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## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 31st. March 1864.*

No. 327. 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 Ootacamund, 22nd March 1864, No. 860 :—

SIR,

1. Agreeably to G. O. No. 2,070, dated 18th November 1863, I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Yarde, Acting Sub-Assistant Conservator in charge of the Cuddapah and North Arcot Forests, has thoroughly explored the Thellay and Arasampetta jungles of the Vellore Talook, and the larger jungles of the Poloor Talook. A copy of Mr. Yarde's report and of his sketch Map are herewith forwarded.

2. The Thellay Forests are situated on hills of that name, seven miles south-west of Vellore, and contain about ten square miles of forest, these hills are almost entirely covered with forest trees, and many valuable timbers are to be met with, which in some parts grow to a large size, the chief source of revenue from these forests is the large supply of fuel for the Railway Locomotives.

3. The Arasampetta Forests are thirty-five miles west of Vellore, and contain about fifteen square miles of forest, much timber is sent from them to the Amboor Station and thence to Madras and Bangalore.

4. The principal forests of the Poloor Talook are those of Ammerdy, Sandiwass and Coopum, there is a tolerable road to these forests though none through them.

5. The two latter forests export timber to Arnee, Conjeveram, Arcot, Vellore and Pondicherry.

6. These forests are valuable considering their proximity to the line of Railway and to Madras, and I think it important that they should be placed under conservancy; they can be placed under the superintendence of the Sub-Assistant in charge of the Cuddapah and North Arcot Forests, and the following Establishment will be necessary :—

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| | 1 Overseer... ... ... ... ... | 60 per mensem. |
| | 1 Duffadar... ... ... ... ... | 15 |
| *(I. e. 4 for each Talook.) | *8 Peons at 6 Rs. each ... ... | 48 |
| | | 123 |

7. As indiscriminate felling has been carried on for some years in these tracts of forest they will doubtless require much rest, an immediate revenue must not therefore be looked for, at least not much more than to cover the cost of the Establishment sanctioned for their conservancy. If care is taken that the more valuable timbers are not felled as fuel, and never felled until attaining a certain girth (except where stunted) these forests will probably be of considerable value in future years. The Cuddapah rules and seigniorage list should be put in force; the timber is not of such fine growth as in the Cuddapah Forests, and it will probably be found expedient to reduce the seigniorage both in these forests and in the other portions of North Arcot now under conservancy; at present, however, all these tracts require rest, and from their proximity to the Presidency it is most important that they should be allowed to recover, the high rates therefore will act beneficially and be a great check upon felling.

No. 328. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1864, No. 525.

The Officiating Conservator is requested to state the annual revenue from these forests. The Collector will report through the Board of Revenue on the proposed seigniorage rates, &c.

(True Extract.)

*Secretary to Government.*

To the Conservator of Forests.
,, Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Tamarindus Indica

## Report on the Vellore and Polloor Salug jungles

2 The principal forests in the Vellore Salug are those of Shellay and Arcampett the former of which is situated about Seven miles South West of the town of Vellore and is Ten Square miles in extent; and the latter which is much larger than the Shellay being 15 Square miles in extent; lies thirty five miles west of the Vellore town

3 I first proceeded to inspect the forests of Shellay, and ascended a range of hills known by that name accompanied by the heads of villages and native revenue authorities. These hills are covered from near their base to their summits with fine forest trees, and there is a very large space of valuable forest land in which trees grow to a good size.

4 The following valuable timber trees are to be found on these hills.

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| Conocarpus latifolia | Nummay maram. |
| Terminalia glabra. | Kara Murda maram. |
| " alata | Marroothy maram. |
| Pterocarpus marsupium | Vengay maram. |
| Vatica laccifera. | Jallari maram. |
| Terminalia Chebula. | Kadukai maram. |
| Feronia Elephantum. | Vella maram |
| Zizyphus Jujuba | Yellandy maram. |
| Tamarindus indica | Pooly maram. |

Enclosure (1)

Report on the Village and
Palace Lalitpur generally

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Vellore

Thellay Forests

Cammanbady

Pudoor

Samundrum

Cannanbaghur

Polloor

Copaum

Great R.

Triomallee.

Thellay Forests

ARASAMPETT Forests

Arasampetty.

Ambloor

NORTH ARCOT DISTRICT

Lieutenant Colo.

Plan of the Vellore and Polloor Valley Districts

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t Servant
Wm Addams Captain
Asst Conservator of Forests.