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No. 151. Read the following letter from Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Camp Baigoor, 5th August 1862, No. 136:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report for the information of Government that I have inspected the Hoonsoor Teak forests alluded to in the Government Order of the 7th of June 1862, No. 1,262, they are situated just within the Mysore frontier, and are distant from Manantoddy about 20 miles; they adjoin the Wainád Teak forests now under Captain Gib, and are themselves a portion of that belt of Teak forest which extends from Coorg to Mudumallai.

2. These forests may be divided into the three tracts, viz., the Baigoor and the Bunkawady forests south of the Cubbony river, and the Bissalwaddy forest on the north or left bank of the same river, there is still a great quantity of fine large Teak ready for felling, and an immense number of fine young trees of from 3 t o5 feet in circumference. Hone (Pterocarpus Marsupinum) and Muttee (Terminalia Tomentosa) are also abundant and grow very fine, and there is a considerable quantity of Blackwood.

3. These forests are now being worked by the Commissariat Department with an establishment quite inadequate to attempt anything like conservancy; it consists of an old Writer and four Peons (two of whom get Rupees 2-8-0 each and the other 2 Rupees each per mensem) there are no rules laid down to be observed in working them, and the object is generally to cut logs fit to be carried upon country carts, this must often be effected with great waste, particularly when there is no proper supervision.

4. The Commissariat do not appear to have confined their operations to these forests only, as one contract given to a man named Buswa and countersigned by the Commissariat Officer, states that the Teak may be felled in the "Kygutnaud" Táluq, which is across the boundary in Coorg, I observed great waste in the system pursued, and it could hardly be otherwise where there is no European superintendence.

5. These forests, as I have already observed, adjoin the Wainád forests now worked by Captain Gib, I would therefore strongly recommend that they should be handed over to that Officer to be systematically worked and conserved; an establishment as per margin* would be requisite. A large quantity of timber could be supplied annually at the market rate to the Commissariat Department and to the Gun Carriage Manufactory at Madras.

	Rs.
* 1 Overseer	50
1 Duffadár	16
2 Peons at 7 Rupees each	14
2 Cooroober Peons at 5 Rupees each	10
Total...	120

6. If this tract of forest is to be handed over to Captain Gib, the working of it and the Wainád belt will give him full employment, I would therefore propose that the Mysore Government be requested to nominate another Officer for the conservancy of the forests in their own territory. I would particularly recommend this arrangement as I am led to understand that that Government has fully determined to have a separate establishment of their own, and besides the present system of having Wainád and Mysore under one and the same Officer gives rise to much confusion in the pay and accounts of the establishment.

No. 152. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1862, No. 1,927.

1. In this letter the Acting Conservator of Forests reports on the Hoonsoor Teak forests as required in the Order of Government dated 7th June 1862, No. 1 262, with reference to Major Morgan's suggestion to transfer them from the Commissariat to the Forest Department. That Officer supports the proposal and the Government sanction it. Orders will be issued from the Military Department for making the transfer of the forests to Captain Gib of the Forest Department, as suggested by Captain Beddome. The Order in that Department dated 30th May 1862, No. 1,9`2, stipulating that the Forest Department should at all times be prepared to furnish on

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payment whatever timber may be required from these forests for Government purposes, by the Commissariat Department at Hoonsoor, should be borne in mind by Captain Gib and his subordinates.

2. The suggestion made by Captain Beddome, in paragraph 6 of his letter, to relieve Captain Gib of the charge of the forests in the Mysore territory is approved, and on the receipt of a report as to how provision can be made in the Budget for the portion of the latter Officer's salary hitherto paid by the Mysore Government the Commissioner will be addressed on the subject. Captain Beddome will also report how he proposes to provide funds for the additional establishment required.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Revenue Department

No. 1927.

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 10th Sept. 1862.

Read the following letter from the officiating conservator of forests.—

Recommending that the Hoonsoor Teak forests formerly handed over to the Madras Govt. by Mysore be planned under proper conservancy and be worked together with aided by Captain Gib.

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In this letter the acting Conservator of forests reports on the Hoonsoor Teak forests as required in the order of Govt. dated 7th June 1862 No. 1262, with reference to Major Morgan's suggestion to transfer these forests from the Commissariat to the Forest Department. That officer supports the proposal and the Govt. sanction it. Orders will be issued from the Military Department

Department for making the transfer to Captain List of the Forest Department as suggested by Captain Beddome. The order in that Department dated 30th May 1862, No. 1972 stipulating that the Forest Department should at all times be prepared to furnish on payment such timber may be required from their Forests for Govt purposes, by the Commissariat Department at Hoonsoor should be borne in mind by Captain List and his subordinates.

2. The suggestion made by Captain Beddome in para 6 of his letter to relieve Captain List of the charge of the Forests in the Mysore Limits is approved and on the receipt of a report as to how provision can be made in the Budget for the proportion of the latter officer's salary hitherto paid by the Mysore Govt, the Commissioner Commissioner will be addressed on the subject. Captain Beddome will also report how he proposes to provide funds for the additional establishment required.

4 Copies To the Offg Conservator of Forests Dept Dr.
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Captain Dickinson's application
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Passing orders
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report on the Toonoor
Teak forests.

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