

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2349	Press ~~MS.~~
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Dated 28-9-1865.	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th September 1865.*

No. 594. 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, 20th September 1865, No. 1,433:—

Sir,

1. With reference to the Government Order, No. 1,277 of the 12th June 1865, I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Carmichael, the Agent to the Governor in Vizagapatam, informs me that the Golcondah hill forests all belong to Government, and that they extend east and west from the village of Golcondah nearly to the Sibbery river, and north and south from the neighbourhood of the Godavery to that of the Sibbery river; this is a tract of about 60 miles by 80, and the whole is most densely wooded, and contains no private forests whatever, no revenue whatever has hitherto been derived from these forests, as no tax has ever been put upon any of the timber. Mr. Carmichael, however, says that there is a very great demand for timber in the District, and he also anticipates that if our Department established a depôt at Nursipatam, which is at the foot of the Golcondah hills, traders from Toonee and other considerable places in the Rajahmundry District, would be sure to resort to it.

2. Under the above circumstances, I would recommend that a small establishment should be entertained at least as a trial; the climate is generally considered very unhealthy, but there are of course healthy periods in the year. The establishment at first might consist of a Third Class Overseer on 60, and four Peons on 6 Rupees each, per mensem. The Overseer should be entirely under the orders of the Agent, but our Code of Forest Rules should be introduced, and the forests should be put under the license system, and a small amount might be sanctioned annually for the depôt alluded to.

3. I forward herewith copy of a letter from Mr. Carmichael, in which he recommends a European, a Mr. Morston, as suited for the charge of these forests, as he is conversant with the District, and also has a good knowledge of the language; if Government sanction an establishment, Mr. Morston might be nominated Overseer, a small tax of 1 Rupee per cart load for all jungle timbers, and 3 Rupees for the reserved timbers, would, I have little doubt, cover all the expenses of the establishment, and conservancy might gradually be introduced.

No. 595. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1865, No. 2,349.

Forests, No. 16.

1. The Government approve the proposed arrangement.

2. Captain Beddome will submit the usual Tabular Statement of the requisite establishment, for transmission to the Supreme Government, stating at the same time whether his Budget provision will suffice to meet the charge.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

„ Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 293.

Nagapattam. 11th September 1865

From.

D. F. Carmichael Esq.
Agent to the Governor.

To.

Captain P. H. Beddome
Conservator of Forests,
Colombo.

Sir

A young European of the name of Morston
whose family is respectably connected and has been long
settled at this place, has called on me with the enclosed
papers.

He is about 24 years old. He was in the
Police here for some time (where he gave satisfaction) and
then left to better himself in the Telegraph Department.
He has been discharged from the latter Department on
a reduction.

He has no professional knowledge of the duties
of the Conservancy Department, but I am of opinion that
from his respectability, intelligence and knowledge of
Telugu, he would be found otherwise suited for the charge
of the Colondah forests.

Yours Copy.

I have the honor to be,
Sir

Very respectfully,
D. F. Carmichael

P. H. Beddome. Captain
Conservator of Forests.
Agent to the Governor.

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obed^t servant

J W Seddome Captain

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Dated 20th

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