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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th November 1866.

No. 615. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Camp, Ootacamund, 4th October 1866, No. 2,021 :—

In continuation of my demi-official of yesterday's date, I have the honor to forward a report from Major Morgan, the Deputy Conservator of the Hills, on the subject of the felling in the Lamb's Rock Shola. I also forward copy of Major Morgan's letter No. 488, alluded to in his report; this proposition was not, I believe, approved of by Dr. Cleghorn (who was then Conservator), but when the new ghaut is open, some arrangement of this kind will have to be made, or the surrounding slopes will probably be denuded of timber.

No. 616. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1866, No. 3,222.

Forests, No. 20.

1. The Conservator of Forests will adopt effectual measures for the preservation of the shola. Its reservation should be absolute, and rigorously maintained. Only dead and dying trees should be removed, and replaced by young trees.

2. Captain Beddome should report fully on Major Morgan's conservative suggestions, after consulting the Collector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Mr Newman the forest overseer in charge done

Ootacamund. 3rd October 1866.

No 2,019

Demi official.

My dear Mr Arbuthnot:

I visited Sandy Rock Shola yesterday in company with Major Morgan and our overseer in charge Mr Newman. We were aware almost the whole of the Shola only 30 trees for three lorry loads have been felled during the last two years, these have all been marked by our department and given to the public for building purposes at a Seigneurage of 3 Rupees per tree. Unfortunately both of these trees have been felled and taken away in the vicinity of the Shola where fire-wires are held (and these Sfancy are what Mr Brunel saw) I ordered the overseer in future not to give away any trees near the Shola but to sell by standard tables.

No firewood has been felled of late in the Shola or any of the Government Sholas, all firewood at present comes from coffee estates, this year estimate will all be exhausted in a land 2 years but we shall then be able to supply the market entirely from our Australian Plantations which have made most wonderful growth of late.

Mr Newman the forest overseer in charge

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charge of the Forest range of the Guarden Master Serjeant 1st Regt & a very fair Shola Scatter way and his planting operations do him great credit.

Forwarded duly

Signed S.R. Beddome Captain

True Copy

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Offg Conservator of Forests

Dupl Official Letter

From

Captain S.R. Beddome

Offg Conservator of Forests

Ootacamund 3rd October 1865

No 2019.

Ootacamund 3rd October 1866.

No 292.

From

Major H. R. Morgan.
Deputy Conservator Nilgiri Sholas

To.

Captain R. H. Beddome,
Offg Conservator of Forests
Ootacamund

Sir,

With reference to the complaint made about felling in the Lamb's Rock Shola I have the honor to report as follows.

2. In 1862 Lieut Col. Woodfall applied for this Shola and it was refused to him by the Forest Department. In 1863 he again applied for it and it was again refused, shortly after a complaint was made that the Forest Department was destroying the Shola, Government ordered a report to be made. On the report Government passed an order to the effect that every tree felled in the shola was to be marked by the Department, this order has been carefully adhered to, and in the last two years only 30 trees have been felled.

3. On your visiting the shola with me on the 2nd Instant, you observed that there had been no new felling since you last visited the shola some two years ago with the exception of some

some size or light trees which the overseer had ingudiciously allowed to be felled near pic-nic Spot.

4. The overseer has been cautioned to mark no trees in future within 100 yards of any road.

5. I would observe that this is the only Shola now left for the supply of building timber to the public. Felling on the Ghat has been prohibited also on the Drog, and in all the remaining Sholas within 1½ miles radius of Coonoor; and if it is desired that no further felling take place in this Shola I would recommend that my suggestions conveyed in my letter No 488 dated 16th February 1866 be adopted, in this way and in no other, can the public be supplied.

6. Firewood is partly obtained from the Coffee plantations and from the Wellington Australian plantations, in a few years Wellington and Coonoor will have to depend upon the Wellington Australian Plantation alone. No firewood has been cut in the Lamb's Rock Shola for the last two years.

I have &c &c.

True Copy.

(Signed) H. R. Morgan Major
Dy Conservator of Forests

H. H. Beddome Captain
Offg Conservator of Forests

No 1
Enclosure in Letter
No. 2921 of the 4th Octobr. 66.
Rec'd No. 2503/66

Cotacamund
15th February 1866

No 488

From

Major H. R. Morgan
Dy Conservr of Forests

To

H. Cleghorn Esqre, M. D.
Conservr of Forests

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will bring to the notice of Government that a Road Contract that is likely to be opened shortly, a traffic in wood will probably spring up, especially if the Tramway from Coonoor to Mettoopollium be made; and it is advisable that immediate use the Working and Conservancy of large tracts of Forests situated to the East and West of the Ghat, and covering the Slopes and foot of the Nilgiry Hills. There is a good deal of Ungay, Blackwood, and Sundry Junglewoods. The Collector has the power to direct the cutting of these Junglets, but owing to the want of proper Roads the demand for wood was not considerable.

I would propose that Overseer
Vaiman have charge, that he may be raised to that
of a 1st Class Overseer, and that he have an Establishment of 1 Goomastah, 1 Mohr (Peon, and 3 other Peons. I would also recommend that a house be built for the Overseer to live in at a Cost of not more than 1500 Rupees, at present he is put to great in-

Convenience

- Conveniences for want of a Scale.

Present		Proposed		Increase
1 Overseer	50	1 Overseer	50	
2 Travelling Batta	15	Travelling Batta	15	
1 Overseer	75	1 Overseer	100	25
2 Travelling Batta	15	Travelling Batta	30	15
1 Office Hd Peon	8	1 Gomastah	20	20
3 Peons @ 7 Rs each	21	Travelling Batta	8	8
		1 Office Hd Peon	8	
		1 Travelling Hd Ex	9	9
		6 Peons @ 7 Rs each	42	21
Total Rs	184		282	98

Net increase of pay Rs to the Establishment for 12 Months at 98 Rs a Month ____ 1176

Revenue to be realized by 200 Blackwood Trees at 4 Rupees each ____ 800

Do Do by 400 Vingay and other Trees at 3 Rupees each ____ 1200 — 2000

Net Profit 824

3 If the Tax on Bamboos is imposed the Receipts will be much larger as the trade in bamboos via Mettoopolliam is Considerable

I have the honorable,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt
Signed/ H. Kellaghan, Major
Dy Conservator Forests

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/True Copy/

No 2

Enclosure in Letter
No 2021 of the 2 October/66
R.C. 2503/66

Despatch

From
The Secy Conservr of Forests

To
The Comrs of Forests
&c &c &c

Dated 15th Feby
Rec'd 1866

No 488

Enclosure Nos

Subject

Proposes that the Working and Conservancy of the East and West of the Ghats and Covering the Slopes and foot of the Hills, be taken by the Forest Dept with an Establishment at a Cost of Rs 90 per Month if the Land may be spared from Cultivation to that purpose.

7/

For Orders.

The Number of Trees felled is to small that the absolute reservation of the Shola cannot be dispensed with without inconvenience & the Native Cultivation which is the only really Effective Check if possible to prevent the Shola - Dead & Dying trees would of course be removed and replaced by young trees.

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Forest Department.

From
Offg
The Conservator of Forests,

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Dated 4th
Received 8th } October 1866.
Despatched

From Offg Conr of Forests
No. 3222 dated 26th Sept
No. 2021.

Enclosure No. 2.

Subject.

Forwarding copies of Major
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No. 3222.

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