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No. 157. Read the following letter from Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Camp Ootacamund, 8th April 1863, No. 483 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report that the South Canara Forest Overseer has reported that Elephants are urgently required in the forest of his District to bring down the poon spars to the coast, he has failed in all his endeavours to hire Elephants for this purpose, and has consequently not been able to work out the amount of his estimate for the current year.

2. I also forward copy of a letter from the Collector of the District on this subject, by which Government will perceive that he considers the service of Elephants important. The operations are not on such a scale as to authorize the purchase of Elephants for the Forest Department in this District, but I would suggest that the services of two or three of the Government Commissariat Elephants should be given on the Collector's indent at such time as they would be spared. There are often large quantities of these animals unemployed at Manantoddy or Cannanore; they would get fine grazing in the South Canara Forests, and would be taken great care of.

From A. P. HODGSON, Esq., Acting Collector of South Canara, to Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, Madras, dated Condapore, 27th March 1863, No. 19.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you, in reply to your letter of the 19th instant, that the supply of timber in forests from which it can be taken out and brought to rivers and roads by ordinary means, for transport to the sea-board, is almost exhausted, and unless the aid of Elephants is provided, the operations of the Forest Department will be for some time curtailed, and eventually stopped. There are in the less accessible forests numerous poon spars and other valuable trees which might be turned to good account, if the necessary means were at hand to bring them down to the rivers, and I therefore strongly recommend that sanction be obtained for the employment of two Elephants for this purpose during the next working season.

(A true Copy.)

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

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Referred to the Military Department.

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

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From

The Officiating Conservator of Forests.

To *Mr. S. C. ...*

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