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23rd February 1865.*

No. 464. Read the following Report of the Conservator of Forests for the official year 1863-64.

No. 465. ORDER THEREON, 23rd February 1865, No. 410.

**Forests, No. 14.**

1. A summary of the operations of the Conservancy Department having been given in the Administration Report of the year 1863-64, the Governor in Council proceeds to notice in detail those parts of the Acting Conservator's Report which need special notice.

2. The expenditure of the Department amounted to Rupees 2,04,303.

3. The receipts amounted to Rupees 2,43,642, or Rupees 39,339 more than the expenditure.

4. In the course of the year timber valued at Rupees 96,512 was added to the stock, which previously amounted to Rupees 4,82,362. The total stock on hand at the commencement of the current year was Rupees 5,78,874.

**CUDDAPAH FORESTS.**

5. The report of the Acting Sub-Assistant Conservator, Mr. Yarde, on these forests, is very satisfactory; the revenue has increased from Rupees 10,721 to Rupees 21,651, and clandestine felling has been greatly checked.

6. The failure of Mr. Yarde's endeavours to form plantations of Red Saunders wood should not lead to the discontinuance of the experiment, to which Government attach importance. A more careful regard to the season of sowing will probably produce more satisfactory results.

7. The Collector will instruct his subordinates to use every effort to check the practice of firing the grass in dangerous proximity to forest tracts. The increasing demand for firewood renders it essential that measures should be steadily adopted to prevent the waste of the existing supply, care being taken at the same time not to encroach on the prescriptive rights of the Ryots. The Railway Company no doubt consume a large quantity of fuel, but as they are charged the same price as private individuals, the only precaution necessary is to regulate the felling on their account both as to quality and locality, according to the supply available. Care should also be taken to preserve the portions cleared of fuel until they can recover themselves, and by this means as well as by judicious planting, the increasing consumption may be counterbalanced. The taxing of Indigo Vats, &c., would not bring in any material income, and is unnecessary if the license rules are duly enforced. The Government will be prepared to consider any application which the Acting Conservator may feel himself justified in recommending, for a larger number of Peons.

**NORTH ARCOT.**

8. The Government have placed under the Forest Department all the tracts in this District which will repay conservancy. The revenue, though small, is rising, but some time must elapse before the extensive felling of past years can be made good. The Poligars are not likely to rent their forests to Government and the only alternative open is to employ a sufficient number of Peons to prevent clandestine felling in the adjoining Government forests.

**KURNOOL.**

9. The revenue from the Nullamullay forest in this District has greatly increased, having risen from 17,288 last year to Rupees 37,288 in 1863-64. The extension of the Railway and the works of the Irrigation Company will doubtless create a continued demand for timber and fuel, and this must be provided for by careful conservancy and planting. Some of the Australian Acacias, which flourish so well on the Neilgherries, might be tried on the Nullamullays with advantage.

10. The Sub-Assistant complains that the village officers do not afford the assistance they ought to render in checking illicit felling. The Collector's attention will be drawn to this state-

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ment. The Conservator will report whether the sanctioned rewards are paid to village officers when timber is seized on their information.

MUDUMALLAY.

11. This forest shews a nominal deficit of Rupees 22,005. This is owing to the rule prohibiting inter-departmental cash payments having been brought into operation. The stock of timber on hand has been increased by Rupees 37,883, and now amounts altogether to Rupees 1,43,304.

12. As a fresh lease of the forest has lately been taken, the planting of Teak and other trees should be systematically carried out.

13. The demand for timber at Ootacamund is not likely to be sufficient to render it a profitable undertaking to improve the Segoor Ghât sufficiently to admit of Traction engines being used on it.

SEGOOR.

14. The financial results are much the same as last year. The operations have been limited to the felling of Sandal-wood. The attention of the Public Works Department has been directed to the improvement of the roads to the Mysore frontier.

WELLINGTON PLANTATIONS.

15. The Government are glad to learn that the growth of the trees in this Plantation has been satisfactory, and that a fair return may be expected in the current year. The mistakes made in the planting last year are not creditable, and their recurrence must be effectually prevented.

NEILGHERRY SHOLAS.

16. The re-planting of the Sholas on the Neilgherries is important, and should be steadily carried out.

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17. The absence of demand for timber has continued, and of course affected the revenue.

It is satisfactory to find that no case of Kumery occurred during the year.

SOUTH CANARA.

18. The revenue from the forests in this District was Rupees 20,318, or more than thrice that of the preceding year; 6,000 plants of Teak and 31,000 of Black-wood have been set out, and timber of the value of Rupees 13,650 added to stock. These results are satisfactory. The discovery of a valuable new tree is important, a few seasoned logs should be sent to Madras when an opportunity offers for trial.

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19. The prevalence of fever and difficulty of procuring labor kept down the revenue from these plantations; the receipts, however, nearly covered a moiety of the expenditure, and a stock of wood valued at Rupees 35,600 is on hand. The number of seedlings planted out was 71,000, but the season was extremely unfavorable for planting, 2,000 acres were needed. These Teak plantations promise hereafter to be of great value, and the Government wish particular attention paid to the pruning, thinning, &c., of the tracts planted out, as well as their extension.

SALEM.

20. These forests produced a net revenue of Rupees 17,173. It is to be regretted that native proprietors of forests are so regardless of their own interests as to allow their forests to be denuded of timber.

ANNAMALLAYS.

21. The sales in this forest were only sufficient to cover the expenditure, but there is a very large stock of first class Teak reserved until the Admiralty decide as to its purchase for Dock-yard purposes. The total stock of timber was worth Rupees 2,83,000.

22. The recent orders of the Supreme Government prohibiting inter-departmental cash payments will lead to the Public Works and other Departments drawing more largely on the

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Government forests, but the tendency of the system to induce valuable timber to be used where wood of lower value would suffice has to be guarded against.

23. The other forests do not need special notice.

24. The Government consider that forest conservancy in this Presidency is steadily improving, and they regard the report above reviewed as on the whole satisfactory and encouraging.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

„ the Board of Revenue.  
„ the Public Works Department.  
„ the Collector of Cuddapah.  
„ the Collector of Kurnool.

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under date the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1864

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