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No. 200. Read the following letter from Mr. W. ELLIOTT, Planter, Mangalore, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Mangalore, 23rd December 1861 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to state that on the 2nd of July last, I sent in an application to the Collector of South Canara for about one thousand acres of land on the upper slopes of the Koodry Mook range. My reason for applying for so large a quantity of land was, that I was aware that the whole of this range abounds in rocks, stones, and impassable precipices, and out of a thousand acres, I might get with difficulty three or four hundred acres suitable for the cultivation of Bourbon, and Sea Island Cotton and Coffee, which I propose to try on the lands if granted to me. I purpose planting Coffee 8 feet apart, and Cotton between the rows, both cannot fail, and should one succeed it will pay expenses.

2. Since I sent in my application, I have travelled on foot upwards of five hundred miles, and spent close or five hundred Rupees, besides loss of time, and loss of this year for clearing jungle, and forming nurseries, building lines, &c. I met Mr. Williams the Head Assistant in charge at Beltunguddy to inspect the jungles applied for by order of Government. I pointed out their locality, which at present is impassable for man or beast. On enquiry he found the land applied for, unassessed, waste, not conserved, inaccessible at present for man or beast, and belongs wholly to Government, abounding in rocks, stones, and impassable precipices, and 18 miles distant from the nearest point to a Government road. Mr. Williams told me he would report to Government accordingly.

3. The first jungle applied for by me is Mullur Khan, situated 18 miles east of Karcul on a bend in the range bounded on the East and North by the Mysore Territory an impassable ridge of mountain ; and the East and West by steep impassable precipices. I might get in this jungle between one and two hundred acres of plantable land. At this season my servant and I were covered with leeches in this sheltered glen, only accessible by a narrow opening and path impassable for cattle for many miles. This jungle abounds in good timber, but is useless from its inaccessibility.

4. The other two jungles I applied for are, Kemmengoody Khan, and Hooloogoody Khan, adjoining each other, bounded on the East by the Mysore Territory, by a lofty impassable rocky precipice ; on the South and West by steep impassable precipices, accessible only from the North and West; the portions I examined of these two jungles have no good timber on them—the only trees that struck my notice are Buttress. The jungle abounds in huge granite rocks croping out of the ground the size of large houses and deep precipitous ravines. I might be able to get between two and three hundred acres plantable sheltered land in those two jungles ; portions exposed to the South West Monsoon cannot be planted or cleared. I might here mention I have purchased from three natives Kirstna Bhut, Soobroy Bhut, and Anantha Bhut, a place adjoining the above mentioned jungles, being some old deserted rice fields abandoned the past ten years named Bidgool for 68 Rupees. I pay 2 Rupees per annum assessment. I purpose making my first house for self and coolies at this place, and forming nurseries on the rice fields. I have also ordered grass to be cut for buildings, and tools to be made at Moodbiddry, about 20 miles distance. On reference to the map, these jungles will appear on the Ghâts about half way between the villages of Naravee and Mala, which consists of only three houses.

5. After my return to this place a few days ago, I met the new Acting Collector, Mr. Hodgson, who has requested me to return to the Ghâts, and meet the Tahsîldár of Oodapee, whom he has ordered to survey and report on the jungles I require, which is utterly impossible for us to do in their present impenetrable and impassable state, without great expense, loss of time, and danger to life and limb. I refer to Dr. Cleghorn for the correctness of the descriptions of the boundaries I have given.

6. I, therefore, respectfully pray you will be so kind as to submit this letter and statements to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for their favorable consideration. The

undertaking is purely an experiment in this District, which if successful will greatly benefit the country which I am proposed and determined to test and carry out if life is spared me.

7. I pray for a grant of the above mentioned jungles Mullur Khan, Kemmengoody Khan, and Hooloogoody Khan, just as they stand with all their disadvantages of no roads within 18 miles, free from assessment for a certain term of years, or until they are brought under cultivation, when I will be prepared to pay the highest rate of assessment leviable on such lands in the District. I pray for an early reply to relieve me from further suspense to enable me to act.

No. 201. ORDER THEREON, 24th January 1862, No. 101.

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(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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I have the honor to remain
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Planter
Mangalore

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