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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th November 1874.*

No. 113. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd October 1874, No. 3,066, Forest No. 203:—

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No. 114. ORDER THEREON, 12th November 1874, No. 1,440.

Forests, No. 8.

THE Governor in Council is inclined to accept the Board's proposals, but wishes, in the first instance, to have before him

the observations of the Inspector of Forests.

2. Meanwhile, the Board will ascertain and report whether the net revenue can be retained as local after the transfer is once made.

3. The Government await the proposal adverted to in paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector of Forests.
the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

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FOREST No. 16.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 23rd April 1873, No. 626.
Read the following letter from Major R. H. BENDOME, Inspector of Forests, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 17th February 1873, No. 171.

In reply to the Proceedings of the Board, No. 171 of the 7th February 1873, I have the honour to inform you, I lately had a consultation on forest matters with the Collector of North Arcot and the Forest Officer of that Range, and we all agreed that to carry out conservancy arrangements properly, it was necessary to place the regular forest tracts of Goriattum and Chendragherry under the Special Department, they have hitherto been managed without any regular establishment or proper checks or supervision, and the result has been anything but satisfactory; a long time ago the Board was informed of the great loss to Government in one year from the evasion of the seignorage on Railway fuel in Goriattum, and lately it has come to light that the Engine Drivers were carrying on a private trade in fuel between Goriattum and Madras.

The Collector should submit a detailed report on the change of management and conservancy which he proposes, describing the situation of the jungles with regard to villages and the communal rights which exist in them.
2. No change which extinguishes any communal rights without compensation can be allowed.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

To the Collector of North Arcot.
Copy to the Inspector of Forests.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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FOREST No. 3

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 24th March 1874, No. 661.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Board of Revenue, dated Sathiaivizianagaram, 26th February 1874, No. 107:—

I HAVE the honour, with reference to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 23rd April last, Forest No. 16-626, to submit the report therein called for regarding the transfer of the forests in the district now under Jungle Conservancy to the Forest Department.

2. The most important of these forests are those situated in the Chendragheri and Gudiam. It is in the Chendragheri Forests only that really good building timber can now be found; there is also a large quantity of redwood possessing a high market-value growing there. That part of the forest situated between the Kalastri Zemindari and the sacred hills of Tripati have been under the Forest Department for some years. The portion now proposed to be given over extends from the sacred hills to the western corner of the taluq joining Punganur and north to the Cuddapah frontier.

3. The Gudiam Forests are next in importance. They extend through the whole length of the taluq on the hills, but the principal forests are reported to be situated north of, and between the towns of, Gudiam and Amboor along the borders of the Chittoor and Palmanair Taluqs. There is no large building timber, it is said, in these forests, but there is a great deal of young wood growing up. Some sandalwood is also reported to be growing in these forests about fifteen miles north-east of Amboor.

4. The Palmanair Forests on the borders of the Gudiam Taluq, Kangundi Zemindari, and the Mysore territory are very poor and require a great deal of care for years to come. Of building timber there is none. Several casuarina plantations are now being formed at Palmanair, and a sandalwood plantation also has been formed there which is already in a very satisfactory condition.

5. The jungles in the Chittoor Taluq are scattered over six different localities; those on the north and west are very fair jungles containing some timber trees.

6. In the taluqs of Arcot, Wallajah, and Wandewash there are no jungles worth the name.

7. The forests in the Vellore and Poloor Taluqs were transferred to the charge of the Forest Department some years ago.

8. The forests in this district all produce the same kinds of wood, etc., and Chendragheri has redwood, thumba, and jalari, which the others have not.

9. All the villagers of a taluq look to the jungles of that taluq for their firewood and agricultural timber, etc., but permission is granted them to fell in the jungles nearest their village without regard to the taluq.

10. Every one has a right to graze his cattle in any of the jungles of the district, in those at present under the Forest Department as well as in those now proposed to be handed over, and the ryots have been allowed to enjoy the same privileges by the Forest Department as by the District Conservancy. It would, of course, be improper and unjust to prohibit this grazing of cattle in the jungles; but there is no doubt that the depredations of cattle in the hot season, which graze in the jungles for several months continuously every year, do far more damage than the illicit smuggling of firewood. A drove of cattle in a day will with ease destroy scores of fine young saplings that if left alone would grow in splendid trees.

