Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th August 1872.

No. 51. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th July 1872, No. 1,423:—

Read the following letter from T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kurnool, 8th July 1872, No. 199:—

REFERRING to paragraph 4 of Government Order, dated 16th April 1872, No. 609, communicated with Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 3,040, dated 25th idem, I have the honour to inform you, that I do not consider it necessary to add to the reserve of 200 square miles formed near Velagodu in the Nallamala Forests in 1869-70.

2. So far as I am aware, this large tract has not yet been strictly conserved. The forests too in this district, as observed by Major Beddome, are not overworked. "The demand is less than one cubic foot per acre per annum" and "there are not less than 2,500 square miles of forests in the whole Range." The Railway too, does not pass near them. The works of the Irrigation Company and those of the Railway at Bellary have been almost completed, and I see no probability of the demand for timber increasing to any great extent for several years to come. I therefore think it sufficient for the present if the 200 square miles of forest above referred to are properly conserved, and other portions now inaccessible to carts opened out by means of cheap roads. I would also suggest that the Forest Department should undertake fresh plantations wherever there is good land available and conveniently situated. At present this is carried on only to a very limited extent.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to G. O., 16th April 1872, No. 609.

2. Mr. Chase considers it unnecessary to add to the 200 miles of reserved forest and anticipates that the demand for timber will not increase for many years. He advocates a stricter conservancy of the existing Reserve and more active planting.

3. The Board observe that the Nullamalla Forests offer special facilities for forming extensive reserves. There are many rights of pasturage and hill tribes to be dealt with, but there will be abundance of room for all claimants when the largest possible Reserves have been marked out.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1872, No. 1,170.

Forest, No. 5.

COMMUNICATED to the Conservator of Forests.

2. It will rest with the Collector himself in future in great measure to give effect to the suggestions made in his letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS, 26TH JULY 1872, No. 1,423.

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Forest reserve—of 200 square miles, formed near Velagodu in Nallamala Forests in Kurnool District.—Letter from Collector stating that it is unnecessary to add to—and advocating stricter conservancy of the existing Reserve and more active planting, submitted to Government with remarks.

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No. 1170-7th August/72.

13 J. the Commissioner of Forests, Nov. 16 Copy 22/72
14 " Head of Circuit "

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