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No. 278. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 18th July 1868, No. 834:—

1. With reference to paragraph 22 of the Government Order No. 2,340, of the 5th of October 1867, and to paragraph 20 of Dr. Cleghorn's letter, therein recorded, I have the honor to inform you that I am desirous to commence the publication of the new and rare plants of Southern India, which have been collected by me in my tours during the last eleven years, chiefly in the mountain tracts of South Canara, Malabar, the Anamallays, Tinnevelly, and Travancore, not before visited by Botanists. The work will be of a scientific nature, and as no plants will be figured that are contained in Dr. Wight's *Icones Plantarum Indiæ Orientalis*, it will be a valuable addition to that work. Most of the drawings are now ready, and I propose to issue the work in numbers, complete in themselves, each containing twenty plates with letter press (four pages), price Rupees 2 per number, and shall be able to undertake it if Government will give their support by taking fifty copies, the same that they gave to Dr. Wight's work and to my work on the Ferns. I propose to figure some 200 plants. I may here mention that the work on the Ferns of British India is completed with the exception of one, or possibly two, numbers, which are being prepared at Kew; nearly 600 ferns have been illustrated.

2. With reference to the *Flora Sylvatica* of India, mentioned by Dr. Cleghorn, and referred to by Government in the Government Order above alluded to, I have been in communication with Dr. Brandis on the subject, and I am prepared to commence the work for our Presidency; it will be of a popular nature; there will be a botanical drawing of each tree, and a separate sheet of letter press to each plate, which will contain a popular description, together with the native names, uses, &c., as far as they are known. The letter press will eventually be greatly enlarged by information as to the native names, uses, &c., to be collected by Forest officers throughout our Presidency, and in Bombay, Lower Bengal, and the Central Provinces, and when the work is completed the letter press might be reprinted before it is bound up. I propose to bring it out in numbers, each containing plates of fifteen trees with fifteen sheets of letter press (price Rupees 2 per number), and I shall be able to undertake it if Government will allow the Forest Department to take fifty copies for the use of the twenty districts in our Presidency, to be paid for out of the Forest Budget. The work will also be of use to the Forest Department in Mysore, the Central Provinces, Bombay, and Lower Bengal, as the trees in these parts of India are similar. Dr. Stewart, the Conservator of Forests in the Punjab, undertakes a similar work for Upper Bengal and the Himalayas.

No. 279. ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1868, No. 2,196.

Forests, No. 11.

1. In this letter, the Officiating Conservator of Forests, adverting to paragraph 22 of G. O., 5th October 1867, No. 2,340, proposes to bring out two works at his own expense, viz., Rare plants and Flora Sylvatica, or Manual of Forest Trees, on condition that Government will take fifty copies of each work—the works to be published in parts, at Rupees 2 each.

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2. It is observed that in regard to the first work, "Rare Plants," the proposal made by Dr. Cleghorn in his report, recorded in the G. O. above quoted, was to publish the drawings which had been already executed by his Office Draughtsman, whereas Major Beddome desires to publish drawings of the rare plants he has himself collected. It is not clear whether these plants are different from those referred to by Dr. Cleghorn or not, and Major Beddome is requested to furnish information on this point.

3. It appears from the concluding sentence of Major Beddome's present letter, that a Manual of Forest trees is being prepared by Dr. Stewart, the Conservator of Forests in the Punjab, but it is not stated whether on that Officer's own account or on account of Government. On this point too information is requested.

4. Major Beddome is further requested to state the probable number of parts of which each of the works which he proposes to publish will consist.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Revenue Department.

Memo: for orders.

In para 20 of his report of September last Dr. Cleghorn proposed that the drawings of rare plants executed by the draughtsman attached to the Forest office, and from time to time sent up with the Forest Reports, should be collected and published, either in India, or at home under the orders of the Secretary of State. —

In para 21 he observed that a Manual giving the figures of forest trees, with a descriptive letter press, for all India would be very desirable. He stated that Dr. Brandis, the Inspector

Inspector General of Forests in Bengal had the subject under consideration, and that Major Beddome was well able to furnish the necessary Material for this Presidency.

In paras 22 of the G.O. on Dr Cleghorn's report the Govt desired him to address them seperately on their proposals, and Major Beddome in his present letter proposes to bring out two works of the nature indicated at his own expense, on condition that Govt will take 50 copies of each work. Such work will be publish-ed in parts price Rs 2 each, but no exact informa-tion is given as to the probable

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probable number of parts of which each work will consist.

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Recommend to favourable consideration.

Let it appear that more than ample work in the Province for his full occupation.

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Proposes to bring out a work on rare plants of Southern India and also a Flora Sylvatica.-

(Revd enter 18th July 1868 No. 834

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Or Manual of Indian Trees

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