

No. 290. Read the following letter from the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 20th February 1871, No. 2,642:—

I HAVE the honour to forward the documents as per margin, relating to the planting up of padukay lands on the banks of the Cauvery and other planting operations for the supply of railway fuel in the Trichinopoly and Tanjore Districts.

- 1 Progress Report from Lieutenant Walker, No. 602-13, dated 10th February 1871.
- 1 Statement showing the padukay lands in the Trichinopoly and Kalatalai Taluqs.
- 1 Copy of letter, No. 847, dated 23rd December 1870, from Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, Tanjore, to Lieutenant Walker.
- 1 Copy, No. 29, dated 11th January 1871, from the Acting Collector of Tanjore to Lieutenant Walker.
- 1 Copy, No. 15, dated 28th January 1871, from Acting Collector of Trichinopoly to Lieutenant Walker.
- 1 Copy, No. 598-9, (R) of February 1871, (without date) from Lieutenant Walker to Collector of Trichinopoly.
- 1 Letter, No. 600, dated 10th February 1871, from Lieutenant Walker to the Conservator of Forests.
- 1 Map from Negapatam to Caroor.

2. By Lieutenant Walker's report it will be seen that about 1,100 acres of padukay land are available on the banks of the Cauvery in the Trichinopoly and Kalatalai Taluqs, and that both the Superintending Engineer and the Range Officer are strongly in favour of planting up these tracts. The soil is favourable, and the sites are close to the line; and there is every prospect of our being able to form plantations that will be a success.

3. Of the area in question, about 370 acres are in the Trichinopoly Taluq, close to the railway station of Elambanore, nine miles from Trichinopoly, and the whole is Government waste; the rest of the acreage is in the Kalatalai Taluq, 616 acres of which are Government waste, with 133 acres of puttah land intervening, which latter it will be necessary to purchase; but the compensation will be moderate, as the land is all waste; I request, therefore, the sanction of Government for at once taking up the whole of these 1,100 acres, with a view to the tracts being fenced in, and prepared for the planting season.

4. In addition to these 1,100 acres, there are 264 acres of joint puttah padukay land which Lieutenant Walker thinks may be planted to advantage. I request sanction for the Collector to purchase up this tract also, if he finds he can do so at a moderate rate.

5. There is more land of the same nature available on the north bank of the Cauvery and on the north and south banks of the Coleroon; but as this has not as yet been properly inspected, it will form the subject of a future report.

6. Close to the station of Trichinopoly there is a tank and tank-spread, known as the Yeddammallay Putti tank. The Madura line is to cut right through this, and the irrigation will be destroyed. Lieutenant Walker and the late Collector both agreed in thinking it a favourable site for a plantation, and I visited the spot myself. Deducting the ground that will be required by the railway, there will be a balance of about 200 acres, of which fifty belong to Government, and the remaining 150 can be purchased at a moderate compensation. I request sanction for taking up this tract, if the Collector can arrange it on favourable terms. There is already a small Local Fund nursery on the spot which the Collector has promised to hand over.

Handwritten:
Maintenance grants of
Local Fund Roads in
Trichinopoly & Tanjore
to P.W.D. —

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C. O. S.
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7. To carry out the experiments sanctioned in the Government Order, No. 1,297, dated 19th August last, Lieutenant Walker has selected a block of about 100 acres near the Elambanore station, nine miles from Trichinopoly, and contained within the 370 acres mentioned in paragraph 3. To properly irrigate the 50 acres as originally proposed will require an expenditure of 4,000 or 5,000 Rs., for the sinking of wells, erection of paicottahs, widening the present channel, etc. I do not myself think that the experiment is worth this expense, as we can never expect to be able to plant largely on irrigated land, and I would suggest that the planting under irrigation be confined to a block of 1 or 2 acres; but if Government still wish it carried out on 50 acres, I request sanction for the necessary expenditure of about 5,000 Rs.

8. Lieutenant Walker also proposes to plant 210 acres of punjah waste near Tirivembore, the first railway station to the east of Trichinopoly. I do not, however, propose to take this up just at present.

9. I cannot as yet report fully upon proposed operations in Tanjore, as further inspection of land is necessary.

10. Close to the town of Tanjore itself there are considerable tracts of waste belonging to the Palace property in which the Collector thinks planting operations should be carried out. The soil is generally very poor, and planting will scarcely pay; but if the Collector can place funds on behalf of the estate at our disposal, I think that 100 acres (selected land) might be planted as an initiatory experiment. I request orders on this point.

11. In Negapatam the general question must lie over, pending further consideration and report and I am not much in favour of planting so close to the sea-board where coal will be always available at low rates. Much land, however, is available for Casuarina planting, and as an experiment, I request sanction to be allowed to plant about 100 acres at once. A trained Maistry or Gardener can be sent from the North Arcot Casuarina plantations, and the Assistant Collector can supervise to a certain extent if necessary.

12. Government have already sanctioned Rs. 100 for an Overseer for the irrigated plantation experiment, but as yet we have not been able to procure a competent man, and Lieutenant Walker has placed a Native Overseer (on a salary of Rs. 60) in charge of the preliminary operations, and has given him a Maistry on Rs. 10, and is appointing a second Maistry on Rs. 20. This is all necessary, and if the Casuarina planting is commenced at Negapatam, and planting at Tanjore is undertaken, a 3rd-class Overseer must be appointed for that range, so I must request sanction for these appointments; and as it will be very necessary for these subordinates to travel constantly by rail to and from different portions of the planting operations, I request that they may be allowed mileage whilst so travelling, or that we may be allowed to compound with the railway for special passes for their use.

