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Read again letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, dated 18th July 1868, No. 834, recorded in G. O., 18th August 1868, No. 2,196:—

No. 282. Read also the following letter from the same Officer, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Camp at Kaseepore, 24th August 1868, No. 878.

1. In reply to the Government Order, No. 2,196, of the 18th of August, I have the honor to inform you that the drawings alluded to by Dr. Cleghorn are the ones that I wish to publish; they have all been executed by our Artist under my supervision since I assumed charge of the Office in 1860, and with the exception of a few rare Ceylon plants, and some from the Ghauts in North Canara and the Concan, have all been collected by me during my tours. I have material ready for about ten numbers at present, but as my tours constantly yield something new, this number may be slightly extended. Mr. Thwaites, the Botanist in charge of the Government Gardens in Ceylon, and Mr. Dalzell, the Conservator of Forests in Bombay, have both offered me assistance, and as the flora of the Ghauts south of Bombay, and the mountains of Ceylon are intimately connected with our Western Ghauts, this assistance will be of great value.

2. With reference to the *Flora Sylvatica*, I may mention that there are about 500 species of trees indigenous to our Presidency. I can hardly expect to be able to figure all these, which would bring the work up to 33 parts. I would begin with the more important timber trees, and I might possibly publish 20 parts; each number will, however, be complete in itself. The work will be of much use in the department, as it will enable Forest Officers to identify all timber trees botanically, instead of only by their native names; almost all collections of woods now met with are only named with the vernacular name by which they are known in the district in which they have been collected, which renders them practically of little or no use, except in that particular district; it will also tend to make the different uses of all trees and their timbers known throughout India, whereas I now sometimes find that a tree may have valuable properties which are known in some districts and quite unknown in others. Dr. Brandis informed me that Dr. Stewart, the Conservator of Forests in the Punjaub, was about to undertake (departmentally) a similar work for the Himalayas. My proposed work will not interfere with this, and Dr. Brandis has agreed to take copies of it for his forests if it is brought out as proposed.

No. 283. ORDER THEREON, 19th September 1868, No. 2,428.

Forests, No. 6.

1. The Government understand from the Acting Conservator's second letter above recorded, that he proposes to publish the rare plants, already figured by the office draughtsman, together with the future additions to the present collection of drawings as they may be prepared. Such a work should clearly be published on behalf of Government, and not on the Acting Conservator's private account.

2. Similarly, the preparation of the *Flora Sylvatica* should be carried out departmentally as in the Punjaub.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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