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No. 109. Read the following letter from J. OUCHTERLONY, Esq., Agent for the Rajah of Nellumbur, to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 22nd October 1862:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to address Government on behalf of Tachara Kovil Teroomulpaud, Rajah of Nellumbur, with reference to the land in the Goodaloor Ghât at present appropriated for Chinchona plantations.

2. I had hoped that I might have been spared the necessity of this representation (as Agent in the matter for the Nellumbur Raja), for he at one time seemed willing to listen to my suggestion, and, in consideration of the public object involved in the Chinchona experiment, to express his assent to his land being used for its purposes. But I cannot wonder that the high-handed way in which works have been carried on, by the demolition and clearing of his forests, the breaking up of his land for nurseries, and the use of materials for and erection of buildings, without the slightest reference to himself or from even of seeking his permission, should induce him to desire to assert his rights before Government, nor can I longer refuse to act for him in making them known.

3. Having been personally concerned in a (supposed) concession of some forest for the purposes of the Chinchona experiment, I may be permitted to make a personal explanation at the outset.

4. It was at my Bungalow at Neddivattum that Dr. McPherson first hinted to me a desire for some forest land of mine to try the Chinchona in. He represented that there was Circar land below Neddivattam in which they could cultivate in one part, and that some forest of mine promised to be favorable in another part. I understood him, or, as it has since appeared, misunderstood him to mean, for the first, land on slopes beyond the Neddivattam Travellers' Bungalow to the north-east, and for the latter some forest near the head of the Pass. In respect of this last, when I expressed my willingness to concede what might be necessary for the Chinchona experiment, I at the same time hinted an uncertainty as to whether the land was actually within my boundary line.

5. It was long after this that I chanced to go down the Goodaloor Pass, and I then discovered how I had misunderstood Dr. McPherson, and how the Government were working in a totally different locality from what I had believed.

6. I think it was at the beginning of the present year that Dr. McPherson again visited Neddivattam, and I then asked him on what ground he had represented that the forest in which operations are now being carried on was *Circar* land; to which he replied that Mr. McIvor had told him so, and he knew nothing else about it.

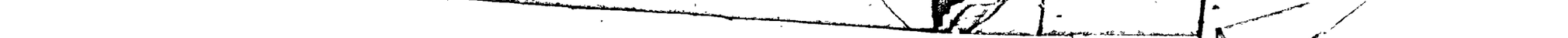
7. Now I cannot suppose it possible that Mr. McIvor can have thus stated of himself; he must have been so informed in some quarter. But wherever so informed, I submit that he has been grievously misled, I fancy it could hardly be contended that the ancient Goodaloor Pass was made a boundary line between the land of the Tiroopaud and that of the Circar. But even were such a pretension put forward, there has been both tacit and active admission made by the representatives of Government and by public Officers, of land on each side of the Pass being the property of the Teroopaud.

8. I have therefore, acting on behalf of the Rajah of Nellumbur, respectfully to request that Government will be pleased to issue orders to Mr. McIvor and his work people, to desist from their present work in the Goodaloor Pass, and to hand over the land that has been so arbitrarily though doubtless inadvertently appropriated, and that it will award compensation for the forests that have been unauthorizedly destroyed.

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1862, No. 2,384.

The foregoing letter will be referred to the Collectors of Coimbatore and Malabar, who will in communication with each other ascertain and report with as little delay as possible whether the land referred to is within the limits of the Estate of the Rajah of Nellumbúr.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.



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No. 2384.

The foregoing letter will be referred to the Collectors of Coimbatore & Malabar & they will communicate with each other & send a report with as little delay as possible whether the land referred to is within the limits of the Jurisdiction of the Rajah of Pellumbur

Fort St. George
11th Novr. 1862.

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From
Wm. Jo. Ouchterlony
Pootacaunnud:-

Dated 22d October
Received 25th 1862

Enclosure No 2384. 11 Nov
with an order
Requesting on
behalf of the Raja
of Nellumboor, that
orders be issued to
Wm. Mills and the
work-people to de-
-sist from their pre-
-sent work in the Poo-
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to hand over the land
that has been appro-
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