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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th June 1867.*

No. 220. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th June 1867, No. 3,522.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st March 1867, No. 71 :—

1. With reference to Proceedings of the Board, dated 5th July 1866, No. 4,558, calling on Collectors of Railway Districts and of those bordering on Railways to report—

I. As to whether there is any probability of private enterprize, being sufficient to meet the growing requirements for fuel of the Railways and general community;

II. As to what aid would be required from Government to assist private speculation; and if private speculation will not meet the case, what measures are practicable for forming plantations, &c., for fuel and timber by Government agency;

III. As to the advisability of putting a higher tax on forest timber.

2. On the first and second points, I think private enterprize is totally out of the question; and as to Government assistance, I consider that sufficient inducement has already been given by the Tope Rules, and that Government ought not to give further aid. With regard to forming fuel plantations, I think the first step is to enclose considerable tracts of waste land so as to preserve indigenous jungle, which will soon make its appearance if protected from the inroads of goats, sheep, and cattle. Planting valuable timber could be only effected at a heavy outlay, by clearing jungle at a proper elevation and planting the trees from nurseries. The close system ought to be introduced into every timber forest. A higher tax on timber would increase the inducement to clandestine felling and would not check waste, which is already sufficiently guarded against by the heavy cost of dragging the timber down the hills, and the subsequent cost of carriage. The tax on timber is a mere fraction of the expenses of removal and carriage.

Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to the Government Order, dated 20th June 1866, No. 1,510. The attention of the Forest Department will be requested to the Collector's suggestion in paragraph 2 on the subject of enclosing patches of jungle.

No. 221. ORDER THEREON, 15th June 1867, No. 1,345.

Forests, No. 8.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Para 20 June 66 N° 448-449

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No. 1517.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 8th June 1867.

Sup 12 June
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No. 3,522.

Submitting for information letter from Acting Collector of Madura reporting as to private enterprise being sufficient to meet growing requirements for fuel of Railways and general community, and requesting attention of Forest Department to Collector's suggestion to enclose patches of jungles.

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