

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th May 1871.*

No. 164. Read the following letter from the Conservator of Forests, to the Under-Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 5th May 1871, No. 170 :—

With reference to paragraph 5 of the Government Order, No. 481, of the 8th of April 1870 and to your official memorandum, No. 66, of the 30th March last, I have the honour to forward two

* No. 7 of 13th April 1871.
,, 24 of 1st May ,,

letters* from the forest officer of the Salem Range.

2. 6,000 Rs. were allotted from the Forest budget for the road in question. This sum was sufficient to have opened out a rough cart-road to the Auchitty jungles, but it was all spent by the Department Public Works in making an expensive road from Denkinacottah to Kundicottah, a distance of only 8 miles over a track which was at the time quite good enough for timber-carts. Our department has derived no benefit from this, and I am not prepared at present to recommend a further allotment from forest funds.

3. Lieutenant Walker, the Deputy-Conservator, considered it very advisable to open out the Acha forests, and anticipated a large demand at Denkinacottah, which, however, does not seem likely to be realized at present. When we can establish a demand for the Acha, I think the road in question may be opened out by the Forest Department.

4. I regret the long delay in answering the Government Order in question, but Mr. Knox, who was in charge of the Forest Office at the time of the Order, was unable to visit the locality, and more important work has prevented Mr. Nisbet from doing so until last month.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. NISBET, Esq., Assistant Conservator of Forests, to the Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund, dated Salem, 13th April 1871, No. 7.

In reply to your letter, No. 2,711-9, of the 3rd instant, I have the honour to report, with reference to Government Order, No. 481, of the 8th April 1870, on the Kundicottah and Auchitty road.

2. The road in question will take a great deal of money to complete, and, when finished, will be of little benefit to this department, as the demand for timber in Oosoor and Denkinacottah is more than supplied by the adjacent jungles.

3. I am, therefore, of opinion that no more money should be spent on improving the present rough tract or in making a road, as nothing is to be gained by it, and the distance from any large town or the railway is very great.

4. To open out the forests along the Cauvery I would advocate the Wadaputty ghaut being repaired, when timber could be carried from Penagarum to Dharampoory (22 miles) where there is a great demand which would increase as people would come from Salem and elsewhere to buy.

5. Dharampoory is only 16 miles from Morapoor station, and the road is a capital one, so there would be no difficulty whatever in supplying timber to the Railway Company or to other parties at any place on the line.

6. I hope to report on the Wadaputty road very shortly, but just at present I am suffering from fever, and nearly all my subordinates are sick.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From the same officer, dated Salem, 1st May 1871, No. 24.

In accordance with the instructions received in your letter, No. 57, of 18th April, I have the honour to report upon the present state of the road between Denkinacottah and Auchitty.

2. There is a good road from Denkinacottah as far as Kundicottah, a distance of 8 miles, and it is quite practicable for carts, though in some places it has been washed away by the rains; and this road is in charge of the Revenue Department, who have repaired it during the last official year.

3. Beyond Kundicottah there is a ghaut which is quite impracticable for carts or bullocks. Below the ghaut begins a track which is, as far as the 13th mile stone, only a foot-path and not fit for carts, but from the 13th mile as far as Auchitty, there is a road which, although now much washed away, can be easily made practicable for carts.

No. 165.

ORDER THEREON, 13th May 1871, No. 841.

Forests, No. 12.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,

Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.

„ the Board of Revenue,

„ the Public Works Department,

„ the Accountant-General.

With reference to G. O., 8th April 1870, No. 481.

Exd. F. R. B.

Govt. of {1871} Madras

REVENUE.

To

THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated May 13th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 13th May 1871; No. 811.

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Nos. 164-165.

Auchitty road in Salem District.—Letter from the Conservator of Forests declining to recommend any further allotment from forest funds in connection with this road, recorded.

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Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servt.
D. S. Seddme Major
Conservator of forests

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Forest Department

No. 1473

The Conservator of Forests

To

The United Secretary
to Govt. of India

Dated

5th May 1871

Subject

Enclosure No. 2

Replies to the 14th 1871

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Memorandum of 30 March 1871

on the subject of the

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