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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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16th February 1865.*

No. 304. 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 Madras, 25th January 1865, No. 1,186 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to inform you that I have just inspected the Cuddapah Forest Establishment and some of the forests of the District. The Establishment is in very good working order, and much credit is due to Mr. Yarde, the Acting Sub-Assistant Conservator. The revenue from the 1st of May to the 31st of December 1864, amounts to Rupees 22,408-5-10 against Rupees 14,061-13-3 for the same period in 1863, and Mr. Yarde reports that clandestine felling is much on the decrease.

2. The forests of Vellore and Poloor have just been handed over to the Department, and the revenue for the first month (December) amounted to 221 Rupees.

3. Four hundred young Red Sanders trees have been planted out in the plantation, and are in a thriving state, we have also about 500 trees of Maddee (*Terminalia Arjuna*), and some wild Mangoe trees planted out. Mr. Yarde has also commenced to plant out the Tumá or *Acacia Arabica* in portions of the forest where felling has been carried on. Planting will always be expensive and precarious in these dry jungles, and true conservancy will consist more in the preservation of the indigenous saplings, and the checks upon the felling of timber of immature growth; every attention is being given to these points, and when any of the reserved timbers are felled below the dimensions allowed in the Rules, confiscation always follows.

4. The whole of the forests of this District are under the Voucher and License system, and are only worked by our Department to supply the depôt we have lately opened at Bálapilly for the convenience of Government Departments. The Railway Company indent largely upon this depôt, and it is now supplying timber for the Jail at Chittoor and a new Cutcherry at Palampett.

5. The head quarters of the Cuddapah forest establishment are at Codoor, there is a public Bungalow there, and as the rail has now been opened to Reddipully, it will not again be required, I would therefore suggest that it should be handed over to our Department, as it will be of great use as an office and store. I spoke to the Collector on the subject, and he stated that the Bungalow was not otherwise required, and that he would hand it over to us if Government would sanction the arrangement.

6. Our Cuddapah range extends north to the Sidhout Talook, and our Kurnool range comes down to a few miles north of Dhoor (*i. e.*, the most southern portion of the Kurnool District), there is a tract of hill forest therefore between our two establishments which still remains under the Jungle Conservancy Department; it is important that this tract, which is in the Dhoor Talook, (Cuddapah), should be handed over to our Cuddapah Establishment, so that our two establishments will meet. When at Dhoor I found that a considerable amount of timber was being clandestinely felled in the adjoining forests of the Kurnool District, and brought into villages in the Dhoor Talook; if our two establishments joined, this would be easily put a stop to. There is timber of value in the tract of forest alluded to, though it was retained by the late Collector under the Jungle Conservancy. I consulted with the present Collector, Mr. Smith, on the point, and he agreed with me that it ought to be handed over to our Department, particularly as he has no establishment for looking after it, nor any of the checks that we employ. I would suggest therefore that this portion be immediately handed over to our Department, and that I may be allowed to entertain the following additional establishment for the same :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Duffadar	15	0	0
4 Peons at 6 Rupees each	24	0	0
Total	39	0	0

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7. This small increase will be absolutely necessary.

No. 305.

ORDER THEREON, 16th February 1865, No. 329.

Forests, No. 10.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report on the
proposals in paragraphs 5 and 6.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Sidhant Talag and our Kurnool range comes down
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4 Pansab bks cash	24 --
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To Board of Prov & 27
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I have the honor to be,
Your most obedient servant
J W Heddon (attn)
off. Conservator of Forests.

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To
The off. of Forests

The Secretary of State
Revenue Dept

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Report to the Board

John A. D. George
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