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No. 114. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests :—
Submitting the Administration Report for the year 1862-63. [(Here enter 14th May 1863.)

No. 115. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1863, No. 1,637.

The Report, as revised in the Revenue Department, will be transferred to the Public
Department for inclusion in the General Administration Report of the Presidency.
(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.
,, Conservator of Forests.

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Office of Conservator of Forests
Camp Ootacamund 12 May 1863.

From

Captain R. H. Beddome

Off^r Conservator of Forests

To

J. D. Sim Esquire

Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Administration
Report of the Forest Department for the year 1862/63

Cuddalore.

The Establishment in this district was entirely
reorganized about the commencement of the Official
year and put upon a much more economical footing.
The forests are open to the Public on the License and Toucher
system. clandestine felling has been almost entirely put
a stop to. A small timber depot for the convenience of public
departments has been formed. An Experimental Red
Sanders plantation has been commenced. The establish-
ment costs 255 Rs per mensem, the receipts for Seigniorage
upon timber average about 1000 Rs per mensem. The
cost of Establishment and working charges for the year amount
to Rs 2,853-1-10. The Receipts are Rs 10,762. During the
Months of June and July the Collector of the district

received the signorage and no credit was given to the Forest Department.

The Hill forests in this district joining the Cuddapah hill forests were placed under Conservancy in September last and are under the superintendence of the Sub Assistant of Cuddapah. The Establishment Costs Rs 44 per mensem. The receipts for signorage average about 200 Rs per mensem. The cost of the Establishment from amount to Rs 332. The receipts are 1544-7-10.

The Nallay Mallays a range of hills in this district covered with fine forests were thoroughly explored by the Conservator at the commencement of the year. In the month of September an Establishment was organized and they were placed under Conservancy. The forests are open to the public on the License and Stancher system. The felling of Teak saplings, injurious to the growth of the forests, has been put a stop to and also the felling of other timber trees of immature growth. A great check has been put upon clandestine felling. The Establishment Costs 355 Rs per mensem. The receipts for signorage have risen to upwards of 2000 Rs per mensem. The Establishment has cost 1494-7-10. The receipts are upwards of 17,000 Rs.

A new code of Rules has been put in force in this forest which chiefly owing to a better check against smuggling has caused the signorage to rise considerably. The Sandalwood forests are worked by the department

North Arcot

Kurnool

Salem

but the right to fell other timber is open to the public on the License system. The Establishment including the working charges of the Sandalwood forests has cost 13,680-6-9 Rs for the year. The results are Rs 35,289-1-11 viz. Sale of Licenses 10,716-2-4. Sale of Sandalwood 8,572-14-8. Sandalwood cut but not sold 16,000-0-0.

South Arcot

The hill forests in this district contiguous to those of Salem have been placed under the Assistant Conservator of that district.

Mudumallay

The cost of the Establishment including working charges for the year is Rs 14,023-11-5. The sale of teak amounts to Rs 62,731-5-0. In addition to this there is about 120,000 Cubic feet of Teak in depot.

Renewal of the lease.

The lease of this forest has expired, it has been renewed for a period of 99 years at 3500 Rs per Annum.

Bequir

The Sandalwood forests in this district have been regularly worked. The Establishment and working charges amounts to 13,570-0-6 Rs. The sale of timber to 27,641-4-3.

Collegalam
Phonani

The Sandalwood forests in these 2 districts have just been handed over to the Assistant Conservator of Bequir.

Annamallay

On account of the abolition of the Indian Navy the Bombay Dockyard has refused to take any of the teak cut in these forests, no sales have therefore been effected. 2,629 Teak plants and heads were cut during the year.

and there is at present about 200,000 Rs worth of Teak in depot. The Teak from this forest (the finest in the world) has been offered to the English Admiralty, until they give a final answer, and until it is decided that the Bombay Dockyard shall be entirely abolished, it would be pity to dispose of the fine timber now on hand.

This forest situated near the line of Railway between Coimbatore and Calicut was formerly leased to the Railway, they conserved all the Teak and Blackwood and paid a seigniorage fee of Rs 8-00 for every jungle tree felled, the lease expired on the 31st of December. This lease has been renewed for

3 years, the Railway now pay Rs 3 for every Vengay¹ and Kana Mandah and Ven³ Tek and Pail tree and 2 Rs for every other jungle tree. Teak and Blackwood being strictly conserved as before, the forest is systematically worked by the District Railway Engineer and is under the supervision of the Assistant Conservator of the Mianallays. The sum of Rs 732 was paid for seigniorage during the year.

The forests of the Bolampatty valley and the slopes of the Coimbatore hills contain much valuable timber chiefly Vengay, Kana Mandah and Vellay Naga; These forests have just been handed over to the Forest Department and placed under the

Chenai Kair forest.

¹ Pterocarpus
marsupium

² Terminalia
tomentosa

³ Lagerstroemia
microcarpa

⁴ Euge
xylocarpa

Bolampatty forest

supervision

Supervision of the Assistant Conservator of the
Annamalays. The License and Voucher System
is put into force.

