of about 6,000 feet above the level of the sea easy of access. It may be considered of more importance with reference to their locality that in the first instance this range hitherto I believe unexplored should be visited and reported on, and which with the sanction of Government I purpose doing during the present cold season.

2. I trust it will not be considered out of place if I mention for the consideration of Government that the site lately selected for Cinchona operations in the valley of the Pykara river will materially affect one of the most picturesque and beautiful spots on the Neilgherries, the hanging wood over the falls of the river being doomed to destruction thereby utterly depriving the scene of its chief ornament. The Pykara falls is one of the sights on the Hills much appreciated by residents and visited by strangers.

3. I fear however in bringing this to notice I may be too late as I perceive operations have already commenced, but I deem it advisable to mention it for the information of Government as a large portion of the same shola at the back of the Hill in the eastern slope seems equally well adapted for the purpose, and I would venture to suggest that the whole of the forest within sight of the falls may if possible be preserved intact.

ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1863, No. 22.

His Excellency the Governor in Council approves and sanctions Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton's proposal to visit and report on the Brummagherry Hills during the present cold season.

2. The representation made by Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton with reference to the operations commenced for the cultivation of Cinchona in the immediate vicinity of the Pykara waterfall, will be considered in the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

A. J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secretary.

To Lieut. Colonel Douglas Hamilton.
To the Collector of Malabar.
„ Revenue Department. ✓
„ Civil Paymaster.

20th Jan 1863

No. 7

Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 11th January 1863.

Read the following
Proc. of the Madras Govt in the
Public Department -

communicating a letter from Lt. Col. Hamilton suggesting that the hanging wood over the cascade of Pykara river on the hillsides may be saved from destruction.

(Here enter 6th Jan. 1863 No. 22)
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Cable to the Secy. to Govt. 11th Jan. 1863
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Copy to the Colony Commissioner of Works Pro? Despatch
at Uperche Plantation? P. D. 1822
New Bedford -
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Cable in a letter to me
of 11th January 1883 / ^{the} _{month}

of December 1863 Report
of the Joint Commission

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Also of the Minutes of
the 18th January 1863.

from the 18th January 1863.

from the 18th January 1863.

of 1863.

Mr. W. W. Brown

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selling wood near
of the same until further
orders.

No 12573.