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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th May 1863.

No. 100. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Educational Department, dated 5th May 1863, No. 128:—

Requesting the issue of orders to the Conservator of Forests for placing at the disposal of Major Farewell the Shola adjoining the Lawrence Asylum for auxiliaries in building the Asylum. } (Vide Educational Proceedings, 5th May 1863, Nos. 7—9.)

No. 101. ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1863, No. 803.

Forwarded to the Acting Conservator of Forests for his information and guidance.

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

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 24th April 1863, No. 35.

For the last two days I have been with Major Farewell, inspecting the proposed site for the Lawrence Asylum and looking out for a place protected from the prevailing winds for the location of the convicts expected up from Salem. In view to expediting matters I beg that Government will, as soon as possible, authorize the Conservator of Forests to place at Major Farewell's disposal the Shola adjoining the Lawrence Asylum site, the wood is immediately required for the construction of convict lines, and must ultimately be used in the burning of bricks. To save time I write without communicating with the Conservator of Forests, who would not probably feel inclined to make over the Shola to Major Farewell without referring the matter to Government.

From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore,; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 27th April 1863, No. 38.

In continuation of my letter of the 24th instant, No. 35, I beg to forward copy of one just received from the Officiating Conservator of Forests objecting to the transfer to the Public Works Department of the Shola near the site of the Lawrence Asylum "for Auxiliaries in building the Asylum."

2. With regard to the objections urged in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the Conservator's letter, I quite agree with him that if the old Shola were retained, it would add much to the beauty of the locality, but when the question of beauty is brought in competition with that of expense, I feel that it must give way to the latter—much can be done in future by the Lawrence Asylum boys by planting Australian trees to restore the lost beauty.

3. I can hardly imagine that it was ever intended that the Government should be so tied down as is stated in paragraph 4 of the Conservator's letter, the decision of that point lies with Government.

From Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests; to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated Camp Ootacamund, 28th April 1863, No. 508.

With reference to the Shola near the site of the Lawrence Asylum being given up for Auxiliaries in building the Asylum, I have the honor to bring the following points to your notice for consideration.

1. The Davie Shola was fixed upon as the best source for the supply of wood for Ootacamund, and a good road has been made to it at considerable expense, the chief reason in fixing on this large Shola was that the smaller Sholas near Ootacamund should be preserved. The Lawrence Asylum is to be built close to this road, and considerably nearer the Davie Shola than Ootacamund is.

2. It will be a great pity to fell this Shola near the Asylum as it will add much to the beauty of the site.

3. It will not moreover be enough for the requirements of the Asylum, and the Davie Shola will have to be resorted to in the end.

4. The firewood Contractors have purchased the contract for felling in the Davie Shola for Rupees 3,500 for the year with a guarantee that felling is not to be allowed elsewhere, they will consequently be allowed to throw up their contract.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Collector.

ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1863, No. 128.

Communicated to the Revenue Department, in view to orders being issued to the Conservator of Forests to place at Major Farewell's disposal the Shola adjoining the Lawrence Asylum site. It is presumed that a part only of the Shola in question will be required, and care should be taken to prevent the destruction of any trees not absolutely needed. Major Farewell will be instructed in the Department of Public Works to confer on this point with the Acting Conservator of Forests who will take steps to replant the Shola as soon as possible.

(True Extract.)

L. J. Cumberland

Chief Secretary

To the Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd, T. McMootry.

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Refer to an Order
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No. 1804/101.

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Fort St. George
9 May 1863.

To the Conservator of Forests
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