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No. 509. Read the following letter from Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp at Manantoddy, 17th March 1869, No. 1,245.

With reference to paragraph 12 of the Government Order, No. 2,155, of the 13th of August last, I have the honor to report that with an efficient Contract Law, I should be decidedly opposed to the no-advance system on the following reasons:—

1st.—Without advances no contracts can be binding I believe, and our Cart Contractors can at any time leave us at a critical moment, and they often do so at the Coffee carrying season.

2nd.—Carting and other work without advance can only be effected at considerably increased rates. In some forests we have not been able to obtain Cart Contractors at all without advances, and we have been compelled to purchase Carts and Bullocks to a considerable extent.

3rd.—When all planters and others around us are in the habit of giving advances, it cannot be expected that Contractors will come to us for a reasonable rate without them.

4th.—Contractors leaving their homes and taking work in our uninhabited forests really require some advance, they want to leave money with their families, and they often require to purchase cattle. Colonel Morgan is of opinion that the no-advance system only tends to put the Contractors into the hands of the Sowcars, they are compelled in many case to borrow money at exorbitant rates of interest.

2. The advantages of the no-advance system are as follows:—

1st.—It takes much trouble and considerable responsibility out of the Hands of our Officers.

2nd.—There are fewer bad debts. These, however, are small in any case compared with the extra sums we have to pay for getting work done without advance, and they should be reduced to a minimum under a proper Contract Law. We have an outstanding in the Anamallay Forest of about 4,000 Rupees, which will probably not be recovered, but it was chiefly caused by advances having been given without due care and to men of straw, but this loss would be less than the extra sums we should have paid under the no-advance system, our losses in other forests have been nothing to speak of.

No. 510. ORDER THEREON, 21st May 1869, No. 1,429.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Rad. R. C. Shunker.

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