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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 374. 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, 17th June 1862, No. 68:—

SIR,

1. Agreeably to Government Order No. 910 of the 28th of April 1862, the District Engineer has forwarded me an Estimate for Teak Shelves to hold the Herbarium and which are to be placed round the small Government building now used as the Conservator of Forests' Office.

2. White ants are already coming out of the walls and they are liable to damp, and if these shelves are erected, the Herbarium could not be kept on them without the risk of getting destroyed, and dust could never be kept off. If, too, the Herbarium was removed elsewhere the shelves would be useless.

3. The Estimate amounts to 116 Rupees. In Europe all Herbariums are kept in small almirahs made of light wood, with wooden folding doors and shelves of the breadth of the Herbarium paper. These cost about 2£. each. If Government will sanction 200 Rupees for this object, I will at once get some of these almirahs made up. That amount will cover all that we require at present. The Herbarium will then be kept from dust and can be at any time removed to the Museum or elsewhere. We have a valuable Herbarium from all parts of the Presidency, I am now getting it poisoned, and the specimens mounted on white paper. Dr. Hooker has also lately forwarded us many valuable named specimens of Indian plants from the Kew collections, when these are arranged, as I propose, they will be consultable, which they are not at present. A good collection of dried specimens of timber yielding trees, dyes, oils, tanning plants, &c., would be of great practicable use to several Departments and to the Medical Students, &c. It is moreover a scientific desideratum, which is possessed both by Calcutta and Bombay, and most large towns in Europe.

No. 375. ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1862, No. 1,395.

1. Sanctioned Rupees (200) two hundred.

2. The Officiating Conservator will report from what item in the current year's Budget this charge can be met.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

R. W. Hedderley Esq.

Officiating Conservator &c

