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From

J. W. Brockington
Commissioner
St. John's

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
St. John's

Sir

Proceedings of Government Revenue
Department dated 9th December 1869
No 100 forwarding for my observation
a letter from the Officiating Conservator
of Forests on the subject of Eucalyptus
planting.

1. I received the box of Eucalyptus
seed alluded to from the Conservator
and the next day handed the box
over to Mr. Jamison of the Government
Gardens where 5 lbs of the seed have
been sown and about 50,000 seedlings
raised: 2 lbs have also been given by
Mr. M. L. to Mr. L. of St. John's
who in return is to supply the gardens

with

with 25,000 plants.

2. I have received about 2 lbs of the seed for distribution to the Badaga as I am in hopes that several clusters of villages within the divisions of the District will have seeds sown by January time a plot of 2 or 3 acres of ground for a common village to be under the Cape Rules.
3. Last month I informed Major Bedome that in reply to Government Order dated 28th September 1869 No 2672 it seemed to me desirable to get further supplies of Eucalyptus seed from Australia.
4. I entirely agree with Major Bedome that too much importance cannot be attached to the outlay of planting Eucalyptus on the ^{at present} ~~at present~~ basis. In my letter to the Board of Revenue under date 14th May 1869 No 66, to be found in Proceedings of Government 10th September 1869. Revenue Department No 4818. I brought to the notice of Government the desirability of making plantations of Eucalypti, not with the scanty surplus of the Jungle Commercials Fund.

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a (second) seems to me obvious.

8. But besides this there are many parts on the plateau of these hills especially to the North, North East and South East of Ootacamund (all more or less in the direction of the future Railway terminus) where the face of the ground having for years past been steadily deprived of the protecting shade of moss is I think physically deteriorating. The best vegetable mould is gradually being carried away by floods; many people think the rainy season is becoming more and more irregular, and complain that springs formerly perennial are ceasing to flow in the dry months. From these circumstances I am apprehensive that these hills, especially the parts exposed to which are mainly covered with Badaga cultivation, are already beginning to suffer from the evil effects of former impudence which has largely destroyed the indigenous woods and which if persevered in may in ^{the} lapse of

Fund held as an independent undertaking
 to take the place of Peath; and I suggested
 the slopes on either side of the Keelhoodah
 river as a locality from which possibly
 the logs might be floated in flood
 into the Brownie and thence to Mottapalim.

5. I look upon the jungle Conservancy
 Fund of this District as available:-

(1) To plant annually about 14 acres of
 the two common Australian, Acacias
 in order as quickly as possible to get up
 such a reserve of these acacias for firewood
 purposes as to supersede the necessity
 of felling the natural sholas. The
 shola which I set aside on the 11th
 September for charcoal and firewood
 is already almost used up.

(2) To plant as many acres of the Eucalypt
 but in the immediate neighbourhood
 of Ootacamund as the balance of the Fund
 at my disposal will allow. I am now
 pitting 8 or 10 acres for Eucalyptus.
 But what are 8 or 10 acres? The seed
 referred to in Major Bell's letter
 is coming up excellently and as
 the Officiating Conservator says
 it

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"it would be a wise foresight to put down
"at least a 1000 acres." if such were possible
next day, I am in duty.

C. I hope to get out with Colonel
Morgan in January to examine the
Kailash river. From what I have
previously heard however I fear the
river bed is too precipitous for floating
timber. If we find the river impracticable
the next best place will be some where
on the high road between ^{to Pocomung & Lower or} Coonass
and Barhar handy to the Railway
Terminal.

D. It may be said to be established
that certain species of the Eucalypti grow
spontaneously on the soil of India, and four times
as fast as the best trees grow anywhere
in India, and that the timber of the
Eucalyptus is at least equal to oak
for the various purposes for which oak
wood is wanted, the desirability of
making large Government Eucalyptus
plantations some where handy to the
Railway Terminal, (not only to supply
the wants of the Hills but also those
of Southern India with reference
to the Contemplated Railway

Terminal

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Hundred Government
to the
Read the following letter from the
Commissioner North Borneo
(D. to 21st Dec. 1869 No. 64)

The Lt. Govt. the for
in Council approves
of the measures taken
by the Commissioner of
the North Borneo Hills
reported in the foregoing
letter, and concurs gen-
erally in the views
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