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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th January 1866.

Read the following letters :—

No. 129. From the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp, Ootacamund, 2nd January 1866, No. 1,530.

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, an application* from Mr. J. W. B. Money, dated 23rd December 1865, to purchase outright on arbitration, the timber on 400 acres of Devah's Shola, sold to him in February last, under the special orders of Government (*vide* G. O. 1,791, dated 28th September 1864).

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2. The circumstances connected with this Shola are known to Government, but they may be briefly stated. The Devah Shola has always been considered a special forest reserve, and was kept intact by the late Collector, Mr. Thomas. A cart road was made in 1861 or 1862 at the cost of about 6,000 Rupees, with a view to the fallen wood being brought into this station, and in 1864 a firewood contractor gave 5,000 Rupees for permission to fell trees in a portion of this Shola.

3. In September 1864 the proposal of Mr. Money, a gentleman with capital, to form a Chinchona plantation on part of this fine forest, received the favorable consideration of Government, and the sale took place with certain restrictions as to the wood, which were agreed to by Mr. Money (see copy of Agreement signed by the Collector and Mr. Money). The reservation of the timber by Government was made, because the wood was urgently required in connection with the building of the Lawrence Asylum, and the clause prevented competition for the Shola, which was sold at the upset price.

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4. I proceeded on the 27th December, in company with Mr. Grant, Collector of the District, to inspect the Shola, and found a large portion of the 400 acres already felled, and a pile of lopped branches (estimated by Mr. DeFacien, Mr. Money's Superintendent, at 150 bandy loads) near the upper side of the road passing through the Shola. The wood is being carted away by Major Morgan to a convenient depôt outside the Shola, from whence the Public Works Department remove it to the site of the Lawrence Asylum.

5. An agreement exists between the Forest and Public Works Departments the latter paying, by transfer, for the firewood at the rate of eight Annas per bandy load of 1,000 pounds. The road has been repaired by Major Farewell, and a number of bullocks are employed specially for removing the wood, and in Proceedings of Government 22nd November 1865, No. 2,854, a transfer of funds (4,000 Rupees) was sanctioned for the same purpose.

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6. By the enclosed correspondence (C) with Major Farewell, Executive Engineer, it will be seen that at least 12,000 bandy loads of wood are required from the Devah Shola, the money value of this quantity, as assumed between the two Departments, would be 6,000 Rupees; it is believed that at least 2,000 Rupees could be realized from other sources, and to prevent further correspondence, I would

agree (as far as this Department is concerned) to dispose of the felled timber to Mr. Money for 8,000 Rupees, to be devoted to planting near the Lawrence Asylum and Ootacamund.

7. It is necessary, however, to look at the question in all its bearings, and as the Engineer of the Lawrence Asylum cannot obtain in any other direction the fuel required for present and future wants, except at an immensely increased cost, I am unable to recommend the proposal for arbitration.

8. By a long correspondence between the Forest Officers and Mr. Money's Attorney, enclosed for reference, if necessary, it will be seen that during Mr. Money's absence in England there appears to have been very little disposition to fulfil the terms of agreement, which doubtless involve considerable expense, but it must be remembered that Mr. Money purchased the Shola, at a nominal value.

9. An early reply will oblige, as Mr. Money is desirous of having the decision of Government, and he has instructed the Superintendent of his plantation to stop the stacking of the wood pending this reference.

No. 130. From the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp, Ootacamund, 8th January 1866, No. 1,538.

1. In continuation of my letter* regarding Mr. Money's proposal to purchase the timber felled by him in Devah Shola, I beg to forward a further correspondence with this gentleman; and submit that much of the information solicited is entirely irrelevant.

* No. 1,530 of the 2nd instant.

2. Mr. Money has gone to Calcutta, and requests that my reply should be sent to Mr. McIvor, as his Attorney. I would be in an anomalous position as a Government Officer, if I were to continue the correspondence during Mr. Money's absence with Mr. McIvor, both of us being Government servants.

3. If Mr. Money agrees to pay 8,000 Rupees, and gives over the wood at the Shola to Major Farewell, at eight Annas per load, he will be re-imbursed to a large extent.

