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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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19th May 1863.*

No. 236. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Lakadi, 29th April 1863, No. 45:—

SIR,

1. I addressed Captain Beddome in January-last, regarding the estimates for the Nilambur forests for 1863-64.

The letter was unaccountably delayed some two months in the Post Office; and Captain Beddome's reply only reached me a few days ago.

He had already submitted his estimates which do not differ materially in totals from mine. Under the impression that this letter would be forwarded to Government, I did not write separately on paragraphs 5 and 7 of Government Order, dated 17th November 1862, No. 2,426, but I now beg to submit a few remarks.

2. I have been in communication with the Jenmis on the subject of stump fees for some six months, but it is difficult to get them to come to a decision. They seem to prefer keeping a contract doubtful, and gaining a move if opportunity occurs, to coming to a clear understanding. But I hope to be able to report a fair arrangement shortly.

3. I am entirely in favor of floating our timber and saplings to Calicut, and selling them there instead of, as we have generally done hitherto, selling them at Nilambur. We cannot as yet get competition to go up the river, we must bring the timber to competition. For 65,000 saleable saplings to be felled this season we cannot expect more than 14,000 if we sell them at Nilambur. Floating them down will cost some Rupees 3,000; we may rely on getting Rupees 24,000 for them if we float them down and sell them at Calicut. We net consequently an increase of some Rupees 7,000 by so doing, and a somewhat proportionate gain may be looked for on our sales of timber.

4. A piece of land on the Kalai river well suited for a timber yard can be rented for Rupees 25 per annum. I proposed sanction being obtained for an Establishment costing Rupees 69 per mensem, but Captain Beddome considers so large a one will not be necessary. I dare say for the present a Gumashita and three Peons would be sufficient. The Sub-Assistant Conservator would of course be in immediate charge. I doubt not Captain Beddome can make arrangement for this from savings in his Budget. The cost of floating, &c., would be met from the funds provided for working charges.

5. I proposed in my letter to Captain Beddome an increase in the Establishment, mainly arising from increasing the present Writer's pay from Rupees 17-8-0 to Rupees 30 and entertaining another Duffadar and seven Peons.

6. The present Writer's pay is quite incommensurate with his qualifications and duties. He is intelligent and willing; and indispensable as Interpreter to the Sub-Assistant Conservator.

I proposed the entertainment of a separate Writer at Calicut; but if we deem this may be dispensed with, I would increase the present Writer's pay to Rupees 35, instead of 30 as I before proposed.

The Writer should be called Deputy Conservator. He is only holding on on my promise to advocate an increase of pay, and I earnestly hope it may be granted.

7. The extra Duffadar and Peons are required by extended operations at distant centres. Arrangements may doubtless be made to entertain them from the working charges, but it seems better that as they will form part of the Establishment their cost should be debited to its true head.

8. The only other point I have to urge at present is the erection of a proper Bungalow at Nilambur. The Sub-Assistant Conservator now occupies a wretched mud construction, called a 'Travellers' Bungalow. It is in a bad situation. The Raja of Nilambur will give a site that I inspected for a Bungalow for the Sub-Assistant Conservator; a room in which would be

	Per mensem. rs.
Gumashita.....	15 0 0
3 Peons @ 6 Rupees each	18 0 0
	<u>33 0 0</u>
Per Annum.....	396 0 0
Rent of yard.....	25 0 0
Total per annum....	<u>421 0 0</u>

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of great service also to the Officers of the Forest and Revenue Departments, when visiting the forests.

9. Nilambur is very feverish at times, and a good house is indispensable. On the simple score of gain to Government it is worth while building a Bungalow to do what we can to prevent so valuable a servant in his Department as Mr. Ferguson being carried off by fever; or being driven by its discomforts to resign a post for which he is especially qualified. I believe Rupees 2,000 would build a very suitable house.

10. I venture to request speedy orders regarding (especially) the increase of pay to the present Writer, and the building of a Bungalow.

No. 237. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1863, No. 871.

1. The Collector will endeavour to bring the question of the Stump Fee payable to the Jenmis on jungle timber to an early decision.

2. As both the Acting Conservator and the Collector consider the opening of a Timber Depot at Calicut would be highly advantageous, the Government sanction the adoption of this measure. Captain Beddome will submit a Tabular Statement of the necessary Establishment, and mention from what item of the Budget Estimate the charge can be met.

3. Captain Beddome will submit his opinion on paragraphs 5 to 7 of Mr. Ballard's letter.

4. The Government are prepared to sanction the building of a Bungalow at Nilambur for the Sub-Assistant Conservator, and authorise the Collector in communication with Captain Beddome to procure and submit a plan and estimate. They consider, however, that the Sub-Assistant should be charged a fair rent.

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

Revenue Department

No. 871-

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Under date the 19th May 1863.*

*Read the following letter
from the Collector of Malabar*

*Submitting his remarks on the
Estimates for the Malabar forests
for 1863/64 and recommending an in-
crease of pay to the writer of the
Sub Asst. Conservator & the building
of a bungalow for the use of the
latter.*

(Here enter 29th April 1863 &c)

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Captain Beddome will submit a tabular statement of the necessary establishment and mention from what item of the Budget estimate the charge can be met.

Captain Beddome will submit his opinion on paras 5 to 7 of Mr. Ballantyne's letter.

The Government are prepared to sanction the building of a Bungalow at Kilambur for the Sub. Asst. Conservator, and authorise the Collector in communication with Capt B. G. to procure and submit a plan and estimate. They consider however that the Sub. Asst. should be charged

charged a fair rent.

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Dist. Bd.
1st Colr of Malabar
4th Conservator of Forests

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