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No. 341. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 1st April 1868, No. 659 :—

1. I have the honor to inform you that Lieutenant Fullerton has completed the demarcation of the Wynaad forests, and has submitted a forest chart and full report upon the forests and their resources, which will be forwarded to Government shortly.

2. As the official year has just closed, I have directed Lieutenant Fullerton and Mr. Turnbull to submit their annual reports and accounts before the proposed transfer takes place. Mr. Turnbull will then proceed to Wynaad to take over charge of the Depôts, &c., from Lieutenant Fullerton, previous to the latter proceeding to the Madura and Tinnevelly range.

3. The expenses of living in Wynaad are very great, and all subordinates of the Department Public Works located there draw, I believe, an extra allowance of 50 per cent. I request, therefore, that Mr. Turnbull may draw an allowance of Rupees 50, in addition to his pay of 100 Rupees as first class Overseer and his travelling allowance of Rupees 30, whilst he is employed in this district; this will make his pay 150 + 30, which is the pay of a Sub-Assistant Conservator, and as Mr. Turnbull has now been nearly six years in the department, I think that he might be promoted to this grade upon his transfer to Wynaad.

No. 342. ORDDR THEREON, 17th April 1868, No. 1,003.

Forests, No. 15.

The Government sanction the proposed temporary addition of Rupees 50 monthly to Mr. Turnbull's pay while employed in the Wynaad, being the same special per-centage allowance as is made to the Executive Officers of the Department Public Works in that district.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

TESTIMONIALS

OF

MR. T. N. TURNBULL,

SUB-ASST. CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

TESTIMONIALS.

1.

Mr. THOMAS TURNBULL was entertained in the Central India Circle of the Electric Telegraph Department in April 1858 as a Clerk; but was transferred to the important and confidential post of Message Examiner of the East Coast Circle in November of that year. He discharged his duties satisfactorily and proved himself very intelligent in this laborious branch of the Department. He has my good wishes and I hope he may speedily succeed in obtaining advancement in the Service.

(Signed) W. MAYES,
Deputy Supterintendent of Electric Telegraph.

MADRAS,
27*th November* 1860.

2.

Mr. TURNBULL has served under me as Correspondent Clerk for about eight months. He has given me great satisfaction. He is a good penman and has always conducted himself well.

(Signed) H. TULLOCH, Captain,
Assistant to the Chief Engineer.

7*th April* 1863.

3.

Extract from letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, No. 1,121, dated 2nd November 1864, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

3. Mr. TURNBULL, who had some previous training in the department, has been acting as Overseer, and has been in charge of this range (Kurnool) during Mr. Lennons' suspension, he has conducted the duties with great credit, and I shall be glad to appoint him as Overseer if the appointment is sanctioned.

4.

Extract from letter from J. I. MINCHIN, ESQ., Collector of Kurnool, No. 14, dated 7th September 1864, to Captain BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests. Recorded in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 6,516, dated 4th October 1864.

In the remarks that I have made on the unpopular and in my opinion injudicious powers of obstruction, placed by the present system in the hands of the Sub-Assistant Conservator, I must be understood as casting no reflections on the Officer now holding that post. Mr. TURNBULL has been but a short time in the District, but appears to be a zealous and pains-taking servant of the department.

5.

Extract from letter from the Conservator of Forests, No. 1,229, dated 7th March 1865, to the Collector of Madura.

Mr. TURNBULL has had charge of the Kurnool District for a short period and showed great zeal and attention to his duties.

6.

Extract from letter from the Conservator of Forests, No. 1,375, dated 19th August 1865: to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Mr. TURNBULL who was a Probationer in the Cuddapah and Kurnool ranges, has been placed in charge of this Forest (Madura), and I hope that through his careful supervision, the revenue will increase steadily under the voucher and license system.

7.

Extract from letter from the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department. Recorded in Government Proceedings, No. 1,498, dated 30th June 1865.

Mr. TURNBULL who relieved Mr. Sperschneider as Sub-Assistant Conservator in charge of this range last March, is giving his whole time and attention to the Forests, and the seignorage collections have considerably increased since he assumed charge.

8.

Extract from letter from Captain BEDDOME to Dr. CLEGHORN, Conservator of Forests, No. 10, dated 12th July 1867.

I found him (Mr. TURNBULL) well acquainted with all the Forests about Cumbum, and I there learnt that he had visited them several times, and been over them in all directions. I have also found this the case with regard to the Tinnevelly forests. I detected no attempts at clandestine felling and always found wood-cutters provided with vouchers and licenses in correct form, and found them felling the same timbers, entered and paid for. I have found his establishment in good order, and have had no complaints from any of the native revenue officials, ryots or others: all this would not have been the case if the supervision had been lax, and my visit was quite sudden and unexpected. I must also report that Mr. TURNBULL's knowledge of the trees of his districts and their botanical and native names and uses, &c., is most gratifying; he appears to take a real interest in his work, and he has made this branch and botany also quite a study, and he has provided himself with many books on the subject of forestry and botany, some really expensive ones. We have generally been out in the forests from daylight till dark, and I have found him most willing.

9.

Extract from letter from Major BEDDOME to Dr. CLEGHORN, dated 18th August 1867. Recorded in G. O. of 6th January 1868, No. 29.

Mr. TURNBULL accompanied me throughout my tour as far as Courtallam and always went with me into the forests; he seems to take great interest in his work and the Collector reported on him very favorably. I examined his records and books which are well kept, and his Establishment is in good order.

10.

Extract from letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, No. 532, dated 6th February 1868.

With reference to para. 1 of Government Order No. 29, dated 6th ultimo, I have (as above mentioned) nominated Mr. TURNBULL to Wynaad; he has already been in independent charge of a range and is quite equal to that of Wynaad.

ORDER THEREON No. 451, dated 18th February 1868.

Mr. TURNBULL being competent to have direct charge of the Wynaad operations, it will not now be necessary to add the supervision of this range to Major Morgan's charge.

11.

Extract from letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Collector of Tinnevelly 30th November 1867, No. 404, Recorded in Proceedings of Board of Revenue, No. 1,875, dated 14th March 1868.

I have found your Forest Establishment south of Courtallum, which was under no proper supervision, in a very inefficient state, and contrasting very unfavorably with the establishment to the north under Mr. TURNBULL, and the revenue was very small compared to the amount of felling.

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Signed ck 1003-17 Apl

12.

PALAMCOTTAH, 12*th April* 1868.

SIR,

I hope your transfer to Wynaad may bring you promotion and I have much pleasure in testifying to the intelligence and activity with which you have discharged your duties in this district.

Believe me

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) R. K. PUCKLE.

13.

MADURA, 23*rd April* 1868.

SIR,

I am glad to hear that you have obtained promotion in your department, which I believe you have well merited by careful attention to your duties.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT.

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