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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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No. 74. Read the following letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 7th November 1865, No. 135.

Having heard some days ago that the present sub-tenant of Bishopsdown had been cutting down trees and allowing the compound to be otherwise injured, I directed the Tahsildar to visit the locality and report the fact of the case. A copy of a translation of his Urzee is forwarded for the information of Government. The statements made by the Tahsildar are, I fear, all true. This morning I went through the Sholah situated below the house, on the north side facing the lake, and found that a large jungle tree, about two feet in diameter, had been cut and removed. A beautiful Rhododendron tree of about the same size had been cut, and lay on the ground in logs. Other young trees also, from 3 to 6 inches in diameter, had been felled. These trees, the gardners told me, had been cut within the last 10 or 15 days—the large trees for firewood, and the small trees to repair some out-house. Mr. Bill who now leases Bishopsdown, being a sub-tenant of Colonel Angelo, the Government Lessee, I feel doubtful as to the course of action which should be followed. Colonel Angelo is no doubt responsible to Government for any damage done to the house, grounds, &c., as long as he rents them from Government; but I think that Mr. Boyson who looks after his interests in this country should at once be informed of what is now going on.

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Translation of an Urzee from the Neilgherry Tahsildar, dated 6th November 1865, No. 285.

On inspecting the spot where trees were reported to be cut within the compound of Bishopsdown, in obedience to the order sent to me, under date the 27th ultimo, No. 362, I understand that one Mr. Bill, residing in the said house, has caused five Australian trees, both opposite and behind the house to be felled, as also nine jungle trees and three Vellodai trees, thus making 12 in number. The large trees have been cut to the very bottom, and their trunks are covered with wood, leaves, and mud, that they may not be seen. Besides the 17 trees that have been thus cut down, he has also caused the branches of 16 other jungle trees to be lopped off. It appears to be nearly a month and a half since the trees began to be cut. Besides this, hogs are allowed to graze in the flower and vegetable gardens, which are in a very bad condition without repair, as the said gentleman employs two of the three servants intended for the purpose of working in the garden within the compound, in cutting fire-wood, and the other in carrying water to the hotel. Should your honor personally call at that spot and inspect it, you will be convinced of the truth of my report.

(Signed) M. SUNDRAM,
Tahsildar.

(True Translation.)

(Signed) P. GRANT,
Collector.

No. 75. ORDER THEREON, 17th November 1865, No. 1190.

The Governor in Council directs that a copy of the foregoing letter and its enclosure be sent to Messrs. Boyson, Brockman and Prichard, who hold a Power of Attorney to act for Lieutenant Colonel Angelo, with reference to his lease of Bishopsdown, in order that immediate steps may be taken to prevent any further dilapidations of the property. Meanwhile the Collector will warn Mr. Bill against doing any further damage.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To Messrs. Boyson, Brockman and Prichard.
To the Collector of Coimbatore.

Nov. 17. 1865.

My dear Archbishop,
The explosion
wrecked by the falling cutting
down of trees.
I returned all the papers
provided with yours of
the 14th. last week.
As representative of Colonel
Angels I shall be
much obliged to you
in retaining the balance
portion of your property
when it is in any material
benefit of the Angels &
interests, and therefore
custodians by putting
a stop to that damage
to which I am alluding.

may possibly be held
personally liable.
The undersigned desires
on behalf of J. C. Ayres
(by us as his attorney)
and to waive the parties
of any motion or to
withdraw the intervention
of the petition in any
way received or taken
in effect for any claim
personal liability we
shall write as well as,
even as we receive the
proceedings provided
under these circumstances
Please pass the order
as at present framed.
Yours very truly
J. H. Royce

17 November 1865 No. 1190.

The Governor in Council directs that
a copy of the foregoing letter and its en-
-closure be sent to Messrs. Bagon, Brock-
-man and Pitchard who hold a power
of Attorney to act for Sir^t. Colonel
Angelo with reference to his lease of the
Bishopdown property ~~in order~~
and immediate steps may
be taken to prevent any
further depredations
of the property. Inasmuch
the Master will have no
right to bring any further
damage.

To Messrs. Bagon, Brockman and Pitchard by
- the Collector of Combitore. {dtd 17/11

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