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No. 92. 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 Ootacamund, 30th March 1863:—

SIR,

1. I have had drawings executed of most of the Ferns of the Madras Presidency, about 130 are now ready and the remainder I hope to have finished shortly; as no work has ever been published on Indian Ferns, I much wish to publish these drawings, with descriptions and localities, &c., this I could not however do without some assistance from Government, and I should be much obliged if you would lay the accompanying Prospectus before Government, and ask them to take a certain number of copies. Government, I may mention, took 50 copies of Dr. Wights' "Icones Plantarum," which work only comprised flowering plants; the proposed work which will contain plates of about 200 Ferns will be a useful addition to the knowledge of the Flora of this Presidency, and would scientifically be of much value in the Libraries attached to Museums and Herbariums in Europe.

2. I took home all my collections of Southern Indian Ferns to England last year, and carefully worked them out at Kew, and have given much study to this order of plants.

3. The work I propose to bring out in monthly numbers, each containing twelve plates (price 2 Rupees), to be completed in about 16 or 17 Numbers. I forward herewith a sample of one of the drawings and its lithograph; all the drawings have been very accurately executed. I am also forwarding you the first twelve drawings for the first number of the work, will you please lay these before Government and also the lithograph as a sample of the work.

Please to return the drawings to my Office at Madras.

No. 93,

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

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Yours obed^{tly}

W. Sedgwick -

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