Wynad.

The Assistant Conservator of this range had also
the entire supervision of the Mysore forests until the
1st of April, his time therefore had to be chiefly given
to Mysore as that Government paid two thirds of his salary.
The Wynad Establishment and working charges amount
to 11,912-3-9. The results may be estimated as follows
The actual sale of timber only amounts to 5,351-1-5 but
27,480 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cubic feet of Teak has been felled and partly
brought into depot and 5,911 Cubic feet of timber has been
confiscated; this at the very lowest valuation is worth Rs
18,678-5-3. All the Teak felled would have been sold,
and this forest would have exhibited a large profit,
but for the following circumstance. Upwards of 60,000
logs of Teak which were cut upon disputed land were
stopped by Government 3 years ago before they left the
forest, the release of this timber by Government in January
last has overstocked the market and completely stopped
our sales for the time being.

Munsoor

These Teak forests were handed over to the Asst
Conservator of Wynad in the latter end of November
and placed under Conservancy. The results for the

5 months are as follows.

Expenditure

Cost of Establishment 481-1-3
Working charges 1616-13-9

Proceeds

Sale of timber 98-1-"

11,024 1/2 Cubic feet of Teak
felled and now in depot
or stored in the forest
at the lowest valuation

6454-2-9
6552-3-9

The Establishment in this district has been too small to show any fair returns. Sanctions for a considerable increase has been applied for and the Estimate has been forwarded to the Supreme Government. 21 Rivers running from the forests to the Coast must be properly guarded, or no efficient check can be put on smuggling. The Establishment has cost 5068-7-9 and the receipts amount to 5680, in addition to this 733 Caudies of wood have been felled and placed in depot. Teak and blackwood nurseries have been formed and numerous teak and blackwood trees have been planted out. The Contract for working the sandal wood oil stills was not sold during the official year as usual, for the receipts would have been considerably larger.

There is not much demand for timber in this district

Madura

and now that the Iron pot-sloper has superseded the wooden one I do not think that the demand is likely to become very great. The forests on the Palni Hills have been open to the public on the License system, but those at the South of the Cumbum valley have been chiefly worked by the department.

Nellumbur

Mr. Ferguson, an experienced Forester, has been nominated Sub Assistant Conservator & been placed in charge of the Teak plantations; they are now receiving that systematic thinning and pruning, which they stood in much want of. The thinnings of saplings last year were sold for upwards of 12,000 Rs. There are fine forests of Chul and other valuable indigenous trees including Teak and blackwood; These the Forest Department has commenced to work themselves instead of selling the trees on a stump fee, a considerable revenue is anticipated. It is proposed to form a timber depot at Calicut for the sale of the saplings and timber as we sell in the jungles at a great disadvantage.

Cost of Establishment and working charges for the year 6606-11-8 - Receipts 17,722-14-10.

Nilgiri Sholas.

The services of an officer solely for the charge of the Nilgiri Sholas was not found to be necessary and at the end of June they were handed over to the Assistant Conservator of Mudumallay and Sengur, by this arrangement a considerable saving was effected. The cost of establishment, owing to the high salary debited against the department at the commencement of the year amounts

to 4262-15-11. Working charges 899-9-9. The receipts amount to Rs 3995-6-3. Nurseries have been formed and fast growing Australian trees have been planted out in Shola land where the indigenous trees have been felled. Felling for the ensuing year will take place in the large Dacic Shola 11 miles from Ootacamund, a good road has been made to it, the Contractor has given a guarantee to sell a handy load of firewood weighing 750 lbs for Rs 3-8-0 in Ootacamund. The small Sholas in the vicinity of the Station which add much to its beauty will be strictly conserved.

These plantations are intended as a supply of firewood to the Banacks at Wellington, they have not been in a very flourishing state hitherto owing to the ground having been planted indiscriminately without due attention to soil and situation. much attention has been given to this point during the past year. The establishment has cost 1140-0-0 and working charges 498-10-11. The receipts are 82-10-8. 8 acres have been planted out with 20,000 trees.

The Gumsur and Surada forests have lately been handed over to the Forest department. They contain much valuable Sal wood. An Overseer and 2 peons have been appointed, a larger establishment will probably be necessary, these forests have not yet been visited by the Officiating Conservator.

Australian Plantations

Gumsur

Cinchona Plantations

General Conservancy

These plantations are now entirely under Mr. McIner, the Superintendent of the Government Botanical Garden Ootacamund.

A general Code of Rules has been prepared for the whole presidency and in all districts where the forests are not worked by the Forest Department a system of printed Vouchers and Licenses has been introduced, this is fully explained in the Annual Report. it has acted admirably in checking clandestine felling and has caused the monthly signorage receipts in Malabar Cuddalore and Kurnool to rise very considerably it is also a complete check against peculation on the part of the Subordinates of the Forest Department, the different timbers in each district have been classed and taxed according to their commercial value.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
F. W. Seddome Captain
Offg. Conservator of Forests.

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