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No. 2,470.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th September 1878.

Read the following letter from W. C. HAYNE, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tinnevelly to J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Singampatti, 9th August 1878, No. 159 :—

IN reply to your docket, No. 1,169, of the 26th ultimo, regarding G.O., No. 849, of the 27th February 1877, on the subject of the restriction of cattle grazing on the Tinnevelly hills, I have the honor to inform you that Government in their Order No. 148, of 2nd February 1874, approved of Mr. Puckle's arrangements regarding free grazing and felling made in the Tenkasi Taluk, and this system was subsequently extended through the Ambasamudram Taluk and a road cut along a portion of the line. I therefore request that the same restrictions which were in force with regard to these two taluks before Government Order No. 849 was issued be reverted to; and with regard to the Nanguneri, Sankaranainarkovil and Strivilliputtur Taluks that the grazing and free felling be restricted to half way up the summit of the first line of hills. This gives the villagers an ample area, and is far more than what has been allowed by Mr. Puckle in the Tenkasi Taluk and approved both by Board and Government.

2. It will only be a waste of money and labor to cut a path before the matter is regularly and finally taken up by the Commission for the adjustment of communal rights, and I therefore suggest that a narrow ride be cleared and a thorn hedge of Kiluvei be planted as a temporary boundary or barrier unless the matter can be taken up at once and settled once for all.

3. I am having such detail information ascertained of all the villages at the foot of the hills, as the number of inhabitants [illegible] the number who hold land, the number of horned cattle, &c., that the area may be apportioned with [illegible] to the size of the village and on some system.

4. Should it be found advisable and possible to settle the matter at once and that a road be cut as the boundary, I would bring to your notice the magnitude of the job. I estimate roughly that there would be 100 miles of road or boundary to be traced, which, at the rapid rate of one mile a day (if any attention is to be paid to gradient), would give employment for four months to a person with nothing else to do, reckoning twenty-five working days to a month. The roading and fencing would not cost less than 100 Rupees a mile; thus a sum of Rupees 10,000 would be required to carry out the job, and the best part of a year would be required to complete it.

No. 609.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government through the Board of Revenue with reference to the order quoted.

2. The Board have already in their Proceedings, No. 1,239, dated 9th May 1878 (paragraph 13), recommended that the system inaugurated by Mr. Puckle which was so highly commended by Government in their Order, No. 148, dated 2nd February 1874, should be reverted to, and it is much to be regretted that the previous orders were not brought to notice on receipt of the Government Order now under reply.

3. In my letter, No. 499, dated 6th July 1878, I have ventured to suggest that all free felling should be gradually put a stop to as incompatible with the present state of the country; and I am inclined to think the practise of driving cattle to the hills should also be restrained if the agriculture of the country is ever to be really improved; but for the present I have no objection to Mr. Hayne's suggestion that villages adjoining the hills should enjoy the grazing and felling half way up the face of the low hills abutting on the plains. As observed by him this is a far more liberal allowance than Mr. Puckle's, and is probably ample for some years to come.

4. The expense involved will no doubt be considerable, but that is inseparable from any system of reserves; and I doubt if any real scheme of conservancy could be carried out more cheaply or half so efficiently.

COURTALAM,
15th August 1878.

(Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

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(A true Copy and Extract)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Tinnevelly
" " Conservator of Forests.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

26th September 1878, No. 1,580.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

[illegible] dated [illegible] September 1878 No. 1,580.

18th September 1878, No. 1,500.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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To

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Dated September, 26th.

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