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No. 215. 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 Russelcondah, 23rd January 1864, No. 799:—

SIR,

1. Adverting to the Government Order No. 2,374, dated 24th December 1863, I have the honor to inform you that if Government wish to entrust the work alluded to, to the Forest Department, I shall be prepared to undertake the same if at the Government expense.

2. The undertaking will doubtless be a laborious one, there are about 500 trees in our Presidency, some of the delineations could be copied from the expensive Botanical Works of Roxburgh and Wight, but many will have to be drawn from specimens of the trees themselves, the collecting these specimens will be a work of some time and labor. I have at present a good many specimens available, but of original drawings, I have only those of some of the rarer and little known or undescribed trees.

3. As the completion of such a work as this will probably take some years, it should be issued periodically; I would recommend quarto size, and twenty plates to each number. The cost price of these numbers, if 200 copies were struck off, would be about Rupees 3-8-0 per copy, or perhaps a little less. Each number should be complete in itself, so that it would not matter if the work was at any time discontinued. It should commence with the most useful timber trees.

4. If brought out with all the information proposed by Government in paragraph 9 of the Order alluded to, the work will be of great use in several Departments in this and the other Presidencies, besides being of scientific value. It is doubtful, however, how far the public would subscribe to such a work, very few take any interest in this branch except professionally, and the work being confined to trees would lose much of its botanical value.

5. If Government sanction it, I could soon have the first number published; a better idea could then be formed of how far the work will be really useful, and also as to what sale it would be likely to meet with, and a correcter estimate could be formed of the expense of the work. If its continuation is then decided upon I should require the services of another Artist, there were formerly two attached to my Office, but I have only one at present, and he, though a first rate Botanical Draughtsman, is old and infirm and is often on the sick list.

6. If Colonel D. Hamilton could prepare characteristic drawings of the general form of some twenty of our most valuable trees, it would form a most interesting number. The selection should be from the following:—

The Teak; the Satin-wood; the Sandal; the Sâl; the Black-wood; the Mango; the Tamarind; the Nim; the Bêl.
The Red Sanders; the Nux Vomica; the Toon (Cedrela toona.)
The Chittagong (Chickrassa tabularis.)
The Red Cedar (Soymida febrifuga.)
The Vellay nàgi (Conocarpus latifolius.)
The Pàsi (Conocarpus acuminatus.)
The Karà Mardih (Terminalia tomentosa.)
The Vengay (Pterocarpus marsupium.)
The Ippie (Bassia latifolia)
The Guttah Percha (Bassia elliptica.)
The Poon Spar (Calophyllum bracteatum.)
The Soap-nut (Sapindus emarginatus.)
The Irul (Inga Xylocarpa.)

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The Seris (Acacia Speciosa.)
The Bàbul (Acacia Arabica.)
The Achà (Hardwickia binata.)
The Black Dammar (Canarium strictum.)
The White Dammar (Vateria Indica.)
The Ber (Zizyphus jujuba.)
The Cotton tree (Bombax Malabaricum.)

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(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

The Sal — The Blackwood — The Mango
The Tamarind — The Saiu — The Bel
The Red Sanders — The Nux Vomica — The Toon = (Cedrela Toona)
The Chittagong (Chickrassia tabularis)
The Red Cedar (Soymida febrifuga)
The Vellay nagè (Conocarpus latifolius)
The Pàti (Conocarpus acuminatus)
The Kàrà Maràdi (Terminalia tomentosa)
The Iruvay (Pterocarpus marsupium)
The Illupie (Bassia latifolia)
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Same the honor of be
Your most obedt Servt

W. Sedlon Capt
W Conservr of Forests

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Florence 1864 Department.
Rec'd of Govt for Dr Abraams
From
The Officiating Conservator of Forests.
To Secy to Govt

Dated Jany 23 1864
Received 30 [illegible]

No. 799
~~Enclosure~~
~~No.~~
Subject.

Stating that he is willing to undertake the work from first inst. if contracted to him

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With an Order

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13th Feby 1864

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