4. Considering the object Mr. Money has in view, I have been anxious to meet his wishes as far as possible.

No. 130A. ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1866, No. 67.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Conservator of Forests has not placed Government in a position to pass orders on Mr. Money's application.

2. As to the value placed on the timber, the Government remark that the price charged in account against the Educational Department by the Forest Department is not necessarily the fair market value of the wood. Again, it is said that the Lawrence Asylum works require 12,000 cart loads of fuel from the Shola. This quantity is valued on the principle above stated, at 6,000 Rupees, and a further sum of 2,000 Rupees is expected "from other sources." What these sources are is not explained. Probably wood is meant, and if so, this sum would represent 4,000 cart loads, making in all 16,000 cart loads; but looking at the extent of Mr. Money's grant, this must be very far short of what his estate contains. What the Government wish to have is a reasonably accurate estimate of the wood in the Shola, and its fair value. The Conservator will furnish this as soon as possible.

3. In paragraph 7 of his letter the Conservator raises the most important question of all, viz., the effect which a compliance with Mr. Money's request would have on the Lawrence Asylum. As already stated, the Engineer in charge of the works requires 12,000 cart loads, and Dr. Cleghorn states that "he cannot obtain in any other direction the fuel required for present and future wants except at an immensely increased cost." If this be really the case, the objection is fatal. Although desirous of affording Mr. Money every reasonable encouragement and assistance in his enterprize, the Government could not assent to an arrangement which would entail great loss on the State, and retard the construction of very important Public Works. It would be some time before plantations could be formed to supply the future wants of the Asylum, and, meanwhile, Government would have to pay whatever price Mr. Money or other vendors might demand, or fell elsewhere at increased expense. Dr. Cleghorn will discuss this part of the question further with Major Farewell, and both Officers will then give opinions on it in detail.

4. The Government observe allusion in the enclosures of Dr. Cleghorn's letter to a fire in the forest, and wish to know whether this occurred from culpable carelessness, and the quantity and value of the wood consumed. This matter does not appear to have been previously reported to Government.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Conservator of Forests.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Ootacamund 23rd December 1865

To

Captain Beddome
Conservator of Forests

Sir,

With reference to our conversation of this morning as to the Timber reserved to Govern=

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=ment on 430 acres of Devah Sholah, bought by me in February 1865, I beg hereby to offer to buy the same from Government; and pay therefor such price as may be awarded on arbitration. One arbitrator to be appointed by Government, and one arbitrator to be appointed by me; the two arbitrators before proceeding to the reference, to appoint an Umpire to decide, in case the arbitrators cannot agree.

If this meets your views I will, before starting for Calcutta leave the necessary power with Mr Broekman my attorney in Madras, to carry out the said arbitration on my behalf, if my propos of purchase be approved by Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obed^t. & humble Servant.

(Signed) J. W. B. Money.

B

As to the four hundred acres of Forest land, the wood shall be stacked within fifty yards of the upper side of the road which now runs through the Sholah or within fifty yards of any other road available for bandy traffic which may be constructed hereafter through the Sholah.

The time allowed for the fulfilment of the above terms is twelve months from the date of entry.

(Signed) H. R. Morgan Major
Deputy Conservator in
charge of Neilgherry Sholas.

Ootacamund
February 6th 1865.

(Signed) J. W. B. Money.
6th February 1865

(True Copy.)
(Signed) P. Grant
Collector.

Captain R. H. Beddome
Offg Conservator of Forests
Madras

My dear Beddome

Since writing you my letter of 21st Instant, I have received the formal Conditions published as annexed to the sale of 400 acres of Davahs Sholas.

As far as you are concerned, they run as follows.

" That within * months from the day of sale,
"the purchaser at his own expence, but under the direc-
"tions of the Conservator of Forests or the officer, who
"for the time being may fill that office, shall fell
"and Cut all Timber and wood growing on the
"said Lands which in the opinion of such Conservator
"shall be fit for Firewood, and under similar direction
"of such Conservator shall stack such Timber and wood
"on Convenient spots, to be selected by such Conservator,
"not further than * yards from the said Lands. The
"timber and wood when felled to be at the disposal of

such Conservator." "* will be determined hereafter".

