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No. 260. Read the following letter from Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Ootacamund, 24th July 1862, No. 128:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report for the information of Government, that I have inspected the establishment for the Neilgherry Sholas, and the operations in this District. The establishment consists of two Foresters and seven Peons. The right of felling firewood is sold by contract annually, the Forest Department reserving the right to fell the dry wood in Sholas about Ootacamund, and put the same up to auction. The Forest Department replant the Sholas with fast growing Acacias and Eucalyptus; Major Babington has done good service in this way, and has formed a flourishing nursery in the Governor's Shola, where the indigenous timber is being rapidly felled by the contractor.

2. The Peons are supposed to stop clandestine felling or to confiscate timber thus felled, they however never attempt to do so, as every case of clandestine felling, that has been brought to light, has been through the Foresters, they on the other hand undoubtedly receive bribes for allowing the same, and for winking at the smuggling in of timber; I therefore think that their services should be dispensed with. I would propose to keep two Peons as one is required at the Office, and one may be of service at the nurseries, the remaining five should be discharged.

3. As the felling of timber for firewood is sold by contract, I think moreover that it is the contractor himself, who should take measures to check smuggling, if he issued small printed tickets to his wood cutters, or to all those, who have paid toll, and took steps to stop all timber brought into Ootacamund without these passes, he would find his receipts in the month much larger.

4. The contract was sold this year for Rupees 3,000, this is considerably less than it should have fetched, and the contractor's receipts are large.

No. 261. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1862, No. 1,984.

1. The Governor in Council approves the proposal made by the Acting Conservator of Forests in paragraph 2 of this letter to reduce the number of Peons employed on the Neilgherry Hills to guard the Sholas from seven to two. The salary of each of these Peons is seven Rupees per mensem, and the saving will amount to (5×7) 35 Rupees.

2. The reduction will however be only temporary, and the Conservator will report at the end of twelve months how it has been found to work and whether it should be made permanent.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Under date the 13th Sept. 1862

Read the following

letter from the Offg.

Conservator of Forests

submitting a report on the working of the Neilgherry Shola Establishment and also recommending a reduction in the same.

(Here enter 24 July/62 N° 128)

The Governor in Council approves the proposal made by the Acting Conservator of Forests in para 2 of this letter to reduce the number of persons employed on the Neilgherry Wells to guard the Sholas from 7 to 2.

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The salary of each of these persons is annexed to their names and the paying pill annexed to (5 x 7) 35 Rupees.

2 The Reduction will however in a short time, Business will be conducted in the Office and the Clerks in attendance as formerly. Should it however be found a work of Difficulty it should be remedied by the appointment of

4 Ag Comrs of Sûrat Collectors
3 Accomts General
3 Civil Paymasters

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No. 1384.

Read the letter from the Commissioner of Police, Madras, dated 12th June 1862 No. 2180.

Proposal to reduce the number of peons employed on the Mail Robbery, and to guard the Mint.

No. 260 & 261.

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