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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 283. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 24th April 1868, No. 703 :—

1. With reference to the Government Order No. 1,027, of the 18th instant, and to paragraph 6 of the Order No. 2,618, of the 5th of November last, I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Fergusson was nominated as Overseer in the Department in February 1862,* and that he assumed charge of the Conolly plantations at Nilambur on the 1st December of the same year as an Overseer on a salary of Rupees 80 per mensem. In November 1863 he was promoted to Sub-Assistant Conservator, with a salary of Rupees150+30, and in November 1865 he was promoted to 3rd class Assistant, with a salary of 200+60.†

* *Vide* G. O., 559, 13th March 1862.

† *Vide* G. O., 7th July 1866, No. 1,566, paragraph 7, and G. O., No. 1,778, 1st August 1865.

2. The formation of a Forest School at Nilambur is now under consideration, and the Board of Revenue have referred to Collectors to ascertain what number of lads it may be desirable to place in training at the cost of Local Funds. If European lads are to be placed at Nilambur, some building must be erected for them to live in. The place is unhealthy, and I anticipate difficulties in the proposed scheme, and would suggest that the Collector should be requested to give his opinion upon the subject. A good general knowledge of forestry might be picked up at Nilambur, but this would require a lengthened residence there ; if the lads simply learnt the system of Teak planting, as there carried on, it would not be of much use to them ; Collectors are not likely to plant Teak, and the system that answers in the moist forcing climate of Nilambur would not succeed in our dry districts, and there is nothing but Teak planting carried on at these plantations. The lads, however, might in addition visit our Casuarina and Jungle-timber plantations and fuel reserves in the dry districts, and our Australian and Eucalyptus plantations on the Neilgherries, and they might receive a few lessons in propagating and transplanting under Mr. Batcock, at the Government Gardens.

No. 284. ORDER THEREON, 14th July 1868, No. 1,964.

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1. The question of any further increase to Mr. Fergusson's allowances will be brought forward again for consideration when the scheme for a Forest School at Nilambur under his superintendence has been matured.

2. The Officiating Conservator will obtain the opinion of the Collector of Malabar on the project as proposed by him.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Enclosure.

Replies the G. O. Nos. 1027 of the 18th Instt and 2618 of the 5th of November last and expresses his views on the subject of a Forest School at Nellumbur
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8-7-1962.

The question from the Director of Forests is answered in the Annexure to the Government Order dated 18th November 1961 and the Government agrees with the views expressed by the Director of Forests in the last paragraph of his letter dated 24th April 1968 addressed to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

W.D.

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