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1st October 1867.*

No. 8. Read the following letter from H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M. D., Conservator of Forests, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 30th September 1867, No. 269.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Proceedings of Government, dated 24th September 1867, and the Order thereon, No. 1189, in which I am requested to state whether I can suggest any Officer possessing the requisite scientific qualifications for the proposed inquiry regarding the ravages of the Borer in the Coffee Districts of Southern India.

2. Entomology is a pursuit followed by very few persons in this country. In reply to a Forest Circular, regarding insects noxious to timber trees, issued not long ago, I received information of practical value from only two Naturalists, one of these is Mr. Johannes Nietner, a Coffee Planter in Ceylon, a protégé of Humboldt, and a contributor on Entomological subjects to the Journals of the Asiatic Societies of Bengal and Madras. This gentleman has visited several Districts of Southern India on two or three occasions.

3. The other gentleman is Captain Lang, R. E., now Assistant Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Oudh, who possesses a large private collection, and is a Fellow of the Entomological Society. This Officer communicated to me very useful observations regarding the insects which cause damage in the Sal Timber Depôts in Oudh.

4. I can strongly recommend either of these gentlemen as possessing the needful scientific knowledge, combined with experience of the country and language. Mr. Nietner can be communicated with through Mr. Thwaites, Director of the Royal Gardens, Peradenia, near Kandy, Ceylon, and would probably accept 500 or 600 Rupees a month and his travelling expenses.

5. I have said nothing of Captain Mitchell, Superintendent of the Central Museum, whose qualification as a Naturalist are undoubted, but I understand that his health is not sufficiently robust to undertake a duty which would require much travelling, exposure, and hardship.

No. 9. To the Officiating Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore ; dated Fort Saint George, 1st October 1867, No. 1218.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th ultimo, No. 3449, applying for the services of Lieutenant Colonel C. P. Taylor to inquire into and report on the devastation caused by the Borer in many of the Coffee plantations of Southern India.

2. As the Government have no reason to suppose that Lieutenant Colonel Taylor possesses any such knowledge of Entomology and Botany as would give weight to his opinion in regard to the best mode of extirpating the insect, the Governor in Council deemed it proper, before complying with your application, to call upon the Conservator of Forests to state whether he could suggest any Officer possessing the requisite qualifications for the proposed inquiry. Dr. Cleghorn in his reply, a copy of which is annexed, names two gentlemen, Mr. Nietner, a Coffee Planter in Ceylon, and Captain Lang, R. E., Assistant Secretary, Department Public

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Works in Oudh, both of whom, he states, are accomplished and practical Entomologists. It is very probable that the services of Captain Lang would not be made available without inconvenience, but the Governor in Council thinks it very desirable that it should be ascertained whether Mr. Nietner, who, in addition to his qualifications as an Entomologist, has the advantage of being an experienced Coffee Planter and might reach Coorg without any great loss of time, would be willing to undertake the inquiry, and, if so, on what terms.

3. I am directed to say that if you concur in this suggestion, the Madras Government will be prepared, in anticipation of the assent of the Government of India, to communicate with Mr. Nietner by telegraph. It is very desirable that the inquiry should include Wynaad, and the cost of it should therefore be debited in equal portions to the Governments of Madras and Mysore. As no time should be lost, I am to request that you will be so good as to reply by telegraph.

(Signed) A. J. AREUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

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*To The Commissioner
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Rajah of Mysore -
Dated 1st October 1867*

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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The Conservator of
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*To
The Chief Secretary
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