I have to day seen Grant as to the above *, and he tells me each proposing purchaser must settle those with you.

I hope therefore you will allow me to suggest that, if I buy, those blanks should be considered as filled up to "12 months" and to "50 yards" respectively, and that the convenient spots to be selected by you, should be, as proposed in my letter of 21st Instant, the upper side of the existing road through the Sholah, and the upper sides of any new roads we may make in the Sholae.

If this satisfies you, I shall be prepared to bid at the auction, and if I am the purchaser, to begin at once on a large scale.

But the expense of stacking will depend so much upon where the purchaser has to stack, that a previous understanding is indispensable to the forming of any opinion as to what it may be worth while to bid for the Land.

Pray let me have an answer as soon as possible, that I may communicate with my partner Mr Wauchope by Telegraph after hearing from you, and may get his answer before the

the sale on 6th February next.

Sylk's Hotel
Ooty
23rd January 1865

Yours very sincerely

(Signed) J. W. B. Money

(True Copy.)

Deputy Consr of Forests

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No. 442.

Executive Engineer's office
Neilgherries.
Ootacamund 27th December 186

From.

Major W. Farewell.
Executive Engineer

To.

Surgeon H. F. Cleghorn M.D.
Conservator of Forests
Ootacamund.

Sir,

With reference to my personal communication with you on the Subject of firewood I have the honor to inform you that I believe that I shall require 12.000 Bandy loads of firewood for the Lawrence Asylum works from the Deva Shola and probably very much more, Should we have to purchase this quantity from the Local market I a afraid that the price will rise 6 or 7 times higher tha what it is at present

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most obed. Servant
Signed W. Farewell Maj
Executive Engineer

No. 1526

Office of Conservator of Forests
Camp. Ootacamund 28th Decr 1865

From.

H. Cleghorn Esqre
Conservator of Forests

To.

Major Farewell.
Executive Engineer Neilgherry Range.

Sir

Adverting to your letter of yesterday stating that 12.000 Bandy loads of fuel are required for the Lawrence Asylum from Devah Sholah, I wish to know what quantity of wood you could remove during the next five months, i.e, before the rains set in. No time for removal is specified in Mr Money's agreement, at the same time it is obvious that his operation cannot be impeded or his planting damaged, and it is necessary in considering the proposal he has made that I should be informed how much timber you could remove before the next planting season commences say 1st June 1866. Also if you would be prepared to remove the timber from the unfelled portion as it is cut down. If the fuel is of great consequence to your building operation, perhaps all the carts might be put on to remove the timber to a depot immediately outside the limits of the Sholah

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) H. Cleghorn
Conservator of Forests

No 442½.

From.

Major W. Farewell.
Executive Engineer. Neilgherries

To.

H. Cleghorn Esqre MD
Conservator of Forests.

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 28th of December, as also with reference to our conversation on the subject, I have the honor to inform you that I am not prepared to remove a larger quantity of fuel from the Deva Sholay during the next five months, or indeed at any time, than I have already pointed out as being the probable quantity required for the Lawrence Asylum works, in my letter to your Deputy Major Morgan: All the cattle I can spare are at present employed in carting fuel to the works from the Deva Sholay, to increase their number now that cattle murrain is so prevalent in this District would to say the least of it be an extremely hazardous proceeding, besides I see no object to be gained in storing a larger quantity of fuel on the works than what is actually necessary for immediate consumption

2. You note in your letter under reply that "no time for the removal of the stacked fuel is specified in the agreement made with the present proprietor of the Deva Sholay, but that at the same time it is obvious that his operations cannot be impeded or his planting damaged &c" I really do not see if the proprietor follows out his agreement and "stacks the timber in convenient places near a cart road", how any delay in the removal of such stacks can possibly injure him or impede his planting operations, the Sholay has been his property for a twelvemonth now and yet at the outside only 150 cartloads of timber have been stacked, I should think the delay in the removal of the timbers from the ground to be planted is what hinders planting operations and not the mere removal along a road of the timber stacked

3. Lastly I beg strongly to deprecate my having anything to do with purchasing the stacked timber from the proprietor of the Sholay or his agents and trust that so far as I am concerned, this matter may remain as at present in the hands of your Department.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed^t. Servant
Signed / W. Farewell Maj
Executive Engineer

Ootacamund
January 1st 1866

True copy
H. Cleghorn

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Enclosure

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In a letter from the Conservr. of Forests to the Secretary to Govt. R.D. dated 2nd January 1861 No. 1580.

