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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 359. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 6th February 1868, No. 532:—

1. With reference to the Government Order No. 29, of the 6th of January, I have the honor to inform you that when Dr. Cleghorn applied* for a first class Overseer, on a salary of Rupees

* *Vide* letter of Conservator No. 308, of 15th of October.

130, for the Tinnevelly Range, in addition to the Overseer in charge of the Madura Range, and obtained sanction for the same—*vide* G. O. No. 2,515, dated 25th October—the appointment of an Officer to the united Range was not in contemplation. Lieutenant Fullerton will proceed shortly to take up this charge, and I have offered the Wynaad forests to Mr. Turnbull, who has been for some time in independent charge of Madura and Tinnevelly. I would now, therefore, request sanction for a third class Overseer for Madura on a salary of Rupees 60+15 travelling allowance, and a second class Overseer for Tinnevelly on a salary of Rupees 80+30 travelling; this is to be in lieu of the present sanctioned scale of 80+30 for Madura, and 100+30 for Tinnevelly.

2. The forests south of Courtallum, which have now been handed over to our department, have lately been under the Sub-Collector, with a sanctioned establishment of Rupees 180 per mensem. Now that an Officer is appointed for the whole Range, and a separate Overseer for Tinnevelly, some alterations will be necessary in the distribution of this establishment, and in the designation of the subordinates, and the whole of the present sanctioned amount will probably not be required; but this will not be finally brought before Government for sanction until Lieutenant Fullerton has made himself thoroughly acquainted with this portion of his district and its acquirements.

3. The appointment of an Officer to this united Range is no doubt a good arrangement. I have been diffident of proposing it before, as the revenue was not such as to authorize it. Tinnevelly has lately commenced to pay, and the receipts were very large a few months ago before the Collector suddenly stopped all felling in most of the Government forests, and ordered that timber and firewood should be procured from Zemindary tracts. All felling arrangements, &c., will now be under our department, and though care will be taken that no forests are over-worked, I believe that when our proposed establishment is organized and in good working order, that the revenue will cover the expenditure, though no great surplus can be expected at present; and I may add, that though this arrangement will cause a very large increase in expenditure in this district, it will not really be an increase against the department, as it will be saved in Wynaad. After these districts have been brought into good working order, Lieutenant Fullerton might, if necessary, revert to Wynaad, or some other district.

4. With reference to paragraph 1 of the G. O. No. 29, dated 6th ultimo, I have (as above-mentioned) nominated Mr. Turnbull to Wynaad; he has already been in independent charge of a Range, and is quite equal to that of Wynaad. Major Morgan is willing to undertake the general supervision of this Range in addition to his other duties; but although he is to be relieved of the Nilgiri Sholas, his Range will still be a very wide one, and I cannot recommend that

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this should be placed under him. The operations will, for the present, be very limited, and the Conservator himself is constantly in the Wynaad; part of the Wynaad belt is contiguous to Mudumallay, but almost all Mr. Turnbull's work will be at the Coorg end of the belt near Manantoddy, very far removed from any part of Major Morgan's beat.

5. The Government Wynaad forests are a very valuable tract and in future years they will probably yield a large revenue. The Mysore market being at present slack and sufficiently supplied from their own forests, and the Western Coast communications being in embryo, it is not desirable to work them at present beyond what is absolutely necessary to meet district requirements; but as the demarcation has now been carefully carried out, and boundary stones put up, great attention must be paid to conservancy proper.

6. The Forest Map of Tinnevely, sketched by me during my late tour, and alluded to in paragraph 8 of the G. O. above quoted, was necessarily a very rough one. I shall have it more carefully drawn up by Lieutenant Fullerton before it is lithographed.

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and in the Wynaad are approved and sanctioned.

2. Mr. Turnbull being competent to have direct charge of the Wynaad operations, it will not now be necessary to add the supervision of this Range to Major Morgan's charge.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Revenue Board.

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The Offg. Commr. of Forests.

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Enclosure
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Offers his remarks
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of the Madura and
Tinnevely Forests with
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of 6th January.

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