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No. 179. 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 Kambam, Madura District, 8th December 1862, No. 295 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to inform you that I have visited the establishment and inspected the forests of the Madura District.

2. From Palni I visited the forests of the Poombary valley and its slopes where the chief operations in felling by license are carried on, thence I crossed the Palni mountains and visited the forests on the slopes of the hills at the southern-most portion of the Kambam valley, these are the finest forests in the District, and are now being worked by Mr. Sperschneider, the Forest Overseer of the District.

3. Teak, Black and White Maddee (Terminalia) Black-wood, Vekàlie (Conocarpus latifolius) and Vengay are the principal timbers of this District, of these the Vengay is much the most sought after and fetches a high price (1 Rupee 4 Annas to 1 Rupee 8 Annas per cubic foot) at Madura.

4. I am about to introduce the printed cheque books for vouchers and licenses into this District.

5. I have drawn up a Code of rules applicable to the District, these I have forwarded to the Collector for his approval, when finally settled I will submit the same to Government.

6. I have requested the Collector to allow the forest Maistry on the Palni side of the hills (who is somewhat removed from the supervision of the forest Overseer) to be placed under the immediate orders of the Tahsildár at Palni.

7. The boundaries of the Government forests on the Palni hills is not properly known, and certain Zemindars are granting licenses to fell timber in forests to which I believe they have no claim, this requires the early attention of the Collector of the District, I have addressed him on the subject.

8. Kumri cultivation though entirely checked on the Palni mountains, is still, I am sorry to report, carried on to a considerable extent in the forests at the southern portions of the Kambam valley, portions of fine forest containing Maddee, Vengay and Vekàlie are being annually destroyed, this cannot take place without the knowledge of the village revenue authorities, and if they permit it, the Forest Department alone are quite unable to put any check on it. Considering the annual increasing demand for timber in this District, I would strongly recommend that the forests at the southern end of the Kambam valley be strictly preserved, and that no land in that portion be given up for Kumri cultivation without the application being previously referred to the Forest Department for report.

9. Some of the finest forest in the Kambam valley lies on the eastern side near Warsanaud and belongs to the Zemindar of that place.

10. I visited a high portion of the hills at the south-east corner of the Kambam valley, marked in the Trigonometrical Survey Map as "High waving mountain over-grown with impenetrable forest." Here there is a regular basin of several thousand acres of dark virgin forest, very, level and well watered, and particularly adapted for Coffee planting, the elevation is about 4,000 feet, the hills on the eastern or Shevagherry side of the basin rising to 5,000 feet.

11. A large supply of timber was required for the Lying-in-Hospital at Madura ; at the recommendation of the Collector Government ordered that this should be supplied by the Forest Department free of any charge. It would be much fairer to our Department if the timber was supplied at the market rate, it is only a transfer of Government money from one Department to another, but it would enable our Department to show a true return of profits.

G. O. No. 1,666, 18th December 1861.

12. I am glad to be able to report that the establishment in this District is in very good working order, and that its interior economy evince considerable zeal and energy on the part of the forest Overseer.

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No. 180. ORDER THEREON, 14th January 1863, No. 93.

1. The Government are glad to learn that the Forest Department in the Madura District is in so efficient a state, and that the Overseer, Mr. Sperschneider, conducts his duties to the satisfaction of the Conservator.

2. The Collector will be requested to report without delay on paragraphs 7 and 8 of Captain Beddome's letter, and to adopt measures for the effectual repression of "Kumary" in valuable Government forests.

3. The wood required for the Lying-in-Hospital cannot be of so much value as sensibly to affect the revenues of the Forest Department.

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

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Sir

I have the Hon'ble Governor
of Sierra L.

Sir

I have the honour to
transmit herewith for the
information of His Excellency
the Governor in Council
a Return of Liquors
exported from the Colony
of Sierra Leone during the
Quarter ended 31st December
1862 in pursuance of
the provisions of the
Eighth Section of an Act
passed in the
Session of the
Legislature
holden in the
Fourteenth year of the
Reign of Her present
Majesty Queen Victoria
intituled "An Act
to amend the Laws
relating to the
Customs"

I have &c.

(Signed) Wm. Grant
Collector of Customs

The Hon'ble
The Colonial Secretary
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