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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 9. Read the following letter from Captain H. R. MORGAN, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Mudumallai, 16th May 1861, No. 477 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report for the information of Government in reply to their Order of 18th April 1861, No. 870, that there was no engagement on the part of the Contractor to build two bridges, but simply a condition that he would claim no compensation on the score of having* built them.

* *Vide* contract recorded in Proceedings of Government, No. 1,538, dated 4th September 1860.

2. I regret to state that notwithstanding my most stringent orders to the contrary, the Contractor has been detected in cutting more trees in the ravines. Major Babington has accordingly annulled the Contract and will put it up to auction.

3. In reply to paragraph 3, I would explain that a Shola has this year been put up to auction,† and wood may be purchased on the spot for 2 Rupees the ton. It costs 2 Rupees more to convey it to Ootacamund or in all 4 Rupees the ton, a very cheap rate. I recommended the Deva Forest, as there is no single wood in the neighbourhood of Ootacamund capable of supplying the wants of the community for any time, and to thin out the Deva Forest would serve two purposes. If a good road were made the cost of wood to the people of Ootacamund, should never exceed 5 Rupees the ton.

† Agreeably to the Orders of Government, No. 425, dated 20th March 1860, Paragraph 8, Clause 2.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1861, No. 1,131.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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The Offg. Conservator of Forest

To, The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St. George

Dated 16th May 1861.

Rec^d 21st

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Enclos: None

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States that there was no engagement on the part of the Charcoal Contractor to build two bridges - that a Shola was put up to auction this year and that wood may be purchased on the spot for 2 Rs a ton - and the advantage of thinning out the Dora Shola

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Sent to Geo: 1st June 1861

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