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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Read the following papers:—

No. 112. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th February 1867, No. 1,049.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th January 1867, No. 16.

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 19th January, communicating Government Order, No. 88, of the 11th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the Ramalakota "Firewood Plantation" is necessary for the supply of firewood to the town of Kurnool, which is situated some thirty-five miles from the hills from which the present supply is obtained.

2. As near Kurnool there is no Government waste land suitable for a plantation, Mr. Sullivan chose this spot, situated on the north bank of the Toombudra, and has had Casuarina and Nalla-Tumma trees planted in it.

3. There are employed on it, a Gardener on 6 Rupees per mensem, and a Pakaly on 9 Rupees.

4. The plantation was commenced in July 1866.

Before submitting the above letter to Government, with reference to the Proceedings, Revenue Department, dated 11th January 1867, No. 171, the Board wish to know the source from which the Gardeners and Pakaly are paid. They desire also to be informed what other expenses have been incurred on the plantation, and whether any, and if any, what enlargement of it is contemplated. They observe that 5¼ acres is but a small extent for a plantation designed to supply a large town with firewood. They would wish to know what fuel costs at Kurnool, and what especial reason there is for Government interfering and undertaking its growth and supply.

No. 113. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st April 1867, No. 2,066.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th February 1867, No. 33.

1 With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th instant, No. 1,049, I have the honor to state that the Gardener and Pakaly, attached to the firewood plantation, are paid from the Jungle Conservancy Funds. Besides this, a sum of Rupees 213-7-6 has been expended from the same fund for fencing, pitting, and planting the 5¼ acres.

2. I hear Mr. Sullivan intended to extend the plantation gradually to 100 acres, should the present experiment prove successful.

3. Firewood when sold by retail costs about four pies* a bundle, weighing 5 lbs. on the average, and when sold by the cart-load costs 3½ to 4 Rupees per cart.

* One-third of an anna.

4. It is very necessary that this plantation, which has been commenced, should not be abandoned. There is no scrub jungle any where near Kurnool, and all the firewood now consumed has to travel a long distance, and it is to be feared as the railway extends and consumes the firewood from the forests, that the neces-

sary supply for the consumption of this neighbourhood will be, if not quite stopped, so raised in price as to be unobtainable at all by persons of moderate incomes. The heat too of Kurnool is so great in this and the approaching three months that every means should, in my opinion, be adopted for encouraging and taking in hand any wood cultivation that is practicable, and would be probably attended with favorable sanitary results.

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1. The Board observe that the price of firewood in Kurnool appears to be 9½ Rupees per ton.

2. They wish to know the price at which Mr. Chase thinks he will be able to sell firewood from the plantation at Ramalacottah, and the data on which his calculations rest.

3. They note that the annual expenditure on the plantation is Rupees 35 per acre.

4. They would be glad to know what arrangements are in force for conserving the forests on the Nullamalay Hills, and whether they are sufficient to attain the object.

No. 114. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th July 1867, No. 4,263.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on Circuit at Pyapully, 27th May 1867, No. 143.

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,066, dated 1st April last, I have the honor to inform you that firewood from the plantation near Kurnool may be sold on an average at 2 Rupees a bandy load.

2. At present 1,200 young trees of Casuarina have been planted, and they will not be fit for felling for the next four years. Afterwards quarter of the number may be cut and sold every year, the trees felled being replaced by young ones. This will give about 250 bandies of wood, and may fetch 500 Rupees at the above rate.

3. Against this must be set the cost of felling and carriage, which, I think, may amount to Rupees 300, thus leaving a balance of Rupees 200 for the maintenance of the plantation.

4. This result is arrived at on the supposition that all the trees thrive well, but I have no reason to expect that it will ever succeed.

5. I have visited the plantation, and fear Casuarinas will not succeed. The plants are not healthy, and the plantation is of such a small extent, that I think it would be a good plan to abandon the undertaking altogether. The land might either be restored to the owners, who should have the option of purchasing the trees. If they do not want them, it would be advisable to put up the trees to auction with the land, and from the proceeds to pay the owners for the land taken.

6. The Nullamala Forests are under the control of the Forest Department, and no special rules appear to be necessary in regard to the supply of firewood from those forests, on which a tax of 4 annas a bandy is now levied.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th August 1867.

The Board concur with the Collector in the propriety of abandoning the plantation altogether. The land and trees may be disposed of as the Collector suggests.

No. 115. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th July 1867, No. 4,796.

Read again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue:—

No. 1,049, dated 20th February 1867.
,, 2,066, dated 1st April 1867.
,, 4,263, dated 8th July 1867.

Resolved that copies of these Proceedings be submitted to Government, with reference to their Order, dated 11th January 1867, No. 88, Revenue Department.

No. 116. ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1867, No. 1,813.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Submitting copies of Board's Proceedings on the subject of Government firewood plantation established in Ramalkota tal k, Kurnool district.

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