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6 By the enclosed Correspondence (C) with Major Farewell Executive Engineer it will be seen that at least 12.000 bandy loads of wood are required from the Devah Shola the money value of this quantity, as assumed between the two Departments would be 6,000 Rupees, it is believed that a least 2,000 Rupees could be realized from other Sources, an to prevent further correspondence, I would agree (as far as this Department is concerned) to dispose of the felled timber to Mr. Money for 8,000 Rupees to be devoted to planting near the Lawrence Asylum and Ootacamund

7. It is necessary however to look at the question in all its bearings, and as the Engineer of the Lawrence Asylum cannot obtain in any other direction the fuel required for present and future wants except at an immensely increased cost. I am unable to recommen the proposal for arbitration.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed. Servant

H. Cleghorn
Conservator of Forests

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~~FOREST~~ DEPARTMENT 1866.
Proof Govt. 9 January
From The Conservator of Forests,

To The Secretary to Govt.
Fort Saint George

Dated 2nd } January 1866.
Received 6th }

No. 1630
Enclosure No. 4
Forwarding an application of J. W. Money to purchase on [illegible] the timber felled in Devah Shola.

Sd No. 97. 9th Jany

No 129.

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Office of Conservator of Forests.
Ootacamund 5th January 1866.

To J. W. B. Money Esqr

My dear Sir

Adverting to your request that I should place in your hands my letter to Government forwarding your application to purchase outright the timber felled by you in Devah Shola, I find that I am not warranted in giving a Copy of papers at present before Government; however I may mention the main points of my letter.

1st The value of the wood as regards this Department is 8,000 Rupees.

2nd That owing to the difficulty of the Lawrence Asylum Engineer finding the required fuel elsewhere without incurring greatly increased cost, I am unable to recommend the sale; if, however, you can arrange with Major Farewell to make over 12.000 Loads at 8 Annas per bandy load of 1000 pounds, I consider such arrangement will be to the advantage of Government.

I have &c

(Signed) H. Cleghorn

To.

Dr Cleghorn
Conservator of Forests

Ootacamund
5th January 1866

Sir

With reference to your official letter to Government forwarding my official application to buy the reserved timber on Devah Shola; the main points of which you communicated to me in your demi-official of today's date, I have the honor to request that you will please Supply me with the following information to enable me to decide as to the terms of your letter.

What is the Expense incurred up to date by the Forest Department in removing the timber from my land to where Major Farewell's carts load it for removal to the Lawrence Asylum-?

What is the Sum received from Major Farewell in transfer up to date for the quantity of timber so removed by him?

Are the conditions of your contract with Major Farewell Such that if I give Rs 8,000 for the Timber, I can be certain of receiving back Rs 6,000 from him for the 12,000 bandy loads of timber, or will the Forest Department take Major Farewell's liability for such Rs 6,000 as so much of my Rs 8,000 ?

When did Major Farewell begin removing the reserved timber ?

Where did the timber come from which has been used for the last 2 or 3 years in burning the immense number of Bricks and the large quantity of lime now prepared for the Asylum ?

What is the relative distance Major Farewell had to cart such former timber compared with the distance from Devah Shola ?

What proportion of the Forest which supplied such former timber was consumed thereby and what proportion still remains unconsumed ?

What compensation was paid to the Rs 5,000 Contractor mentioned in your letter to Government on the rescission of his contract ?

When the felled timber on 150 acres of my purchased land was put up to auction by Government on the 15th of July 1865 what was the upset price, and was there any bid beyond that upset price ?

Since the timber at Devah Shola has been advertized for removal by any person paying to Government, eight Annas a Bandy load, what period

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has elapsed and what sum has been received from the public under such advertisement ?

Allow me to press for as early an answer as possible, since I require this information to arrange with Major Farewell as you suggest and I hope also with Government and I am anxious to proceed to Calcutta.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant

Signed/ J. W. B. Money

No 1537

Office of Conservator of Forests
Camp Ootacamund. 8th January 1866

To

J. W. B. Money Esqre.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 5th instant which has been forwarded to Government in connection with your proposal to purchase the timber felled by you in Devah Shola.

