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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2281 Press Mis.

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Dated 25-10- 19 18

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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th October* 1862.

No: 322. Read the following letter from Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Camp Ootacamund, 15th July 1862, No. 111:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report for the information of Government that some conservancy should be exercised over the Sholas about Kotagherry on the Neilgherries, and over the forests on the slopes below Kotagherry.

2. I propose that Corporal Hall who now has charge of the Australian plantation between Wellington and Kotagherry be also appointed to this charge with a salary and establishment* as per margin, as he states that he is willing to undertake it on this additional salary.

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| * Allowance to Overseer..... | 30 |
| 2 Peons at 7 ..... | 14 |
| Rupees... | 44 |

3. He will be under Major Morgan's orders, and his duties will be to conserve the Sholas in the immediate neighbourhood of the settlement, and only to allow felling to take place in such places as may be pointed out.

4. The population of Kotagherry is very small, and I do not think that Government should look for any revenue from this neighbourhood; Major Morgan should however fix a small tax upon the bullock-load and cooly-load of wood, sufficient to cover the expenses of the establishment, viz., 44 Rupees per mensem.

5. Felling on the slopes below Kotagherry where valuable building timber and even Teak is procurable, should only be allowed under a license signed by Major Morgan. A tax by the tree might be levied, this would stop the felling of young trees.

No. 323. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1862, No. 2,281.

The Governor in Council sees no occasion for the arrangements suggested in this letter as there are no forests near Kotagherry requiring attention on the part of the Conservancy Department, nor any markets for timber.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
*Chief Secretary.*

Rev:
~~Forest~~ 1862 Dept
Pro: of Govt ~~of~~ Fs. dated
No: 2057.

From The Offg Conservr of Forests
To The Actg Secy to Govt
Rev: Dept

Dated 15 } July 1862
Recd 19th }

No 411.

Proposing a small establishment for the Conservancy of the Kotagherry side of the Nilgiri Hills

No 322 & 323.

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