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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th March 1867.

No. 66. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp, Ootacamund, 8th February 1867, No. 2,240:—

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Government Order No. 3,222, of the 26th of November last, I have the honor to inform you that the Collector is of opinion that the forests on the Coimbatore slopes of the Nilgiris may, with advantage, be placed under conservancy. Major Morgan, the Deputy Conservator in charge of the Range, proposes to promote the present Overseer to a first class grade, with a salary of Rupees 100 per mensem in lieu of 75, and a travelling allowance of Rupees 30 instead of 15, and to give him an extra establishment of one Gumastah and four Peons; the monthly increase will be Rupees 98, or Rupees 1,176 per annum. There can be no doubt that the receipts will more than cover the cost of the establishment, and the forests will be conserved and clandestine felling put a stop to. Major Morgan estimates that he can sell annually, on license, 2,000 Rupees worth of timber, exclusive of firewood and bamboos, and there is a large trade in the latter.

2. The present Overseer, Serjeant Newman, is a most zealous, painstaking Forester, and his plantations near Coonoor do him great credit; I shall be glad to see him get the promotion, as his present salary is very small.

3. As the new Coonoor ghaut is now partly opened, I consider it very important that these forests should at once be taken over, and I would suggest that the establishment should be sanctioned from the 1st of April next; the small expenditure necessary can be met from savings in the Budget.

4. I forward herewith Major Morgan's letter* proposing the establishment, also a letter† from the Collector on the subject; the latter wishes some villages near the foot of the hill exempt from any tax upon bamboos; there can be no harm in this if they only sell the bamboos from their clearings, but these and all similar details will be settled by the Deputy Conservator in communication with the Collector.

* 1. No. 498, dated 15th February 1866.
† 2. „ 7, „ 2nd „ 1867.

No. 67. ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1867, No. 535.

Forests, No. 2.

1. The Government approve the proposals made in the above letter.

2. The necessary application for sanction will be made to the Supreme Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 961. Official Memo

The Registrar of the Government Office R.D will be good enough to send per bearer Major Morgans letter referred to in para 4 of Captain Beddomes Communication recorded by Government in G.O dated 4th Instant No 535, which will be returned when no longer required.

By Order

Madras Office of Chief Engr & Secy 5th March 1863

A. Cameron Lieut. Col.
Chief Engr. of Irrigt.

To The Registrar Genl. Office &c &c

No 488.

Colaccamund Office of Conservancy
15th February 1866

(Private)

From

Major H. P. Morgan
Deputy Conservator of Forests

To

H. Cleghorn Esqr
Conservator of Forests
Madras

Sir

I have the honor to request you will bring to the notice of Government, that as the Honor Ghat is likely to be opened shortly, a traffic in wood will possibly spring up, especially if the tramway from Coonoor be extended to Kotagherry and Kil-gherry Hills. There is a good deal of Vengay, Blackwood and sundry junglewoods. The Collector has hitherto directed the felling of these junglis, but owing to the want of roads the demand for wood was not considerable. I would propose that Overseer Thomas have charge, that his pay be raised to that of a first class Overseer and that he have per Establishment of 1 Gomasta, 1 Peon and 3 other Peons. I would also recommend that a house

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Forest Department.

From

The Conservator of Forests,

To The Conservator of Forests
Madras.

Dated 15th February 1866.
Received

No. 488.

Enclosure No.

Requests to bring to the notice of Government that in addition to the increase of establishments as shown in the margin.

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I should for the Present be content with six more than 1500 Rupees as at present he is put to great inconvenience for want of a house.

Present Scale		Proposed Scale		Increase
1 Conservator	Rs. 50	1 Conservator	Rs. 50	
Travelling allowance	15	Travelling allowance	15	
1 Conservator	25	1 Conservator	25	
Travelling allowance	15	Travelling allowance	15	
1 Commander	20	1 Commander	20	20
Travelling allowance	8	Travelling allowance	8	
1 Head Native Ranger	9	1 Head Native Ranger	9	
2 Assistant Native Rangers		2 Assistant Native Rangers		
Rangers at 7 Rs. each	21	Rangers at 7 Rs. each	42	21
Total Rs.	184	Total Rs.	262	Increase 78
		Pay of Establishment for 12 months		936
		Probable Revenue		
		200 Blackwood Trees at 4 Rs.	800	
		100 Various Other Trees at 3 Rs.	300	2000
		Probable Income of Circle Rs.		800

If the Timber Licenses is increased the receipts will be much larger, as the trade in Timber is at present considerable.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

No.

Coimbatore Collectors Cy
Coimbatore 2d February 1867

From

D. Grant Esqr
Collector of Coimbatore

To

The Officiating Conservator of Forests
Ootacamund

Sir,

I have the honor to reply to your letter of the 24th ult
No. 2201, likely to inform you that Mr Smith
on the Slopes of the Nilgiris on the North and
[illegible] the different operations which
will advantage be taken charge of by the
Department. There is some valuable Teak
Jungles, and from the nature of the Co
the ability of the Coolies to be kept
without being easily detected
of the Villages in
of the Hills. Lands are here cle
cultivation. The improvement of
expensive both from the Excessive na
of the locality and the difficulty of
side of the Bamboos - any interference
sale is to be guarded against, as it is with the
proceeds

ces of their Sale that the expenses of their
prosecution are in a great measure met—

I Have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant

R Evans
Collector