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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th January 1871.*

No. 203. Read the following letter from Major R. H. BEDDOME, Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 3rd January 1871, No. 2,527:—

WITH reference to paragraph 3 of the Government Order, No. 959, of the 28th of June last, I have the honour to forward the correspondence as per margin.

Letter, No. 313, of 27th December 1870, from Colonel Morgan, to Conservator of Forests.
Copy of letter, No. 126, of 3rd November 1870, from the Assistant Conservator of Wynaad Forests, to Messrs. Ballard and Hayes, Pleaders.
Letter, No. II. of 17th November 1870, from Messrs. Ballard and Hayes, Pleaders, to Assistant Conservator of Wynaad Forests.
Letter, No. 137, of 27th November 1870, from the Assistant Conservator of Wynaad Forests, to Colonel Morgan.

2. Mr. vanIngen refuses to work out the contract or to refund the money, and, from a legal opinion obtained in Mysore, it seems desirable that prior to even any Civil Suit against Mr. vanIngen, the late Overseer Veerasawmy should be prosecuted and that Mr. Turnbull should be interrogated; I would therefore suggest

that the papers should again be laid before the Advocate-General for an opinion as to how Colonel Morgan should act.

3. All the facts of the case are stated in my letter, No. 1,353, dated 4th of May 1869, recorded in G. O., No. 1,272, of the 8th of May 1869, and need not therefore be recapitulated here. The Advocate-General's opinion, given before Mr. Turnbull's trial, is recorded in G. O., No. 1,446, of the 22nd of May 1869; this was to the effect that nothing could be done till the result of Mr. Turnbull's trial was known. Mr. Turnbull's trial has thrown no light whatever on the case, as he refused to question any of the witnesses, or to give any information regarding his transactions in general.

4. Government Order, No. 1,762, of the 21st of June 1869, records a letter from the Collector of Malabar, stating the way in which the cheque came to be cashed, but does not otherwise bear on the case.

5. It is very probable that Mr. Turnbull would be now willing to offer full explanation with reference to the cheque, and it appears to me advisable that he should be interrogated by Colonel Morgan or by a Magistrate, as the Advocate-General may advise. We may then be in a position to prosecute criminally both the late Overseer Veerasawmy and Mr. vanIngen, as there is little doubt that both are implicated in the fraud.

6. It may be further stated that it can be most fully proved on the side of the Forest Department that no work whatever has been performed by Mr. vanIngen or by any contractors on his behalf.

No. 204. ORDER THEREON, 14th January 1871, No. 99.

Forests, No. 15.

ORDERED accordingly that the papers be forwarded to the Government Pleader for his opinion as to the proper course now to be pursued in regard to the prosecution, with reference to the opinion already given by the Advocate-General in the case on 14th May 1869.

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2. The Government Solicitor will be good enough to afford Mr. Handley all information in his power in regard to the case.

3. Major Beddome will report under what authority, or by whose instructions Mr. Cherry placed the case in the hands of Messrs. Ballard and Hayes, the Mysore traders.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Government Pleader.
" the Government Solicitor.
" the Conservator of Forests.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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Pro: of the Madras Govt
Under date the 14 January 1871
Read the following letter
from the Secy of Forests.

Submitting certain
correspondence regarding
Mr. Van Inghen's contract
H.C. 3^d Jan. 1871. 2527

Ordered accordingly
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forwarded to the Govt
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Govt. of 1871
REVENUE.

THE GOVERNMENT PLEADER,
AC., AC., &c.

Dated January 14th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 14th January 1871. No. 99.

JANUARY.
Nos. 203-204.

Mr. van Inghen's contract in Wynad
Forest.—Papers relating to it, forwarded to the
Government Solicitor for the opinion of the Advo-
cate-General as to the course now to be pursued in
regard to his prosecution.

The Govt Solicitor
will be glad enough
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- 3 To the Government Pleader with encs & file on 22 Jan'y
- 4 " The Government Pleader
- 15 " The Consuls at Hong Kong

Wm. D.

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L.P.
Correspondence
regarding Mr.
Van Sypma's Con-
tract. —

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