

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1820

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th October 1860.*

No. 138. Read the following letter from Lieutenant R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forest, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 2nd October 1860, No. 204 :—

SIR,

	RS.	A.	P.	1. I have the honor to forward you copy of
3 Dafādārs, on 10-8 each...	31	8	0	a letter from the Collector of South Canara to
11 Peons, on 6.....	66	0	0	Dr. Cleghorn, together with the copy of a letter
	97	8	0	addressed to the Collector by the Forest Overseer
				of that District, by which you will perceive that an
				increase to the Forest Establishment (as per margin)
				is urgently required.

2. Dr. Cleghorn before his departure handed the correspondence over to me and begged that I would apply to Government, for sanction for the increase, as he was of opinion that the increased revenue that would be derived from the augmentation of the Establishment, would more than repay the outlay.

3. Dr. Cleghorn at the same time urged that I should ask Government to sanction the South Canara Overseer Mr. Thompson's salary being increased from Rupees 80 to 100. Dr. Cleghorn stated that he had promised him this increase as he has now been two years in charge of the District and that his duties were daily becoming more onerous.

No. 139. ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1860, No. 1,820.

1. The Officiating Conservator of Forests requests permission to entertain three Dafādārs and eleven Peons at a total monthly charge of Rupees 97-8 as an addition to the Establishment of the Forest Overseer in South Canara. Lieutenant Beddome states that Dr. Cleghorn was of opinion that the increased revenue that would be derived from this augmentation of the Establishment would more than repay the outlay. He also requests sanction for raising the salary of the Overseer from Rupees 80 to Rupees 100.

2. Before passing an Order on this application, the Government request that Lieutenant Beddome will state what is the present Forest Establishment in the District under all items. He will also furnish more precise information as to the advantage to the Revenue expected to result from the proposed increase.

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

27th Oct

South Canara Collector's Office,
Mangalore 30th July 1860.

From, James Fraser Esq^r
Collector of South Canara.
To, Mr Cleghorn Esq^r M. D.
Conservator of Forests.
Fort St. George.

Sir, I have the honor to forward for your consideration and approval copy of a letter from Overseer Thompson to my address proposing an increase to his establishment. I have had a good deal of conversation with him on the subject of the Forests generally; and he wrote the letter of which I forward copy, at my suggestion.

2. I think that the state of the Forest Revenue, both present and prospective, will admit of this increase. Government do not I suppose, look to their Forests so much as a source of direct revenue, as one from whence the wants of the General community may be supplied at fair rates, while their own for naval purposes and the requirements of the Department Public Works are met so far as these forests permit. It is the interest of the Portals and Shambogues to wink at illicit cutting of wood and Bamboos; which, from what Mr Thompson tells me, still prevails to a very considerable extent.

3 Buffaloes on 10th 31.8.
11 Cows on 6th 66.
Per month 97.8.
Per annum 1170.

July 1859	Receipts	Charges
1263	12108.2	12129.
1264	12117.	3445.
1265	3100.	1367.
1266	1228.	42.
1267	2332.	40.
1268	5150.	1723.
1269	5542.	1478.
1270	25131.	8125.

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extent. His present establishment is so small that it cannot do $\frac{1}{4}^{\text{th}}$ of what ought to be done in the way of prevention of this and of conservancy generally.

3. Mr. Thompson has just sent in the lists of wood which he proposes to cut this season i.e. from the month of December next. In them are included a good many blackwood trees. In addition he has told me that he hopes to be able to cut some good teak in the vicinity of Tooliah this year, and in the course of this and the next year 5 or 600 good spars of large size. As soon as I can furnish me with the dimensions and exact number of the latter I shall address the Bombay Government, to know what price they would give for them; and shall decide on receipt of their answer, whether to bring the spars out of the jungles at the cost of Government and sell them, or to allow them to be cut for the benefit of private parties, on the payment of the usual seigniorage (10 Rupees per Candy).

4. I confidently expect that the Revenue from this source alone, whichever mode of sale is adopted, will be such as fully to justify

justify the increase of expenditure which I propose; and therefore hope that you will support the proposition in laying it before Government.

5. Hitherto the Peons employed under Mr. Thompson have been Government ones detailed from the Salugs, substitutes being put in their places. As the former did not look on Mr. Thompson quite in the light they should have done, ^{neglect of} their immediate superior, and in the event of duty felt sure of being only sent back to their original employ, I have, at Mr. Thompson's request, allowed him to make a selection of men whom he has picked out as fit and willing for forest duty, and would recommend the same course ~~now~~ ^{in future} ~~proceeding~~ ^{maintaining} the increased establishment. As the duty is arduous and a large proportion of the men are often disabled from fever, I do not think lower pay than I have proposed, should be given. With regard to Country, the late orders of Government on that head have rendered any watching of it by the Forest Department almost needless.

6. I would add, in conclusion, that, I have found Mr. Thompson most ready to afford me any information asked for, and to attend to any suggestions of mine.

I have the honor to be,

Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant
[Signed] J. Fraser
Collector.

[True Copy]

J. W. Seddome Secy.
off^r Conservator of Forests

To J Fraser Esq^r
Collector and Magistrate of Canara
Mangalore.

Sir,
I beg to suggest for your approval the following augmentation to my present Establishment.

3 Duffadars on a Salary of Rs. 10. 8. " each per month
11 Peons at Rupees 6. " " each do
Total Rs. 97. - 8. "

With my present Establishment I can only look to one part of the jungle, and the remainder is left to look after itself.

I go over the whole of jungle in the District once a year but that is not sufficient to conserve it. On my visit last year to Godipa and Barkur I seen several Bamboe jungles that had been entirely cut down. But I could get no information from the villagers as to who cut them or where they were taken to.

It is my opinion that if I had more hands I would be able to extend my operations and raise the Revenue in proportion. We have good rivers in this district, and there must have been some good timber here formerly. I find the remains of Yeak wood

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in a letter from the
Conservator of Forests dated
2nd October 1860.

No 204.

From,

J. Fraser Esq^r

Collector of Canara

To, Mr. Stephen Esq^r M.

Conservator of Forests

St. George

21st 1860.

Forwarding copy of a

letter from Governor General

proposing and increase to

his establishment for

approval.

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wood nearly all over the jungle and there is no doubt but the jungle would recover if it was looked after.

If our present funds would allow of the augmentation proposed I would recommend its being sanctioned at least for a time, till it would be seen whether we could pay our extra expenses or not.

Another thing that makes the proposed augmentation almost indispensable is to watch the Coomry cultivators, unless they are watched the cultivation will be carried on to as great an extent as ever.

I am Dear

Mangalore 22nd June 1860 / Signed / E. Thompson
Overseer 1st Dept. H.C.

/ True copy /
Signed / J. Fraser
Collector

/ True copy /
J. Reddome Lieut.
Offg. Comr of Forests

Rev. Secy

N^o 1820

Proceedings of the Madras Government Under date the 8th October 1860.

Read the following letter
from the Offg. Conservator of
Forests.

Submitting copies of letters
from the Collector and Forest Officer
of South Canara urging the necessity
of an increase to the Forest Establishment
of that District. Also requesting the
sanction of Govt. for increasing the
salary of Mr. Thompson from 80
to 100 Rupees.

The Officiating
Conservator of Forests re-
quests permission to au-
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47-8 as an addition to the Estab-
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Proposed increase
to Forest Establishment
of South America.

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No. of the Madras Forest
Delator 1860

From the Committee of Forest
No. Delator 1860 CP 2230.

Information called for
regarding the addition required
to the Delator Forest of the
Forest Bureau in South America.

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