I have &c.

(Signed) H. Cleghorn.
Conservator of Forests

True Copy

H. Cleghorn
Conservator of Forests

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On a letter from the Conservator of Forests to the Secretary to Govt. Revenue Department No 1538 dated 8th Jany 1866.

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No 1408.

Ootacamund
9th September 1865.

To.

W. McIvor Esqre.

Sir

Mr. Patmore tells me that you have the management of the Devah Shola Estate, Mr. Money was allowed to have this Shola only on condition that all the timber was to be brought outside or on the roads and stacked by him. Government would not give it on any other conditions and many parties would have bid for it, if it had not been ruled that this was to be strictly carried out. Mr. Money was fully aware of this and it would cost him many thousand Rupees even if he got Elephant labor, and he talked the whole matter over with Mr. Sim and myself and agreed to do all that we required. The timber should have been brought out and stacked before the burn, as the fire however has swept thro' most of the Estate. I hope you will make arrangements to have all the logs brought out now before pitting and planting are proceeded with. Please let me know what you intend doing as I am leaving the Hills on a tour towards the end of next month

I have &c.

Signed. R. H Beddome Captain

Proc 9th Jany/68 In No 137

Ootacamund 13th Septr/6

No 1417.

To

W. Mac Ivor Esqre

Manager Devah Shola Estate.

Sir

I herewith forward Copy of a letter just received from the Collector about the Deva Shola wood. There can I think be no doubt that the timber will all have to be stacked by the terms of the agreement so that any pitting now carried on will only be a waste of money as all the pits will be destroyed.

If Mr. Morey is prepared to pay all expenses attending stacking the timber, I will at once apply to Government for some of the strongest Commissariat Elephants from Hoonsoo and our department might undertake the work. Some Palghat axemen would be necessary. I estimate the expense at about 50 or 60 Rs the acre

I have the honor &c

(Signed) R. H Beddome Cap

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Government Gardens,
Ootacamund 14th September 1865.

To

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

Sir,

In acknowledging your letter No 1417 under date the 13th September 1865, I have the honor to bring to your notice that 80 acres of the Devah Shola was cut by the firewood Contractor prior to Mr Mooney purchasing the land, that here a few of the wild Mango trees were left standing as being unfit for firewood, together with the undergrowth, these were felled by Mr Patmore and burned, and it is on this land only that pitting and planting is now going on. To this portion of the land of Devah Shola the restrictions with reference to firewood does not apply, as there was no firewood on this land when sold. These 80 acres were I believe originally recommended by you to be sold without restrictions, In firing the undergrowth the fire accidentally spread a short distance into the other forest, but as this was green, did no injury to the firewood as it only burned the leaves and spray.

2. I learn from Mr Patmore that he has some thousand bandy loads of wood stacked along the upper side of the road and that so soon as this is removed by your Department more will be stacked, and that in every respect he has carried out the instructions conveyed in the letter of the Assistant Conservator of Forests under date the 31st May 1865 No 67 as per Copy appended.

3 I am much obliged for your kind offer to procure Elephants, but as I only act for Mr Money by power of attorney I am unable to accept it. The wood will however be got ready for you by Mr Patmore as fast as you remove that already stacked

I have the honor &c &c

Signed/ W. G. McIvor
Attorney for Messrs J. W. B. Money and Wauchope.

Camp Ootacamund
No 1420 15th September 1865

To.

W. MacIvor Esqr

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th Instant.

2. The 80 acres alluded to by you as having been previously felled were only partly felled by the firewood Contractors, a large quantity of firewood remained in this portion of the Shola and this must be stacked by Mr Money according to the terms of the agreement. Mr Patmore has felled far more than this portion, part of the shola on the Mailoor side is even burnt which is some 2 miles beyond where our contractors had ever felled

3. Major Morgan is in error in supposing that only wood below 14 inches in diameter is to be stacked, all the wood above 3 inches in diameter should be stacked.

