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No. 257. 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 Coimbatore, 25th July 1863, No. 608 :—

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 14 of the Order of Government No. 1,191 of the 4th of July 1863, I have the honor to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from Major Morgan in charge of the Seegúr Forests. There are, I am afraid, great obstacles against the introduction of Saw machinery into the Seegúr Forests, and the same obstacles would occur in the Annamallays or the Wynad Teak Forests, which are the only other forests in which it could under any circumstances pay. If Government consider it desirable to attempt its introduction in the Seegúr Forest, I would suggest that the Executive Engineer of the District be requested to send a Surveyor to survey the site and draw the plans.

From Major H. R. MORGAN, in charge of Mudumallai Forests, to Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, dated Mudumallai, 24th July 1863, No. 49.

SIR,

1. In reply to your letter No. 594, and the Orders of Government No. 416 of 26th February 1863, I have the honor to refer you to my Report for 1860-61 wherein I recommended that a Saw-mill should be erected at Ootacamund.

2. I never recommended that a Saw-mill should be established in feverish jungles, on the contrary, I deprecated the idea of placing a Saw-mill on the Anamallais. *Vide* my Report, paragraphs 9 and 10 of 1860-61.

3. However, should Government be prepared to run the risk of the works occasionally coming to a stand still, through the Superintendent being laid up with fever, I can recommend an excellent site a mile below the Teppecaudoo bridge. Here by leading off a channel from the bridge for half a mile we can obtain a fall of more than twenty feet, with water sufficient to drive a Turbine of 30-horse power.

4. The situation of the mill will be 8 to 12 miles from the furthest point when the Teak is cut in Mudumallai and Seegur jungles.

5. It will be necessary that a Surveyor be placed under my orders to survey the site and draw the plans.

6. I have personally consulted Major Farewell, the Executive Engineer Wellington, and he agrees with me that to cut up sound timber below and expose it to being cracked in transit is not advisable, and I am further of opinion that the only wood that we should cut up below, is cracked wood, wherein there is much wastage.

7. At Musinicoil, our timber depôt, we might advantageously cut a great deal of small stuff, by means of a Wind engine of 5-horse power, we have no available water power.

8. Should Government approve of my suggestion, that a wind engine be erected at Musinicoil to drive a 12-inch circular saw, I would recommend that the Executive Engineer of the Range submit plans and estimates for the same.

9. It may be supposed that where Americans can proceed into a forest, and set up a Saw-mill at a trifling expense, that the Forest Department here ought to be able to do the same; but there is this difference that in the Fir forests of Canada there is no fever, and sawing Teak is a very different thing from sawing Deal-wood.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. H. BEDDOME, Captain,
Officiating Conservator of Forests.

To Beddome Captain
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The best plan will
be for Major Morgan and
Captain Reddome to confer
personally with Captain
Farwell on the subject
and bring definite propo-
sition before Government.

It should be
specially stated whether
sufficient power can be
obtained at Botacamund^{and}~~also~~
whether a pike is avail-
able about Kulhully.

A wind engine
would not answer as
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