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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1046	Press Mis.
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th July 1870.

No. 72. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd June 1870, No. 3,768:—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd April 1870, No. 281.

I HAVE the honour to report on the subject referred to in paragraph 4 of Government Order, No. 426, dated April 1, 1870.

2. The Kondapolu or hill-cultivation, referred to by the Conservator of Forests, is universal throughout both the Jeypore and Goodem Hills, and is almost the only dry cultivation. Paddy is grown in the hollows.

3. The Acting Principal Assistant in his recent tour ordered the hill Doras to restrict this sort of cultivation as much as possible to the tracts already cleared. I think that this is all that can be done in this matter. It must be remembered that wherever the soil is fairly fertile, the ryot will prefer cultivating land already cleared to having to clear heavy jungle-land. On my return from Jeypore I passed through Goodem, and from what I saw I am inclined to note that the hill-men purposely avoid thick jungle, owing to the trouble of clearing it.

4. There will be no difficulty in preserving the teak tract referred to; I will request Mr. Sewell to take immediate steps for that purpose. The Peons of the Forest Department, who will, I gather from paragraph 3 of the Government Order under reply, in future be under the Revenue authorities, will be directed to make a point of visiting it from time to time.

5. With reference to the question at what cost these forests could be opened out for wheel-traffic, I would observe that in my tour I descended the Rampulli Ghaut which leads from Goodem to the low country near Nursipatam. This ghaut is two miles in length, and very steep. To make it fit for wheel-traffic would cost a very large sum of money; in fact, rather more than to make the Pachipenta Ghaut. The country between Goodem and Kampulli and the foot of the ghaut to Nursipatam presents no difficulties.

6. I have not thought it necessary to obtain an estimate from the Department Public Works, as with the information now before them Government will be able to form an approximate idea of the cost of the work.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to Government Order, 1st April 1870, No. 426.

2. The Acting Collector of Vizagapatam reports that the Kondapolu cultivation cannot be checked otherwise than by directing the hill Doras to restrain it. From Mr. Melville's description it cannot be the same species of cultivation as the Cumeri of South Canara, which is there an easy and profitable description of agriculture.

3. Orders have been issued for the reservation of the small tract of teak described by Major Beddome.

4. It is impossible to open out the forest for wheeled traffic at present.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th July 1870.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1870, No. 1,046.

Forests, No. 4.

THE Kondapolu cultivation, referred to by Mr. Melville in paragraph 3 of his letter, should not be allowed to encroach any further on virgin forest-land.

2. Mr. Melville is correct* in supposing that the Goleonda Forest Peons are to be subject to the orders of the Revenue authorities.

* G. O., dated 11th June 1869, No. 1,653.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the ~~Officiating~~ Conservator of Forests.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 13th July 1870.

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue -

Ans. Sy letter from Collr
forwarding certain information
regarding Komarapolu or Hill
cultivation in Vizagapatam
Dist. & detailing Mr Fitt's work
& cost for large area of money
to open out Gooden Hill Forest
for wheeled traffic.

(G.O. 3rd June/70 No 2378)

Mr Komarapolu

Mr Bell

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated July, 13th.

Read. Encl.

G. O., 13th July 1870, No. 1,055.

JULY.
Nos. 91-92.

Compensation for certain Inam land taken up for irrigation channel in North Arcot.—Statement showing extent, etc., of fresh land to be granted, sanctioned.

forest land.

2 Mr. Melville is correct in supposing that the Golconda forest pains are to be subject to the orders of the Revd. authorities.

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G. O. of 11th June/69 dt. 1653.

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