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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 2nd May 1862.

No. 65. Read the following letter from Captain R. H. BEDDOME, 1st Class Assistant Conservator of Forests, to the Private Secretary of His Excellency the Governor, dated Royal Hotel, Madras, 17th April 1862 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to request that you will lay the following statement before His Excellency the Governor in Council for his consideration.

2. On the organization of the Forest Department in 1857, I was recommended to Government for employ in it as a competent explorer and Botanist ; I had previously been employed in reporting upon the Saugor and Narbaddah Forests and had always made Botany my study. I have since then, in the performance of my duties, explored most of the forests in our Presidency, and my reports upon the forests and timbers have been periodically published by Government. I have also given much time to the study of planting and rearing Teak, and my spare time has been given zealously to the study of Botany in connection with my duties and to the formation of a large herbarium at my own expense. For Dr. Cleghorn's remarks upon my efficiency in the Department, I need only refer His Excellency to the first Annual Report of the Conservator of Forests, dated 1st of May 1858, paragraph 36, and to the second Annual Report, paragraph 35.

3. I had for two years the working of the Anamallai Forests, and the following was the financial result of my labors :—

		Rs.	A.	P.
For the year 1858.—Actual profit to Government after deducting expenditure...		97,318	7	7
1859.	Do. Do.	1,46,150	0	1

4. Sir C. Trevelyan held out to me the prospect of succeeding Dr. Cleghorn, and I have foregone other prospects to remain in the Forest Department. When Dr. Cleghorn went home on sick certificate, I was nominated to act for him as being senior in the Department, and I therefore took charge of the Conservator's Office ; I was shortly afterwards compelled to leave India much against my will, owing to a violent attack of jungle fever contracted in the performance of my duties. I had then been 13 years in India, and had until then enjoyed robust health. I recommended Captain Morgan for the charge as the only Officer who had a sufficient knowledge of Forest operations (great changes having taken place in our Department. Captain Michael having been compelled to leave on account of fever, and Captain Hamilton on his promotion to his majority, and Captain Gib and Captain Brine having only just joined the Department) Captain Morgan was not however properly in our Department, but belonged to the Department of Public Works, he had however in addition to his departmental duties charge of a Forest for the supply of the timber to build the Jackatalla Barracks. CaptainMorgan was nominated to act on my departure for England. I now wish to lay before His Excellency my claims to resume charge of the chief appointment, otherwise I should have to go in as junior to an Officer who was formerly my subordinate and be made a very severe sufferer for having lost my health in the performance of my duties. Dr. Cleghorn in all probability does not return from Bengal so that the acting appointment will become permanent. I would also mention that my whole study has been given to my Department and to that Department only. Captain Morg an however is high up in his own Department (the Department Public Works) and consequently has that Department to look to for rise and promotion. A great portion of my sick leave in England has been devoted to study at Kew, to which place I took a very large herbarium, and my descriptions and plates of new trees and plants of our Presidency are being published in the Linnœan transactions. Mr. Morehead is, I believe, aware of the whole of the circumstances of my case, as also is Mr. Sim.

Trusting that His Excellency the Governor will give the above his due consideration.

No. 66. ORDER THEREON, 2nd May 1862, No. 963A.

1. In this letter Captain Beddome submits for the consideration of Government his claim, as First Assistant in the Forest Conservancy Department, to resume the appointment of Acting Conservator, which he was obliged by ill health to give up in November 1860, and which has since been held by Major Morgan.

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2. The Governor in Council observes that Captain Beddome entered the Forest Department in March 1857, that in July 1860 the Government refused to appoint Major Morgan to the office of First Assistant because he would supersede Captain Beddome, that in the following months Captain Beddome was appointed First Assistant and nominated to act as Conservator, although Major Morgan was then available for the latter office.

G. O. 16th July 1860, No. 1,521.

3. The Government have thus on two occasions recognized Captain Beddome's claims and position as the second Officer in the Department. They observe further that Major Morgan though he draws his allowances from the Conservancy Department, in reality belongs to and is still borne on the books of the Department of Public Works, and that his connection with the former Department was subsequent to Captain Beddome's entry into it.

4. Under these circumstances the Government are clearly of opinion that Captain Beddome is properly the Head of the Department in the absence of the Conservator, and they consider that he ought not to be deprived of that position because ill health, contracted in the performance of his duty, compelled him for a time to leave the country and led to the appointment, as Acting Conservator, of an Officer not belonging to the Department.

5. Captain Beddome will accordingly resume the office of Acting Conservator from the date of these orders.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

From Captain R. H. Beddome
1st Asst Conservator of Forest

To The Private Secretary
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I have the honor to be
Sir your obed[t] servant

R. H. Beddome.

Royal Hotel Madras.
April 17. 1862

Forwarded to Government
for report
By order
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[illegible] P.C.

When the Muddumalee Rest was erected from the Raja of Pellamcottah on account of the Jackatala Barracks it was worked under the superintendence of Captain Campbell assistant Executive Engineer on the Neilgherries - In July 1869 Captain Campbell having been removed for misconduct Captain Morgan was appointed 3d class Executive Engineer in his stead at the same time the Chief Engineer was requested to report whether Captain Morgan's duties were limited to his rank in the Department Public Works or whether they might not be entrusted to a person of much lower department rank, leaving Captain Morgan

It happens to me that the position of Capt.n Beddome has been recognized by the Gov.t on two occasions & that he has a claim to work with the appointment of acting Conservator

I am unable to accept Capt.n Beddome's request as I do not think as acting Conservator he is class[illegible] to the Dep.t in the Dep.t

Revenue 1862 Dept.
No. 1 Part B. Nos. 1280

From Capt.n R.B. Beddome Asst. Conservator

Dated 17th Sept. 1862
Recd. 30th Sept. 1862.

