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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 1. Read the following letter from Captain H. R. MORGAN, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 14th September 1861, No. 633:—

SIR,

1. In reply to the order of Government of 7th September 1861, No. 1,779, paragraph 2, I have the honor to state as follows.

2. EXTENT AND ANNUAL VALUE OF THE WAINAD FORESTS.—The forests belonging to Government in Wainád consist of the tracts named in the margin. The two latter forests are claimed by certain temples Government in their Order, No. 925 of 12th July 1859, paragraph 10, ordered that the Collector should call on them to produce their proofs on a fixed day; what steps have been taken in the matter I am not aware.

1. Múnanád.
2. Gunnaputtivuttum.
3. Ellúrnád.
4. Púlpullydasum of Kúpatode.

3. The value of the above forests, according to Mr. Grant, Collector of Malabar, has in eight years but amounted to Rupees 1,361, obtained by a stump fee. At present until boundaries are defined, we simply prevent illegal felling, koomery cultivation, &c., the boundaries once defined by the Revenue Survey parties, we shall be in a position to sell at least 5,000 Rupees of teak, blackwood and cedar, annually.

Vide copy of Captain Hunter's letter annexed.

4. TENURE.—I am not aware of the exact tenure of the Government forests beyond that they are "escheats," *vide* Government Order, No. 925 of 12th July 1859, on Mr. Robinson's letter, which exhausts the subject of forest tenures in Wainád.

		RS.	A.	P.
1 Assistant Conservator	*	100	0	0
1 English Writer		11	10	8
1 Daffadár		3	5	4
14 Peons at 2 Rupees each		28	0	0
Rupees..		143	0	0

* NOTE.—Military Pay and travelling allowances not included.

5. COST OF CONSERVANCY.—The cost of Conservancy is at present Rupees 143 monthly. The Establishment consists of the following as per margin, two-thirds of the pay are debited to Mysore.

6. When the boundaries of the above forests are definitely settled, I propose working them systematically when it will be necessary to have a complete Establishment irrespective of the Mysore one.

From Captain A. HUNTER, Officiating Assistant Conservator of Forests, Mysore and Wainád, to Captain H. R. MORGAN, Officiating Conservator of Forests, dated Ootacamund, 3rd September 1861, No. 111.

SIR,

1. In reply to your letter, No. 517, dated 3rd instant, calling upon me to state the extent and annual value of the Wainád forests, as also the tenure upon which they are held, and the cost of their Conservancy, I have the honor to bring to your notice paragraph 14, page 4 of the Conservator's Report, dated 1st May 1858, No. 337, and the remarks of Government thereon at page 14. Also to the remarks of Government on Mr. W. Robinson's Report on the Wainád forests, dated 12th July 1859, No. 925.

2. The teak forests lie on the east of Wainád. In two no private rights are set up, viz., Múnanád (from Nellacottah to the Mysore boundary) and Gunnaputtivuttum or Burkanar (from Sultan's Battery, east to the Mysore boundary, and north as far as Kurchypád) from Nellacottah in the south to Coorg a large fine belt of Teak exists, the Mysore boundary runs through it. A

great part of the Wainád portion is claimed by the Devastanums of Púlpully and Terunhilly, and until these claims are settled and their boundaries laid down by the Revenue Settlement authorities, it is impossible to lay down the extent of the forests of Government in Wainád.

3. No decision has yet been received as to the proprietary right to these forests. I therefore in accordance with the views of Government (see orders of Government 5th December 1860, No. 2,311, paragraphs 3 and 4) pass no cut timber or allow further cutting. No Revenue, therefore, can be obtained from the disputed forests till the claims set up by the temples are settled. During the short time I have had charge, I have stopped some 5,000 logs of cut teak from passing into Mysore. Teak at Mysore sells for 1½ Rupees the cubic foot; several native wood-merchants wish to contract for old teak, blackwood and white cedar, the annual value of these forests must therefore be great, but cannot be ascertained till their extent is known.

4. Tenures.—Full information is given on this point in Mr. Robinson's Report, and further information regarding the claims of the Devastanum people might be given by the present Collector. They wish their boundaries defined, and from my report for May 1861, you will observe that they stated to me that they had not been called upon to prove their claims to forests lands.

5. Cost of Conservancy.—In the Proceedings of Government, dated 8th January 1861, No. 35, the following Establishment was sanctioned for the Conservancy of Mysore and Wainád.

1 English Writer	Rs.	35	0 0
1 Daffádár...	„	10	0 0
14 Peons at Rupees 6 each	„	84	0 0
Rupees...		129	0 0

Two-thirds of the cost of this Establishment are chargeable to Mysore. In Proceedings 18th September 1860, No. 1,641, the Assistant Conservator is allowed 300 Rupees per month salary. Two-thirds payable by Mysore and one-third by the Government of Madras. The Assistant receives 5 Rupees a day, travelling allowance, and this is charged in equal parts to the two Governments; the charge to Wainád is therefore as follows:—

1 Assistant Conservator	Rs.	100	0 0
1 English Writer	„	11	10 8
1 Daffádár	„	3	5 4
14 Peons at 2 Rupees each	„	28	0 0
Rupees.....		143	0 0

No. 2. Order thereon, 1st October 1861, No. 1,892.

Ordered to lie over.

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

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6. When the boundaries of the above Forests are definitely settled I propose working them systematically, when it will be necessary to have a complete Establishment irrespective of the Mysore one.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant.
W. Sampson Capt.
Offg. Conservator of Forests

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The Offg Conservator of Forests

" The Secy: to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St George.

Dated 14th
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No 633.

Enclosure One.

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Reporting on the
Extent and Annual value,
Future and Cost of Conservancy of the Wynaad
Forests.

With an order
No 1892 - 1st Oct

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~~Forwarded to the Collector~~
~~for information to the steps taken under~~
~~Para 10 of G.O. dated 12th July 1859~~
~~No 925.~~ Ordered to lie over

Fort St George
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~~To the Collector of Malabar. Dispo~~

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