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## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 13-7- 1860.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*13th July* 1860.

No. 154. Read the following letter from H. CLEGHORN, Esq., M.D., Conservator of Forests, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Bangalore, 26th June 1860, No. 44 :—

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 20th March last, No. 425, I have the honor to submit the following summary of operations carried on in the Nílgiri Sholás.

2. On assuming charge of these Sholás there were Rupees 377-13-0 in the hands of the Tahsíldár of Ootacamund at credit, and the Establishment consisted of

| | Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Forester on ..... ..... | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| and | | | |
| 6 Peons on..... ..... | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Rupees... | 65 | 0 | 0 |

3. AUCTIONS OF DEAD WOOD.—The Establishment, with the assistance of hired coolies, were engaged from the receipt of the Order until the setting-in of the monsoons, in bringing out of the Sholás dead wood and arranging it in convenient lots along the sides of the principal cart roads. These lots were sold by public auction bi-weekly, and were readily purchased by the residents of the station at an average of 1 Rupee to 1 Rupee 8 Annas per cart load.

4. SALE OF SHOLAS.—Two large Sholás were put up to public auction, (after due notice) between the road leading to Sispara and the new trace to Karkúr. These were purchased under certain restrictions by a Native Contractor, who has established a Depôt for the sale of firewood near the willow-bund. The sale realized Rupees 351.

5. The dead wood alone in several Sholás three or four miles from Ootacamund, along the road to Kótagiri, was sold by public auction, and was purchased by another Contractor for Rupees 121, who also has established a firewood depôt in the Cantonment.

6. CHARCOAL.—A third Contractor has obtained the privilege of manufacturing bark, forge and common Charcoal in Thaver Sholá, situated at a distance of from 10 to 12 miles from the station. This privilege was granted him on easy terms, owing to there being no good cart road to it, and Lieutenant Beddome's report is herewith annexed. The Contractor for this privilege is to pay a seignorage to Government of Rupees 15 a month for two years, and has agreed to keep the station fully provided with this essential article. The services of two men from the Sappers have been obtained for instructing burners in the mode of preparing Charcoal economically.

* *After paying for Tools, Cumblies, &c.*

7. FINANCIAL RESULTS.—The sale* proceeds of the several auctions held up to the end of the past official year are Rupees 482-0-6, which together with the balance in the Treasury amount to Rupees 859-13-6; this I have requested the Collector to carry to the credit of Government under the head of "Forest Revenue."

8. PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT.—By reason of the enhanced value of provisions of every kind, some difficulty was experienced in finding Overseers. Mr. O'Brien resigned and Mr. Frend was selected in his room. I have now to solicit the services of Serjeant Sheffield of H. M.'s 60th Rifles, who has been highly recommended by Colonel Bedford, and who is a Carpenter by profession. If this Non-Commissioned Officer's services can be granted, he will be nominated at once to the charge of the western side of the station.

9. I would also request a small increase to the Peons—one of these to be additional to watch the Charcoal sellers and an increase of the present salaries of two others for reasons assigned opposite their respective names.

The Establishment will then be:—

| | RS. | A. | P. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 Foresters at 35 Rupees each..... | 70 | 0 | 0 | |
| Búden—Peon from 5 Rupees to 7 Rs. | 7 | 0 | 0 | Has been in the Department for 8 years, and is an active and intelligent man. |
| Cassim—Peon from 5 „ to 6 „ | 6 | 0 | 0 | Has been in the Department for 4 years and do. |
| 5 Peons at 5 „ each | 25 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total... | 108 | 0 | 0 | |

The above increase of Rupees 8 to form a debit against the unexpended balance sanctioned for the Forest Department.

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No. 155. ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1860, No. 1,161.

1. In this letter the Conservator of Forests reports his Proceedings in pursuance of the Order of March 20th, No. 425, for the conservation of the woods near Ootacamund, and for the supply of fuel to that station.

2. The Orders of Government have been acted on in part; but on some important points Dr. Cleghorn is silent. With regard to the supply of fuel, it is observed that two Sholás have been sold, both of which were bought by the same individual. The loud complaints lately made of the dearness and scarcity of firewood at Ootacamund, lead to the belief that this measure is not sufficient; and that other Sholás ought to be sold. The Conservator will consider this, and will act on the suggestion without delay if he thinks it expedient.

3. The Government presume that the "privilege" of making charcoal mentioned in paragraph 6 as having been "granted on easy terms," was sold by auction, in the mode laid down in the Order. No contracts of this kind should be given on any other terms. The Government conclude also, though both Dr. Cleghorn and Lieutenant Beddome are silent on the subject, that due means were taken to prevent this Contractor from committing waste. They also wish Dr. Cleghorn to state whether this man has a monopoly of the supply of charcoal to the station; and if so, whether inconvenience is found to result to the community.

4. Application will be made to the Commander-in-Chief for Serjeant Sheffield's services in order to his being employed as an Overseer under the sanction given in paragraph 10 of the Order of March 20th.

5. The entertainment of an additional Peon at 5 Rupees is also sanctioned, but with reference to the application for increase to the pay of two Peons, the Government must decline to give an increase on such merely personal grounds.

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

No. 73.

From,

Lieut.t R. H. Beddome
Asst.t Conservator of Forests.

To,

The Conservator of Forests.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have visited the Perea (or Davy) Shola situated near Mailoor. From the enormous extent of this Shola and its great capabilities for supplying firewood, I think that it is very important that a wheel road should be opened to it from Attakamund. The Shola is about 5 miles from Fair Lawns, from which place a bridle path branching off from the Ana=
=lanchee road leads to the Shola, this path might without much expence be widened into a cart road, there is one rather steep ravine be=
=tween Fair Lawns and the Shola, but this would be the only difficult part for carts. I consider that the yield of timber from this forest, if properly conserved would be endless. I observed a large quantity of dead wood and refuse timber lying in the Shola, also a good many fine large trees appear to have been very lately felled, and from the enormous amount of chips which par=
=tially cover the road through the Shola, it is

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No. One

In a letter from the Conser-
vator of Forests dated 26.
June 1860 No. 166

No.

From
Lt. R. H. Beddome
Asst. Conr. of Forests
To The Conservator of Forests.

R 1311/60.

Submitting report on
the Peria or Shaver Shola
on the Nilgiri Hills.

No 154-155

Rec'd July 5th

Have the honor to be Sir
Your most Obt. Servt.
R. H. Beddome Lieut.
Asst. Conservator of Forests.

(True Copy)

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Conservator of Forests.

way excited, that felling has been or will be carried on
to a great extent.

Memo

I received this draft with an addition & paragraph 3 in consequence of the remarks on the law.

With reference to his remarks on para. 5, I beg to say that when there is a fixed establishment it is quite impossible to interfere the levy of particular situations

to suit individual wants;
there could be no fixed
Establishment under such
a practice -
orders are required -

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 13th July 1860.

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Nos 154 & 155.