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No. 122. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Revenue,) to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 16th May 1866, No. 16:—

1. I have considered in Council the Despatch from your Excellency, in the Revenue Department, numbered 1, Miscellaneous, Forests, and dated the 23rd of February last, forwarding the Report of the Acting Conservator of Forests for the year 1864-65.

2. There was a considerable delay both in passing and sending home your orders on these reports; and as the subject of them is of great interest, I request that you will use your exertions to ensure future reports being placed before me with greater punctuality.

3. I concur with your Excellency in Council that the report shows that the Department was satisfactorily worked during the year under review. The net profit of the year is Rupees 1,33,911, while the stock on hand has increased to the extent of Rupees 68,830. And at a time when all the energies of the Department will be required to meet the constantly increasing demands for timber and firewood, it is very satisfactory to find that success has attended the plantations and nurseries which have been formed in various parts of the Presidency. I need hardly remark that this does not diminish the necessity of strict attention to the conservancy of the older forests and jungles which supply firewood. I observe that Major Morgan speaks of the supply of firewood in the Neilgherries as having been abundant, and says that it will be abundant for five years owing to the Deva Sholah having been felled. I trust that this does not mean that all future supply from this Shola, which used to be very productive, has been sacrificed to the obtaining a supply which will be exhausted in five years.

4. The discovery of another new timber tree of the Sâl species *(Dipterocarpus Indicus)*, hitherto unknown in the south of India, in South Canara, is very interesting. A specimen of it should be added to the collection now preparing for the Reporter on the Products of India in this country.

5. I shall wish to hear the result of the farther inquiries which you made as to the large tract of sandal-wood discovered to the extreme north of the Anamallays, and as to the value of the Sâl Forests of Goomsoor.

6. The advantage of Government obtaining leases of the Forests held by private individuals has been more than once adverted to in the Despatches from this country on Forest matters. The present report confirms the opinion that, wherever leases can be obtained at a reasonable cost, the opportunity of so doing should not be neglected.

7. You have, I am glad to see, professed your readiness to attend to the suggestions of the Conservator when they are brought before you in a definite shape. There is, however, a suggestion of Major Gib, the Deputy Conservator of Wynaad, which it seems to me should be at once attended to. I allude to the prevention of future disputes with the Pulpully Temple by marking by clear and permanent marks, wherever necessary, the boundary which has now been laid down.

8. Mr. Turnbull's remarks as to the success which attended his administration of cobweb pills in cases of fever, where quinine had failed, are interesting; and should you not have already communicated them to the Medical Board, I think that it would be well that you should do so.

No. 123. ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1866, No. 1,972.

Forests, No. 7.

1. Communicated to the Acting Conservator of Forests for his information and guidance. He will attend to the requisition in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Despatch.

2. The suggestion made in paragraph 7, and referred to the penultimate paragraph of Major Gib's Administration Report, printed in Appendix P to the Acting Conservator's Annual Report for 1864-65, should be carried out along with the demarcation of Wynaad Forests sanctioned in G. O. of 3rd May 1866, No. 1,054, to prevent future boundary disputes with the Pulpully Temple.

3. The Acting Conservator will call upon Mr. Turnbull to furnish the Inspector General of the Medical Department with his remarks as to the success that attended his administration of cobweb pills in cases of fever in which quinine proved ineffectual.

4. The Acting Conservator will submit an approximate estimate of the area of the Deva Sholah, and of the quantity of wood on it, *excluding* in *both* cases the land made over to Messrs. Money and Wanchope.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Acting Conservator of Forests.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

Reviewing, with instructions, the Report of the Forest Conservancy dept. for 1864/5.—

Recd. dated from Honorable the S. for India.—

(Here enter 16th May No 16/—

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