I have the honor &c

(Signed) R. H. Beddome Captn

Ootacamund. 15th Septr/65

No 1421.

To

Major H. R. Morgan.
In charge of Neilgherry Sholas

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from Mr Mc Ivor Manager of the Devah Shola Estate.

2. The 80 acres alluded to by Mr Mc Ivor are partly felled by our Contractors, but very much timber remained. By Mr Money's agreement all this timber must be stacked equally with that of the other portions of the Shola. Mr Mc Ivor states that only this portion has been fired by Mr Patmore and though the fire spared a short distance into the other portion of the Shola no injury was done to the firewood, when I inspected the Shola last week it appears to me than an enor=mous extent was already burnt, a large portion of which was quite at the Mailoor end of the Shola some two miles beyond where our Contractors have ever been, you must inspect the Shola and report upon this portion of Mr Mc Ivor's letter and state the probable number of acres that have been fired.

3. You were wrong in informing Mr. Mc Ivor that only timber below 14 inches in diameter was to be stacked. By the orders of Government all timber must be stacked, all below 3 inches is of course worthless but you must at once inform Mr. Mc Ivor that he must make arrangements to stack all timber above that size.

4. You must make some arrangements to bring out all the timber stacked and it should be arranged outside the Shola in lots 500 or 1000 Bandyloads, it would be a good plan if you could use some of your Mudumallay carts and the bullocks for this work, if not several carts should be purchased.

Signed R. H Beddome Captn

No. 203

Ootacamund
Office of Deputy Consr. of Forests
16th September 1865

From

Major H. R. Morgan
Deputy Consr. of Forests.

To

Captain R. H. Beddome
Offg. Consr. of Forests
Ootacamund

Sir

I have the honor to report on the proceedings that are taking place in the Devah Sholah, and request you will as early as possible obtain the orders of Government thereon.

2. In May last, I proceeded to the Devah Sholah and found no wood stacked and a portion of the Sholah burnt, upon enquiring the cause of this conduct, the Superintendent Mr. Patmore informed me that he had fired the Sholah by Mr. Mc Ivor's orders. I then addressed letters A and B to Mr. Mc Ivor and the Superintendent.

3 On visiting the Sholah again

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on the 15th of September, I found no wood stacked and on asking the Superintendent what he meant by not obeying my orders, he informed me that Mr. McIvor had ordered him not to stack any wood above the road. I cannot reconcile this statement, with that made by Mr. McIvor in letter C. but Mr. Patmore was positive in his statement and made it in the presence of my Overseer and myself.

4 The road is blocked with fallen timber and the edge carried away by the rain, in consequence of the Superintendent allowing the sides to be wasted. So that a Cart could not pass. further, pits have been dug — amongst the fallen timber, which shows that no intention of taking out and stacking the timber, exists.

5 I made the arrangement as easy as possible by defining what I considered firewood indeed there are not 4 logs to the acre over 14 inches diameter.

6 They are still felling in Devi Sholah

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
H R Morgan Major
Deputy Cons. of Forests.

Ootacamund
No. 67
Office of Deputy Cons. of Forests
16th September 1865

From
Major H. R. Morgan
Deputy Cons. of Forests

To
W. G. McIvor Esqr.
Supt. of Govt. Chin. Plantation
Ootacamund

Sir

In visiting the Devai Sholah yesterday, I was surprized to find a large portion of the wood burnt and very little stacked on the road.

*copy enclosed

2 By the terms of the lease* you will observe that all wood is the property of the Forest Department and is to be stacked on the upper side of the existing road or any roads that may be made.

3 I request you will as acting for Mr. Money direct the Manager to carry out Mr. Money's agreement.

4 The wood suitable for firewood is all wood under 14 inches and over 3 inches.

5 The time of 12 months is quite immaterial I consider you have enough felled for two years supply and as far as this Department is concerned

you need not fell any more for two years.

6 If fire is again applied to the Sholah it will be at Mr Money's risk.

7 At present I require 500 bandy loads to be stacked above the road in the Sholah.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) H. R. Morgan Major
Dy Consr of Forests

(True Copy)
H R Morgan Major
Deputy Consr of Forests.

No. 73

Ootacamund
2d June 1865

Official Memo.

