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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1497 Press Mis.

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Dated 30 — 6 — 1865.

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No. 663. Read the following letter from Captain R. H. BEDDOME, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp, Anamallay, 17th June 1865, No. 1,314 :—

SIR,

There is a considerable amount of fallen Teak and standing trees of stunted growth and some Black-wood near Poonachy, in a very inaccessible valley above the Poonachy Ghát, towards the higher ranges of the Anamallays, at an elevation of 3,000 to 3,500 feet; many of the trees are passed their prime, and there being much fallen timber, it is annually deteriorating in value. We have not however hitherto been able to effect any sale of this timber, as it is of very inferior growth, and the expense of getting it down would be more than the timber would sell for. Several years ago Dr. Cleghorn tried to sell the fallen timber and ripe trees on contract; one party offered to bring the timber to market if he might take it without any payment, but no one could be found to offer any seigniorage. Mr. Lowry is now opening a Coffee plantation in the immediate neighbourhood, and has made an offer of 2 Annas per cubic foot; I have just been over the forest in question with him, and as I consider the offer a favorable one, I have given him a contract for the ripe trees and fallen timber; he has bound himself to give personal supervision to the work, and to see that no injury accrues to the young trees or saplings, and the timber is all to be measured and stamped by the Forest Department before it is removed from the foot of ghát.

No. 664. ORDER THEREON, 30th June 1865, No. 1,497.

Forests, No. 21.

1. The Government approve the arrangement above reported.

2. The price is certainly very low, but it would appear that the timber could not be removed at a profit, and that only the accident of a neighbouring Coffee plantation being opened up creates an opportunity for its disposal.

3. It is also of importance that such a contract should fall into respectable hands to prevent its abuse.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

OFFICE OF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,

CAMP, Travancore May 1865.

No. 1311

From Captain W. N. Beddome

To W. Huddleston Esquire
Acting Secretary to Government of M. & S.
Fort St. George

Sir, Having considerable Amount of fallen Timber and standing Trees of stunted growth and some blue gum near Poonachy in a very inaccessible valley above the Poonachy Ghaut towards the high Range of the Travancore Mountains about 8000 feet above the Sea and so far above their proper and then being much fallen Timber it is annually deteriorating in value, and having no chance whatever being able to afford any sale of this timber as it is of very inferior growth and the expence of getting it down would be more than the timber would sell for. Several years ago Doctor Colquhoun had to sell the Seignorage, Mr. Conroy is now opening a Coffee plantation the nearest immediate neighbour and has made an offer of 2 annas per Cubic foot, I have just been over the Forest in question with him and I consider the offer favourable and I have given him a Contract for the fallen trees and fallen Timber, he has bound himself to give personal supervision to the work and that no injury accrue to the young trees and to guide the timber to all the surrounding land and transport by the Forest Department before it is removed from the Face of the Ghaut.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
Peter Beddome Captain
&c &c Conservator of Forests.

Rec'd 1865. Conservator
Forests for Lieut.
No. 1702.

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From

The Conservator of Forests,

To W Huddleston Esq
Sec'l Govt N Dep

Dated 17 January
Received 20 } 1865.

From the Asst Conservator Northern Circle
Letter No. C No 269.
No. 1314

Enclosure No.

Reports that he has given a contract for some Teak on the Ponachy Valley

[signature]

No 1497. 30 June

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No. 1497.

Ld Ex. approves the arrangement above reported.

The price is certainly low, but it does appear that the timber could not be removed at a profit. It is that only the accidental advantage of the plantation being opened up creates an opportunity for its disposal.

It is also important that such a contract should fall in the hands of persons of character.

Ld 11 14 Com. Jones 30 June 65
Govt Ben. No. 1497 dated 30th June 65
Govt Bo. No. Conservator's letter No. 269 dated 17th January 1865 with enclosure
Report that he has given a contract for some Teak on the Ponachy Valley

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