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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 278. Read the following letter from Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 5th May 1862, No. 11 :—

SIR,

1. With regard to that portion of paragraph 12 of the Proceedings of Government No. 933, dated 1st May 1862, which refers to the entire revenue of the Cuddapah Forests being almost absorbed in the charge of Conservancy, I have the honor to report that I consider the revenue to be derived from these Forests is estimated at too low a standard, and trust that under careful management, the revenue derived will be considerably in excess of that estimated for, by Major Morgan.

2. With regard to more economical management in the Forest Department, I must here mention that when the Department was organized, the employment of Officers on such high Military salaries was never contemplated. Under the Staff Corps rules, two Officers of the Department have become Majors, and Captain Hunter (at present only acting) becomes a Major in July next, and Captain Gib will be promoted to that rank in April 1863. If the services of these Officers are to be retained, it is most important that a portion of their Military allowances should be debited to the Military Department. Otherwise it is not giving the Conservancy Department a fair chance of showing a good financial result.

3. I would suggest that the Military Department bear half the Military pay of the Officers employed in the Forest Department. This they will probably be willing to do, as from the great reduction in the Army their services cannot be required with Regiments.

4. If the Military Department will not agree to bear a portion of the Military pay, I must recommend that the Conservancy of the Nilgiri Sholas be placed under the Officer in charge of the Mudumallai Forest, as at present on account of the high pay drawn by the Officer in charge of the Nilgiri Sholas, the expenditure is in excess of the receipts ; and the Nilgiris, in my opinion, do not require a separate Conservator ; two good Overseers with the occasional supervision of the Conservator of Mudumallai being quite sufficient.

5. The Nellambúr Plantations having a good Overseer, do not require more supervision than an occasional visit from the Conservator himself, or if he is not able to visit them during the year, the Officer in charge of the Wainád or Anamallai range could be deputed to do so.

6. I have thought it necessary to bring this matter before Government for their early deliberation. When I have visited all our different Forest Establishments, and made myself fully acquainted with their working order, I shall probably be able to offer further information as to more economical management in the Department, &c.

No. 279. ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1862, No. 1,069.

Paragraph 3 of the above letter will be communicated to the Military Department for consideration.

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

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From

The Offg Conr of Forests

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort Saint George

Dated 5th
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From Military Dept
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Enclosure

Affording explanation with reference to the Proceedings of Government No 938 dated 1st May 1862.

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J D S

W. Ellis

Fort St. George
15th May 1862

I respectfully to the Secy Dept Offg Conservator of Forests