11. The jungles at present under District Conservancy are managed by the Tahsildars assisted by Monegars called "Forest Rangers." These latter issue licenses and receive money, which they pay to the Taluq Treasury; but neither they nor the Tahsildars ever go into the hills where the forest is thickest. The forest is never inspected, they do not know what portions are overworked and require rest, and what portions are overcrowded and require thinning; there is no guard in the forests, and there is no real check on the quantity of timber actually brought out.

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PROCEEDINGS, 23rd APRIL 1873, No. 626.

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APRIL.

Forest No. 16.

Forest tract of Goriam and Chendragheri in North Arcot District.—Collector requested to submit a detailed report on change proposed by him in management and conservancy of —

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 1st October 1874, No. 3065.
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12. On transfer of the District Jungles to the Forest Conservancy Department they will be frequently visited by the Forest Officer and his subordinates, the felling will be regulated and supervised more carefully. When a portion is found overworked it will be closed against felling and allowed time to recover; spots that contain good timber will be known and reserved for departmental felling; care will be taken that no unnecessary waste occurs in working up the timber in the forests, and the voucher and license system of the Forest Department will be introduced. By this system the money for the quantity of timber, etc., required is paid into the Taluk Treasury; in exchange the man gets a voucher for the money signed by the Tahsildar and a license to fell signed by the Forest Officer. He may then go to the jungle and cut the wood paid for, but on his way from the forest with the wood he is required to pass a certain village named in the license (any he may choose where a forest peon or Monegar is stationed), where his license is separated from his voucher and detained by the Forest Department, and on the back of the voucher which he takes away with him is entered the quantity and quality of the wood taken, the date, and the owner's name, which is signed by the peon or Monegar as correct. With this pass or docketed voucher he may pass anywhere with the wood, but without it he is liable to be stopped, and if within the limits of the Tannah station his wood confiscated and himself prosecuted.

13. By the transfer of the jungles to the Forest Department no communal rights will be invaded; the people will then, as now, have the right to firewood, agricultural wood, leaves for manure, and the right to graze their cattle; in short, the change will be entirely to the good of the people, who will retain all their present privileges and have in addition the benefit of the Forest Officer's experience in the preservation of their woods, for while the Forest Officer works under the direct orders of the Collector, who is the guardian of the people's interests, it is not likely that any invasion of the forest rights will be attempted or allowed if attempted.

The Collector will report what establishment will be required and what the effect will be on Forest and Jungle Conservancy revenues.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

To the Collector of North Arcot.
Copy to the Inspector of Forests.

Ed. A. S. Rodgers.

Forest in North Arcot District, now under Jungle Conservancy department.—Collector to report what establishment will be required and what will be the effect of transfer of — to Forest department is made.

MARCH.
Forest No. 32.

Received by J. S. Rodgers
23/4/75

PROCEEDINGS, 24th MARCH 1874, No. 661.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with a copy of the Board's Proceedings,
dated 24th March 1874, No. 661,
and 23rd April 1873, No. 626.

To the Acting Collector of North Arcot.
Inspector of Forests.

Exd. W. H. French.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3863

From the Board of Revenue.
Dated 3rd November 1874.

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I am in favor of the order
for the sale - but I would
send the matter to
Capt E. Walker for any
observations he may wish
to offer. Meanwhile it
I think

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BOARD OF REVENUE,
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PROCEEDINGS, 22ND OCTOBER 1874, No. 3,066.

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OCTOBER.

Forest No. 203.

Jungles—in North Arcot District.—Transfer of management of— from Tahsildars to Forest Department, sanctioned. Receipts from all the transferred jungles, and the charges connected therewith, should continue to be credited and debited to Jungle Conservancy. Government recommended to sanction certain modifications in the forest establishment of North Arcot, as a temporary arrangement. Collector requested to report the probable cost of employing coolies from time to time in lieu of gardeners permanently, and also state whether proposed establishment can be, and if so, to what extent, reduced if the jungles are not transferred to the Forest Department.

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made use of. I do not know
why the work has to stop.

Inspector Mr. Aspinall
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Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 2nd November 1874.

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Proceeding of the Board of
Revenue.

Sanctioning the transfer
of the management of Jungles
in North Arcot from Subordinates
to the Forest Department and
recommending to sanction certain
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(Here enter 22nd Oct. 1874 12306)

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J. M. List from Col. 1st.

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