13. From the above Government will perceive that, as a commencement, I propose very considerable operations in these two districts of Trichinopoly and Tanjore, and that there is every prospect of a further extension; I consider, therefore, that if planting is to be successfully carried out, a separate Forest-officer must

be appointed to this range, and that he must work under the orders, and with the assistance of the Collectors of Trichinopoly and Tanjore. Lieutenant Walker has lately had these two districts added to his present charge, and he has been most usefully employed in relating information as may be seen by his report, but this has been to the detriment of the work in Madura. In addition to the very large and important district of Madura, which at present requires more attention and management than any other district in our Presidency, Lieutenant Walker has all the proposed planting operations along the railway extension to Tinnevely and Tuticorin. The combined charge is more than enough to occupy any one officer. If the Trichinopoly and Tanjore Districts are still to remain under his charge, very much of his time must be spent in travelling at the expense of real work.

14. If Government approve of my suggestion for a separate officer for the Trichinopoly and Tanjore Ranges, I would further suggest that Mr. Morgan (at present in charge of the Kurnool Range) be transferred to this appointment; he has had an excellent training in arboriculture, and planting and plantation operations, and is a good Tamil scholar. A new hand could then be placed in training under Mr. Yarde for the Kurnool District, and he would be ready to relieve Mr. Morgan before the planting season in the new Range commenced.

15. Mr. Morgan is at present only acting in the department, and the creation of another new appointment would only bring Mr. Woolridge permanently on the establishment, so that Mr. Morgan would, for the present, only draw a salary of Rs. 150 per mensem in the new range. The 1st-class Overseer on 100 already mentioned would not be required, but a 3rd-class Overseer for Trichinopoly would be necessary, and the same, or a Sub-Overseer for Tanjore, besides subordinate such as Maistries, Gardeners, Peons, etc., to be fixed hereafter.

No. 291.

ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1871, No. 502.

Forests, No. 11.

UNDER the circumstances stated, the Government sanction all the proposals contained in the Conservator's report,

but the terms of compensation to be paid for occupied land to be taken up for the plantations must be submitted for the confirmation of Government.

2. The Government do not think it advisable to incur the estimated expense of Rs. 4,000 or 5,000 for bringing 50 acres under irrigation for an experimental plantation in the locality indicated by Lieutenant Walker, unless the Conservator cannot procure an equally eligible block elsewhere on more advantageous terms.

3. The Government do not object to the Forest Department superintending any planting operations in the Tanjore estate, which the Collector as Manager may think it advisable to undertake in the interests of the property, on the understanding that it is not to entail any expense on Government; but under the circumstances stated by the Conservator, it does not appear desirable to lease the land for Government.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st March 1871.*

4. It will be understood that Lieutenant Walker will retain, till further orders, the supervision over the planting operations in the tract now under report, although a separate Range Officer will be in immediate charge of the work under the orders of the Collector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

Statement Showing the Padugay lands in the Trichinopoly and Kumbalangi Taluqs. Trichinopoly District on the South bank of the
Canary available for planting ^{per year}

Number	Name of the Village	Waste Padugais				Samsthogam				Duttak	
		1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8
		Assessed	Unassessed	Unsurveyed		Particularly required	Notably required	Particularly required			
		Acres	Decimals	Acres	Decimals	Acres	Decimals	Acres	Decimals	Acres	Decimals
1	Manthar	"	"	20	20	"	"	"	"	"	"
2	Rajanthirum	"	"	9	13	"	"	"	"	"	"
3	Kumbalangi	"	"	55	35	"	"	"	"	3	50
4	Manathattay	10	"	23	71	"	"	55	43	"	"
5	Vathiyam	"	"	62	90	"	"	"	"	43	43
6	Cherupathur	"	"	9	56	"	5	"	"	"	"
7	Chintalvaddy	10	"	65	58	"	"	45	30	"	"
8	Vanthinekkal	"	"	38	89	"	"	"	"	"	"
9	Mayathanapuram	26	49	"	"	20	"	56	70	"	"
10	Chennunkellin	7	24	"	"	"	"	45	45	"	"
11	Poyappaithir	"	"	19	62	"	"	32	80	"	"
12	Chiruvargapuram	63	55	"	"	"	17	30	28	81	"
13	Chithalige	"	"	79	15	"	"	"	"	"	"
14	Therukumpalir	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
15	Mayanore	"	"	"	"	30	"	"	"	"	"
16	Mananjey	"	"	"	"	20	"	"	"	"	"
17	Pungannthapuram	"	"	"	"	"	33	24	"	"	"
18	Kontay	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
19	Chullaputur	"	"	"	"	15	"	"	"	"	"
Total Kumbalangi		147	33	384	9	85	"	86	38	264	49
Trichinopoly Taluq										46	93
Chumbanda		"	"	117	36	"	"	"	"	"	"
Petti Vorkalug		"	"	"	"	250	"	"	"	"	"
Grand Total		147	33	501	45	335	"	86	38	264	49

Camp Trichinopoly
Office of the Deputy Commissioner
February 1891

For Copy -
Camp Trichinopoly
By Mr. [Signature]
Deputy Commissioner of Trichinopoly District

Revenue Department.
No. 502.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 21st March 1871.

Read the following letter from the

Conservator of Forests

Submitting certain papers relating to the subject of planting up of Padukay lands on the banks of the Cauvery, & other planting operations for the supply of Railway fuel in the Trichy & Tanjore Districts.

H. E. 20. Febry. 1871. No. 2642

Under the circumstances stated, the Govt. sanction all the proposals contained in the Conservators report; but the terms of compensation (if any) to be paid for occupied land to be taken up

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Enclosure
In a letter from the
Railway Engineer to the
Secretary to Govt. No. 636/71

Forwarded to the
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