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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 5-12- 1860.

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No. 53. Read the following letter from Lieutenant R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 9th November 1860, No. 247 :—

SIR,

1. Adverting to paragraph 14 of Dr. Cleghorn's report to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 1st May 1858, No. 337, you will perceive that two Dévastánams hold Inám land in the Wainád and Heggadevinkotta teak forest.

2. Captain Gib who has been appointed to the charge of this range of forest, reports to me that the limits of this Inám land is not yet defined, and that these Dévastánams are consequently carrying on wholesale robberies of teak, felling teak both within the Mysore boundary and on Government land in Wainád, and carting it out of the forests as timber felled within the limits of the Inám land.

3. As the Revenue Survey Department are now employed in laying down the Government boundaries in Wainád, may I request that you will urge upon Government the necessity of authorizing the Superintendent of Astagram and the Deputy Collector of Wainád, to stop all felling of timber by these Dévastánams until the boundaries of the Inám land are satisfactorily defined.

From Captain W. GIB, Assistant Conservator of Forests, to Lieutenant R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, dated Manantoddy, 31st October 1860, No. 3.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report that the limits of the Inám land claimed by two Dévastánams in the north of Wainád and mentioned by Dr. Cleghorn in his report to Government 1st May 1858, No. 337, paragraph 14, have not yet been defined.

2. I would therefore beg to suggest your recommending to Government that until the limits of the land originally granted to those Dévastánams have been ascertained and marked out, they should be prohibited by order of Government from felling timber. Unless this is done it appears to me impossible to prevent their felling beyond their own limits.

3. I have conferred with the Superintendent of Astagram and the Deputy Collector of Wainád on the subject, and they are both of opinion that great robbery has been carried on by these Dévastánams felling timber within the boundary of the Mysore territory and Government land in Wainád.

4. The Deputy Collector of Wainád has already received two applications for tracts of land for the cultivation of Coffee, on or adjoining the land claimed by the Dévastánams; but it will be impossible to comply with these requisitions until the boundaries are decided, and this is an additional reason for their speedy settlement.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. H. BEDDOME, Lieutenant,

Officiating Conservator of Forests.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1860, No. 2,311.

1. In this letter the Acting Conservator of Forests brings to the notice of Government the extensive waste and spoliation committed in the forest lately placed under charge of Captain Gib, on the border of Mysore and Wainád, under cover of passes given by two Dévastánams, which claim to have rights in that forest. Lieutenant Beddome supports Captain Gib's recommendation that all felling under such passes should be prohibited, until the rights of the Temples shall have been proved and defined.

2. The subject thus brought forward has already been twice under the consideration of Government. On the first occasion action was postponed until the boundary then in dispute between Mysore and Wainád should be settled; but Government expressed the opinion that when that was done there would be no difficulty in prohibiting all cutting until the

representation of the Dévastánam should prove their title. They also signified their willingness to consider Dr. Cleghorn's proposal that an Officer should be appointed to the charge of this forest, as soon as the boundary should be determined.* The boundary question has now been settled; and an Officer has been appointed to the charge, in the person of Captain Gib.

* *August 5th* 1858, *No.* 1,086, *paragraph* 11.

3. On the second occasion the Government saw reason to believe that the claims of the two Temples were wholly invalid; but they directed the Collector of Malabar to call on the representatives of the Temples to produce proof of their title to the forest rights which they claimed, and to report on the subject for the information of Government.† Mr. Grant's inquiries led him to the conclusion that the Temples never possessed forest lands; but on his recommendation the final decision of Government on the matter was deferred pending the completion of the Revenue Survey of Wainád.

† *July 12th* 1859, *No.* 925, *paragraph* 10.

Order, 31*st January* 1860, *No.* 166.

4. The Government now consider it necessary to put a stop to the waste and robbery complained of; and they resolve to pass an order to the effect recommended by Lieutenant Beddome. They accordingly direct the Collector to give notice to the representatives of the Dévastánams, and to all persons holding passes from them, that no further cutting whatever will be permitted under such passes, until proof shall be produced of the possession of forest rights, and of their extent. Parties acting in breach of this prohibition will be dealt with as trespassing on Government property. Captain Gib will be able, with the Peons at his disposal, to uphold this order; and the Police will be instructed to aid him in doing so.

5. As respects the portion of the forest lying on the Mysore side of the boundary, this Government need pass no orders; but they resolve to transmit copy of the present correspondence and of this order to the Commissioner of Mysore, for such notice as he may consider fit.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 55. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Chief Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Rájá of Mysore, dated 5th December 1860, No. 2,312.

SIR,

Enclosure 1.

1. I am directed to forward for your information the enclosed copy of a letter from the Acting Conservator of Forests, dated 9th November No. 247, bringing to notice, the waste and spoliation committed in the forest lately placed under the charge of Captain Gib, on the borders of Mysore and Wainád, under cover of passes given by two Dévastánams, which claim to have rights in that forest.