Sir

I have the honor to request that I may be allowed to submit for your consideration my claim to the appointment of Executive Engineer, which I have held for the last 3 years.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient Servant
R. B. Beddome
Asst. Conservator

Dated 10th August 1862
Recd. 31st January 1863

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Morgan available for more important duties- Colonel Bell reported (25th August 1859) that if the Mudumalli Forest were to continue the main source of the supply of timber for the Jackatala Barracks there could be no certainty of the supply being maintained, unless Captain Morgan or an officer equally well qualified be employed in superintending the provision of timber to the exclusion of other duties- He further suggested that as Captain Morgan's salary was to be charged to "C" "D" "W" he should also have charge of the Road from Kalkatty to the Mysore frontier- Viz^t the Legoor ghaut- The Govt approved the arrangement, if an officer of Captain Morgan's rank could be spared for that duty- B.O. 6th September 1859 No 2140- On the 22d May 1860 a Memo was sent from this office calling for the opinion of the Conservator of Forests on the subject of the future management of the Mudumalli Forest and the advisability or otherwise of retaining the lease- Mr Clephon recommended that the lease should be retained and the forest continue under the charge of Captain Morgan, whom he recommended to be transferred to the Forest Department- He said "He Govt are aware that "a vacancy with a sanctioned salary of 400 Rs exists "in this Department, and the "only apparent difficulty in "appointing Captain Morgan "to it is the giving the second "highest salary in the Dept to "a new officer, but I think "this objection obviated by the "consideration that Captain "Morgan was employed in "working Forests for Govt prior "to the formation of "this Dept and that he has "had much practical ex- "perience in operations of "this kind- Moreover, Captain "Morgan is now drawing a "salary equal to that which he "have

Observed Dec 6th
Capt Morgan's services
should be retained
if he is willing
to accept
the Mysore post

I concur
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"have name= Govt agree with the Conservator as to the retention of the lease but considers it undesir= =able to make Captain Morgan 1st Assistant to the Conservator, because he would supersede a very efficient Forest officer, already in the department viz Lieu= =tenant Beddome and therefore directs Cap= =tain Morgan to con= =tinue in charge of the Meduvalli Forest pending the duration of the lease - G.O. 16 July 1860 No 1521.—

In August 1860 the Chief Engineer re= =ported that from 1st September 1860 Captain Morgan's Salary could not be borne by the Bar= =rack Estimates as

as all the timber required for the Barracks at Jackatala would have been laid in before the close of August 1860 and pointed out that provision should be made for the said Officer's allow= =ances. Government after consulting the Conservator of Forests directed that the Forest in question should for the future be placed under the Conservator and the Board of Revenue like the forests generally, Captain Morgan continuing to work it on advances to be disbursed by the Collector of Combatore and recoverable from time to time, as timber was sup= plied for the church, general European Jail and other= Buildings on the Hills. Govern= ment Order 10 October 1860 No 1832

No 1832 - In August 1860,
Dr Cleghorn having obtained
leave to go to Europe Lieut.
Beddome was appointed
Acting Conservator of Forests
during his absence but
as he himself subsequently
obtained leave to proceed
to Europe Captain Morgan
was appointed (13 Nov 1860)
to act for Dr Cleghorn
which he still continues
to do. On the services of
Dr Cleghorn being tem-
porarily placed at the
disposal of the Supreme
Government at the end of
last year, Government
directed that the full
pay of the office should
be disbursed to Captain
Morgan

3 Lieut Beddome was
appointed to the Department
in

in March 1857 on Rupees
200 monthly. In December
following he was placed in
charge of the Annamallay
Forest on Rs 300 and on the
1st August 1860 he was made
First Assistant on 400. In
November 1860 he went home
sick.

4 Major Morgan is still
borne on the books of the
D. P. W. as 1st Assistant to
District Engineer of Coimbatore
and can conclude, revert
to it at any time displacing
the Officer now acting for him.

5 The relative claims
of the two Officers are clearly
settled by the order quoted
at the end of
in para 1 of this memo and
by Lieut Beddome's ap-
pointment to act for Dr
Cleghorn when Major
Morgan was available.

Major

Major Morgan however
has now acted as Conservator
for 17 months and unless
Government are dissatisfied
with the way in which
he has discharged his
duties, his removal would
be contrary to usage.
The general rule is that
when an acting officer
quits, he vacates the acting
Office, returning his sub-
stantive employment;
but as all Officers are no-
minated to act "during
the absence" of their principal
"or until further orders"
Government have the power
at any time of ending the
acting appointment.

J. D. S

Regarding Capt. Morgan
and Lieut. Beddome

Rev. Dept.

No. 963-A -

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 2d. May 1862

Read the following letter from
Capt. R. H. Beddome 1st Class Asst. Com.r
of Forests.

Under the circumstances stated
he submits his claims to resume charge
of the chief appointment in the Forest
Department.

Herewnter 17th April 1862 No /

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for the consideration
of govt. his claim
as first Asst. in the
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the Forest Dept. in
March 1857 - that
in July 1860 the
govt. regretted to ac-

G. O. 16 July 1860
No 1521

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Capt Beddome will accordingly assume the office of Acting Conservator from the date of these orders.-

L. A. S

Copy to - Major Morgan Dept Bd
" Captain Beddome
" 4 - Conservators of Forests
" 14 - Bds of Revenue
" 3 - Accountants
" 3 - Civil Surgeons
" 4 - Executive Engrs
" 11 - Dep Pub. Works Dr

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55 Lieut Col Dalrymple
Superintending
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Copy of the order noted
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Dt. 2. May 1862.

From Captain Morgan 6th
May 1862 No. 134.

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