Revenue (189/) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 298
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DATED 15 January 1891

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording G.O. issuing instructions to the Collector of Ma
~~re the case~~ in the matter of issue of a notice to the
Zemindar of Sivakamanayakanur to show cause why
a notification should not be issued with a view to
regulate the clearing of the vegetation in the Varsanad
Valley &c &c

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CONFIDENTIAL.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE).

MR. W. S. WHITESIDE.

READ—the following G.O., dated 28th November 1890, No. 973, Revenue:—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 20th November 1890, Forest No. 1191, Miscellaneous:—

MR. W. S. WHITESIDE.

Read—the following letter from E. TURNER, Esq., Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue (through the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle), dated 8th November 1890, No. 23:—

I have the honor to inform you that I consider it most imperative to take very early steps to preserve forests in the Warsanaad valley, in this district, which protect the sources and feeders of the Vaigai river, as extensive clearance must endanger the maintenance of the supply of water in this important river, and in times of heavy rain increase the risk of floods.

2. The Gandamanáyakanúr Zamindar is, I understand, very seriously involved now, and is making every effort to raise money. An attempt was recently made, which failed, to get certain Europeans to take up lands for coffee, &c., on a large scale, and I believe the Zamindar is now endeavouring to negotiate in another direction, which, if successful, will probably place the whole of this valley in the hands of contractors, and there will be wholesale destruction carried on.

3. This is a case which should be dealt with under Chapter IV of the Forest Act, to enable Government to obtain complete control at least over the evergreen forests. I submit herewith a draft notice, under section 29 of the Forest Act, to the Zamindar, and I request that very early orders on the subject may be issued, as, in my opinion, the case is urgent.

4. Although this is not, of course, a settlement inquiry case, the Forest Settlement Officer of the district, Mr. Raju Sastri, appears to me to be the most suitable person to hear the objections and evidence the Zamindar may have to put forward, and I recommend his name to be put in the notice.

Read—also the following endorsement of the Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, dated 15th November 1890, No. 2173:—

In submitting the above, I have the honor to intimate my concurrence in the Collector's proposal.

2. The importance of protecting the forest in the Warsanaad valley on the head waters of the Vaigai river cannot be gainsaid; and if we can prevent alienation and wholesale destruction by the application of the provisions of Chapter IV of the Forest Act, it will be a boon to the country.

3. The matter is referred to incidentally in the confidential correspondence with regard to the Bodináyakanúr and other zamindaris in the Madura district, and the District Forest Officer (Mr. Gass) gave me some private information recently as to the Zamindar's attempt to raise money on the forests which appear to fully justify and demand prompt action on the part of Government.

Resolution—dated 20th November 1890, Forest No. 1191, Miscellaneous.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector reports, a little indefinitely, that the Zamindar of Gandamanáyakanúr, in the Madura district, is taking steps to lease out the forests of the Warsanaad valley to contractors, and that such a step will involve the destruction of those forests and corresponding harm to the springs and streams which they protect and supply.

3. He urges prompt action, and the Board, therefore, forwards to Government his recommendation that recourse should be had to Chapter IV of the Forest Act. It is supported by the Conservator, and as it is undoubtedly of public importance that the forests of the Warsanaad valley should be preserved, and the first step is only to call on the Zamindar to show cause, the Board submits it for approval. At the same time, the provisions of section 30 must be borne in mind.

4. The Board would alter the notice as follows:—

Whereas it appears to be necessary, for the protection and maintenance of the water supply of the River Vaigai, that His Excellency the Governor in Council should regulate the clearing of the vegetation in the Warsanaad valley, of the Gandamanáyakanúr zamindari, of the Madura district: and whereas His Excellency the Governor in Council proposes to issue a notification, under section 29 of the Forest Act, to this effect: this is to give you, M.R.Ry. Tirumalai Gandama Kondala Nagaya Ramakrishnasami Naicker Avargal, Zamindar of Gandamanáyakanúr, notice, under the said section of the Madras Forest Act, that you should show cause, on or before the 12th January 1891, to M.R.Ry. C. Raju Sastri Avargal, Forest Settlement Officer, why such a notification should not be issued: failing which, further action will be taken.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. A. SIM,
Ag. Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with the draft notice prepared by the Collector.
Copy to the Collector of Madura.
" " Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.

Order—dated 28th November 1890, No. 973, Revenue.

The notice, as amended by the Board of Revenue, is approved, and will be issued from the Board's office, but the Zamindar should be allowed three months within which to show cause why a notification under section 29 of the Forest Act should not be issued.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that the manner in which this question has been laid before him is very unsatisfactory. The importance of conserving the Warsanaad and other zamindari forests in the Madura district was recognized by the District Committee so long ago as the year 1880, and in G.O., No. 1284, dated 29th August 1881, the Government directed that the matter

should be dealt with when the Forest Bill became law. Nearly eight years have elapsed since the latter event, and the Collector now makes an urgent application for the issue of a notice under section 29 of the Act, without furnishing any of the particulars necessary to enable the Government to form a judgment as to the advisability of acquiring the tract in question under section 30.

3. The Conservator, Southern Circle, in conjunction with the Collector will now make a full report regarding the measures it is proposed to adopt in view to conserving the forests in the Warsanaad valley, and will furnish detailed particulars in regard to the value of this tract, both from a climatic point of view and for the supply of timber, so that, in the event of it becoming necessary to proceed under the provisions of section 30 of the Act, the Government may be in a position to determine the course to be followed.

4. The delay in reporting upon the various zamindari forests in the Madura district has already been noticed in G.O., No. 918, dated 17th November 1890, and the Government desires that it should be explained.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioners of Land Revenue,
with one enclosure, returned.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Draft notice prepared by the Collector.

RESOLUTION—dated 13th December 1890, Forest No. 706.

The notice, as amended by Government, *i.e.*, with the words "*on or before the 12th January 1891*" altered to "*on or before the 1st April 1891*," will now be issued and will be served by the Collector upon the Zamindar; M.R.Ry. C. Raju Sastri, Forest Settlement Officer, being informed accordingly.

2. The full report called for in para. 3 of the G.O. should be submitted at an early date, so that Government may be in a position to decide as to the advisability of taking further action in the matter by the time M.R.Ry. Raju Sastri's report is submitted.

3. The attention of the Conservator and Collector is drawn to the remarks of Government in para. 2. The explanation of the delay referred to in para. 4 has already been called for by the Board in its Proceedings, dated 3rd December 1890, Forest No. 1248, Miscellaneous.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Ag. Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

To the Collector of Madura, with a notice.
" Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle.
To M.R.Ry. C. Raju Sastri Avargal, Special Deputy Collector on Forest Settlement Duty, South Arcot, &c., districts.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Rd. E. Fernandes.

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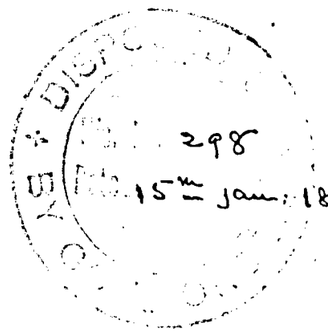
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Proceedings, dated 13th December 1890,
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Issuing instructions to the Collector of Madura in the matter of issue of a *notice* to the Zamindar of Gandamanáyakanúr to show cause why a *Notification, under section 29 of the Forest Act*, should not be issued with a view to regulate the clearing of the vegetation in the *Warsanaad valley*; calling for a full report from the Collector and the Conservator regarding the measures it is proposed to adopt in view to conserving the forests in this valley, and desiring to have an explanation of the great delay that has occurred in reporting upon the various Zamindari forests in the district.

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