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23rd *July* 1864.

No. 383. 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 Camp Anamalai Hills, 9th July 1864, No. 982 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 3 of my letter No. 282 of the 24th November 1862, and to the subsequent Order of Government No. 524 of the 16th March 1863, I have the honor to inform you that when Captain Michael received over charge from Captain Brine, there was an item in the book of outstanding advances of Rupees 997 against axemen, as advanced some five months previously at Paulghaut. The working season was then just over, and Captain Michael used every endeavour to get the Tahsildar of Paulghaut to make these men refund. The Tahsildar, however, said that he should have been applied to immediately after the men had received the advances, and that great difficulty would be experienced in finding the men after the lapse of such a lengthened period. A subsequent search into all the Axemen's bill books which I instituted last season, proved that work to the amount of Rupees 566-4-0 out of this amount of Rupees 997 had actually been performed by axemen under Captain Brine, and that this amount had been deducted from the payments made to the axemen, and had been passed in the accounts as work performed though by some gross negligence it was never written off the outstanding list. This therefore left a balance of Rupees 430-12-0 to be adjusted. Mr. Spring who relieved Captain Michael has made every endeavour to recover this, but has only succeeded in getting work performed to the amount of Rupees 102, and a refund made of Rupees 96-8-0, there is still a balance of Rupees 232-4-0 which I am afraid must now be looked upon as a bad debt, though it is possible that some sums may still be recovered.

2. It has always been the custom to give the Paulghaut axemen an advance of 3 or 4 Rupees each before they leave Paulghaut for the forest; they, however, agree to present themselves in the forest within ten days after receiving the advance, if they fail to do this the Tahsildar is immediately written to and requested to send the men up, this precaution was not taken. We have the names of all the men who received advances, but some of course are not forthcoming after such a lengthened period, and others deny all knowledge of the advance or state that it was worked out.

3. I have long delayed this report, as we have been doing our best to recover the advances, some of which have only lately been recovered. I would now suggest that what sums may remain outstanding at the end of this season should then be written off.

No. 384. ORDER THEREON, 23rd July 1864, No. 1,308.

Forests. No. 11. The Government cannot grant the indefinite sanction applied for in the concluding paragraph of this letter. Captain Beddome will address the Government on the subject again after the season is over, and state the amount then outstanding and irrecoverable.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Acting Conservator of Forests.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Board of Revenue.

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The Offg Conservator
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To The Secretary to
Govt. of Fort St George
Fort Saint George
Madras

Dated 9th July 1864
Recd 18th
No 983

Reporting on the
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