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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1066 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 15 ~~s~~ 1862

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th May 1862.

No. 272. Read the following letter from Major H. R. MORGAN, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 19th April 1862, No. 918:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward a letter* received from the Collector of Malabar for the consideration of Government, and would again respectfully urge upon Government the necessity there is of retaining Chatoo Menon's services at present.

* Dated 20th March 1862, No. 974.

2. In my letter No. 822, dated 20th February 1862, I suggested that Chatoo Menon should not be pensioned for one year, but as the Collector is of opinion that six months will be sufficient for Overseer Fergusson to acquire a thorough knowledge of his duties, I beg that six months may be granted to Chatoo Menon.

3. I can fully endorse all that the Collector has written regarding the abilities and the faithful manner in which Chatoo Menon has performed his duty to the Government.

No. 273. ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1862, No. 1,066.

Under the circumstances stated by the Collector of Malabar, the Government permit the continuance of Chatoo Menon in the public service for six months.

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

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Calicut 29th March 1862.

From,

P. Grant Esqre
Collector of Malabar.

To,

Major Morgan
Offg. Conservator of Forests
Cotacamund.

Sir,

Major Babington called yesterday at my office, and shewed me your letter with the appended Extract Proceedings of Government dated 15th March 1862.

2. My object in addressing you, is to request you to urge on Government the reconsideration of their order directing the immediate pensioning of Chatu Menon, Native Conservator of the Conolly Teak Plantations. Mr Fergusson, the new overseer of the Plantation, reported his arrival here on the 26th Ultimo. He has since been up

up to the Plantations, and visits them
again with Major Babington in a
day or two. From what I have seen of
Mr. Fergusson, he appears to be well
up in his work, but I think you
will agree with me, that to dispense
with Chatu Menon's services at
this particular time, would be most
inexpedient. The thinning of the
plantations and felling of large
timber, have engaged his attention
for some months past. He is now
preparing his seedling beds and
getting the jungle cleared off the
land, which is to be planted
this season. This work will require
the undivided attention of an experienced
man. It is not of that nature that
any one can take it up on a day's
notice, and to dispense with
Chatu Menon's services just now,
might throw back the whole
planting

planting of a year. Chatu Menon's departure might be followed by that of many of the workmen who have been got together with difficulty at the plantations by Chatu Menon's personal influence. Taking much interest in the Conolly Teak plantations, I confess I do not at all like the idea of their being thrown suddenly on the hands of a stranger, however experienced he may be. I would therefore urgently press on you the expediency of obtaining the sanction of Government for the retention of Chatu Menon's services for a further period of six months, within which time, Mr. Fergusson might be thoroughly inducted into his office, with the advantage, in the mean time, of profiting by Chatu Menon's past experience. It is quite true, as remarked by you, that Chatu Menon's physical

Capacities

capacities are much impaired - still he is able to go short distances on foot, and by trunchill he reaches the more distant plantations. He is justly proud of the work of his hands, as the plantations may aptly be termed, for, several hundred thousand thriving Teak trees, varying from one to 19 years of age, and from 5 to 35 feet in height, bear testimony to the care and industry of that Menon, who, when he retires on a pension, will leave to that Govt. which he has well and honestly served for 40 years, a Teak plantation raised by man, and second to no other on the face of the globe. It is the moral influence of the man who has done all this, that we require for a few months longer. If you

you agree in these sentiments, I beg that you will forward a copy of this letter to Government, with one from yourself expressive of the same.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obt. Servant,
R. Rowe
Collector.

Ex. D.S.

1862.

From,
The Collector of
Malabar

To, The Offg Conservator
of Forests
Ootz

Dated 25th March 62
Recd.

No 974.

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Shewing the reasons
why Chathu Menon,
Native Conservator of
the Conolly Teak
Plantation, should
be retained in his
post for a period
of six months more.

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From Coller of Malabar
D/ 2 Augt/62 No. 2232

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1862 Rec. of Govt for Ellay
From
No. 1256-
The Offg Consr of Forests
To The Secy to Government
Rev. Department
Fort St George

Dated 19th April 1862
Recd 2d May
No. 910

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No. 1066 15 May
Submitting Communication from the Collector of Malabar and urging upon Govt the necessity there is of retaining Chatoo Menon's Services in the Nellambur Teak Plantations for the present

With an order

No. 1066-

Under the circumstances stated by the Collector of Malabar, the ~~Govt~~ permit the continuance of Chatu Menon in the Public Service for six months-

J D B

Fort St George
15th May /62

4 To the Conservator of Forests. Cop[illegible]
1 Collector of Malabar
3 " Civil Paymaster

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