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No. 263. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp, Ootacamund, 13th April 1867, No. 2,311:—

1. Referring to paragraph 3 of my letter No. 2,289, of the 28th of March, I have the honour to inform you that to open out the Acha forests on the banks of the Cauvery and those in and around Muttoor, both of which are of large extent, and contain an immense supply of valuable timber, a road passable for carts will be necessary from Pennagra to Wudderputty, on the banks of the Cauvery, (which forms part of the original road from Auchitty to Pennagra, referred to in the Government Order No. 1,252, of the 2nd of May 1864,) and also a road from Pennagra to Anabidda Murroor *viâ* Muttoor. The Deputy Conservator has lately been carefully over both lines, and states that the former, which is about ten miles long, can be opened out sufficiently for our operations at a cost of Rupees 6,000, and that the latter, the distance of which is about nine miles, can be made available for the transport of our timber at a cost not exceeding 4,000 Rupees.

2. I forward herewith a rough sketch Map, shewing the two roads in question. I have been myself over the whole of this tract of forest, and consider that the two lines of road now proposed will be of the greatest value to our department; when they are opened, all the timber from these forests can be brought from Pennagra to the Morapore Railway Station. I would suggest, therefore, that the 10,000 Rupees necessary should be sanctioned from the Forest funds, and that the roads should be opened out by the Department Public Works. Both the roads will be of very great general use, the former particularly so, as it is the direct route to the Coimbatore district; and the Cauvery falls at Wudderputty are visited yearly by thousands of pilgrims, and if a through road from Denkinacottah to Pennagra is ever made one of these routes must be adopted.

3. The sketch map now forwarded also shews the line of road from Auchitty to Denkinacottah (referred to in my letter No. 2,289 of the 28th ultimo), and for the construction of which Rupees 6,000 are sanctioned from Forest funds; this sum, together with the 10,000 Rupees now proposed, is the utmost that I consider the Forest Department should be called upon to pay, and if a thorough road is sanctioned, (which though it would be a great boon to the district would be of little use to our department,) or if a first class road is determined upon, any further expenditure should, I think, be met from the Imperial or Local Funds.

No. 264. ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1867, No. 1,114.

Forests, No. 8.

1. The Government sanction the following expenditure in the Salem District from the provision in the Forest Department Budget, for opening up the tracks in question sufficiently for forest purposes, viz.:—

Rupees 6,000 on road from Pennagra to Wudderputty.
„ 4,000 do. from do. to Anabida Murroor *viâ* Muttoor.

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2. The work will be executed with the assistance of the Department Public Works, and the Forest Department will provide the funds, as required, to the amount of the sanctioned expenditure. The Progress Reports will be forwarded to the Forest Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.
„ the Revenue Board.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Department Public Works.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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