Order, dated 5th December 1860, *No.* 2,311.

2. The Government have prohibited further felling of timber under such passes in their portion of the forest until proof of the validity and nature of the Dévastánam claims is adduced, and I am instructed to bring to your notice that similar spoliation is alleged to be committed in that part of the same forest tract which is within the boundary of Mysore.

Rev Dept

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No 2312

To

The Chief Commissioner for the
Govt of the territories of His Highness
the Rajah of Mysore.

Sir

I am directed to
forward for your information
a copy of the enclosed
a letter from the Acting
Conservator of Forests
dated 9th November No 247
bringing to notice the
waste and spoliation
committed in the forest
lately placed under the
charge of Captain Gib,
on the borders of Mysore
and Wainad, under cover
of passes given by two
Dévastánams, which
claim to have rights in
that forest.

1 Enclosure

order dated 5th Dec

2 The Government
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such passes in their por-
tion of the Forest until
proof of the validity and
nature of the said claims is addressed and
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similar spoliation is
alleged to be committed
in that part of the same
Forest tract mentioned
which is within the
Boundary of Abjesre

J. D.

Fort St. Geo 5 Dec. 1860.

Letter from Govt
Dated 5th June 61
No 571.

To the Comm^r of
Mysore
Waste of Forest &c.

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No 2312.

Revenue 1860 Dept
Acc: & Cert Forests

To the Chief Commissioner
of the Territories
of His Highness the Rajah
of Kellypore.

Dated 5th December 1860.

Forwarding a Letter from
the Conservator of Forests respecting the waste and destruction committed in the Forest of Kellypore and Wainad under cover of Papers given by Devastations

No 55

Wainad

Proceedings of Govt
Under
Dated the 5th Dec^r 1860

Bringing to notice the extensive devastation committed by certain Devastations in the forest on the Boundaries of Mysore & Wynaad, & requesting that all felling of timber by them may be prohibited until the limits of the Boundaries have been satisfactorily defined.

No 2312 A. D.

The Govt
dated the 5th Dec^r 1860
Read the following letter from the Off^g
Cons^r of Forests.

Hereenter Q^{tte} 607 Dated 24th Nov^r 1860

In this letter the acting
Conservator of forests brings
to the notice of Govt the extensive
waste & devastation committed
in the Forest lately placed under
charge of Cadi Sibi, on the border
of Mysore & requests, among
other things, that all persons having
Devastations to their charge
in that
Taluq might
be prohibited from felling timber
in the forest.

The Cadi Sibi represents that all felling
under such Watch & Ward be
prohibited, until the limits of
the Taluk have been
properly defined.

The subject has
been brought forward for already
three times under the consi-
deration of Govt. On the first
occasion action was taken
by the Boundary

the part between Injunct & Appeal
should be settled; but first expressed
his opinion that when that was done
there would be no difficulty in
[illegible] all cutting until the
representation of the Devastations
should have their talk. They also
signified their willingness to consi-
der Mr Clapham's proposal that an
Officer shd be appointed with the charge
of their forests, & some of the boundary
should be determined; the boundary
question has now been settled; & an
Officer has been appointed to the charge,
the terms of Capt. Fib.

3. On the second occasion
Govt directed the Counsel of Templers were about
to call on the representatives
of the Templers to produce proof of
their title to the forest rights which
they claimed, & to report on the
subject for the information of Govt.
[illegible] Templers counsel
stated since that order was
passed, but no Return has been

4. The Govt now consider it
necessary to put a stop
to the waste & nothing
complained of, & they

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got been made by the Govt
4. The Govt now make
to stop any waste & the effects
recommended by Capt Siddons
They accordingly direct the
Conr to give notice to the
representatives of the Devasti-
& to all persons holding
[illegible]
Passes from them, that no further
cutting whatever will be permitted
under such Passes until proof
shall be produced of the Tem-
ples forest rights, & of
their extent. Parties acting
breach of this prohibition will
be dealt with as trespassers
on Govt property. Capt. Fib
will be able with the assis-
at his disposal, to uphold
this order; & the police will be
instructed to aid him in doing so.

5. As respects the Forests
of the Templers lying
the Ingress with of the Commr.
any Govt. need stop

no orders; but they need me to transmit
copy of the present correspondence &
of this order to the Council of Cochin,
for such notice as he may consider fit.

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13 " Director of Rev: Settlement "
7 " Supt. of Revenue Surveys "
4 " Conservator of Forests "
1 " Collector of Malabar "
3 — Court of Cuttack "

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Extensive waste of Forest on the border of Mysore & Wynaad.

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Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dy 5th December 1860.

From the Offg Conservator of Forests
Of 14 Sept/60 C No 2231 with Do

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From the Offg Conservator Forests
Dy 27 October/63 No 2656

Prohibiting certain Devastanams from felling timber in the forest on the border of Mysore and Wynaad until proof shall be produced of the possession of forest rights and of their extent.

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