The Deputy Consr of Forests forwards to the Resident Manager Devi Sholah, a copy of Mr Money's engagements, and informs the Resident Manager that he will be considered responsible, for the safe custody of the wood against fire, during Mr Money's absence.

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

(True Copy)
H R Morgan Major
Dy Consr of Forests.

Davie Shola

No. C

Government Gardens
Ootacamund 2nd June 1865

From

W. G. McIvor Esqre
Superintendent Govt Chin. Plantation
Ootacamund

To

Major H. R. Morgan
Deputy Conservator of Forests
Ootacamund

Sir

In acknowledging your letter No. 67 dated 31st May 1865. I have the honor to inform you that I have this day forwarded a copy of the same to Mr Patmore the Manager of Davah Sholah Plantation, and desired him to carefully carry out your wishes with reference to the timber, at the same time intimating that if your wishes are not strictly attended to, in accordance with the terms entered into by Mr Money with regard to the wood, that he will be held responsible for any loss.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) W. G. McIvor
Superintendent Gt C. Plantn

(True Copy)

Major
Deputy Consr of Forests

Ootacamund. 19th Septr /65

No 1430.

To

W. Mc Ivor Esqr

Sir

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from Major Morgan in charge of the Nilgiri Sholas by which you will perceive that he states that Mr Patmore will not stack the wood in the Devick Shola as required by your department.

2. In your letter to my address dated 14th Instant you state that Mr Patmore informs you that he has some thousand bandy loads of wood stacked, I have visited the Shola and find that no wood has yet been stacked, the road thro' the Shola is blocked up with fallen wood and there is much refuse and small wood heaped on it and it is quite impassable for carts

a public road!

3. May I request that you will at once order Mr Patmore to stack all the wood above 3 inches in diameter in suitable places above the existing road and above any new roads that you may find it necessary to make and that the same be carried out under Major Morgan's instructions and that no pitting or planting be

attempted except in localities where all the timber has been removed and stacked. I have requested Major Morgan to purchase or employ some carts to remove the timber outside the Shola as far as it is stacked. If the above conditions (which are the terms of Mr Money's agreement) are not at once carried out on his behalf I must lay the case before Government.

4. By the terms of Mr Money's agree=ment all the firewood (some thousand Bandy loads remain) on the 600 (or 800) acres partially cleared by our Contractors has to be stacked the same as that in the remainder of the Shola.

5 I am forwarding Copy of this letter to Major Morgan with a request that he will see that the terms of Mr Money's agreement are strictly acted up to.

(Signed) H R Beddome Captn

No 1431. Camp Ootacamund 19th Septr/6

To Major H. R. Morgan.

Sir I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter ad=dressed to the agent of the Devich Shola Estate and request that you will see the conditions of Mr Money's agreement at once carried out and if necessary put yourself in communication with Mr McIvor.

2. If Mr McIvor does not at once commence operations as suggested by me I shall be compelled to lay the case before Government

3. As I cannot get immediate Sanction for the purchase of carts or bullocks for removing the wood to the outside of the Shola and it is of the greatest importance that you should at once commence operations. I would suggest that in the meantime you should employ a few of your Mudumallay Carts particularly as you can cart your timber from that forest by hired labor and charge the same in the working charges.

(Signed) R. H Beddome Capt.

True copy

H. Cleghorn

Devak Shola

Rev: 64/66.

Enclosure D

Correspondence between Capt Beddome and Mr. Money relating to the timber felled in Devak Shola.

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In a letter from the Conservator of Forests to the Secretary to Govt R. D. dated 2nd January 1866 No 1530

Pro: 9th Jany/66 Rev No 129

Rev Dept.

No. 67.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 9th Jany/66.

Read the following letter from the Consr. of Forests.—

Forwarding an applicn. of Mr. Money to purchase on arbitration the timber felled in Devak Shola } (Here enter 2d Jany/66 No. 1530)

Forwarding further correspondence with Mr. Money as to the purchase of reserved wood in Devak Shola, with remarks } (" — 8th " — do — " 1538)

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The Conservator of Forests has not placed Govt. in a position to pass orders on Mr. Money's application.—

As to the value placed on the timber the Govt. remark that the price charged in the account against the Educational Dept. by the Forest Dept. is not necessarily the fair market value of the wood. Again it is said that the Lawrence Asylum works require 12,000 cart loads of fuel from the Shola. This quantity is valued on the principle above stated at 6000 Rs and a further sum of 2,000 Rs is expected "from other sources" – What these sources are is not explained. Probably wood is meant, and if so this sum would represent 4000 cart loads making in all 16,000 cart loads – but ~~whether this is about as much as Mr Money's portion of the Shola contains exactly is not stated~~.

