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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th August 1868.*

No. 191. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests:—
(Here enter 1st April 1868.*)

No. 192. ORDER THEREON, 13th August 1868, No. 2,155.

Forests, No. 5.

1. The Administration Report of the Acting Conservator of Forests for 1867-68 shews that the department continues to work satisfactorily.

2. Captain Beddome appends to his report a condensed statement of the outlay, receipts, and stock of timber in the various Ranges in 1866-67 and 1867-68, shewing the results of the operations of the year under report compared with those of the previous year. The charges for 1867-68 were Rupees 2,72,840, and the receipts Rupees 4,24,184; but it appears that the value of the timber in stock on 31st March 1868 was less than the value of the stock on the 31st March 1867 by Rupees 83,720. The net financial result of the year was thus a profit of only Rupees 67,624.

3. The operations of the department have been extended in various parts of the Presidency. The Yellakondah Hill Forest in Kurnool and the Jungles in the Polur and Vellore Talooks of North Arcot have been brought under regular conservancy, and the introduction of the license system in the forests and slopes of the hills in the Pollachy and Oodymallay Cottah Talooks of Coimbatore has completed the chain of conservancy between the Neilgherry and Palney Hills.

4. Due attention has been paid to the formation of Railway fuel reserves, separate tracts having been marked off for this purpose in the Ballay Pullay Jungles of Cuddapah, in the Walliar Jungles, and at three places in the Salem District. The sowing of tree seed broad-cast has been attempted in Cuddapah and Salem, but has proved a failure, and it is considered that in all dry districts planting from nursery beds will be found to be the most economical system.

5. Planting operations have been carried on with success in the several Ranges, and in North Arcot an experimental plantation of Casuarinas, extending to upwards of 300 acres, has been formed. It is anticipated that this wood, from its rapid growth, will be found most suitable for Railway fuel; and the Acting Conservator should now consider and report upon the expediency of forming similar plantations in other appropriate localities.

6. The demarcation of forest reserves has received attention during the year. In the Salem District a temporary establishment has been entertained for this purpose, and in the Wynaad, boundary stones have been put up, and a Forest Chart prepared by Lieutenant Fullerton.

7. The Acting Conservator's negotiations for again leasing, on behalf of Government, the extensive teak forests belonging to the Colungode Nambiddy have been successful. A new lease on more favorable terms than the last has been concluded for a term of ninety-nine years.

8. The proposal to establish an Elephant breeding establishment has been negatived by the Government of India in their Under Secretary's letter, under date 4th April 1868, No. 1,661, and from the information obtained since the original

* Printed separately.

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proposal was made, there seems fair reason to doubt whether this measure would have proved successful.

9. Smuggling appears to have been less general in the year under report than in previous years, and is on the decrease everywhere, except perhaps in Madura and in the Tripatore Range of the Salem District, where it is still reported to be prevalent. No difficulty seems to have been experienced in obtaining convictions, when the department have deemed it advisable to prosecute offenders.

10. The Government regret to learn that, notwithstanding the adoption of special measures and much liberal outlay for securing their destruction, man-eating tigers are found to be still infesting the Nullamullay range of hills in Kurnool. The Collector of the district will now be called to report, through the Board of Revenue, how many persons have been killed by tigers since Major Chrystie's party to the Nundycuduma Ghaut was broken up, and whether any steps are being taken for the destruction of these animals.

11. The Collector of Coimbatore will be directed, through the Board of Revenue, to give immediate attention to the settlement of the claim which has been set up to the land at the foot of the timber slip in the Polachy Talook.

12. The Acting Conservator is requested to address Government separately on the subject of the Forest Act, the Contract Law, the No. Advance system, and on the other points raised by him in his report, in regard to which any orders are needed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Officiating Conservator c

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Proceedings of the Madras Gov^t
Under date the 13th August 1868.

*Read the following letter
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*Submitting his Annual
Report for 1867/68* } *(Filed under 1st April 1868
74th)*

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15 The Off. Conservator of Forests

S. D. Ball

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From the Off^r Comptroller
of Forests 17 September 68
C^o No 3075

From the R^d of Govt
27 Oct 68 Cho. 3469

From the Off^r Genl of Forests
11 March 69 Cho. 837.

20 21 March 69 Cho. 922
From the Off^r Comptroller of Forests
March 69 C^o No 222 - Forest Act.

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