

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1709	Press Mis.
Dated	20. 7.	1866.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,

10th July 1866.

No. 206. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp, Ootacamund, 30th June 1866, No. 1,877:—

1. Alluding to G. O. No. 1,510 of the 20th of June 1866, requesting me to report upon the latter part of paragraph 4 of the Secretary of State's Despatch, dated 9th of May 1866, No. 15, I have the honor to inform you that Government have already sanctioned the strict reservation of 5,000 acres of firewood jungle at the extreme western limit of the Coimbatore District, and near the line of Railway, and this subject is now receiving my attention. Lieutenant Walker also is giving his attention to the locomotive fuel requirements in the Salem District, and the reservation and conservancy of the tracts of firewood jungles near Altoor and Malliapooram. This method will always be far less expensive than forming plantations, and if cattle and fire can be kept out of these tracts, and felling carried on with system, and some attention given to conservancy, the yield of firewood will be considerably enhanced.

2. Dr. Cleghorn and I had several consultations on the subject of forming plantations to meet the future fuel requirements of the Railway, and we agreed that if the Locomotive Department continued to use firewood as fuel to a great extent, it would eventually be necessary to form large plantations in the following localities:—

First, near Errode.

Second, near Bangalore.

Third, beyond Cuddapah.

Fourth, near Arcunum.

West of Coimbatore the humidity of the climate will always ensure an abundant supply of fuel without artificial planting.

3. Full information from the Railway Company seems necessary on the following points:—

First.—Source of present supply.

Second.—Their experience as to what timbers yield the best fuel.

Third.—Estimate of prospective requirements.

4. Plantations of this kind will have to be undertaken by Government or the Railway Department, as it is not probable that private enterprise will ever do any thing in this way.

No. 207. ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1866, No. 1,709.

Forests, No. 2.

1. The Officiating Conservator should at once communicate with the Collectors concerned, in view to the reservation of suitable tracts in the neighbourhood of Arcunum, Cuddapah, and Errode. He will in due course report his arrangements for preserving and working the tracts.

2. The papers relating to the subject of fuel reserves for Railway purposes will be communicated to the Commissioner of Mysore, with reference to the proposal to establish a reserve near Bangalore.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

„ the Board of Revenue.

Edw. S. T. Augustin.

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Report to England

11th March 1866
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Forest Department.

From
The Conservator of Forests,

From the Office of the Conservator of Forests
22nd July 1866 No. 209

To
The Acting Secretary to
The Admiralty
Port of London.

Dated 20th June 1866
Received 30th July 1866

No. 1877

Enclosure No.

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