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From

The Offg Consr of
Forests.

To,

The Actg Secretary to Govt
R.D.

Dated 8th
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No. 1364.

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Office of Conservator of Forests
Camp Ootacamund 8th May 1869

No. 1364.

From

Major R. H. Beddome
Offg Conservator of Forests

To,

R. A. Dalyell Esqre
Actg Secretary to Government
R.D.

Sir,

As the Branch Railway from Coimbatore to Pollachi at the foot of the Nilgiri hills is to be commenced at once, it is very important that extended conservancy operations should be shortly commenced for all the forests of the Coimbatore Slopes of the Nilgiris and those about the foot of the hills extending South to Polumpatty and N. East to Sattiamungalum. The forests of the Coonoor Slopes are at present under

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Mr. Newman who also has charge of the Australian plantations and have just been handed over entirely to the Commissionr, there is a fair average demand for building timbers such as Vengay and White cedar &c but the operations are at present very limited. When the Railway is open the demand for fuel will be very large, probably not less than 600 Rs per mensem (but the Railway would take as much as could be supplied as it could be easily carried to the Main Line), the demand for the superior timbers for building purposes and for sleepers will also become very great. Care should therefore be taken that none of these forest tracts are alienated from Government in the meantime

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th May 1869.

No. 599. Read the following letter from Major R. H. BEDDOME, Esq., Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 8th May 1869, No. 1,364:—

As the Branch Railway from Coimbatore to Cullar at the foot of the Neilgherry Hills is to be commenced at once, it is very important that extended conservancy operations should be shortly commenced for all the forests of the Coimbatore slopes of the Neilgherries and those about the foot of the hills, extending south to Bolumputty and north-east to Suttiamungalum. The forests of the Coonoor slopes are at present under Mr. Newman, who also has charge of the Australian Plantations, and have just been handed over entirely to the Commissioner. There is a fair average demand for building timbers, such as Vengay and White Cedar, etc., but the operations are at present very limited. When the Railway is open, the demand for fuel will be very large, probably not less than 600 Rupees per mensem; but the Railway would take as much as could be supplied, as it could be easily carried to the main line. The demand for the superior timbers for building purposes and for sleepers will also become very great. Care should, therefore, be taken that none of these forest tracts are alienated from Government in the meantime, as there will be doubtless many applications for land only for the sale of the timber.

2. Many of the tracts above alluded to are admirably adapted for the growth of locomotive fuel on a large scale. There are no better localities in the Presidency, and when the Railway is open to Cullar, this should be taken advantage of. The better kind of sleeper, yielding *Eucalypti*, might also be largely planted with great profit in the ravines above 3,000 feet elevation.

3. I would take this opportunity of mentioning that seed of the *Eucalyptus Marginata*, applied for by Government in January 1868 on my letter, No. 432, of the 16th of December 1867, has not yet been forwarded from Australia. The introduction of this tree, and the different species of Járá, which yield such valuable sleeper timber, are very desirable; the latter is yielded by two different species, *viz.*, the *E. Mahagoni* and *Rostrata*, and comes from Western Australia.

4. A further supply of *E. Globulus* seed is also much required. In rapidity of growth it surpasses anything we have ever yet planted.

No. 600. ORDER THEREON, 25th May 1869, No. 1,473.

Forests, No. 27.

PARAGRAPHS 1 and 2 of the foregoing letter will be referred to the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills for his observations.

2. It is observed, with advertence to paragraphs 3 and 4, that the application to the Melbourne Government of January 1868, alluded to in the former paragraph, was for a supply of seeds of both the *Eucalyptus Marginata* and the *Eucalyptus Globulus*. The attention of the Melbourne Government will now be drawn to this application, and early compliance therewith will be requested, if no difficulty exists.

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25th May 1869.

3. Application will also be made to the Government of Western Australia for a supply of seeds of the *E. Mahagoni* and *Rostrata*, referred to in the latter part of paragraph 3 of Major Beddome's letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
,, the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. r. r. Gentleman.

meantime, as there will be plenty of timber in the Coimbatore Forests for many years to come, the Conservator only asks for the sale of the timber.

2. Many of the roads above alluded to are practically useless at present for want of Government grants. There are no better localities in the Province and when the Railway is opened, this should be taken advantage of. Mr. Metz kindly offers to supply Cuttings of the Eucalyptus globulus at 1 Rupee per thousand, and also to arrange with the Forest Department for the growth of Plantations.

3. Should this kind offer be accepted, Mr. Metz will be requested to forward the seeds of the Eucalyptus globulus and Acacia Melanoxylon required by the Conservator.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE OFFICIATING CONSERVATOR
OF FORESTS,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated May, 25th.

Read. Encl.

G. O., 25th May 1869, No. 1,473.

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Nos. 599-600.

Forest Conservancy about the foot of the Neilgherries in connection with Railway extension.—Conservator's letter on this subject referred to the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills for his observation. Application to be made to Melbourne and Western Australia Governments for the seeds required by the Conservator.

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4.- A further supply of E: globulus seed is also much required, on rapidity of growth it surpasses anything we have ever yet planted.-

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.,

Robt Sconce Major
Offg Conservator of Forests.

No 1473 Revenue Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 25th May 1869.

Read the following. letter from The Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Stating that extended Conservancy operations will become imperative for the forests about the foot of the Nilgiri if the Railway is extended to Cellar.- } H.C. 8th May 1869 No 1364.

Referred to the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills for his observations with reference to paras 1 & 2.

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and the Eucalyptus Globulus. The attention of the Melbourne Government will now be drawn to this application, and early compliance therewith requested.

3. Application will also be made to the Government of Western Australia for a supply of seeds of the E. Inahazoni and rostrata referred to in the latter part of para 3 of Major Beddome's letter.

13 To the Hon'ble Comm[r] of Forests No 26
3 " Comm[r] of the Neilgherry Hills "
14 " Bd of Revn "

E. Balfour

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