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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th July 1865.

No. 365. 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, Ootacamund, 15th July 1865, No. 1,342:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to return herewith the petition and papers forwarded with your docket No. 1,539 of 1865, dated 7th July, and to offer the following explanation regarding Pensioned Apothecary Murray's removal from the post of Overseer in the Forest Department. Before Lieutenant Borradaile (Assistant Conservator) left the Salem District, he reported that he had intended relieving Mr. Murray, as he was not fit for the work of a Forest Overseer, but not having been able to do so, he had left a Memorandum to that effect for his successor. After Mr. Hall assumed charge of the District, he reported that Mr. Murray was quite unfit for the post of Overseer, and I, therefore, ordered him to dispense with his services. Enclosure No. 1 are copies of an extract from a letter from Mr. Hall, my answer thereto, and Mr. Hall's Memorandum dispensing with Mr. Murray's services; this latter document was a final dismissal, and if Mr. Murray kept up any establishment after the receipt of it, it was his own pleasure, but I cannot understand why he should have done so.

2. Sometime subsequent to this, Mr. Murray wrote to me begging that he might be re-employed, and I promised him that I would enquire fully into the circumstances that led to his dismissal, as they had partly escaped my memory, but that I believed that both Lieutenant Borradaile and Mr. Hall had reported him unfit for his duties, and that if such was the case I could not re-employ him. I then found out that, in addition to being too old and physically quite unfit for the post, he had written very insubordinate letters both to Lieutenant Borradaile and to Mr. Hall. I then wrote to him that I could not re-employ him in the Department. Mr. Hall's Official Memorandum was, however, his final dismissal from office.

No. 366. ORDER THEREON, 20th July 1865, No. 1,682.

Forests, No. 10.

1. Mr. Murray will be informed, by endorsement on his Petition, that the Government having received a report on his case from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, see no reason to interfere on his behalf.

2. The Government, however, deem it necessary to point out to Captain Beddome, that every Government servant is entitled to claim an explicit statement of the causes which may induce the Head of his Department to dispense with his services, and that Mr. Murray was not furnished with any such explanatory statement until Captain Beddome's letter to him of 25th May last, the Memorandum of removal from the Department having been dated July 1864.

3. Mr. Murray has, in this point, been dealt with very unfairly, and Captain Beddome will issue such orders as may prevent the recurrence of any such cause of complaint in the Forest Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
,, the Petition Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

as a temporary measure. Whenever the re-arranging the establishment will of course depend upon the way in which

Extract from a letter from Mr Hall Sub assistant Conservator dated 10th June 1864. No 247. to the officiating Conservator of Forests.

Sir.

I have the honor to reply to your note of the 7th instant, regarding Mr Overseer J. Murray who has the working charge of Dimbamicotta.

1st It appears that Mr Murray has never submitted his accounts in a proper manner no matter how plain and simply they may have been explained to him.

2nd Lieut. Borradaile attributes this to his age and not to any dishonesty, it appears to me that he has got into a sort of self taught way, and no other way will do him. Lieut. Borradaile thinks him quite incapable for his work, not only in the way of accounts, but in the working of the forests at Dimbamicotta and Mullicum Lieut. B. was on the point of sending a Native Overseer from Salem to relieve Mr Murray.

Query?

Copy of a letter from the officiating Conservator of Forests No 952 dated 13th June 1864 to Mr E. Hall. Sub assistant Conservator of Salem Forests.

Sir.

In reply to your letter No 247 I beg to inform you that you had better send Overseer Mahomed Ali at once to Dimbamicotta to relieve Mr Murray at least as a temporary measure, Mahomed Ali retaining the appointment will of course depend upon the way in

which

which he performs his duties and the qualifications he displays for the post.

2. As Mr Murray is so unfitted for the work you should at once dispense with his services.

3. You will be relieved shortly by an officer.

Copy of a Memo. No 290. dated Salem 30th July 1864. from Mr E. Wall. to Mr Murray. overseer.

By order of the officiating Conservator of Forests Mr Overseer J. Murray's services will be dispensed with from Thursday the 4th August 1864. He is therefore ordered to square and deliver all accounts over to Mr. Overseer Mahomed Ali as before directed. and report the same to the Acting Sub assistant Conservator in charge of Salem and South Arcot Districts

Signed/ E. Wall.
Acting Sub assistant
Conservator of Forests

(True Extract and Copies.)

R. H. Beddome Captain

officiating Conservator of Forests.

Endorsement. No 1.

In a letter from the Offg. Comr. of Forests to the Acting Secretary to Govt. N. D. dated 15th July 1865 No. 1342

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Extracts from the letters from Capt. Beddome & Mr. Hall regarding the dismissal of Mr. Hall from the Forest Department

claim an explicit statement of the causes which may induce the head of his Dept to dispense with the services - and that Mr Murray has not given him any such explanation, that Supt Baldwin's letter of 25 May last. The removal from the dept. having been dictated by Mr Murray's having dealt with improper Supt Baldwin's application for leave &c: &c: &c: and by any such cause of complaint in the Forest Dept.

J.K.

4 Dr Sec to the Conservator of Forests dated 20 July
1 " Acting Secretary to Govt Public Works Dept 15 "

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Forest Department 1865
From Rec'd Gantt 19 July 1865
Offg.
The Conservator of Forests,

To The Acting Secretary to Government - Pub. Wks. Dept. Fort Saint George

Dated 15th
Received 17th } July 1865.

No. 1342.

Enclosure No. x 4 - Three ordered 26 Oct

Forwarding an explanation on the dismissal of Mr Murray

Wait Order

No 1682. 20 July

No 365 & 366.

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