Looking at the extent of Mr Money's grant this must be very far short of what his estate contains.

What the Govt wish to have is a reasonably accurate Estimate of the wood in the Shola and its fair value – The Conservator will furnish this as soon as possible.

In para 4 of his letter the Conservator raises the most important question of all – viz the effect which a compliance with Mr Money's request would have on the Lawrence Asylum – As already stated, the Engineer in charge of the works requires 12000 cart loads & Dr Cleghorn states that he cannot obtain in any other direction the fuel required for present & future wants except at an immensely increased cost." If this be really the case, the objection is fatal- ~~matter disposes of it-~~ ~~self~~ Altho' desirous of affording Mr. Money every reasonable encouragement & assistance in his enterprise the Govt. could not assent to an arrangement which would entail great loss on the State, and retard the construction of very important Public works. It would be some time before plantations could be formed to supply the future wants of the Asylum and meanwhile Govt. would have to pay whatever price Mr. Money might demand or fell elsewhere at increased expense. Dr. Cleghorn will discuss this part of the question further with Captn. Farewell both officers will then and give ~~a decided~~ in detail. opinions on it. ~~[illegible]~~

The Govt. observe allusion in the enclosures of Dr. Cleghorn's letter to a fire in the forest, and wish to know whether this occurred from culpable carelessness— and the quantity and value of the wood consumed.

This matter does not appear to have been previously

Reported to Govt.

S.D.S. 6/1

[illegible] Conservator of Forests Dec 9 Jany [illegible] 20 Jany
[illegible] Dec 23 [illegible]

Mr. Money is anxious for an early reply but I do not see how Govt. can act on ~~[illegible]~~ the information before them — except indeed to reprove his [illegible]!

It will be seen that Mr. McIvor acted as Mr. Money's attorney during the latter's absence. I have not noticed this, as there is nothing in Mr. McIvor's engagement with Govt. to preclude his employing himself in this or any other way so long as he does not neglect his duty to Govt. which could not be urged after the success of the Chinchona Experiments.

I wd. not hurry this matter but dispose of it with great deliberation. Mr. Money is a sharp hand to deal with.

I agree [illegible]

[illegible] would be the best course.

The case seems to me to stand thus. If all the wood and timber in the 400 acres of the Desi Shola sold to Mr. Money will (as seems probable) be required for public purposes, it would be a complicated and certainly not an economical arrangement, to sell him the timber & firewood, and buy it of him again [illegible]

It is an implied agreement — I should say — between Mr. McIvor, in the position he fills, and the Govt. that Mr. McIvor is to be the servant of only one master. We have no Superintendent and Mr. McIvor who can determine whether the interests of the Govt. are upheld and although much has been done on the Chinchona Land the inference seems unavoidable that more might have been done if Mr. McIvor were to feel in the fore only the Government [illegible]

I think that we should know from Mr. McIvor what he is doing in connection with this estate and in what relation he stands towards it. Mr. McI. is our servant, handsomely paid, and with quite work enough in the gardens & chinchona plantations fully to occupy him. We are I think entitled to the whole of his services. We have lately appointed ⊕

[illegible] ⊕

[illegible] On the other hand unless it be made to his interest to cut & preserve the wood duly stacked in [illegible] probably — unless we hold out [illegible] a premium, we [illegible] very little of it. — JP

⊕ for an asst. to [illegible]

I suggest that if Mr M. has leisure for superintending other private operations he cannot need an Asst. to aid him in the performance of his public duties.

J.P.

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Dd. 9th January 1866.

Requesting further information respecting Mr. Money's application to purchase the Timber outright in the Devah Sholar Conservation.

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Ask Col. [illegible]
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I propose for
Council