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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18th October 1862.

No. 223. 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 Camp Ootacamund, 8th October 1862, No. 210.

SIR,

1. With regard to paragraph 22 of the Government Order No. 2,040 of the 19th of September 1862, I have the honor to inform you that the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway has applied for a further lease for three years of the Chenat Nair Forest situated between Walyar and Palghat

2. The present lease was granted to the Railway Company by Dr. Cleghorn, and expires on the 31st of December 1862, by virtue of it the Railway Company have been allowed to fell all timbers, except Teak* and Blackwood, paying a seignorage of 1 Rupee 8 Annas per tree; trees of a less girth than three feet are not allowed to be felled; the forest has been worked by an Overseer, under the Railway District Engineer of Palghat, and the Assistant Conservator of the Anamallai range pays periodical visits to the forest to see that our rules are acted up to.

* These are strictly conserved.

3. As the price of timber has much increased lately, I proposed to raise the seignorage in the new lease from 1-8 to 3 Rupees per tree, this was under a supposition that the Railway would fell only Vengay (Pterocarpus Marsupium) Karra marda (Terminalia tomentosa) and Irool (Inga xylorarpa). The Manager of the Railway Company, however, informs me that as they have got out an apparatus (patented by Dr. Boucherie) for preserving the woods of India, they intend testing the qualities of all the different jungle woods and therefore think that a seignorage of 2-4 per tree would be a fair offer.

4. I think this offer is favorable, and if Government will sanction the same I will enter into a fresh lease with the Company, for three years, upon these terms.

No. 224. ORDER THEREON, 18th October 1862, No. 2,232.

The arrangement recommended by Captain Beddome is approved.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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The Offg Conservator
of Forests.

To The Secretary to Govt
Revenue Department
Fort St George

Dated 8th October 1862
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No. 210.

Enclosure None.

Requests Government
Sanction to lease
the Chennat Nair Forest
to the Railway Company.

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With an Order

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The arrangements
- commended by Captain
Beddome is approved.

Fort St. George
18th Octr 1862
13/10/62

4 Ag Conservator of Forests - Dept Pro
5 Trunk Railway Dept ✓
14 15th Dy Rev for information ✓

Note - Major Morgan on tour to
Nilgiris at present & work at Pycara
on account of Govt. Mail Packets and
the communication Road on the Nilgiris
will prefer Captain Beddome's leave