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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th June 1869.

No. 108. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th May 1869, No. 3,362:—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 8th May 1869, No. 1,265, Revenue Department.

COMMUNICATED to all Collectors.

2. The preparation of the report alluded in paragraph 2 is delayed pending the receipt of reports from the Collectors of Bellary and South Arcot, who have not yet replied to Board's Proceedings, 12th November 1867, No. 7,381.

No. 109. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1869, No. 1,580.

Forests, No. 3.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Rd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 3,362.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 17th May 1869.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 8th May 1869, No. 1,265, Revenue Department:—

No. 161. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Revenue—Forests), to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 25th February 1869, No. 2.

I HAVE considered in Council the Despatch from your Excellency in Council numbered 4, Forests, and dated the 14th October last, transmitting your Proceedings on the Report of the Forest Department of your Presidency for 1867-68.

2. The profit upon the operations of the year under review was not so much as on those of the previous year, although the gross revenue was considerably higher.* The department, however, appears to have been, as you observe, satisfactorily worked. Its operations have been extended to embrace districts not hitherto under its management, which have necessarily increased its expenses. As instances of important steps in this direction, I observe that the chain of conservancy is reported to be complete between the Neilgherry and the Pulney Hills, and that in the Tripatore Range, the Javadi and Yellagiri hills have been carefully explored.

	1866-67.	1867-68.
	Rs	Rs.
*Receipts...	3,38,607	4,24,184
Charges...	2,17,149	2,72,840
	1,21,458	1,51,344
Deduct difference of wood in store at the beginning of each year ...	11,127	83,720
Profit on the year...	1,10,331	67,624
Less in 1867-68	53,834	

3. Satisfactory progress seems to have been made in demarcating the Wynaad forests, of which a useful Map is attached to the report. The demarcation of the more valuable tracts of forests and fuel reserves in other districts should be pressed forward as rapidly as possible.

4. The formation of fuel reserves has also been proceeded with. The attention to this important measure is highly commendable. I have perused with interest the account of the efforts made to increase the plantations of Casuarina in the sandy tracts of North Arcot, of the blue gum (*Eucalyptus*) in the hill districts, and of the Sandalwood and Red Sanders in other places.

5. The report from the Teak plantations at Nellambur continues to be encouraging. I observe that the establishment of a training school for Natives under Mr. Fergusson has been discussed in your Proceedings of August, October, and November, but that no definite resolution has been come to on the subject. It is a proposal well worthy of consideration, and I desire to be informed of your decision upon it.

6. Another subject of interest has, I find by your Proceedings, been under discussion—the publication by Major Beddome of the Botanical Drawings of new and rare plants, and the preparation of a *Flora sylvatica*. This seems a very advisable measure, and has my approval. Copies of the publications will, of course, be forwarded to this country.

7. In Major Beddome's report to Dr. Cleghorn, of the 18th of August 1867, paragraph 19, as well as in his general report, paragraph 189, and Appendix B., I find mention of several newly discovered trees. Specimens of these should be sent to the Reporter on the Products of India, according to the instructions in paragraphs 3 to 5 of Secretary Sir Charles Wood's Despatch, No. 12, of the 9th of March 1865.

8. It is far from satisfactory to find that Mr. Money's contract in regard to the Deva Shola is still unfulfilled, and that Government have been put to additional loss on account of this failure. I entirely concur with the opinion expressed by my predecessor, Secretary Sir Stafford Northcote, that the utmost limit of concession has been reached in regard to this gentleman, and no further delay should take place in enforcing the present Agreement.

9. The loss of life from tigers in the Nullaymullay forests in the Kurnool District is very lamentable. I trust that the measures, which I see from your Proceedings of November last† that you had adopted, will successfully get rid of these destructive animals.

† Nos. 122 and 296.

10. Under the circumstances it seems to have been right to adandon the intention of a breeding establishment for elephants in the Anamallays, alluded to in Secretary Sir Stafford Northcote's Despatch of the 8th of February 1868, No. 3, Forests. But the correspondence now forwarded seems to show the necessity of legislative measures being taken to prevent the destruction of these valuable animals, which has been going on with great rapidity for some years.

11. I regret to learn that your Excellency in Council has not yet found yourself able to introduce the Forest Act into your Presidency. The papers now before me contain strong testimony to the necessity of the hands of the Forest Department being strengthened by some such enactment.

12. The gums alluded to by Mr. Cadell, Deputy Conservator in South Canara, were received with your Despatch, No. 3, of the 3rd of September last, and transmitted for report to the Reporter on the Products of India.

No. 162. ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1869, No. 1,265.

Forests, No. 9.

COMMUNICATED to the Officiating Conservator of Forests and to the Board of Revenue, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, 13th August 1868, No. 2,155.

2. The Government await the report, promised* by the Board of Revenue, on the proposed Training School at Nellambur, referred to in paragraph 5 of the Despatch.

* Proceedings Board of Revenue, 29th April, in Government Order, 8th May 1868, No. 1,275.
Proceedings Board of Revenue, 1st instant, in Government Order, 12th October 1868, No 2,617.

3. The Secretary of State's request in paragraph 6 for copies of the Drawings of Rare Plants and of the *Flora sylvatica* will be duly attended to. It is observed that copies of Parts I. and II. of the former have already been forwarded to the Secretary of State.

4. The Officiating Conservator's attention will be called to paragraph 7, and he will be requested to forward specimens of the trees therein referred to, for transmission (through the Secretary of State) to the Reporter on the Products of India. The Despatch from the Home Government, dated 9th March 1865, No. 12, quoted in the above-mentioned paragraph, was communicated to the Conservator with Government Order, 25th April 1865, No. 847.

5. Adverting to paragraph 8 it is observed that the recent Proceedings of Government, (3rd February 1869, No. 296,) in which they decided not to take any further action respecting Mr. Money's Agreement in regard to the Deva Shola, have been brought to the notice of the Secretary of State.

To Home Government, 16th March 1869, No. 2.

6. The subject of legislation for the preservation of elephants, alluded to in the concluding sentence of paragraph 10, has been referred† by this Government to the Government of India who have been requested to decide whether such legislation should be Imperial or Local.

† To Government of India, 24th August 1868, No.1,036, Public Department.

7. With reference to paragraph 11 it is observed that the subject of the introduction of the Forest Act into this Presidency, respecting which a report‡ has recently been received from the Officiating Conservator, is under the consideration of this Government.

‡ Dated 15th March 1869.

8. The report of the Reporter on the Products of India on the gums alluded to in paragraph 12 of the Despatch has since been received, and communicated to the departments concerned.

Despatch from Home Government, 4th March 1869, No. 3, in Government Order, No. 1,179, dated 30th April 1869.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

COMMUNICATED to all Collectors.

2. The preparation of the report alluded in paragraph 2 is delayed pending the receipt of reports from the Collectors of Bellary and South Arcot who have not yet replied to Board's Proceedings, 12th November 1867, No. 7,381.

(True Extracts.)

Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, all Collectors.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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PROCEEDINGS, 17TH MAY 1869, No. 3,362.

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No. 3,362.

Forest Department.—Proceedings of Government forwarding Despatch of Secretary of State for India on report on operations of —, in Madras Presidency, during 1867-68, communicated to all Collectors. Government informed that report on proposed Training School for Foresters at Nellumboor is delayed for want of reports from Collectors of Bellary and South Arcot.

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