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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th October 1864.

No. 64. 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 Madras, 16th September 1864, No. 1,081 :—

SIR,

1. In forwarding copy of a letter* from Major Morgan, in charge of Bhowany and Collegal forests, I have the honor to inform you that in the early part of the official year 1862-63 I recommended to Government the desirableness of placing under conservancy certain Sandal-wood tracts, which were under the management of the Collector of Coimbatore, and that subsequently in accordance with the instructions contained in paragraph 27 of the Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, No. 2,600, dated 31st December 1862, a sum of Rupees 1,350, which had been struck out by the Board of Revenue from their Budget Estimates, having been entered by the Accountant General in that of this Department for 1863-64, I applied† for the entertainment of a small Establishment at a monthly cost of Rupees 52, this having been sanctioned these forests were transferred to this Department in July 1863, and although only a small portion of the Collegal range was worked a revenue of Rupees 6,417 was realized during the latter part of the past official year.

* No. 86, dated 9th September 1864.

† Vide letter recorded in G. O. dated 25th April 1863, No. 717.

2. Major Morgan having since thoroughly explored the two tracts of forests referred to, now reports the existence therein of an abundant quantity of valuable timber besides Sandal-wood, and suggests that they should be systematically worked under his general supervision with properly organized Establishments, of which he submits a scale.

3. I originally contemplated an amalgamation of these two forests in one range, but Major Morgan, it will be seen, is of opinion‡ that we should ourselves work the Collegal forests, and that the Bhowany range should be partly under the Voucher and License system; a separate Depôt being established in both. In these views I entirely concur, and in the event of Government sanctioning the permanent Establishment proposed, I would request that authority be granted for the transfer of a sum of Rs. 5,000§ form the Budget Estimate of Madura and Wynad forests to that of Collegal and Bhowany, as the provision already made for the current year only amounts to Rupees 3,700.

‡ In paragraphs 11 and 12.

§ Rupees 3,000 Madura.
„ 2,000 Wynad.

No. 65. ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1864, No. 1,843.

Forests No. 2.

1. With this letter the Officiating Conservator of Forests forwards one from Major Morgan, reporting the result of his inspection of the Bhowany and Collegal forests which were transferred last year from the Revenue to the Forest Conservancy Department.

2. Major Morgan states that these forests contain a large quantity of valuable timber, and he suggests that they should be systematically worked, and a Depôt established at each. For this purpose, he proposes an annual expenditure, on account of Establishment and working charges, of Rupees 8,400 for Collegal, and Rupees 5,400 for Bhowany; the net annual profits being estimated at Rupees 11,600 for the former, and Rupees 9,600 for the latter.

3. Under the circumstances represented, the Government sanction Major Morgan's proposals, which, it is observed, are supported by the Officiating Conservator, and grant authority for the current year's cost being met as suggested in the last paragraph of Captain Beddome's letter above recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Civil Paymaster.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 36.

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9th September 1864.

From

Major H. R. Morgan
In charge of Bhowani & Collegal Forests

To,

Captain R. H. Beddome.
officiating Conservator of Forests.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have inspected the Jungles of Coollegal and Bhowany Taluqs.

2. I first proceeded to the Slopes of the Bullygum-gums at Nokanullie. There is quite a sufficient Supply (Pterocarpus Marsupium) here to last the Coollegal market for many years, and lower down the valley there is a good deal of Sandalwood which I shall commence to work; the wood can be got out by Wodder Coolies.

3. From Nokanullie I examined the Jungles to Nullore, on this line I found no Sandalwood but a great deal of Satinwood and Acha wood on the Slopes of the Hills. It would however be difficult to get the wood out.

4. From Nullore I examined the Jungles to Bungoor, here I found abundance of Acha and a good deal of Sandalwood, also fine Satinwood.

5. At Bungoor I examined the surrounding country on the higher hills I found a little Teak, much

much Vengay, Some Sál & Speciosa and Odoratissima in fair quantity. A new road from Bungoor to Sudyoor, the head quarters of the Taluq, has been traced and, when completed, will afford an excellent outlet for much timber as these forests have never been worked.

6. From Bungoor I proceeded to Maradulli near the Madaseswaram Hill, there was much Sahinwood on the valley and Acha on the Hills.

