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21st November 1866.*

No. 117. Read the following letter from the Superintendent, Government Central Museum, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 15th November 1866, No. 225.

I have the honor to report that I have obtained such a large number of insects during the present year that my two cabinets are filled, and that additional room for insects is urgently required.

2. In addition to insects that will reach me from the country beyond Cuddapah, and from the Assistant Collector of Vizagapatam (Mr. Boswell), I have 4000 British Beetles on the *Copenhagen*, which ship is more than four months out from England, and may be expected immediately; and for these I have no room.

3. A sum of Rupees 900 was sanctioned for printing Catalogues. Mr. King will only be able to publish the Catalogue of the District collection of minerals this year. Mr. Foote's Catalogue of the Palaeontological collection cannot be published, as many of the specimens are not yet identified, and the Catalogue is not commenced. Rupees 250 may, therefore, be expended upon a cabinet, should Government be pleased to sanction it.

4. The sum of Rupees 110 is entered in the Budget Estimate for a cabinet; but that will not be available for many months. Moreover, a more lengthened experience has proved to me that insects cannot be exposed to the light, without ensuring the destruction of their colours, and I purpose keeping them shut up from the light in large upright cabinets. They will, of course, be always accessible to any person desirous of seeing them; but the collection can only be exposed to general view in glass cases at the cost of its total destruction in one or two years. When shut up, it may be preserved for many years.

No. 118. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1866, No. 1190.
Sanctioned.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Superintendent, Government Central Museum.
„ Accountant General.
„ Examiner of Claims.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Beetles

Government Central Museum

Madras 15th November 1866.

From

Captain J. Mitchell

Suplt. Government C. Museum

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
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Frederick Carpenter

Superintendent Government C. Museum