7. From Maradulli I examined the Jungle to Kuvadhulli, it is principally low Scrub of A. Sundra with much Sahinwood.

8. I next examined the Jungle to Hill on the slopes of which were splendid Acha trees, very fine Sahinwood A. Speciosa and Odoratissima, higher up Vengay, and on the top much Sandalwood extending for miles to the Madaseswaram and Coonapinnulli Hills. The Coonapinnulli Hill ideally has a Plateau on the top of about 300 Acres, the sides are steep.

9. It would not be difficult to get the Sandalwood and Acha to Kuvadhulli and if the main road from the release place to be Illegal was made passable for Carts it would tend much to open up these Jungles.

10. In Conclusion I would observe that these 2 Taluqs contain much valuable timber Acha, one of the Ebonies is very valuable for furniture and house building Sahinwood ditto, but to work these Taluqs properly it is necessary that two first Class Overseers be appointed as early as possible, to prepare Sandalwood and Store timber, Grant licenses and Conserve the Forests.

11. In Coolegal we should our selves work the Jungles and establish a Depôt. The demand would probably be as follows. At present no wood is cut in the Jungles and the Merchants supply themselves with Teak from Mysore. Should the returns be much increased the Overseer might eventually be made a Sub Assistant

Charges.		Returns.	
1 First Class Overseer	100 " "	4000 Maunds of Sandalwood at 4 Rs per Maund	16,000--
Travelling Allowance of Do	30 " "		
1 Goomastah	20 " "	4,000 Cubic Feet of Vengay 4 cu. at 1 Rupee per Cubic foot	4,000--
Travelling Batta of Do	8 " "		
6 Peons at 7 Rs each	42 " "		
	Rupees 200-- ×12=2400--	Total Rs	20,000--
Add.		Deduct charges	8400--
Working Charges.			
Preparing Sandalwood.	4000--		
Vengay, Sahinwood, &c.	2000 -- 6000--		
	Total Rupees. 8,400--	Probable profit.	11,600--

12. In Bhowani I would have it partly on the Licence System and partly that we should work the Jungles and Establish a Depôt at Bhowani where the demand for Acha, Vengay, Bamboos &c. is Considerable.

Charges

1 First Class Pension	100 - - -
Travelling Allowance of Do	30 - - -
1 Toomastah	20 - - -
Travelling Batta of Do	8 - - -
6 Peons at 7 Rs each	42 - - -
Rs	200 - - - x12 = 2,400 - - -
Working Charges.	
Preparing Sandalwood	2000 - - -
Jungle wood	1000 - - -
	3000 - - -
Rs	5,400 - - -
Probable profit	9600 - - -
Total Rupees	15,000 - - -

Receipts

2,000 Licenses at 3 Rs =	6,000 - - -
Bamboos	1,000 - - -
2,000 Maunds of Sandal-wood at 4	8000 - - -
Rope Maund	

Total Rupees - 15,000 - -

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most Obt Hble Servt
Thos Ann Major
Incharge of Plantations Calicut Division

A. True Copy.

W. Sedgwick Captain
Offg Conservator of Forests

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No 1843.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 7th Octr 1862.

Read the following letter
from the Offg Conservr of
Forests -

Requests sanction for a revised scale of Establishments for the Bowanie and Collegal Forests -

(Were entered 16th Septr 1862 No 1081)

With this letter the
Offg Conservator of Forests
forwards one from Major
Morgan reporting the result
of his inspection of the
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ferred in last year from
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established

No 1843.

Read the following Report from the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 1st instant, and Resolved to submit it to the Board of Revenue for their opinion.

From the Collector of Coimbatore
To the Chief Secretary to Government
Dated 1st October 1862.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government a Report from Mr Conductor Morgan, Assistant to the Conservator of Forests, on the Bhowany and Collegal Forests, and to request the sanction of Government to the establishment proposed by Mr Morgan for the protection of the Forests.

2nd The Bhowany Forest is situated on the Cauvery River, and the Collegal Forest is about 20 miles to the South of the Bhowany Forest.

3rd Mr Morgan's Report is very satisfactory, and I trust that Government will sanction the establishment proposed by him for the protection of these Forests.

I have &c
(Signed) [illegible]
Collector.

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4 Off g Comp of Accts Dept & Cd.
4 Bd of Rev
3 Accountant G
3 Ld Paymaster

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Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Dt 7th October 1864.

From the Offg Comr of
Forests Dt 1 Dec 64 No 8141.

Sanctioning the
establishment for
working the Bhowany
and Pollegal forests
in the Coimbatore Dis-
trict -

Pro No. 387
31-12-62

No. 64 & 65.

C. L. Dept 7th Oct